

'THE GROUNDS'

BRADDON, ACT

- Masterplanning
- Feasibility Planning
- Lead Design Consultant
- Landscape Architecture & Placemaking
- Community Consultation

SPACELAB was engaged to undertake a feasibility assessment of an existent architectural design. Our feasibility planners determined the development would be a loss-making venture. Our consequent masterplan redesign was based around the needs of inner-city live-in owners and their urban design needs, within a mix of terrace homes, "age in place" apartments and retail commercial. As lead design consultant, we then invited six architectural firms to submit their interpretations of the masterplan.

Our project lead worked with the two selected architect firms and our landscape architects to create texture and interplay of built form. A robust landscape design with clear pathway networks and pocket parks is integral to the design, creating places that will improve as they age. The masterplan and design were inspired by the surrounding spaces and streetscapes to tie the precinct into its surroundings whilst resonating its own unique feel.

The landscape was celebrated within the masterplan and a core focus of the design to create meaningful civic spaces where people can interact or just be in a peaceful space. The internal parks unify the assortment of built environments providing a connected network of open spaces reinforcing the inner-city urban village feel of the project.

"SPACELAB was engaged to reconsider the masterplan already prepared for an existent development application on the neighbouring site, which was also being redesigned by a new architectural team. One of our most significant concerns was the interface between the goal kicking area of the rugby league oval and the potential for ball travel to impact upon residential units. The process by SPACELAB to investigate these issues and present potential solutions was well resolved and tied in very well with the wider masterplan. SPACELAB's outcome resolved our concerns and will ensure the functionality of the oval well into the future."
Simon Hawkins - CEO Canberra District Rugby League

