

morningside estate, gisborne



client:

Dennis Family Corporation

project team:

hansen partnership

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Arena Gardens

Australian Ecosystems

project description:

hansen was engaged by Dennis Family Corporation to design, document and oversee the construction of landscape works within Stage 1 of the Morningside Estate, Gisborne.

The site was previously vacant pasture land containing a strong environmental aesthetic with extensive mature canopy vegetation, undulating topography, natural drainage lines and views towards the distant Mount Macedon. The predominant design philosophy was to 'design with the site' to integrate a residential estate while protecting and further enhancing the valuable environmental character of the landscape.

Through the sensitive layout of allotments, building envelopes, infrastructure and public open space, an extensive number of existing trees were retained which was integral in the retention of the existing landscape character. Trees which were required to be removed were milled on site, providing recycled timber for use in landscape elements including seating, retaining walls and board walks. Utilising the principles of Water Sensitive Urban Design, drainage lines, overland flow paths and retention basins were created, responding to site topography and natural drainage flow. These and garden bed areas were then planted with a palette of indigenous species of local provenance, from grasses to ephemeral wetland species, creating an ecological aesthetic. Plant quantities have far exceeded net gain requirements, with an excess of 52,500 native plants being installed in Stage 1 alone.

The Morningside Estate was awarded the Judges Landscaping Award in the 2007 UDIA Award.



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