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Landscape Master Plan

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1. Introduction



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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Acknowledgement

The University of Canterbury acknowledges Ngāi Tahu as mana whenua of the lands on which the University has been constructed. Through continued dialogue and collaboration the University continues its stewardship of the campus in partnership with mana whenua.

The University also acknowledges the following individuals and groups who participated in the development of this Landscape Master Plan:

- Staff: Arts, Science, Business and Law, Human Resources, Communications, Engineering, Education, Māori and Pasifika
- Learning Resources
- Māori cultural advisors
- Puamiria Parata-Goodall
- Senior Management and Head of Department representatives
- Student and UCSA representatives
- We were guided in our task by designers from Isthmus, Woods Bagot and 360 Degrees

1.1.2 Background

The University estate exists in order to support the core research and teaching mission of the University. While UC encourages use and integration by the local Christchurch community, University grounds are not public domain.

The ongoing development of the University's built infrastructure creates landscaping challenges for the campus. As the hoardings are removed and new developments completed these projects will need to 'knit' in with the existing environment and contribute to a cohesive wider campus landscape.

The Landscape Master Plan is a tool to ensure that future landscape projects are appropriately scoped, budgeted and prioritised in a way that settles new buildings into the surrounding landscape. It is a bridging document between the visionary framework set by the UC Campus Master Plan and future building projects.

The campus landscape is a contributing factor to a prospective student's choice to enrol. The outdoor spaces are the University's first opportunity to welcome students and their families and for them to connect with the University Community. Our campus enjoys a beautiful setting which is, in comparison with other universities, a point of difference and distinction.

The concepts and ideas presented here are unapproved works that are informed by the Campus Master Plan and subject to the normal UC business case approval process.



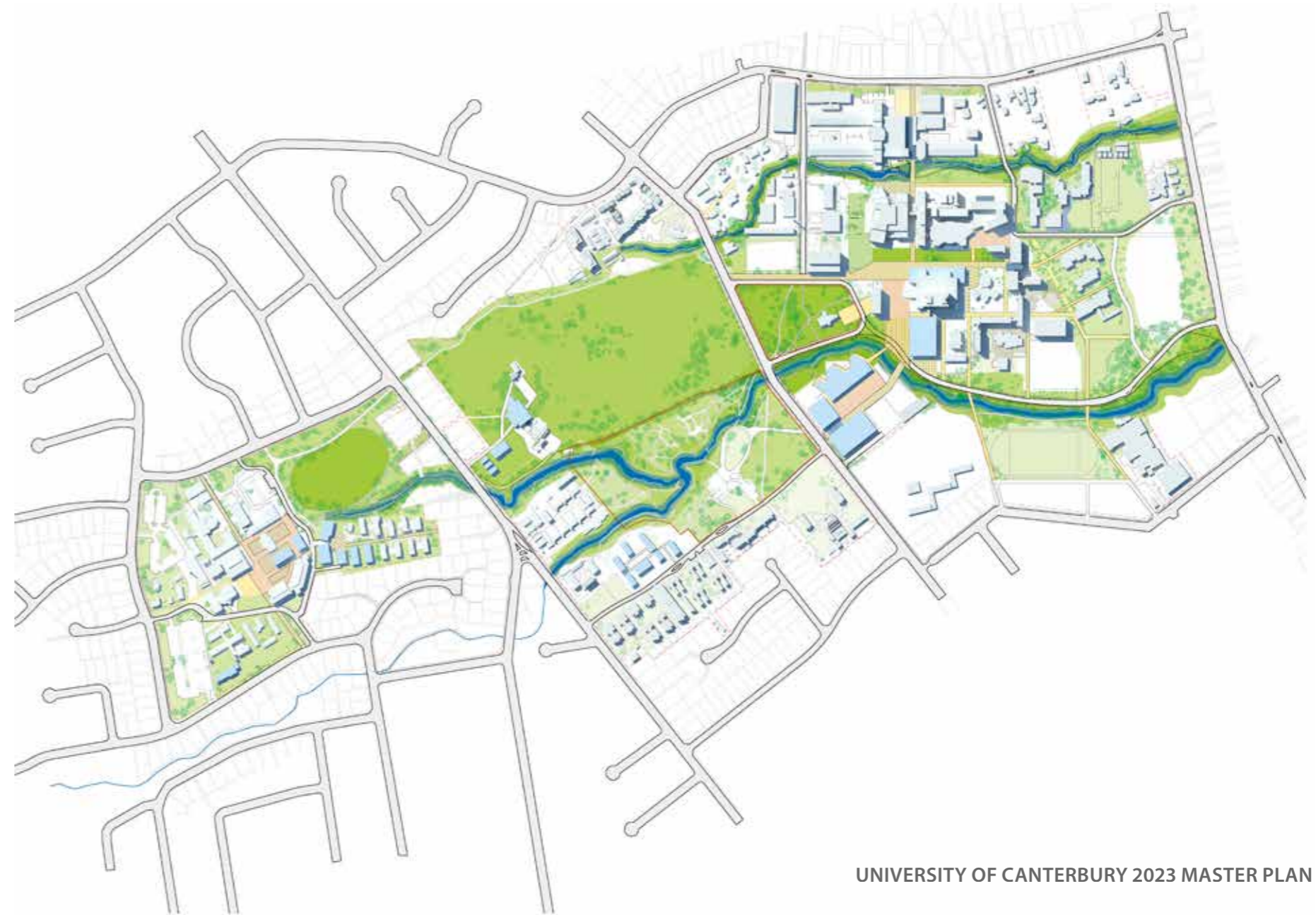
1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Landscape Master Plan is to guide the development of the landscape of the University of Canterbury campus. It identifies the activities, themes and concepts that will guide campus landscape development and management. The Landscape Master Plan will:

- Be used by UC staff for ongoing management, budget and programme setting, and to guide internal and external teams in delivering capital projects that will reshape the campus
- Provide definition to the ideas and principles set out in the 2023 Jubilee UC Campus Master Plan for campus heart spaces and parkland setting
- Provide guiding principles and recommendations for transforming the campus landscape in the short and mid term, leading toward a long term vision
- Build on the groundwork of the Grounds Team and Sustainability Office in relation to waterways and landscape concepts, and the Engineering Services landscaping guidelines

The Landscape Master Plan addresses the following considerations at a high level, with recommendations for next steps:

- Student and staff movement to, within and between the campuses and adjoining student accommodation (including overlaps with the Transport and Wayfinding strategies)
- Character and context: - parkland setting, fields and neighbourhood interface
- Cultural considerations: - Ngāi Tūāhuriri associations, and Pacifica community
- Heritage and Ilam Gardens Management Plan
- Integration of Dovedale Campus
- Waterways, stormwater and ecologically responsive environment
- Integration of temporary or permanent art installation and display
- Recreation and activation of outdoor spaces



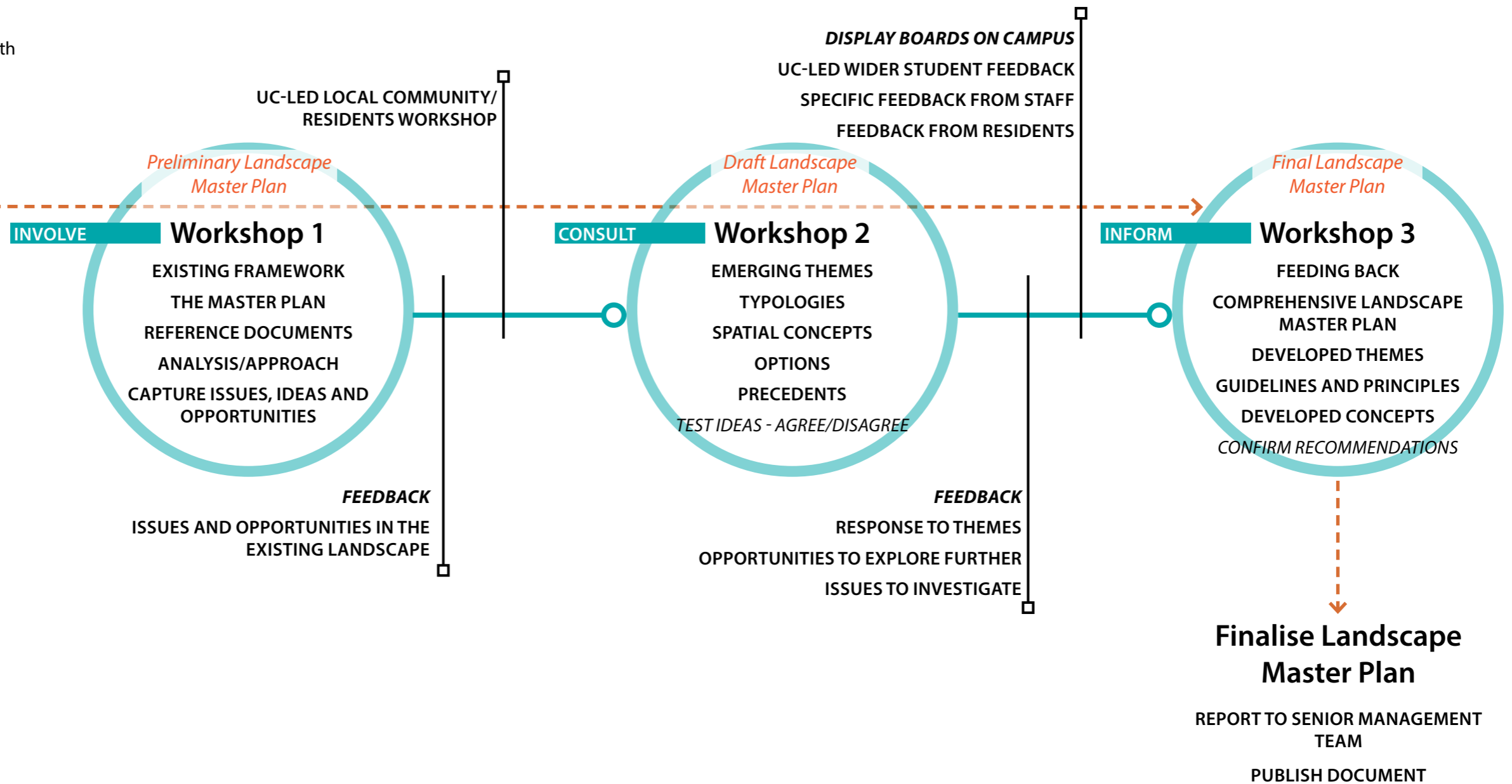
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1.3 Process

Stakeholder groups:

1. Senior Management Team and Heads of Departments
2. Waterways, sustainability and transport groups
3. Mana whenua and Māori advisors in conjunction with AVC Māori office
4. Learning Resources
5. Students and University of Canterbury Students Association (UCSA)
6. General staff



1.4 How to read this document

The Landscape Master Plan is a bridging document between the Campus Master Plan and University of Canterbury landscape management strategies. It provides campus-wide spatial typologies and guiding principles for planting and hardscape. Delivery tactics provide both immediate and long-term strategies for implementing the Landscape Master Plan.

A focus on campus heart concepts provides a scoping outline for the regeneration of priority campus heart spaces.

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Projects and recommendations

Early wins SHORT TERM	<i>TACTICAL URBANISM</i> <i>ACTIVATING SPACES</i>
Project integration SHORT TO MID TERM	<i>CAMPUS HEART CONCEPTS</i> <i>INTEGRATED MAJOR BUILD PROJECTS</i>
Incremental change SHORT TO LONG TERM	<i>LIVING LABORATORY</i> <i>MANAGED PARK LANDSCAPE</i>

