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## Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Office Building

**Public Realm & Landscape** 

**PLANNING APPLICATION** 



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### Context

TO QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK



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#### Site Context

- The QPRSC HOSH site is located off Crawford Street with prominent street frontage and good connectivity to the CBD and River Park.
- The rear of the site backs on to the large public carpark, forming strong connections to the City Library and Showgrounds.
- The site lends itself to become the new civic destination of Queanbeyan, combining heritage, arts, culture, business and a high quality public realm.









- 1 Crawford Street view
- 2 City Council Chambers
- 3 View looking south west towards the Q
- 4 Q main entrance and carpark



### **Tree Assessment & Protection**



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Species	Status
Platanus acerifolia Plane Tree	Maintain + Protect In accordance with AS 4970
Pyrus sp. Pear Tree	Proposed for removal
Quercus Pallustris Pin Oak	Maintain + Protect In accordance with AS 4970
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Tree Protection Zones (TPZ's) must be provided for all trees identified for retention. TPZ's must be in accordance with AS 4970 and it is recommended that a gualified Arborist be engaged to oversee all works in close proximity to existing trees. It is noted that new works are required within the TPZ of existing trees and all construction details should be approved by Council and Arborist prior to construction commencing.

Any pruning of trees must in accordance with AS 4373, Pruning of Amenity Trees.



### **Public Realm**





# Principles + Design Intent









### **Civic Heart**

A new public space and urban heart.

### Accessible & Inclusive

An inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome.

An accessible public realm that is comfortable for people of all ages and walks of life.

### Dynamic

Flexible spaces that allow for events, markets and day to day activities to occur.

### **Celebrate Local**

- Celebrate cultural heritage, recognising the importance of story telling and art.
  - Create a public realm that the community can be proud of.

### Entry & Forecourt



#### **Desired Character**

- Complementary to adjacent heritage
- Maintain and celebrate the existing large tree
- Functional for pick-up and drop-off
- Welcoming and inviting
- Provides identity and character for the new building
- Opportunity for Ngunnawal interpretation to water feature, public art and planting

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### Civic Space



#### **Desired Character**

- New forecourt and frontage to the Q
- Flexible and open, providing spaces for events and recreation
- Soft greening to balance existing carpark
- Comfortable year round with summer shade and winter sun
- Protection and buffer from vehicle movement
- Allow for movement through
- Opportunity for Ngunnawal interpretation to arbour, retaining walls, signage and public art

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# Passage & Laneways



#### **Desired Character**

- Clear access and movement
- Safe and inviting with good lighting
- Consideration of digital animation to create interest and activation
- Promote active frontages that engage with the laneway
- Paved with elements of greening and furnishings
- Pedestrianised zones with designated slow vehicle areas









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### Concept



**Crawford Street** 



	Garden bed
19PP	New tree
	Paving
• • • •	Bollards
	Bike Racks
	Pedestrian connection
X	Possible public art
	Roof over
	Basement below

- 1 Existing Plane Tree maintained with new sculptural seat surround & water feature
- 2 Cafe seating
- 3 Box office / kiosk
- 4 Soffit lighting
- 5 Possible public art
- 6 Steps



## **Civic Square**



	Garden bed
	New tree
	Paving
	Lawn
• • • •	Bollards
111	Bike racks
<b>→</b>	Pedestrian connection
SS -	Possible public art
	Roof over
	Basement below

- 1 Water Feature
- 2 Q entrance
- 3 Large shade trees
- 4 Q deck (possible future scope)
- 5 Seating walls
- 6 Shelter / Pavilion / Events
- 7 Retaining walls for sloped garden beds over basement
- 8 Possible public art
- 9 Cafe seating
- 10 Public bike racks



### **Roof Garden**



Views out





### **Desired Character**

- North facing roof garden for solar access
- Maximise views out of the site
- Protection from southern winds and plant room
- Opportunities for accessible and nonaccessible spaces
- Low maintenance materials and planting
- To be considered in early structural budgets to ensure allowance for soil profiles
- Opportunity for spaces that provide additional areas for recreation, contemplation, fresh air, exercise, gathering, and possible food and beverage
- Possible function space with small building for kitchen and bar











### **Roof Garden**



Garden bed
New tree
Hardwood decking
Webforge decking
Stepping stones
Seating
Corten edging

- 1 Balustrade
- 2 Perimeter access path (1500 wide)
- 3 Sun lounges
- 4 Raised planters
- 5 Informal seating
- 6 Covered seating area
- 7 Small amenity building
- 8 Access to plant

CRAWFORD STREET





### Landscape Sections LOW SEAT IN BACKGROUND BALUSTRADE 1500 PERIMETER WALKWAY EN DECK + RECREATION LOW PLANTING FIXED SEAT Ħ Ħ 耑 耑 卅 荋 卅 芇 CONCRETE SLAB / ALL DECKING SUPPORTED ON PEDESTALS

#### TYPICAL ROOFTOP GARDEN SECTION - INDICATIVE ONLY

CRAWFORD STREET FORECOURT SECTION - INDICATIVE ONLY

## Planting & Trees



#### Garden Beds (ornamental+ rain gardens)

Abelia grandiflora nana Aspidistra elatior . Clivia miniate Cycas revoluta Cornus sanguinea Doryanthes excelsea Eremophila sp. Euphorbia wulfenii Echium simplex Grevillea Bronze Rambler' Grevillea rosmarinifolia Juniperus conferta

Liriope 'Just Right' Nandina domestica 'Moon Bay' Rhaphiolepis 'Oriental Pearl' Raphiolepis indica 'snow maiden' Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus' Trachelospermum 'Flat Mat' Westringia 'Mundi' Westringia fruticose 'Grey Box'

Opportunity for Ngunnawal bush food gardens and indigenous planting to be incorporated

#### Trees (ornamental + shade)

Eucalyptus scoparia, Wallangarra White Eucalyptus gunnii Eucalyptus pulverulenta 'Baby Blue' Eucalyptus crucis Betula nigra 'Dura-heat', Birch Quercus palustris freefall, Pin Oak Quercus rubra, Red Oak Quercus phellos, Willow Oak



Lagerstromia natchez, Crepe Myrtle Liriodendron tulipifera, Tulip tree Platanus orientalis, Oriental Plane tree Tilia cordata 'Greenspire', Linden Podocarpus sp, Australian Fern Pine

## Materials & Elements



#### Timber

- Class 1 seasoned hardwood
- Natural grey finish
- Used for screening, decks, trims and soffits







### Garden Beds

- Highly ornamental garden beds that provide colour and interest to the public realm
- Fully irrigated
- Shade tolerant species under existing trees
- Opportunity for Ngunnawal bush food gardens and indigenous planting to be incorporated

### **Brick Paving**

- Clay brick pavers
- Trafficable
- Colour and format that respects the surrounding heritage in a contemporary manner

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Lawn

points

- Large open lawn areas

- Fully irrigated with sufficient drainage

- Possible sub surface marquee tie



### Seating Walls + Planters

- Integrated seating walls that work with existing levels and create new spaces
- Consideration of vehicle prevention through designed walls and planters in lieu of bollards
- Possible cultural interpretation



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