

Westmont Homestead Wodonga

Westmont Homestead is an aged care development in the town of Baranduda, a future satellite city to Wodonga. Our role in this development was to change the existing approach to water storage from a farm dam style lake to a functioning wetland.

This shift in approach from dam to wetland allowed the landscape to integrate with both the detailed planting work of the garden designer and the engineering design of new roads and the wetland. Working in collaboration with the engineers we re-shaped the existing dam and made alterations to existing storm water connections to improve filtration and planting opportunities. We developed a planting response which linked the intense detailed planting style of the courtyards with the mass planting of wetlands. Swaths of mixed tubestock species work as the bones of the planting, anchoring the building to the wetland. Inserted into these mass plantings are circles of intense mixed planting beds creating points of visual interest in the broader landscape.

Our collaborative approach to design has allowed our work to be the middleground, integrating and framing the garden designers work in the foreground, with the engineers design and the larger landscape in the background.

