

Planting arrangement is sparse and requiring in fill within the beds. More colour and texture recommended. Good use of planting hierarchy with a range of shrubs and groundcovers. Creek basin has undergone scouring and plants will need replacement.



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A shade structure located over the platform will provide a destination, add verticality and a place for contemplation and observation of the intriguing creek feature. Signage may add to the interpretive nature and encourage higher use by the adjacent school. The central heart of the park requires structure and connection to the broader space.

Increased planting on batters will reduce the requirement for established turf which is currently not performing.



# Salisbury North Urban Improvement Project Public Reserves Audit



'Hawksbury Park' is an improvement project which aimed to regenerate a concentrated and degraded area of public housing. The 'Hawksbury Park' project has, over a ten year period, established a new character for the neighbourhood that encourages a sense of community and pride of place. Integral to the project was the development of new public reserves and park links.

In order to ensure that the open space links met local needs, were safe, easily maintained and attractive places, Jensen Planning + Design was engaged by the Department for Families and Communities to undertake an audit of five reserves that had been constructed in the early stages of the project.

The audit, which was undertaken through site analysis and stakeholder surveys, assessed the function, usage requirements, maintenance issues and landscape architectural opportunities associated with the sites.

The assessment was documented in a matrix and through coloured illustrations. It presents the current condition of the landscape and the preferred stakeholder design outcomes of the sites. The format of the survey work rates the site conditions from poor to excellent and also considers the community's demands and experiences within the spaces.

This approach informs new design and ongoing maintenance outcomes for the public realm in Salisbury North, and will facilitate the adoption of sustainability principles in an integrated and balanced way.

Simple placement of trees along the boundary sparsely grouped and a wide open green space allows for easy interpretation and legibility. The regimented spacing between trees creates an indistinct space free of focal points with no opportunities for vistas. The sign and picnic benches indicate its use however its a reserve people would pass through only. Mattress and clothing indicate use by homeless members of the community.

Harnham Road Reserve acts as an entry feature to the development and sets a precedent for the themes and lifestyle for the surrounding community. It can currently only be used passively, potential for more active uses and play. IE Installation of a soccer goal. Due to drainage, use of the internal grass area is limited to drier weather.



harnham road reserve

**Location:** Hawksbury Park South Australia

**Client:** Government of South Australia - Department for Families and Communities

**Date:** 2010

**In association with:** City of Salisbury

