



creating a liveable environment at Harvest Lakes.

The landscaping at Harvest Lakes has been designed to world's best practice for sustainability and liveability. The design responded to not only the existing vegetation and the contours of the land, but also to an existing building of historical significance. As a result, what has been created at Harvest Lakes is very much in harmony with the local environment.

The wellbeing of all who live or work at Harvest Lakes will be improved by the quality of its public spaces. Inspired by the natural environment of the area, these peaceful spaces also do much to give Harvest Lakes a strong 'sense of place'. It is unique to its location.





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integrating existing ecological and cultural features.

The dramatic pine ridge at Harvest Lakes was an existing feature of the site, a significant part of the rural heritage of the area. It became a key element of the overall design.

The area was dotted with around 80 naturally occurring Cape Lilac trees, and these will be transplanted to concentrate them along the main entry of the estate, creating a dramatic sense of arrival.

Hardy, native paperbarks along the north-east corner of the estate provided the inspiration for another lovely public space, which was designed around them.

An existing wetland was retained and enhanced, with a new lake being added alongside.

The rural history of the area informs much of the built form designed into Harvest Lakes, starting with a restored original farm shed. That structure inspired various other shelter designs that appear around the estate.

The equestrian nature of the old property also finds expression in various features of the landscaping, such as fencing.



Among landscaping options for Harvest Lakes residents are the Common Box and Cape Plumbago.

creating multi-function parklands.

The parks at Harvest Lakes don't exist merely to be pretty, though they perform that function very well. Each area has been designed with specific functions in mind.

The pine ridge public open space provides a pedestrian thoroughfare linking elements of the estate, and contains pleasant places to sit and enjoy the elevated view beneath shady trees.

Next to the pine ridge, a large park was designed around the old farm shed and a variety of existing trees. The shed was restored and made into a centrepiece for the park, providing shelter for barbecue facilities.

This is an active community park, including playgrounds, half-court basketball, shelter, and a large grassed area. This spot offers lovely views of the Darling Range.

The parkland around the southern lake (dubbed Harvest Lake) also plays a central community role, with a sports oval located there, along with other facilities. But this beautiful body of water is also the storage

facility for all stormwater in the estate, and irrigation water is drawn from it. Existing Flooded Gum trees have been retained on an island within the lake, so encouraging bird life.

An ecological park is being created over time in the north of the estate, to retain some of the indigenous vegetation of the area. This parkland, with the addition of a number of relocated paperbark trees from elsewhere in Harvest Lakes, plays the dual role of preserving a native environment while also retaining drainage on-site.

More active open space is provided by a fully turfed school oval to the north of the main lake, and a number of other parks, large and small, enhance the environment throughout Harvest Lakes.

designing safety into the public spaces.

Parkland at Harvest Lakes has been designed to maximise visibility. The estate is blessed with a great many mature trees, which makes substantial ground-level plantings unnecessary. Hence, the predominant landscape of public spaces here is expanses of grass dotted with tall trees, a combination that ensures maximum shade, while providing minimal cover for misbehaviour like vandalism and theft.

Treating water as a precious commodity.

All the stormwater collected in the estate (in the main lake) is controlled, filtered and reused for irrigating the parklands.

The large number of mature trees in the estate play a significant role in its water-sensitive design. They have been retained with a conscious view to minimising water use by providing shade and windbreaks, both of which reduce evaporation. The irrigation needs of the parks would easily be doubled if the trees weren't there.

As part of the estate's commitment to a sustainable, attractive environment, every homesite sold at Harvest Lakes comes with water-sensitive landscaping (chosen by the residents from a wide selection). In each case, this includes an advanced tree, providing immediate benefits in terms of shade, reduced evaporation, bird habitat, and the general beautification of the streetscapes.