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Part 3A Application Landscape Design Proposals

# Precinct Concourse Entry and Plaza

### **Existing Site**

The proposals for this part of the site require consideration of the over-arching long term goals for the Hospital, as well as understanding of the relatively recent nature of the maturing trees in this area. From examination of aerial photographs, it appears most trees were planted with the formation of this carpark in the 1970's. The trees have become an important part of the aesthetic of the hospital – but in the 100 year context of the site, the trees are actually not consistent with the original site plan.

In terms of the current proposals, the effective functioning of the expanded hospital relies on creating a new entry, with parking proximity and amenity addressed. Given the site entry location and the value given to protecting the landscape to the Village Green as the principal heritage frontage of the project, this northern carpark area is the logical choice for the upgraded entry, and associated decked carpark. It's location on the main axis of circulation confirms the location above other site locations.

As noted in the site analysis and Arborist's report, there is a broad spectrum of poor to high quality trees. The design aims to retain a representative grouping of trees adjacent the new entry, and to create an open space setting for these to ensure their sustainability.

#### The Brief

To create an appropriate sense of arrival that reflects the values of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, and creates a suitable identity and functional outcome. The proposals have been developed in close liaison with the project Architects and consultant team. The entry level was determined based on functional requirements, and was established to be one level above existing ground at the carpark level. Existing parking is therefore retained ongrade, and the plaza is established one level above on a podium, being at a similar level to the entry roadway approach from the south around the San Clinic. The elevated plaza created has the advantage of providing views towards the nearby bushland, and allows the civic area to relate strongly to the canopy of the adjacent retained

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The roadway approach to the building entry is afforded a curved roadway by flanking planters, that reduce vehicle speed and re-orient vehicles towards the west after enjoying approach views towards the bushland and lower site. The plaza extends away from the entry doors to the width as determined by the width of the decked carpark structure. The paving pattern is proposed to continue the linear theme of paving proposed for the interior of the Concourse, assisting the continuity of internal and external space; a concept that continues up to the Chapel level and plaza opening to the Village Green. This sense of connection continues with bench seating in the plaza viewing out to the bushland to the north, but also with a stairway down to the adjacent open space below the retained canopy trees. Large landscape planters allow for a large accent canopy tree opposite the entry, as well as a series vertical trees for visual screening, that together will offset the presence of the adjacent carpark structure.

Along the southern side of the carpark structure, an almost continuous planter is to have vigorous climbing plants to grow up this façade on supportive mesh. This mesh is to have a highly expressive 'cutout graphic' that will express a macro-graphic along the 'green wall'. This graphic will have thematic imagery or text that will relate to the hospital ethos and / or heritage.

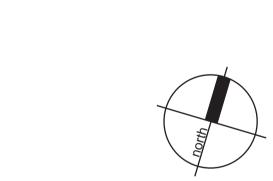
A new passive recreation open space area is to be provided below the retained trees adjacent the new elevated plaza and new main entry. Stairs down to this space from the plaza will provide direct access for able-bodied persons, whilst nearby lifts will provide an easy accessible route. Porous, composite rubber paving to the area will ensure protection of the roots of the trees, and provide a safe child-friendly surface. Planting to the perimeter of the area will conceal a palisade fence, proposed in order to discretely contain children playing in the area.

The new main building entry is to have significant architectural expression that will express the point of arrival, but also the connection of the Concourse within as a linking spine through the built form. The landscape and plaza design will extend the design identity and themes of the Concourse through onto the suspended deck. The effect will be the creation of an appropriate landscape piazza type space, overlooking a large adjacent open space Sanitarium siting in the bushland of Wahroonga, acknowledging the uplifting and recuperative value of the natural setting and healthy living environment.

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## **CONCOURSE ENTRY & PLAZA** PRECINCT PLAN

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