



Project Description - Acton Waterfront park – Stage 1A (temporary park)

This stage of the park will deliver a publicly accessible irrigated grassland with a selection of native meadow planting. The temporary parkland will activate Acton Waterfront while the soil infill continues to settle before the permanent parkland (stage 1B) is built. The temporary parkland has been designed to minimise abortive works.

The planting will be arranged to reflect the outline of the flooded the Molonglo River which lies under the existing Lake Burley Griffin. This landscape design was derived from our extensive engagement with the Ngunnawal people and acts as a homage to the character of Country prior to the construction of the bush capital.

This temporary parkland – Stage 1A – will activate Acton Waterfront and make it accessible for all from 2025-2026. It will include a facility for food and beverages, nature play opportunities, informative signage trails and a temporary shade structure to ensure a safe and comfortable place for all Canberrans and visitors.

Other key infrastructure to be included with the delivery of this park will include:

- a mixture of dryland grassing and native meadow planting;
- compacted road base and heavy vehicle access paths;
- secure ranger gates for maintenance and emergency access;
- garden beds and retaining walls;
- temporary lighting and wayfinding;
- temporary shade structures;
- temporary picnic bar;
- temporary sports pitches;
- hard stand area for events and activations; and
- irrigation.

The works approval package for Stage 1A includes the following:

- a design report which details the temporary landscape design (Stage 1A) as it relates to the future Stage 1B works;
- detailed landscape drawings with associated irrigation plans, grading plans with retaining structures and temporary planting palettes; and
- temporary activation plan to illustrate the proposed placemaking activities planned for the site during this period.

Project context

Aspect Studios has been engaged by the City Renewal Authority (the Authority) for the design of the new Acton Waterfront park (Stage 1B). The key objective of this project is to deliver a national quality parkland which contributes to the Griffin Legacy while recognising the Ngunnawal people, their culture and ongoing connection to Country.

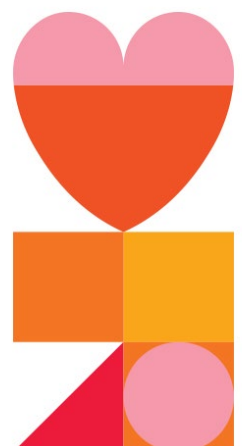
The Stage 1B design supports this objective through a design that reinforces the geometries of the original Griffin Plan, overlaid with a diverse selection of native planting, cultural learning opportunities, Ngunnawal artworks, and Ngunnawal-inspired educational play opportunities.

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In order to proceed to construction of the park safely, a settlement period is necessary for imported fill. This fill will require to be monitored for 24 months before any permeant infrastructure can be installed. To provide public amenity as early as possible, the Authority have prepared a temporary landscape package (Stage 1A) to ensure this space is safe and accessible to the public during this monitoring and settlement period.

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