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UNITING WAVERLEY

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT

The vision for the site is to embrace and strengthen the legacy of the heritage listed and established 19th century estate grounds with its iconic Norfolk Island Pines and mature vegetation. To acknowledge 21st century contemporary lifestyle needs, a series of landscape strata are added to complement and enhance this established landscape character.

For the estate planting, the tree species proposed will consist of large evergreen and specimen feature trees typical of late Victorian gardens of Sydney. Complementing these trees will be a lower level of cultural planting featuring a combination of evergreen and deciduous trees. These trees will provide an appropriate amenity to the proposal through their scale, colour, texture and form.

Complementing these two layers are detail residential gardens to the western or lower section of the site that creates intimate spaces that are suitable for residents and their visitors to enjoy. Vehicular access is designed to be located on the periphery of the site leaving the lower garden free an where it is envisaged that there will be considerable residential activity including gardening, walking and morning teas for example. This residential garden space, the lower garden is envisaged as a truly garden space.

The gardens will be inspired by the 19th century heritage landscape values of the site. To embrace these values, the garden character will contrast the lawn areas with an informality of design that will incorporate a range of ornamental trees, shrubs and groundcovers that will bring delight and distinction to the site. The use of statutory and garden elements will be investigated as part of the overall wellness themes for the garden areas.

A feature of the heritage garden was a pond located to the formal front garden of Edina, that was flanked by two Norfolk Island Pines. The location of the former pond will be acknowledged and interpreted on the site. Other historic elements will also be considered in the overall garden concept that will enrich the outdoor spaces and create a distinctive site identity.

As the site is extensive, an ecological corridor will be incorporated through the grounds, enabling flora and fauna to connect through the site from the valuable surrounding parklands such as Centennial Park and green open spaces, thus providing a further complex and biophilic layer to the proposal.

This layer of planting will complement the new cultural planting that forms part of the proposal.

Adding to these values, biophilic principles are integrated through a further layer of planting that will increase the overall extent of landscape on the site.