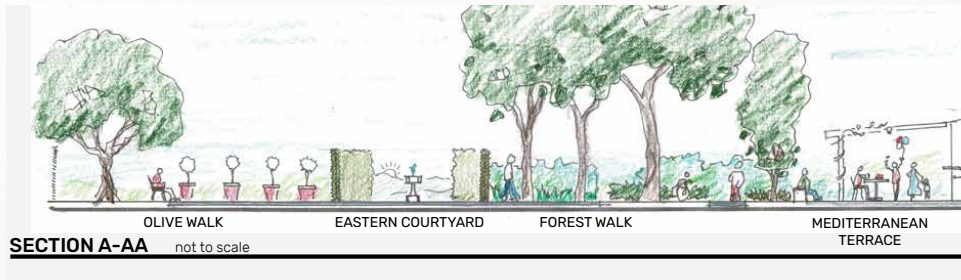




Multicultural Sensory and Therapy Garden

Bringing a world of cultural landscapes to aged care.

Client: Multicultural Aged Care Services (Cultura Geelong)
Location: North Geelong, Victoria
Date: Construction completed 2022
Budget: \$100k
Role: Design, tenders & construction management



Our Approach

While the original brief simply requested an attractive garden for aged care residents, our design takes its core inspiration from the diverse origins of the community it serves.

The garden weaves together spaces evoking Asian, Mediterranean, and Eastern European landscapes to celebrate the residents' rich cultural backgrounds. Key zones include a formal Olive Walk, a leafy Sensory Forest Walk, a tiled Eastern Courtyard, and a vine-clad Mediterranean Terrace.

Sweeping pathways link an outdoor sanctuary overlooking adjacent parkland to a multi-use lawn tailored for exercise, physiotherapy, and social gatherings. For those seeking adventure, a winding forest trail offers subtly varied path textures, while a dedicated 'sound bath' features tall Emperor chimes.

Fragrant foliage—rich with Mediterranean and culinary herbs—complements bold visual textures and vibrant colors selected specifically to assist the sight-impaired. Throughout the site, careful attention to levels and materials ensures the landscape is as safe and accessible as it is inspiring.

Residents now find a variety of spaces to rest and enjoy being outdoors, whatever the season.



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