



**Riverside Parkland**  
Ginninderry, ACT, Australia

**Status**  
DA Public Notification  
**Site area**  
80,000 sqm

Riverside Parkland is endowed with natural features that provide spectacular natural scenery, including rivers, gorges, and falls. The site is being gifted to the public for recreation and adventure, revegetation, and biodiversity. CJ Arms worked closely with the landowner, park rangers, and traditional owners to create an ecological landscape masterplan that capitalises on the assets of the site and is sensitive to stakeholder needs. We have created a resilient landscape that is regenerative and responsive, and with ample opportunity for conservation, education, play, and respect for Country.

The Ecology Strategy makes provision for two primary uses – informal recreation and habitat conservation. This created some competing interests but opened a myriad of opportunities. Providing a place for people to connect with the natural world provides multiple benefits encompassing health and wellbeing. In turn, people are the custodians of the land, and Riverside Parklands is being created as a place of education and community engagement for all.

The site's revegetation objectives centre on the restoration of the local ecological communities. Selection of the Ambassador species for the project has helped inform the site's landscaping and the plant palette focuses on the use of locally endemic plant species. Native grasslands dominate the landscape, with micro-climate creation and shading of picnic areas, play spaces, and gathering spots using softer planting, trees, and shrubs.

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- Riverside Parkland Pavilion and amphitheatre: Silvester Fuller
  - Proposed Landscape Masterplan: CJ Arms
  - Ambassador Species: DE Wolf
  - Landscape Concept Vision: CJ Arms

