

PROPOSAL FOR MEYERSDAL EQUESTRIAN AND COUNTRY ESTATE

V&L was involved in the planning of Meyersdal Equestrian and Country Estate (bordering the N12 and R59 in Alberton) for the EIA process which involved the conservation and preservation of the farming history and present equestrian activities on Meyer's Farm. To achieve objectives it was decided to create a large country estate, equestrian complex in the south and a higher density residential and office cluster towards the north. The ridge and the wetland zones were left as public open space to be enjoyed by riders and walkers through the use of designated pathways.



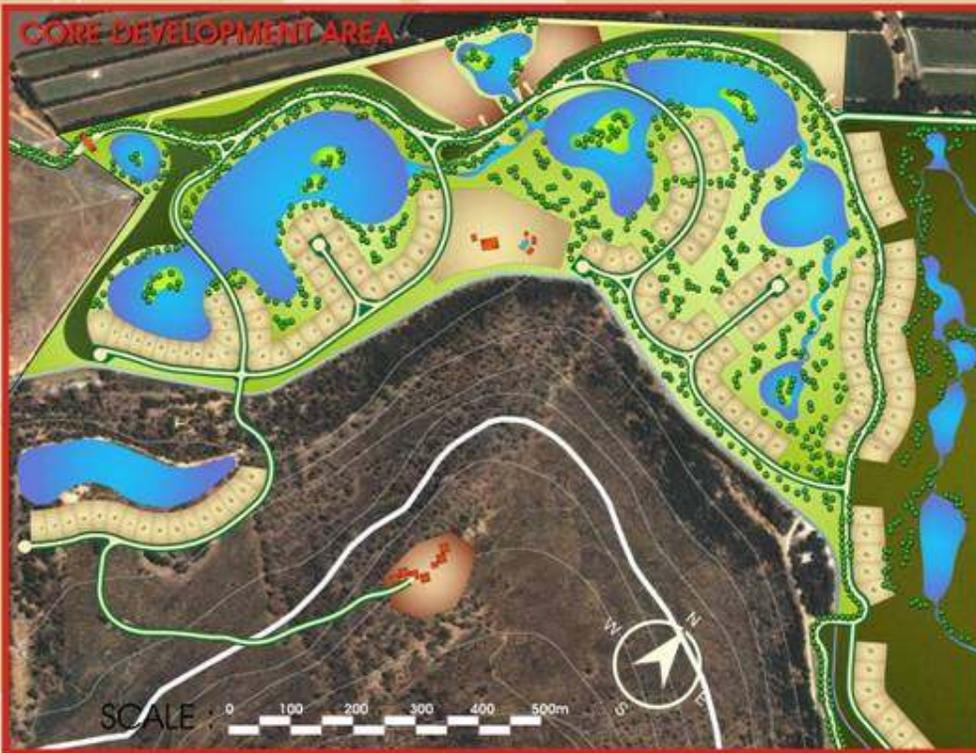
DUBAI LAND

The project addressed the Community Project component within the greater Dubailand theme park development, constituting a 210ha site with residential, commercial, retail and sport / recreational uses. The developers were Dubailand Properties.

The primary open space components included a central retail / commercial boulevard, a large central natural park and an artificial lake, around which would be a waterfront development including a large aquarium. In support of these were various levels of residential and commercial open spaces, a peripheral buffer / recreational zone, and a number of community nodes. The appointment consisted of the development of a landscape strategy, informing a design report, which was to be carried over to a further detailed design appointment, possibly for other consultants.

The strategy was seen as a process rather than a single statement / series of statements. A brief overview was presented of the underlying inherent characteristics of the site / region and the planning / design requirements (base line) for the project. The document then explored a range of philosophies and assumptions, as basis. These, with the above philosophies, then lead to guiding principles. No specialist studies were undertaken for this document. The landscape design report specified the performance and aesthetic qualities required for the further development of the detailed design, given as Landscape Design Principles: Spatial Elements, and Landscape Design Principles: Non-spatial Elements.





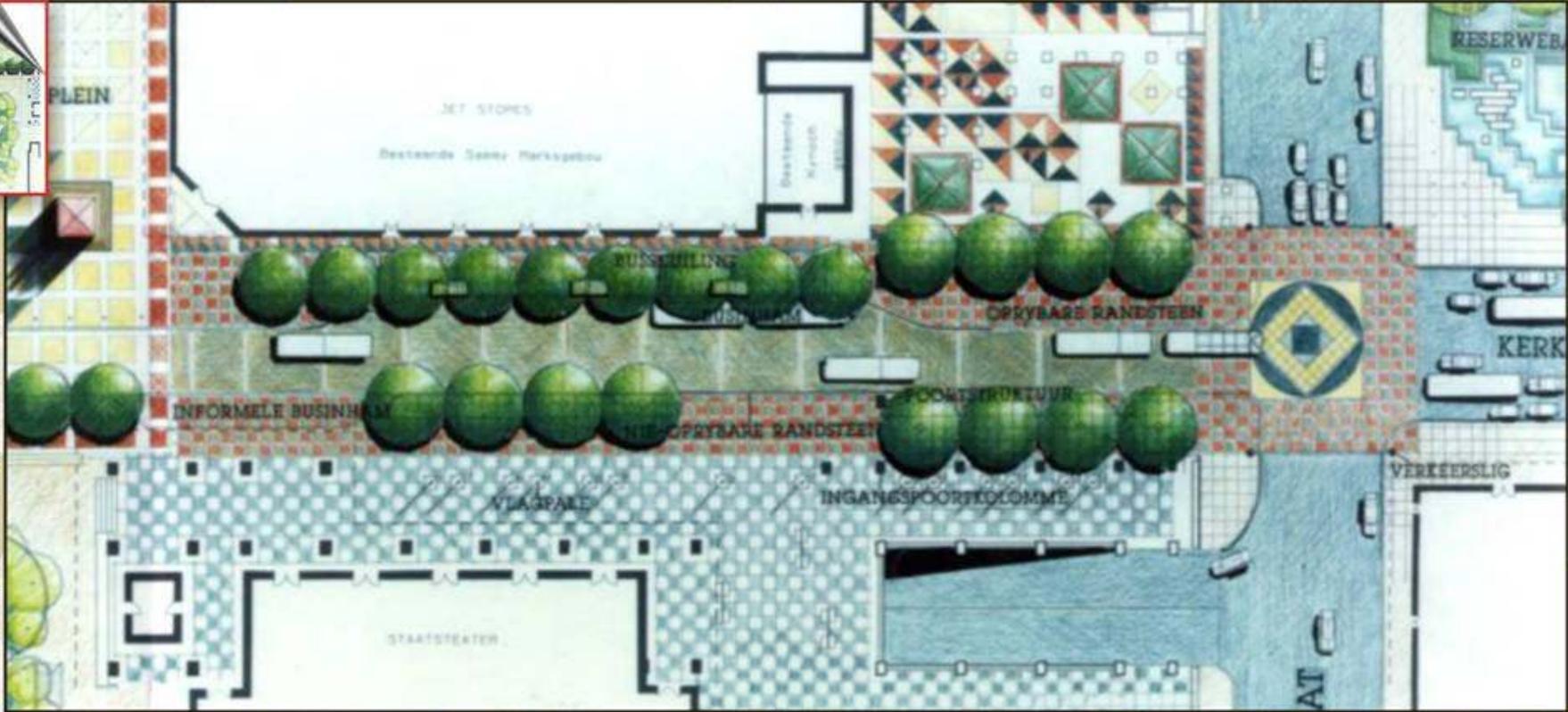
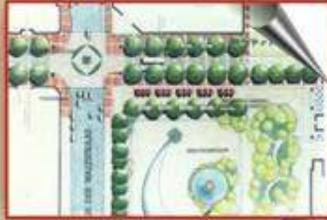
ERF QUANTITIES:

- ANNEX'S TO LODGE (1250m²) = 16
 - WATERFRONT VILLAGE (900m²) = 15
 - FARM STANDS (1200m²) = 48
 - WETLAND & FYNBOS STANDS (1500m²) = 32
 - FISHING SYNDICATES/LODGES = 7
 - FYNBOS STANDS (1500m²) - LOWER VALLEY = 27
 - RIVER STANDS (2000m²+) - LOWER VALLEY = 16
 - RIVER STANDS (2000m²+) - UPPER VALLEY = 17
 - RIVER STANDS (1500m²) - OPEN VALLEY = 15
 - MOUNTAIN STANDS (1500m²) - NORTH FACING = 36
- TOTAL STANDS = 222



**DE HOEK ESTATE
PROPOSED MASTERPLAN**

**FULL EXTEND OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 2008**



V&L developed a master plan and undertook the detail design and implementation for the pedestrianization of Church street in central Pretoria, creating usable public pedestrian spaces along the route. The project also included a strong historical architectural slant, with the renovation of various architectural facades along the route and the unearthing and protection of turn of the century tram routes along Church street.

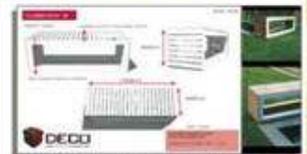
V&L led the multi-disciplinary design team, as principle agent, and were involved in the urban design, soft and hard landscape design, and street furniture selection and design as well as street lighting, etc. Full supervision was carried out.



CHURCH STREET PEDESTRIAN BOULEVARD



PROPOSED GARDENS & PATIO POTS



PROPOSED GARDEN BENCHES



PROPOSAL FOR LND'S AREA WHEN JUNGLEGYM IS NO LONGER NEEDED

PLAN WITHOUT TREES



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PLAN WITH TREES

RESIDENTIAL GARDEN - HOUSE SMITH



LA LUCIA RIDGE OFFICE ESTATE

This project entailed the development of a Land Use Master Plan for a number of development phases with GAPP Architects and Urban Designers. A landscape control guideline document was compiled, covering plant palettes, slope specification, irrigation requirements, etc. The planning was then followed with detailed design of the public spaces, consisting primarily of road verges, medians, drainage areas and visual / functional nodes. Supervision of the installation was carried out.

The other component of the appointment was the design review of the landscape proposals for the individual erven from aesthetic and guideline adherence viewpoints.





Combretum erythrophyllum



Rhus lancea



Carpobrotus edulis



Othonna capensis/carnosa



Dietes grandifolia



PROJECT DESCRIPTION Lanseria Corporate Estate is an industrial estate located on the south side of Lanseria airport. It makes part of Cradle City: a mixed-use sustainable precinct adjacent to the airport. Design decisions were made taking into consideration phasing and current knowledge on sustainability. The plan represented on this poster forms Stage 1 of Phase 1.

The landscape for Lanseria Corporate Estate comprises responsible planting making use of indigenous plants to re-establish indigenous vegetation in the greater Lanseria area and also to create habitats for birds and other wild-life. Pocket parks are found along north-south roads creating break-away zones where office workers can enjoy outside space during lunch hours. Trees are used extensively throughout the design in an effort to shade the road, walkways and parks, thus helping to control the micro-



LANSERIA CORPORATE ESTATE



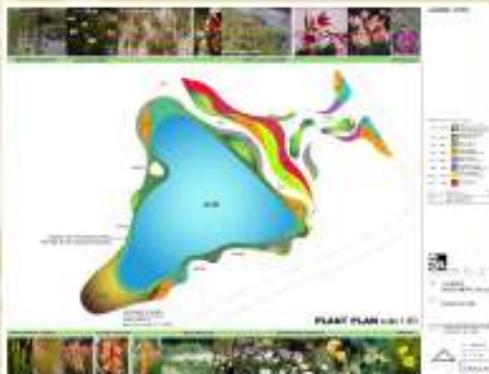


**MELROSE ARCH
Phase 1**

Melrose Arch is a mixed use precinct of perimeter block developments, clearly defining public and private realms. The appointment included the surveying of existing plant material with a view to retaining (socially) significant specimens, the participation in the urban design development, the detailed design and implementation of the public open space, a riverine park and of four of the private open space courtyards. All of the landscape is situated over parking.



Mount Blyde Estate Lodge Layout



Locality plan



Channel
Blyde River

Lodge



Wiper Dam
Panic Aids
Bank Camp

Mount Blyde Country Estate is situated on the banks of the Blyde River. Covering 88 gentleman stands with spectacular views of the mountains, the Blyde River and the incredible natural surroundings. Each of the individual lodge sites was chosen to emphasize these aspects. Because of the sensitive ecological surroundings the proposed architectural style is simple, unassuming and environmentally friendly.

The development is a country estate. This implies that there is a balance between the natural surrounds, the agricultural activity and the new residences to be built. The main objectives to be achieved in this development are:

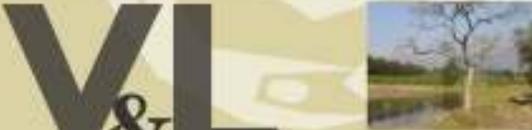
- A common architectural theme that forms a unity
- A sense of place
- A respect for the natural place and the context



Mount Blyde Estate Typical Architectural Style of Living Units



Mount Blyde Estate Hippo Pool Viewing Docks



Estate entrance



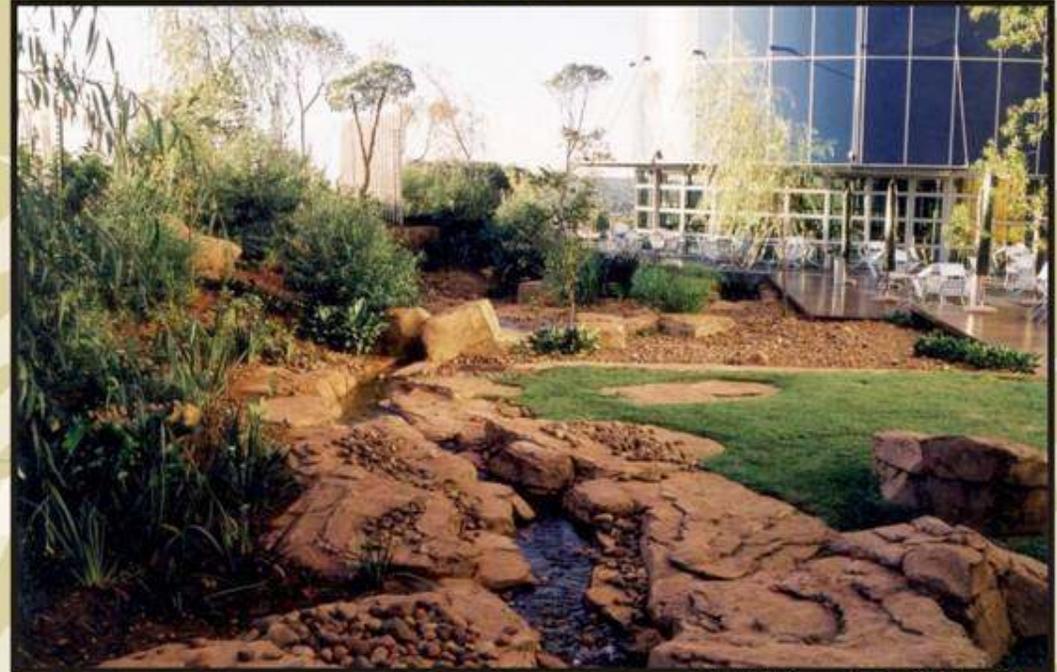
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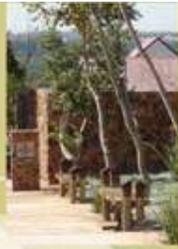


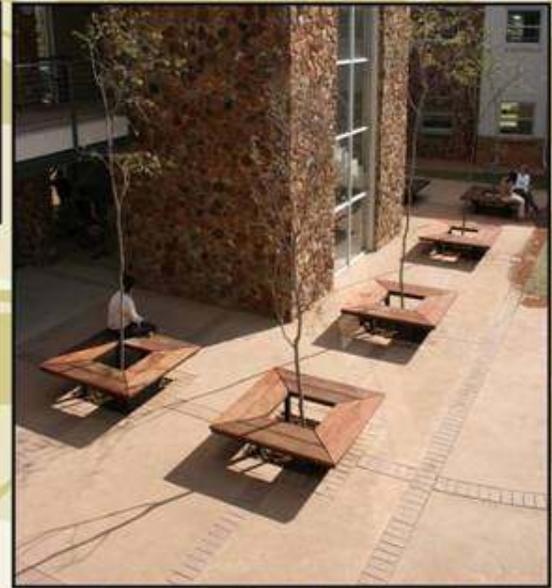


MTN Campus

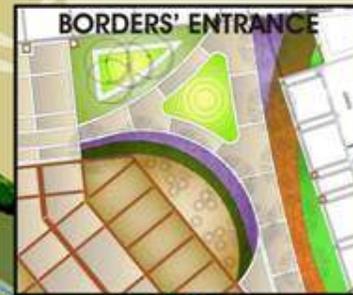
The MTN Campus (Fairlands, Johannesburg) is a seven-phase project. The appointment was for the development of a site master plan and the detailed planning and design of Phase 1. The landscape master planning was carried out as informant for further built and open space development. The landscape portrays a high-tech approach to African themes, all within the overall theme of expressed communication.

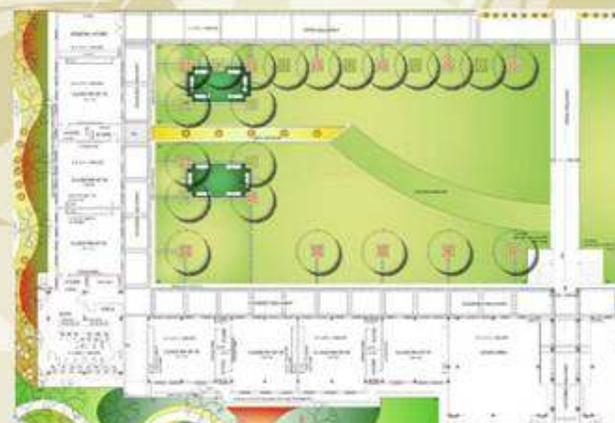
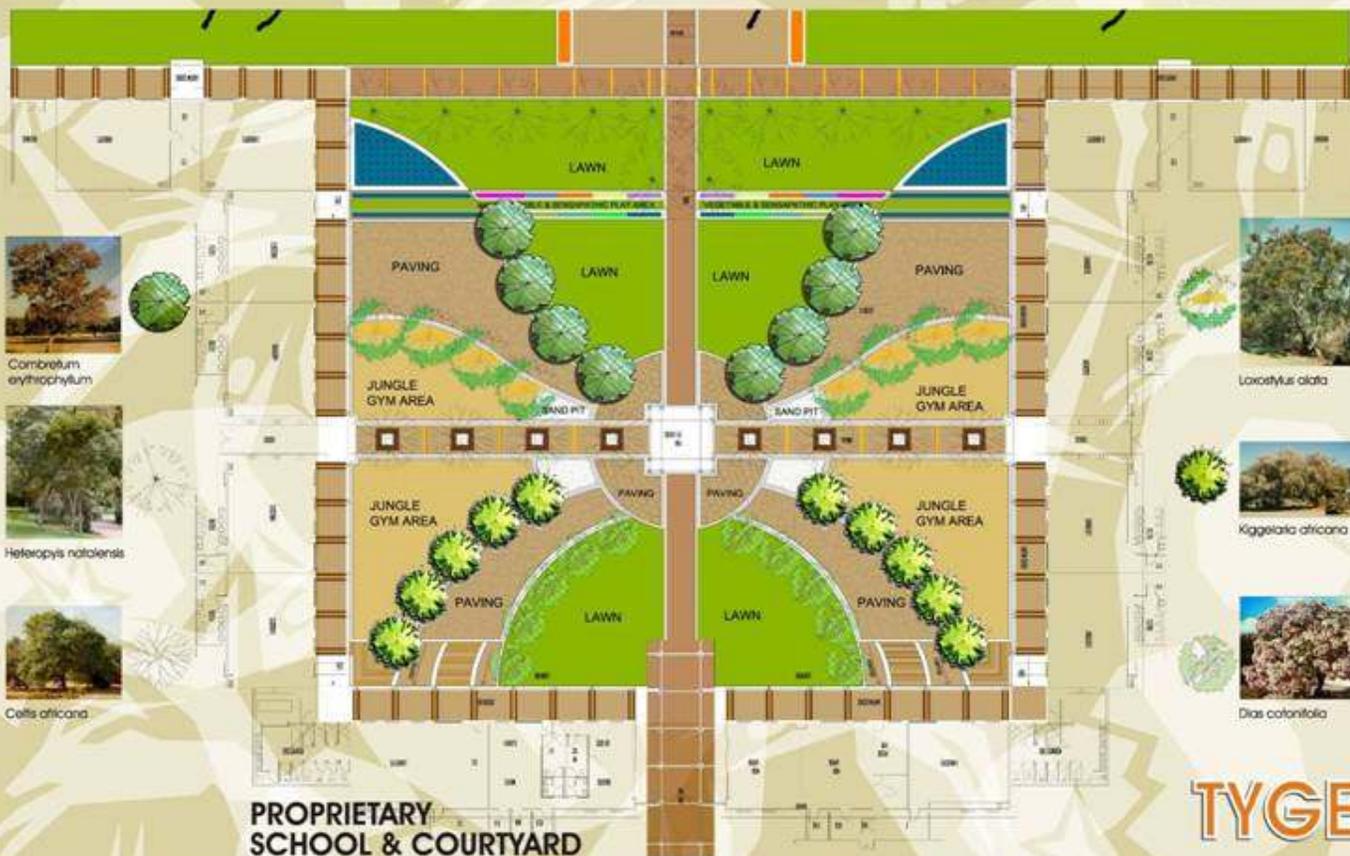






SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE





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