

# Landscape Principles

The following design principals have been developed to support a cohesive site-wide open space strategy. These strategies will guide the character of the parks and open spaces around the development. The strategies will outline the appropriate use of materials, style of community infrastructure, such as gathering spaces within parks, streetscapes and pathways.

The design response is inherently connected to what makes the site unique, its creek lined perimeter and how this landscape character can support a broader, diverse public realm.

## Establish a unifying landscape character

- + Preserve and enhance the existing site qualities.
- + Protect existing vegetation within open space corridors and parks to preserve site character and natural habitat.
- + Establish a unifying landscape character for the project relating it to its context through the use of endemic plant species and appropriate materials and design elements.



## Achieve a sense of community

- + Achieve a sense of community and stewardship of the landscape by providing high quality open space that encourages social interaction.
- + Create an open space hierarchy that accommodates a range of recreational uses and user age groups.
- + Achieve a seamless integration with the adjacent urban form and natural woodland edges.





### *Enhance legibility*

- + Create a strong arrival experience.
- + Establish a street hierarchy that enhances the site's legibility and promotes ease of movement and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- + Create an open space network that connects through the site to the creek corridor and into the adjacent urban fabric.
- + Preserve and maximise views from the street network to the creek corridor.



### *Create an enduring landscape*

- + Promote an active lifestyle through the provision of outdoor activities and walking and cycling opportunities.
- + Encourage use of open space through good shade provision and orientation towards breezes in summer and solar penetration and shelter in winter.
- + Enhance natural habitat through planting endemic species.
- + Reduce water and energy use within the landscape by using low maintenance and drought tolerant plants.

- Establishing a unifying landscape character can be achieved through:
- + The site sits in the unique position of having the Sandy Creek corridor on three sides.
  - + A strong relationship with the bushland character of the creek corridor should be established by promoting connectivity to these edges and views from within the site.
  - + Existing vegetation should be protected within open space corridors and parks to preserve the bushland character and natural habitat and to achieve a sense of maturity in the landscape.
  - + Use of endemic plant species and appropriate materials and design elements that reference the existing site quality and materiality.

