APPENDIX 2 – LANDSCAPE PACKAGE

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Landscape Architecture Review of Environmental Factors Design Report





The project team acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Moree region, the people belonging to the Kamilaroi / Gamilaroi / Gomeroi people and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

I SCOPE

Design Scope

Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects Pty Ltd are engaged by STH Architects to provide Landscape Architectural services for the Moree Hospital Redevelopment. This report is to be read as an appendix to the main report prepared by STH. Site analysis, planning principles and place making themes have been workshopped with the team and are included as part of the main report.

Aerial image of Moree Hospital and surrounding areas; Source Nearmap 2023

Amendment register

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I PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Description (Main Works REF)

The objective of the Moree Hospital Redevelopment (MHR) Project is to align the recommendations of the endorsed CSP with new contemporary patient care facilities to support the adoption of new and improved models of care. The primary focus of this Project is to provide asset replacement through consolidation of services into a new two-story Acute Services Building (ASB). The ASB will be located on the south section of the existing site along Alice Street and provide a new main access to the campus.

The Project scope to redevelop Moree Hospital, in line with the CSP, include the master planning and delivery of the following:

- Emergency care services
- Overnight inpatient beds
- Operating theatre
- Imaging services
- Birthing suites
- Pathology shell space
- Clinical support services

In addition to the above clinical services, the redevelopment will also incorporate associated works such as:

- A new hospital main entry and Front of House
- Back of House services
- Modifications to existing carparking
- Landscaping
- Decommissioning & demolition of redundant existing facilities
- A new substation, and
- A new loading dock & services yard area

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Existing Moree Hospital, Bulding 1; image by Taylor Brammer

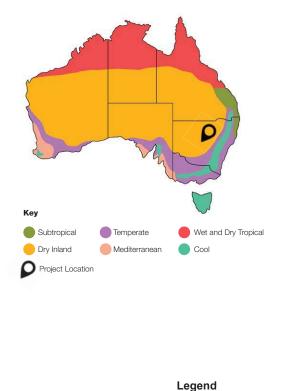
I CONTEXT

Site Context

Moree is a town in Moree Plains Shire in northern New South Wales, Australia. It is located on the banks of the Mehi River, in the centre of the rich black-soil plains. The town is located at the junction of the Newell Highway and Gwydir Highway and can be reached by daily train and air services from Sydney.

Moree is a major agricultural centre, noted for its part in the Australian cottongrowing industry which was established there in the early 1960s. It is situated in the Moree Plains Shire. Moree is home to artesian hot spring baths which are famous for their reputed healing qualities.

At the 2021 census, the town of Moree had a population of 7,070.





Map of Australia, showing project location; Source Bureau of Meteorology

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Project Location

I LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

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Rainfall

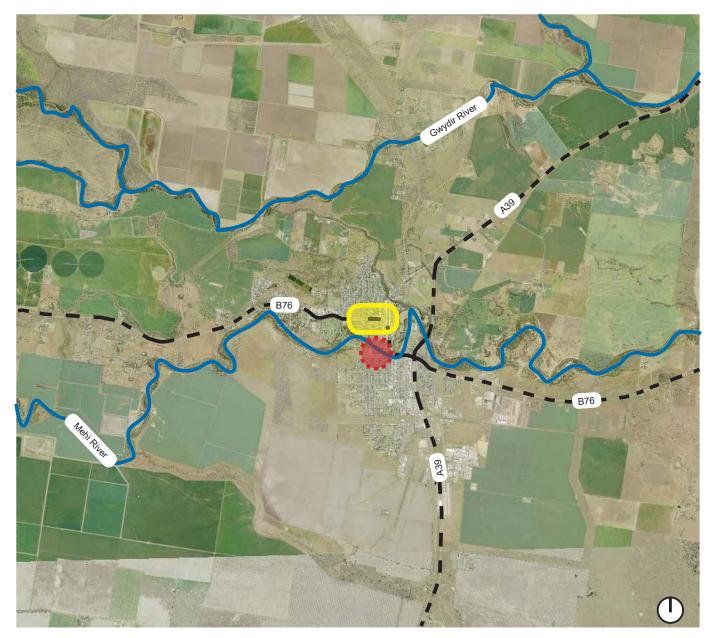
The annual average rainfall for Moree is 585mm. Summer months usually provide the best falls, with the remaining months providing generally even falls. Summer rain tends to be more variable than winter rain due to the incidence of thunderstorms in summer. The highest daily rainfall recorded in Moree was 161.8mm on the 9th of February 1888 and the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 461.3mm in March 1894. The highest annual rainfall recorded in Moree was 1107mm in 1894 and the lowest annual rainfall was 202.7mm in 1902. Source Bureau of Meteorology

Temperature

Average maximum temperatures range from 17C-19C in the winter to 33C in the summer months. Average minimum temperatures range from between 4C and 5C in the winter to between 18C and 20C in the summer. In winter the minimum is below zero on an average of 10.4 days. In summer, on average, more than 25 days reach 35C or higher. Records show a slight increase in the minimum temperature with time. At least part of this trend may be due to increased urbanization. Source Bureau of Meteorology



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Aerial image of Moree and surrounding areas; Source Sixmap 2022

I LOCAL CHARACTER

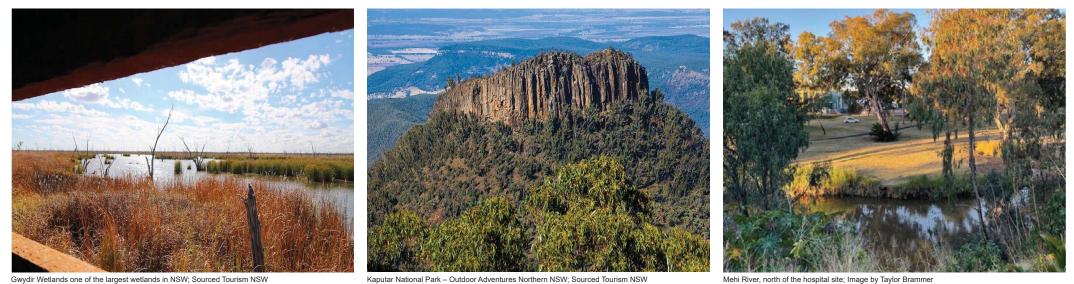




Moree town centre; Sourced google images



Moree town centre during the 2022 floods; Sourced google images



Kaputar National Park - Outdoor Adventures Northern NSW; Sourced Tourism NSW

Mehi River, north of the hospital site; Image by Taylor Brammer

Mehi riverbank and the Moree town centre; Sourced google images



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I THE SITE





Vehicle Entry

Existing Mehi River

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I SITE CHARACTER



Existing building 1, Emergency building; Image by Taylor Brammer



Existing carpark to east of the site with mature trees to periphery; Image by Taylor Brammer



Existing canteen courtyard showing mature shrub / tree in background; Image by Taylor Brammer



West of site showing informal car parking arrangement; Image by Taylor Brammer

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Existing playground, south of building 1 requiring maintenance; Image by Taylor Brammer

Tile mosaic artwork north of the canteen; Image by Taylor Brammer

I DESIGN PRINCIPLES



RECONNECT TO THE RIVER

Integrate the natural patterns of the place

- 1. Embrace the riverside location an identity of the town
- 2. Create outcomes that are site specific
- Consider the climatic changes of the place and provide shelter in summer and sun in winter
- 4. Provide shelter from prevailing winds
- 5. Utilise the natural topography of the site to focus and store water in ground



A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL COMMUNITY

Retain existing trees and increase shade cover

- 1. Retain existing trees wherever possible
- 2. Add to the existing tree canopy through new planting strategies
- 3. Utilise the naturally occurring planting and materials to embellish the place



CREATE A RESTORATIVE LANDSCAPE

Create calm and restorative places for people

- 1. Prioritise aspect of open space and comfort levels in the landscape
- 2. Provide functional access
- 3. Create a range of activities externally for consumers to engage with

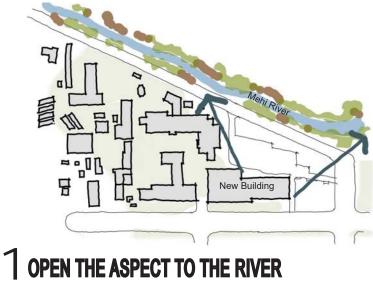
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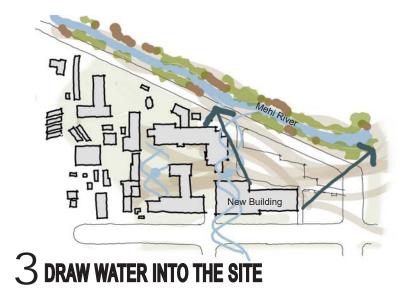
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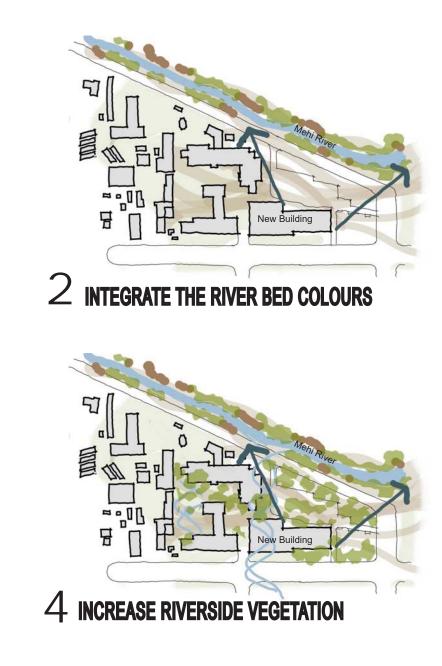


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I DESIGN APPROACH







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I DESIGN STATEMENT

Design overview

The Landscape Architectural design for the Moree Hospital Redevelopment creates a new landscape for the entire community to recreate, socialise and heal. The proposal integrates leading design principles of health planning and landscape architecture which provide a unique connection to the Country and place making principles that celebrate the location of the hospital on the Mehi River. The connection with place is celebrated throughout the design with open connections from the main ASB along with metaphorical connections in the central courtyard where views to the river are obscured by existing buildings.

Country

The design integrates learnings and information gained through the initial consultation conducted through the Concept design phase. Information shared through consultation with the community during this phase reveals selected planting along with connection to the Mehi River as being significant. These learnings have been integrated into the design proposal through the use of a predominantly native planting character throughout the hospital. In conjunction with this, the influences of the Mehi River banks forms, patterns and colours have been integrated into the proposal through colours of flooring, planting, forms and the creation of creek beds in the internal courtyard. All of which increase awareness of place and connection with Country.

Eastern Gardens

Eastern gardens of the redevelopment are focused on creating a functional entry, waiting and drop off setting in the existing landscape for the new ASB building. Numerous existing trees in this area of the site are retained and protected, these trees are supplemented with an extensive new tree planting strategy of native planting to further enhance Country and connection with the landscape typology of the River. Urban heat island is mitigated through the installation of shade trees to the north and within the car parking area and supplemented with permeable paving of a selected and warmer colour tone to aid in environmental comfort levels.

Western Gardens

As a result of the remove of existing building 5, the western garden areas contain the majority of landscape and amenity for the staff, patients and community broadly. This central spaces creates a range of amenity environments for users and the community. The existing playground item is to be relocated and upgraded within a new nature based play area along with seating and table areas for families under shade trees. Centrally a new range of seating and breakout spaces are provided for all users which is universally accessible, functional, shaded and with a strong sense of nature available to all users. Existing trees are retained in this central courtyard and supplemented with new planting to enhance and re-engage with the natural character of the Mehi River.

Overall the new outdoor environments created through this works will provide a positive environmental outcome for the site and the community of Moree through extensive tree planting, creation of functional and accessible environments and the celebration of Country.

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I PLANTING CHARACTER





Backhousia myrtifolia Lemon myrtle





Podocarpus elatus Plum pine

Brachychiton rupestris Bottle Tree

Existing trees retained throughout the site wherever possible













Eromaphylla glabra Emu bush

Shrubs



Banksia 'Roller coaster' Ground cover banksia

Grevillea 'carpet' Groundcover grevillea

Photinia 'Red Robin' Photinia



Westringia mundi Dwarf coastal rosemary



Pandorea pandorana Wonga Wonga vine



Casuarina 'Cousin it' Cousin it

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Groundcovers

Trees

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MHR-TB-LA-DR-SW-200	Site plan	P3		
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MHR-TB-LA-DR-SW-202	Detailed Plan - West	P3		
MHR-TB-LA-DR-SW-300	Tree Removal and Retention Plan	P3		



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Cover Sheet and Drawing Register

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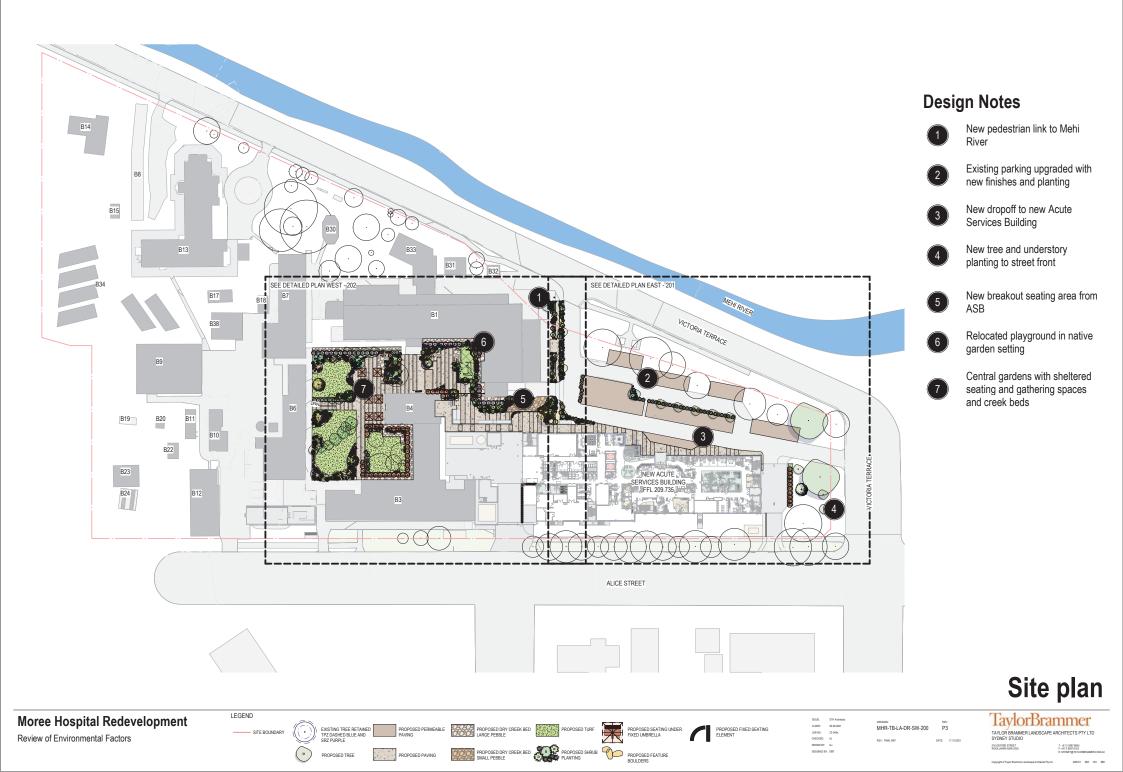
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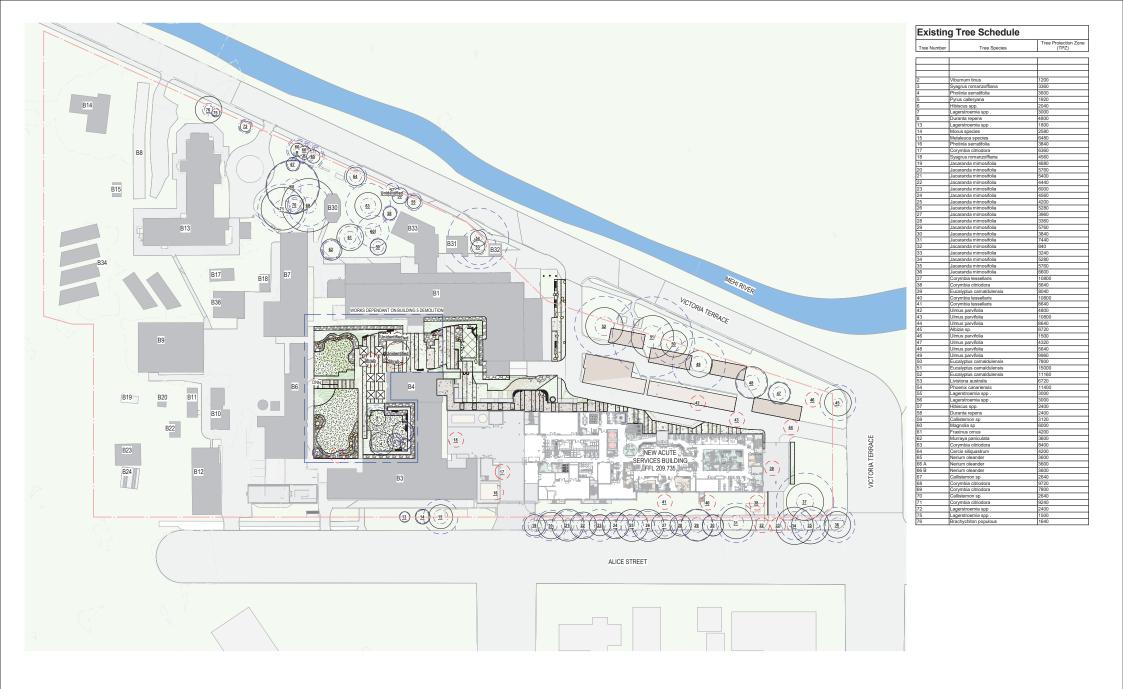
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Tree Removal and Retention Plan

