



# SITE IMAGE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## THE RHODES WATERSIDE IS A RARE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT,

having a vast scope for design of a complete public domain of streetscapes, civic spaces, public parks, and regional walkways and cycleways. The project exhibits a comprehensive range of open space and landscaped parklands, with creative, innovative and environmental, sustainable characteristics.

The twenty hectare site fronts onto Homebush Bay, adjoins Bi-centennial Park, and is adjacent the Rhodes Railway Station. Intensive development maximizes the number of residents, commercial tenants and shoppers who can take advantage of the water outlook, parklands, and links to a regional park and cycleway network. The project has sought to extend the creative vocabulary of landscape detailing from the nearby major parklands of Rhodes, Bicentennial Park, and Sydney Olympic Park.

Site Image Landscape Architects, working for Walker Corporation, have sought to create the premier waterfront urban village for Sydney. Seven of Australia's leading Architects were selected through a competition process to design the range of high-end residential apartment lots, commercial towers, and regional shopping centre components. The massive investment in world-class architecture has created some of the highest quality waterfront real estate in Sydney. Consistent with this investment, Walker Corporation has invested an equal degree of excellence into the design and finishes for the landscape and public domain.

The streetscape hierarchy on the site includes a major distribution road for the whole peninsula, secondary roads, and tertiary roads that provide a pedestrian friendly environment. All roads have a high degree of detailing that incorporates concrete as a major component of the visual environs of the street.

The signature design elements of the two large foreshore recreational parks are the long curvilinear concrete benches. The sinuous forms of the benches express the lanform sloping down to the water. The benches are all at once sculptural features, seating elements, play devices, and signature visual elements that reinforce the sense of place of Rhodes Waterside.

The foreshore walk is accompanied by a linear parkland, with new residential apartments directly accessed from this area. Feature nodal spaces have been created as accent locations along the waterfront walkway. These highlight the junction with the roadways and paths that come down to the water, and the crossover points of the parallel waterfront cycleway. A series of thematic environmental elements identify each of these nodes, being concrete benches formed to express the sinuous shapes of the riparian grasses of the foreshore

The forecourt to the large regional shopping centre, and the adjacent streetscape to the commercial towers, create the civic 'main street' for Rhodes Waterside. The range of feature concrete details used elsewhere find expression here with accent concrete benches and sculptures, honed paving, and permeable paving to parking areas and pathways adjacent to large trees.

Overall, the landscape and urban design detailing provided by Site Image has fulfilled the opportunities presented by this site to create a new inner-harbour regional urban centre. The resultant parks provide a complete environment for living, with the design providing an ideal setting for some of the most contemporary residential, commercial and retail buildings in Australia today.

The Rhodes Waterside project represents one of the leading examples of urban renewal in Australia. It has sought the highest standards of architectural and urban design, and has committed to these standards through all stages of construction and maintenance.



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