# **THE SPIT** PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES



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# PARTA CONTEXT

# DOCUMENT CONTEXT

The Spit Public Realm Guidelines (the guidelines) is placed within a broader network of existing documents. It aligns to the visions and aspirations set out in the current planning legislation, *Planning Act 2016*, South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (Shaping SEQ), The Gold Coast City Plan and The Spit Master Plan (the master plan).

A thorough understanding of the master plan and the guidelines is integral to all design decisions and delivery of projects on The Spit.

As depicted in the document structure to the right, the guidelines is an essential tool that has been developed to support intents from the master plan, and as such, the guidelines must be read in conjunction with the master plan.





# THE SPIT MASTER PLAN

The master plan was released in May 2019 by the Queensland Government in collaboration with the City of Gold Coast (CoGC) and the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA).

The master plan provides a future for The Spit through its vision statements.

#### Future generations will value The Spit as a place that:

- Is renowned as a destination that exemplifies a harmonious balance between tourism, recreation, leisure experiences and the environment.
- Connects the community and visitors with the landscape and marine environment.
- Protects and enhances its natural assets and coastal parkland.

The master plan identifies six big picture strategies which assist in delivering a vision for high quality design outcomes on The Spit. Each big picture strategy presents actions required to realise the intent of the master plan. The six big picture strategies are referred to in this document and used to inform design principles for the public realm.

#### The six big picture strategies and their respective strategic objectives are:

GROWING A GREEN PENINSULA	PROMOTING TOURISM AND RECREATION	MAKING PLACES AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS
<ul> <li>Strengthening biodiversity values and resilience</li> <li>Connecting with nature and water</li> <li>Creating clean and cool places</li> <li>Harnessing nature to power infrastructure</li> <li>Expanding knowledge and experience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Creating a vibrant village centre</li> <li>Investing in quality public spaces and infrastructure</li> <li>Unlocking opportunities for economic development</li> <li>Implementing place management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Making people places</li> <li>Celebrating cultural heritage</li> <li>Promoting quality built form outcomes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>LINKING EXPERIENCES</li> <li>Making new connections</li> <li>Cultural connections to link with master plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CONNECTING TO THE CITY</li> <li>Delivering capacity and managing congestion</li> <li>Creating new connections and entries</li> <li>Managing demand and travel behaviour</li> <li>Future proofing the master plan and capitalising on innovations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OPENING THE GATEWAY TO THE GOLD COAST</li> <li>Welcoming larger vessels</li> <li>Making appropriate provision for a potential cruise ship terminal</li> <li>Promoting coastal management, marine animal rescue and research</li> </ul>

# **DOCUMENT PURPOSE**

The guidelines have been produced as a collaborative venture between the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation (DSDTI), CoGC and GCWA. It is designed to ensure that the vision of the master plan is realised in the delivery of all public realm works on The Spit.

The guidelines communicate the place-based character and materiality expectations of hard and soft finishes for all public realm projects on The Spit.

The guidelines is to be used by all institutions, parties and individuals involved in initiating, defining, briefing, designing, assessing, delivering and maintaining public realm works.

The document intends to deliver a cohesive sense of place across The Spit and eliminate inconsistent outcomes as each public space is delivered over time.

All elements on The Spit should be designed according to best practice ESD principles across a wide range of environmental impact categories including energy, water, materials, ecology, emission, transport, indoor environmental quality and innovation.

### PART A -CONTEXT

Part A positions the guidelines within the background of the master plan and describes the role and application of this guidelines. It also studies the existing character of The Spit and identifies the four varying settings of north, south, east and west.

### PART B -CHARACTERS

Part B introduces four typologies on The Spit and assigns a vision for the character and materiality to each of these areas through written and image based representation. Part B also delivers a set of design principles that align to the big picture strategies of the master plan to assist design outcomes.

### PART C -OUTCOMES

Part C illustrates a prescriptive palette of surfaces, built form, furniture, lighting and planting that demonstrates the minimum acceptable material standards on The Spit. The palettes are reflective of current technology, availability and trends and are intended to be updated.

### LIMITATIONS

This document aims to guide the design and delivery of public space (on both public and private land) but does not govern outcomes of private spaces within private land. Nevertheless, all considerations should be given to ensure that private development responds and seamlessly integrates into the aspirations set out in the guidelines.

Some built form projects outlined in the master plan will require bespoke design responses and as such the specified materials outlined in Part C are not definitive. Innovative variations to materiality are permitted and encouraged. However, any alternatives must align to the visions stated in Part B and where relevant in agreement with CoGC and/or GCWA.

# PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

The diagram on the right illustrates the process from project initiation to the project delivery.

It also underlines how both the master plan and the guidelines are an integral tool to delivery at every stage of work on The Spit.

#### Stage 1: Project initiation

The master plan and the guidelines will assist the preliminary scoping of public realm project and or a broader project incorporating public realm elements on the Spit.

#### Stage 2: Project brief

The master plan and the guidelines will inform project briefs of all development on The Spit. Project brief authors/writers must include the visions and aspirations set out in these documents to inform design thinking and delivery.

#### Stage 3: Design response

The master plan and the guidelines inform all design outcomes on The Spit. All stakeholders involved with design response must be able to clearly articulate that their proposal conforms with the visions and aspirations set out in these documents and specifically adheres to the visions and design principles set out in Part B of the guidelines.

#### Stage 4: Assessment and approval

Proposed works are assessed against the project brief and the visions and aspirations outlined in this guidelines.

#### Stage 5: Project delivery

Projects are delivered in accordance with the approved documents from Stages 2 to 4. For ongoing maintenance requirements in project delivery, replacement of various elements is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the guidelines.





# **EXISTING SETTINGS**

The Spit offers a wealth of public and private activities and an array of visitor experience. When analysing these land uses and natural features, The Spit reveals clustering characteristics that are driven by the local land and water setting.

#### Land-based setting

Running **North** to **South**, The Spit is characterised by its natural and urban land uses. The northern extent of The Spit is largely occupied by natural open spaces and settings that support a range of informal and flexible activities. Common activities include picnicing, fishing, boating, surfing, diving, dog walking, exercising, observing nature and relaxing. An important feature of this portion of The Spit is the world's first successful sand bypass system and Wave Break Island which play a significant role in maintaining safe and consistent access between the Broadwater and the ocean.

Conversely, the southern extent of The Spit has developed a comparatively urbanised character due to its close proximity to the expanding Gold Coast city footprint from Main Beach and Surfers Paradise. Activities here are primarily determined by and cater to an established built environment, including entertainment and resort precincts.

#### Water-based setting

Running **East** to **West**, The Spit is defined by its surf and Broadwater environments. The eastern surf edge of The Spit stretches four kilometers which attracts surfers, swimmers, dog walkers and sunbathers to the beach. The Spit's western edge is defined by the Gold Coast Broadwater. The calm waters attract diverse recreational activities both on water and on land.

The Broadwater is a popular destination for all due to its still deep channels and shallow beaches. Water activities include yachting, jetskiing, kayaking, fishing, paddle boarding and diving are observed at all times of the year.



Figure 4. Land-based setting



Figure 5. Water-based setting

The existing settings of The Spit are each defined by different characteristics as illustrated below.

To summarise, the north harbours a **NATURAL** quality, the south an **URBAN** quality, the east a **SURF** quality and the west a **STILL** quality.



# PART.B CHARACTERS

Synthesised from the existing settings of The Spit, four typologies have been developed. They respond to undefined locations on The Spit and apply when a project is located in the NATURAL or URBAN and SURF or STILL settings.

Some projects may span across two or more typologies, and consideration must be given to illustrating a transition between the visions at certain locations.





The Natural Still typology influences all future work in the **north-west** extent of The Spit.

# **CHARACTER**

Natural Still delivers multi-functional spaces that focus on activation of the land and water's edge. The landscape is protected by existing vegetation and dune landform to the East, providing for an open and safe parkland with a still water body.

The typology is characterised by an informal and organic design language that is supported by natural materials to evoke a cool, relaxed and comfortable place. These natural and sustainable materials reveal themselves in park embellishments and built form, while hints of accent colours are expressed through iconic artistic elements which pay tribute to the local natural and cultural heritage.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Essential design characteristics are outlined under the following five project categories which are further refined in Part C.

#### **Built form**

- Incorporate principles of universal design to ensure access and inclusion for all
- Apply climate responsive design principles
- Incorporate robust timber elements
- Incorporate sustainable and salvaged materials (such as recycled plastics, etc.)
- 'Urban' materials (blockwork and concrete) should be balanced and softened by 50% with natural materials
- Limit visually exposed steel steel elements must be stainless steel or unless shielded by noncorrosive materials against salt and corrosion
- Brushed aluminium should be used for marine structures that will interface with the water
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and timber tones
- Accent colours should take inspiration from the bright sun and grassy parklands

 Accent colours should be used sparingly (max. 20 per cent of surface finishes)

### Furniture and lighting

- Hardwood timber should be used as the dominant feature and allowed to weather and grey
- Simplistic forms and shapes
- Lit up features at key nodes only lighting must not impact maritime navigation
- No accent colours incorporated

# Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure

- Integrate permeable surfaces
- Integrate natural materials such as sand and timber
- Colours should be reflective of natural sandy and timber tones
- Aggregate or stencilling should be used to highlight important nodes
- Safety infrastructure (Tactile Ground Surface Indicator (TGSI),

skate deterrents, etc.) should be subtle in colour and simple in style

### Soft landscaping

- Deep and rich green coloured vegetation prevails
- Subtropical and coastal littoral rainforest species
- Subtle flowering plants
- Tree species should provide expansive shade, comfortable seating environments and shaded pathways

### Vehicular infrastructure

- Integrate permeable paving surfaces and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles
- Ensure hard surfaces are shaded
- Arrange carparking to best suit the natural typography
- Visual impact of hard surfaces should be softened with natural elements (timber and planting)
- Colours should be reflective of natural sandy and timber tones



# PRINCIPLES

Checking the proposed designs or works against the following list helps them align with the desired design principles for the Natural Still typology.

STRATEGY	DESIGN PRINCIPLES	$\checkmark$
Growing	Maintains its natural and cohesive shoreline setting	
a green peninsula	Incorporates shoreline resilience measures by using natural edge treatments and vegetation to improve shoreline stability	
	Engages with the water's edge through recreation or leisure activities	
	Creates clean or green places with native species endemic to the coastal landscape of the Gold Coast and strengthens biodiversity	
	Creates clean (non-polluted) and green places and structures using environmentally sustainable design (ESD) principles	
	Implements best practice WSUD initiatives	
Promoting tourism and	Creates a variety of recreation opportunities for people of all abilities and multiple generations	
recreation	Provides water-based experiences	
	Creates quality multi-function events and public spaces, spectator vantage points, and infrastructure which enhance recreation opportunities (including Wave Break Island)	
	Facilitates community group launching point(s) and public accessibility to Broadwater	
Making places	Integrates with the landscape with minimal disturbance	
and cultural connections	Connects to the Broadwater	
connections	Keeps alive the awareness of early European connection in Moondarewa township	
	Acknowledges indigenous culture through interpretive elements, integrated artwork and storytelling	
	Acknowledges European history and intervention (shipping and seaway engineering)	
Linking	Provides safe continuous North-South connections including Broadwater Pathway	
experiences	Contributes to East-West connections	
	Links to beach access, plaza and promenades	
	Supports views and connection to the Broadwater	
Connecting to the City	Links to potential ferry, shuttle bus, public transport services and stops using legible, quality designed infrastructure	
Opening the	Provides safe and direct north south pedestrian and cycle access	
gateway to the Gold Coast	Maximises connections to the Village Centre and other nearby attractions	

# **NATURAL STILL**

## CHARACTER IMAGERY







Built form seamless with topography







Generous landscape around built form

Organically shaped buildings



Access to water edge



Hard and soft amalgamate



Natural materials encouraging play









The Natural Surf typology influences all future work in the **North-East** extent of The Spit.

# CHARACTER

Natural Surf typology encapsulates a unique segment of the Gold Coast Coastline. Enhancing the topographical change, thick vegetation borders the beach providing an untouched sanctuary from the city. It's natural soundtrack of breaking waves and birdlife injects a peaceful energy which makes the north-east a much-loved area by locals.

The typology is characterised by its natural colour tones and minimal intervention. Built form and furniture are constructed of robust sustainable materials that can withstand the harsh exposed environment. To further enhance the weather and windswept natural setting, timber elements prevail and are left to gracefully age over time.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Essential design characteristics are outlined under the following five project categories which are further refined in Part C.

### Built form

- Incorporate principles of universal design to ensure access and inclusion for all
- Apply climate responsive design principles
- Incorporate a strong presence of robust timber elements that weather and grey
- Incorporate sustainable and salvaged materials (such as recycled plastics, etc.)
- 'Urban' materials (blockwork and concrete) should be balanced and softened with natural materials
- Limit visually exposed steel steel elements must be stainless steel unless shielded by noncorrosive materials against salt and moisture
- Brushed aluminium should be used for marine structures that will interface with the water
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy or cool blue tones
- Accent colours should take inspiration from the pastel blue/

purple tones of the ocean sky during sunset

 Accent colours should be used sparingly (max. 10 per cent of surface finishes)

### Furniture and lighting

- Hardwood timber should be used as the dominant feature and allowed to weather and grey
- Simplistic forms and shapes
- Lit-up features at key nodes only. Lighting must not impact maritime navigation or terrestrial, avian and marine wildlife habitat.
- No accent colours incorporated

# Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure

- Integrate permeable surfaces
- Integrate natural materials such as sand and timber
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and cool blue tones
- Aggregate should be used to highlight important nodes
- Safety infrastructure (TGSI, skate deterrents, etc.) should be subtle in colour and simple in style

### Soft landscaping

- Olive and grey green coloured vegetation prevails
- Endemic coastal vegetation should be used to create a natural setting
- Trees, grasses and groundcover species prevail
- Plant arrangement is untamed and integrated in landscape
- Flowering plants should be used sparingly
- Form of shrub species should be delicate and soft

#### Vehicular infrastructure

- Integrate permeable surfaces and WSUD principles
- Ensure hard surfaces are well shaded
- Arrange carparking to best suit the natural typography (i.e. nestled below the dunes)
- Visual impact of hard surfaces should be softened with natural elements (timber and planting)
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and cool blue tones



# PRINCIPLES

Checking the proposed designs or works against the following list helps them align with the desired design principles for the Natural Surf typology.

Strategy	Design Principles	$\checkmark$	
Growing	Respects its natural and coastal setting		
a green	Engages with the water's edge through recreation or leisure activities		
peninsula	Incorporates shoreline resilience measures		
	Contributes to the showcasing of diverse landscape typologies		
	Creates clean and cool places with native species endemic to the coastal landscape		
	Retains and enhances natural values including strengthening biodiversity and habitat health and (re)planting of natural areas over underground facilities and infrastructure		
	Implements best practice WSUD initiatives		
	Utilises renewable energy (solar, wind and wave) to power the operation of infrastructure		
Promoting	Provides water-based experiences		
tourism and recreation	Creates a variety of recreation opportunities for people of all abilities and multiple generations		
	Creates high quality public spaces and infrastructure including Federation Walk towers, Centre for Coastal Resilience, Seaway Promenade and Seaway Tower as destinations		
Making places and cultural connections	Built form to be part of the landscape, embedded in or sitting comfortably with the immediate landform and setting or contrasting with it where appropriate (e.g. towers and markers)		
	Connects to the ocean		
	Acknowledges indigenous culture through interpretive elements, integrated artwork and story telling		
	Acknowledges European history and intervention (shipping and seaway engineering)		
Linking	Offers north-south connections via Oceanway pathway and beside Seaworld Drive		
experiences	Contributes to East-West connections		
	Provide intermediate nodes and destination nodes to enhance journey experience. Seaway Promenade nodes offer visual links north and south along the coastline		
	Maintains links to beach access		
	Supports views and connection to the Broadwater and to the eastern horizon of the Pacific Ocean		
	Contributes to the Federation Walk Upgrade to be a more accessible link to the varied coastal landscapes		
Connecting to	Delivers capacity to avoid congestion		
the City	Manages demand and travel behaviour		
	Creates new connections and entries		
Opening the	Welcomes larger vessels through infrastructure, navigation and landmark marker(s)		
gateway to the Gold Coast	Promotes coastal management research and practices, marine animal rescue and marine, avian and terrestrial wildlife research.		

# **NATURAL SURF**

### CHARACTER IMAGERY



Sensitively integrate elements into natural setting







WSUD principles to carparks

Integrated paths



Multi-use promenade incorporating durable timber and steel

Transparent building facade







Landmark tower



Seating to withstand conditions



All-accessible amenities close to beach accesses

East-west connections

Structures sensibly integrated in surroundings



Weathered timber elements







# URBAN STILL



The Urban Still typology influences all future work in the **South-West** extent of The Spit.

# CHARACTER

Urban Still is home to a bustling village. The popular area provides a variety of interactive commercial facilities that stand proud on The Spit. The typology makes deep cultural connections for the community, from Indigenous heritage to maritime history.

The typology is characterised by its vibrancy and bold colours. Urban Still continues the organic expression of Natural Still, however a more suitable response of strong lines emerge to accommodate the intensive and activated environment. Materials must be robust and enduring to support the lively destination.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Essential design characteristics are outlined under the following five project categories which are further refined in Part C.

#### **Built form**

- Incorporate principles of universal design to ensure access and inclusion for all
- Apply climate responsive design principles
- Built form should provide shade to open plazas and public space
- Incorporate a presence of robust timber elements and sustainable materials (recycled plastics, etc.)
- Blockwork, concrete, glass and steel may be used, however softened where appropriate with natural materials
- Steel elements must be stainless steel unless shielded by noncorrosive materials against salt and moisture
- Brushed aluminium should be used for marine structures that will interface with the water
- Colours should be reflective of warm earthy and urban grey tones

- Accent colours should be embraced as features
- Accent colours should be embraced as feature elements

### Furniture and lighting

- Hardwood timber and composite fibre (recycled) alternatives should be used as the dominant feature
- Features in furniture should incorporate accent colours
- Simplistic forms and shapes
- Feature lighting is encouraged at key nodes with ambient nighttime illumination. Illumination does not interfere with marine life or protected migratory bird roosts on the Broadwater or wildlife habitat to the west in the Urban Surf typology

# Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure

- Aggregate should be used to highlight important nodes
- Colours should be reflective of warm earthy and urban grey tones

• Safety infrastructure (TGSI, skate deterrents, etc.) should be subtle in colour and simple in style

#### Soft landscaping

- Deep and rich green coloured vegetation prevails
- Subtropical species
- Key feature planting may be exotic
- Bold flowering plants should prevail
- Tree Species should provide expansive shade, comfortable seating environments and shaded pathway networks
- Form of shrub species should be structured/sculptural

### Vehicular infrastructure

- Incorporate WSUD principles
- Ensure hard surfaces are shaded
- Carparking layout should provide for maximum efficiency
- Colours should be reflective of warm earthy and urban grey tones



## PRINCIPLES

Checking the proposed designs or works against the following list helps them align with the desired design principles for the Urban Still typology.

Strategy	Design Principles	$\checkmark$
Growing	Provides lush planting in connection to the Coastal Forest Drive and Village Boulevard	
a green peninsula	Incorporates shoreline resilience measures	
pennisuta	Integrates green infrastructure that supports ecological diversity, climate resilience and user comfort	
Promoting	Creates water-based experiences	
tourism and recreation	Links continuously with waters edge pathway to the Village centre and back to the Sundale bridge	
	Connects to primary beach access points	
Making places and cultural	Is set prominently in the landscape, with the natural values of the landscape setting strongly pronounced	
connections	Reflects the essence of The Spit through Landmark elements/landscape	
	Celebrates indigenous cultural heritage through built form, public art and landscaping	
	Creates links to sailing and maritime history and themes	
	Acknowledges the Norfolk Island Pine trees which have a strong association with the heritage of the Gold Coast and early experiences of coastal tourism	
	Is primarily orientated to The Broadwater and maritime activities.	
Linking experiences	Creates quality multi-function events and public spaces, spectator vantage points, and infrastructure	
	Supports views of the Broadwater, maritime activities and connections to the beach	
	Links to the shared cycle / pedestrian pathway along the Sea World Drive	
Connecting to the City	Facilitates ferry connections to The Spit to service Sea World and the Village Centre	
Opening the	Improves and enhances pedestrian movement and safety	
gateway to the Gold Coast	Supports the use of dedicated areas for dock free e-scooters and e-assist bikes close to the entrances	

# **URBAN STILL**

### CHARACTER IMAGERY





Boardwalk and promenade connecting to public piers

Artistic forms for additional planting and shade



Water features and shade





Shaded pedestrian realm







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Custom seating



Feature lighting



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Engaging with the waters edge



Accent ground lighting

Maximising planting

Dominant powdercoat





Barrier-free design





Subtropical planting in streetscape



Signature paving



Feature art

Flowering trees



WSUD in carparks



The Urban Surf typology influences all future work in the **South-East** extent of The Spit.

## **CHARACTER**

Urban Surf provides a unique connection through to the established and adjacent Gold Coast beaches, Main Beach and Surfers Paradise. It facilitates a well-connected network of paths and nodes that offers glimpses of open vistas through to the beach.

The typology is expressive of a minimalistic urban character. Built forms are influenced by its urban connections to the south and strives to gradually transform into its northern natural setting (Natural Surf). A variety of soft and smooth textures are presented through a balance of natural and contemporary urban materials. Urban Surf offers an atmosphere that provides for both active and quiet experiences. Colour, vibrancy and energy builds around the playful activity hubs which anchor The Spit gateway.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Essential design characteristics are outlined under the following five project categories which are further refined in Part C.

#### **Built form**

- Incorporate principles of universal design to ensure access and inclusion for all
- Apply climate responsive design principles
- Incorporate a presence of robust timber elements that weather and grey
- Incorporate sustainable materials (such as recycled plastics, etc.)
- Blockwork, concrete, glass and steel may be used, however softened where appropriate with natural materials
- Steel elements must be stainless steel unless shielded by noncorrosive materials against salt
- Brushed aluminium should be used for marine structures that will interface with the water
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and urban grey tones

- Accent colours should take inspiration from deep ocean tones.
- Accent colours should be thoughtfully used (max. 40 per cent of surface finishes)

### Furniture and lighting

- Hardwood timber should be used as the dominant feature
- Features in furniture should incorporate accent colours
- Simplistic forms and shapes
- Feature lighting is encouraged at key nodes with ambient nighttime illumination. Illumination does not interfere with the protected migratory bird roosts and wildlife habitat in Philip Park or to the north in the Natural Surf typology.

# Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure

• Aggregate should be used to highlight important nodes

Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and urban grey tones

• Safety infrastructure (TGSI, skate deterrents, etc.) should be subtle in colour and simple in style

### Soft landscaping

- Olive and grey green coloured vegetation prevails
- Key feature planting may be exotic
- Endemic coastal vegetation should be used to create a natural setting
- Plant arrangement is untamed and integrated in the landscape
- Flowering plants should be used sparingly
- Form of shrub species should be delicate and soft (grass species)

### Vehicular infrastructure

- Incorporate WSUD principles
- Ensure hard surfaces are shaded
- Carparking layout should provide for maximum efficiency
- Colours should be reflective of warm sandy and urban grey tones



### PRINCIPLES

Checking the proposed designs or works against the following list helps them align with the desired design principles for the Urban Surf typology.

Strategy	Design Principles	$\checkmark$
<b>Growing</b> Provides lush planting in connection to the Coastal Forest Drive and Village Boulevard		
a green peninsula	Includes measures to help reducing the heat island effect	
permoutu	Facilitates elements that improve the microclimate conditions (such as a water cycle management system)	
Promoting	Celebrates the Gateway entry	
tourism and recreation	Connects to primary beach access points	
	Is set in the landscape with minimal disturbance	
	Incorporates substantial landscaping to cool public spaces, spectator and events spaces, and to create a lush green coastal village character	
Making places Acknowledges historical references to early surfing and beach recreation culture		
and cultural connectionsAcknowledges the Norfolk Island Pine trees which have a strong associati heritage of the Gold Coast and early experiences of coastal tourism		
Acknowledges Indigenous cultural heritage through interpretive elements, artwork an story telling		
	Contributes to East-West connections	
	Links to beach access, plaza and promenades	
	Facilitates views and safe, well designed connections to the Broadwater	
Linking	Contributes to the revitalisation of the oceanway	
experiences	Enables access by visitors carrying larger items such as surf boards, bicycles, scooters or picnic equipment	
Connecting to the city		
Opening the gateway to the Gold Coast	Supports passenger set-down and pick-up	

# **URBAN SURF**

### CHARACTER IMAGERY



Skate park incorporated in landscape form





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Playful custom seating



Concrete and metal material mix to built form





Built form influenced by urban south



Generous planting along paths















Sustainable materials

Sustainable built form

WSUD in carparks

Shaded seating . 99

Coastal grasses

Dominant powdercoat



Landmark lookout



Well-lit and shaded platforms

Dominant paint colour



# PART C OUTCOMES

# SELECTION CRITERIA

Part C of the guidelines contain minimum materiality specifications for future project outcomes within the public realm areas of The Spit. These specifications are reflective of the four typology characteristics introduced in Part B.

The range of project outcomes has been created to capture a range of projects that can be implemented within the public realm of The Spit. They are categorised under the following headings:

- Built form
- Furniture and lighting
- Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure
- Soft landscaping
- Vehicular infrastructure

# REFERENCE LIST

Where the material prescriptions are void of detailed information, reference is sought from the following sources:

- Australian Standards
- City of Gold Coast Land **Development Guidelines**
- Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities
- Gold Coast Streetscape Design Guidelines
- TMR Technical Publications
- Water by Design

## **BESPOKE OUTCOMES SUSTAINABILITY**

The master plan identifies future project outcomes which due to their nature, may require a detailed brief and delivery process. These bespoke project outcomes such as the Seaway Tower or the Gateway Entry Statement will be defined through an in-depth design brief guided by the character, objective and strategies outlined in Part A and B. Thus, specific materiality is not part of Part C.

Recommendations are also included in Part C regarding the development of bespoke furniture elements to contribute to the delivery of world-class public spaces on The Spit.

## **COLOUR AND** MATERIAL

The colours illustrated in Part C are based on the palettes of the master plan and the character visions outlined in Part B.

Part B must be used to determine how much material / colour is appropriate to each typology.

When considering material choice across all typologies, prevention of fire to be integrated, and choice of materials for built form and furniture to include fire retardant.

The ethos of sustainability underpins all new projects and ongoing maintenance works on The Spit. The design and construction process which includes the selection of materials and finishes shall consider issues of longevity, weathering, certified sourcing of materials (especially timbers), recyclable products, the embodied energy of materials, and minimising waste.

Consideration should also be given to sustainable stormwater management and harvesting, as well as the reuse of salvaged material on site.

When considering material choice across all typologies, prevention of fire to be integrated, and choice of materials for built form and furniture to include fire retardant.

# **VALIDITY**

As Part C focuses on the technical aspects of the project outcomes and their components, it is vital to review and update this section periodically, as required. Only a regular re-issue of Part C will ensure that materials and products are up to the current standard and readily available.



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# **BUILT FORM**

Built form includes structures such as: amenity blocks, hides and lookouts, park shelters, pavilions, public transport shelters, boardwalks, decks, ramps and jetties.

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
Timber (structural, architectural, decking)	<ul> <li>Material: Seasoned Australian hardwood species (Spotted Gum, Tallowwood, Ironbark, Grey Gum, Gympie Messmate)</li> <li>Finishes: Naturally weathered on exposed surfaces or oiled finish</li> <li>Timber will be graded under a hardwood quality control programme conforming to ISO 9002 and AS 2082, Structural Grade No 2, upper face shall be free of defects in keeping with applicable standards.</li> <li>All timberwork will require suitably qualified persons to certify materials from mill source and on delivery to site for construction to ensure quality controls, durability and lifecycle requirement for GCWA.</li> <li>Structural requirements for sealing/treatment will apply to all.</li> </ul>			
Steel (structural, panel and screen)	Type: 316 Stainless within a structure) Finish: Polished	steel (mild steel or ga	lvanized is discourage	ed unless sealed
Concrete (off-form, insitu)		Type: Architectural concrete Finish: Minimum Class 2; clear anti-graffiti sealant		
Aluminium (structural)	Type: Marine grade alloys 5052 and 6061 as applicable Finish: Polished if close to saltwater; brushed finish as applicable			
Aluminum (decorative)	Type: Aluminium system (AliWood or approved equivalent) Finish: Woodgrain look (Snowgum or WRC) or powdercoat (refer colour selection) Driftwood (Natural Still shelters and amenities) Chestnut (Natural Still and Natural Surf shelters)			
Masonry blockwork	Finish: Polished face to all exposed surfaces Colour: Alabaster,Platinum and Pearl Grey (National Masonry range) Anti-Graffiti spray protective coating (to all colours)			
Recycled plastic (sheeting)	Type: Recycled HDPE or PP sheets (Replas or approved equivalent), containing fire retardant			
Composite material (external flooring, composite walling, screening)	Type: Esthec Terrace (Esthec or approved equivalent)			
Fibrous cement sheet (FC)	Material: FC to non-accessible areas Finish: Painted (refer colour selection)			
Compressed fibrous cement sheet (CFC)	Material: CFC to accessible surfaces Finish: Painted (refer colour selection)			



	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
Plywood	Type: Exterior grade, A-Bond glue line, high grade appearance (Austral Plywoods or approved equivalent), to non-accessible areas Finish: Clear oil based or pigmented stain			
Colorbond (roof and screen)	Type: Colorbond Steel Colour Ultra Colour: Dune, Shale Grey or Surf Mist			
Powdercoat (dominant colours) All colours are to meet warranty requirements for proximity to tidal areas	Colour: DURATEC® ZEUS® Chalk USA Gloss (Dulux or approved equivalent) Colour: DURATEC® ZEUS® Matt Canvas Cloth (Dulux or approved equivalent)	Colour: DURATEC® ETERNITY® Nickel Pearl Matt (Dulux or approved equivalent) Colour: DURATEC® ETERNITY® Copper Metallic Kinetic Matt (Dulux or approved equivalent)	Colour: DURATEC® ZEUS ® Talc Satin (Dulux or approved equivalent) Colour: DURATEC® ZEUS® Lunar Grey Matt (Dulux or approved equivalent)	Colour: DURATEC® ETERNITY ® Matt Champagne Kinetic Matt (Dulux or approved equivalent) Colour: DURATEC® ETERNITY® Bronze Pearl Satin (Dulux or approved equivalent)

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	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
Paint (dominant colours)	Colour: Pebble Bay Quarter (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Pins and Needles (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Button Up (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Silver Anniversary (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Dapple Grey (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Shades of Evening (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Charcoal Heather (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Going Grey (Taubmans or approved equivalent)
Paint (accent colours, not to exceed 10% of surface area of structure)	Colour: Purplicious (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Oriska Sky (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Yellow Sunshine (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Fizzy Lime (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Grape Aura (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Phoenix Fossil (Taubmans or approved equivalent)	Colour: Texas Gold (Taubmans or approved equivalent) Colour: Jupiter Moon (Taubmans or approved equivalent)

# FURNITURE AND LIGHTING

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For the furniture elements listed in the following table, bespoke designs are being developed. The corresponding imagery provided is indicative only.

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still	
Bench (backed)	Type: Gold Coast Spit – Bench 1 1800mm (backed) Slats material: 32mm thick Weathered Australian Hardwood (Spotted Gum select grade) Slats finish: Weathered to grey off Frame material: Stainless steel 316 Frame finish: Polished stainless or matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed				
Bench (backed)	Slats material: 32 (Spotted Gum sel Slats finish: Weat Frame material: S Frame finish: Poli	-	red Australian Hai matte powder coa	ted finish	
Seating Walls	Type: Concrete seating wall Colour Oxide: CCS Pebble or colour to match primary path concrete colour for precinct (refer page 38) Aggregate Colour: Standard or colour to match primary path aggregate colour for precinct (refer page 38) Aggregate Size: 8-10mm Finish: Light abrasive blast (sand blast) to all faces Slip Rating: P5				
Ancillary Items (bench, seat, hand wash troughs)	Colour Oxide: Boral Caspian or approved equivalent Aggregate Colour: Boral Caspian or approved equivalent Aggregate Size: 8-10mm Finish: Honed horizontal faces and class 1 off-form to vertical faces Slip Rating: R14 Sealant: CCS Streetscape Sealer Acrylic Penetrating sealer				
Table	Type: Gold Coast Spit – Picnic Table 1 (2000mm long) and Bench Seat (no back) Slats material: 32mm thick Weathered Australian Hardwood (Spotted Gum select grade) Slats finish: Weathered to grey off Frame material: Stainless steel 316 Frame finish: Polished stainless or matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed <i>Note: Wheelchair accessible middle of table between bench seats</i>				

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	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still	
Table	Type: Gold Coast Spit – Picnic Table 2 (3600mm long) and Bench Seat (no back) Slats material: 32mm thick Weathered Australian Hardwood (Spotted Gum select grade) Slats finish: Weathered to grey off Frame material: Stainless steel 316 Frame finish: Polished stainless or matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed <i>Note: Wheelchair accessible middle of table between bench seats</i>				
Stool	Type: Gold Coast Spit – Stool Slats material: 32mm thick Weathered Australian Hardwood (Spotted Gum select grade) Slats finish: Weathered to grey off Frame material: Stainless steel 316 Frame finish: Polished stainless or matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed				
Bollards	Type: Gold Coast Spit – Steel Bollard Material: Stainless Steel 316 pillar Finish: Stainless steel wrap with matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed Type: Gold Coast Spit – Timber Bollard Material: Weathered Australian Hardwood timber pillar (Spotted Gum select grade) Finish: Stainless steel wrap with matte powder coated finish Pattern: Abstract laser cut pattern final artwork to be confirmed				
Bin	Material: Stainle finish or polishe (Spotted Gum s	st Spit – Bin Enclos ess steel 316 outer ed stainless steel, V elect grade) ct laser cut pattern	with matte powde Weathered Austral	ian Hardwood	
Drinking fountain	Material: Stainle	o with water bottle ess steel 316 s steel finish with A			
Tree grate	Type: The Spit E Material: Stainle	espoke Tree Grate ess steel 316			
Garden Edging	Colour Oxide: CCS Voodoo Aggregate Colour: Standard Aggregate Size: 8-10mm Profile: 10mm Bevel Edges Finish: Class 2 off-form Slip Rating: P3				

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still	
Bike rack	Material: Stainles Finish: Bead blas	ss steel 316 sted stainless steel			
Ground lighting (inground luminaire)	Ground lighting b	by exception		Type: ETC300-FS (We-ef or approved equivalent) with anti-slip coating and flush with the ground Material: Stainless steel construction Spread: Symmetric, linear or wallwash	
Bollard lighting (pathway luminaire)		9 (We-ef or approved grade, all-aluminiu			
Fish cleaning station	Material: Hardwood timber posts with stainless steel brackets and tray (Landmark or approved equivalent) Finish: Timber colour stain Fixings: 316 Stainless steel bolt-down posts				
Balustrade	Type: Bespoke flat bar steel balustrade with top rail Material: Marine Grade Stainless Steel 316 or aluminum panels and posts powdercoated with polished 316 stainless steel top rail. Powdercoat colour: To match precinct powdercoat colours (refer page 33). Fixings: 316 stainless steel bolts Type: Timber Balustrade Material: Australian hardwood timber posts with stainless steel wires				
Fencing (screened by vegetation)	Type: Wire Fencing (ARC Fences or approved equivalent) Finish: Powdercoated black				
Fencing	Type: Security Pa Material: Alumini Finish: Powderco		roved equivalent)		

# PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST INFRASTRUCTURE

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
Primary pathway surface (contact GCWA for Oceanway standard drawings if pathways are crossing or aligned with the Oceanway)	Type: Coloured concrete with aggregate mix Finish: Light broomed perpendicular to path or light abrasive exposure in accent areas Concrete colour: CCS Canvas Aggregate colour: Cherry blossom or approved equivalent Aggregate size: 8-10mm		Type: Light broomed perpendicular to path or light abrasive exposure in accent areas Finish: Light abrasive blast Concrete colour: CCS Zeus Aggregate colour: Standard Aggregate size: 8-10mm	
Secondary pathway surface	Type: Coloured concrete Finish: Broom finish Colour: Canvas (Concrete Colour Systems or approved equivalent)		Type: Coloured concrete Finish: Broom finish Colour: Driftwood (Concrete Colour Systems or approved equivalent)	
Walking trackPath type: Sand and aggregate (20%) loose mixWalking trackAggregate colour: Cherry blossom or approved equivalentEdge type: Dressed hardwood timber sleeper (Aussie Timbers or approved equivalent)Edge size: 100 mm x 50 mm x length			grey concrete boom finish	

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still		
Feature pavement	Major nodes should be treated with a feature pavement (i.e. abrasive blast stencilling) in line with the vision of colour and texture set in Part B.					
Tactile indicator	Type: Warning Discrete Single Tactile (Tactile Systems Australia or approved equivalent) Material: Black 316 stainless steel or 316 stainless steel (depending on compliant luminosity testing) Stem size: As recommended by manufacturer Type: Directional Discrete Tactile (Tactile Systems Australia or approved equivalent) Material: Black 316 stainless steel or 316 stainless steel (depending on compliant luminosity testing)					
Skate deterrent	Type: Corner Skate Deterrent (Tactile Systems Australia or approved equivalent) Material: 316 Stainless steel Type: Recessed Skate Deterrent Material: Concrete					



# SOFT LANDSCAPING

Plant species shown in this section are representative for each typology and embody a signature species. It is recommended to select additional, complementary plant species from the current City of Gold Coast Plant Selection Guide.

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still	
Mulch	Type: Forest Mulch		Type: Hoop Fines Pine Mulch		
Existing signature trees	Araucaria heterophylla Norfolk Pine				
Signature trees	Araucaria columnaris Cook Pine Cook Pine Casuarina equisetifolia Australian Pine Tree Mallotus discolor Yellow Kamala	Pandanas tectorius Screw Pine Barklya syringifolia Leather Jacket Diploglottis campbellii Small Leaf	Araucaria columnaris Cook Pine	Agathis robusta Kauri Pine Flindersia australis Crow's Ash Stenocarpus Stenocarpus Sinuatus Fire Wheel Tree	



	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
	Spinifex sericeus Beach Spinifex	Acacia sophorae Coastal Wattle	Carex appressa Tall Sedge	Syzigium myritifolium Magenta Lilly Pilly
Signature shrubs	Enchylaena tomentosa Ruby Salt Bush	Eupomatia laurina Bolwarra	Lomatia silaifolia Crinkle Bush	Crinum pendunculatum Swamp Lily
	Myoporum insulare Coastal Boobialla	Hibiscus heterophyllus Native Rosella	Dianella brevipedunculata Native Flax Lily	Xanthorrhoea johnsonii Grass Tree
Signature groundcovers	Scaevola calendulacea Scented Fan Flower	Ipomoea pes- caprae Bayhops	Carpobrotus glaucescens Pig Face	Xerochrysum bracteatum Everlasting Daisy
Turf	Wintergreen Turf Couch A Grade			



	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
WSUD planting	Natural Surf		da, Weeping Lilly Pilly	Urban Still
		Dianella congesta	a, Beach Flax Lily	



# VEHICULAR INFRASTRUCTURE

	Natural Surf	Natural Still	Urban Surf	Urban Still
Primary road	Type: Asphalt			
Secondary road		Type: A	Asphalt	
Kerb type	Type: Flu Material: Plain			tand kerb a grey concrete
Wheel stop	Type: Australian hard (Aussie Timbers or aj Fixings: 316 Si	oproved equivalent)	or approved	e (Area Safe Products   equivalent) stainless steel
Carpark bay		,	et Australia or approve tration or constructed	
Driveway	Type: Plain grey concrete with aggregate mix Finish: Broom finish Aggregate colour: Haleys Comet (Hanson or approved equivalent) Aggregate size: 5-7 mm			
Bollard	Type: Australian hard (Area Safe or appr Finish: Dress Style: S	oved equivalent) ed (smooth)	Code: DEK6 - Dek Garden or appro Frame: 316 S Frame finish: Bead bl	r fixed metal bollard s Bollard (Street + oved equivalent) tainless steel lasted stainless steel Flat top
Road crossing	Key crossings should be treated with a feature pavement in line with the vision of colour and texture set in Part B.			
Vehicle maintenance access	Type: Deco path or reinforced turf			



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