

**PRINCE OF WALES HOPITAL
MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

SCHEMATIC DESIGN REPORT

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT- SCHEMATIC DESIGN REPORT

The landscape design aims to create a positive, stimulating and functional environment for patients, staff and visitors to the Prince of Wales Mental Health Unit. The key landscape components are;

1. North West Landscape
2. North-East Landscape
3. Staff and Delivery Courtyard
4. Internal Courtyard
5. Main Entry
6. Ground Floor Courtyard

1. NORTH WEST LANDSCAPE

The landscape creates a visually attractive outlook from the windows of patient bedrooms and the existing adjacent building. Three large *Cyathea cooperi* which emerge from a low growing groundcover *Hedera canariensis* and *Blechnum* 'Silver Lady'. *Ficus pumila* will grow to cover the north facing wall and a decomposed granite path is provided maintenance access to the building.

2. NORTH EAST LANDSCAPE

The North Eastern corner of the site is densely planted with a vibrant mix of low maintenance species. A single dwarf *Corymbia citriodora* creates continuity to the native landscape plantings. While specimen tree plantings of *Banksia serrata* line a granite path that creates a vital link between external fire egress stairs. A dense layer of *Xanthorrhoea australis* and *Babingtonia bidwillii* 'Dwarf' creates a vegetative screen to the 1.6m high condenser unit. The attractive species contained in this landscape are viewed upon by users of the Ground floor courtyard

3. STAFF AND DELIVERY COURTYARD

This courtyard offers a peaceful retreat for staff. An elevated steel mesh walkway moves through a calming garden containing mass plantings of *Babingtonia bidwillii* 'Dwarf'. A large deciduous tree, *Ulmus parvifolia* creates a striking visual feature in the space whilst offering shade to social seating for staff members.

4. INTERNAL COURTYARD

The internal courtyard is designed to create a tranquil outlook from adjoining bedrooms. A simple water feature focused towards the corridor, wraps around a veil of *Bamboo*.

5. MAIN ENTRY

A strong and legible landscape created through a densely layered planting palette to articulate the building entry and provide a pleasant outlook and privacy to adjoining office spaces.

6. GROUND FLOOR COURTYARD

The courtyard is primarily used by patients and attending staff. The concept aims to create a fluid, domestic environment where patients can relax, socialise and be involved in physical therapy sessions. Seating is arranged to provide different and unique social settings for the patients. The courtyard looks out through large canopy trees planted below in North East corner of the site.