

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT

The inspiration for the landscape design was informed by the consideration of the surrounding natural environment, the architecture of the proposed shopping centre extension and the drainage of the site.

- **TREE PLANTING ALONG SILVERDALE ROAD**

Large scale native trees provide a buffer between the shopping centre and Silverdale Road. The trees provide scale to the proposed shopping centre and soften the building structure.

The trees are evenly spaced along Silverdale Road and have clear /visible stems. This allows passers-by to have visual access to the shopping centre which allows them to identify the site and utilise the services available.

- **TREE PLANTING WITHIN CAR PARK**

Large evergreen trees provide shade to parked cars and soften the harsh environment of the parking area. The trees provide a visual connection between the shopping centre and the surrounding natural environment. The trees will be strategically located away from services.

- **VILLAGE SQUARE**

This area provides a place for shoppers and employees to relax. A variety of pavement materials accentuates this area. Deciduous trees within village square provide summer shade and winter sun. Seats and tables underneath the trees provides an opportunity for alfresco dining. It is anticipated this area will become a focal point of the shopping centre which provides a unique identity to this centre.

- **Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) PLANTING**

Bio-Retention Swales run along the southern boundary of the site. These swales will be planted with native grasses. This allows the water to flow in a controlled manner over land to the proposed stormwater detention area. The planting of the swales and stormwater detention area provide a naturalistic feature element to the area which is in character with Wollondilly's objective to be a 'rural' living area.