



Landscape places, in their own right, have value as artefact, habitat and aesthetic. However, landscape is often read in a development context as problem and hindrance. There's great satisfaction in helping people to look and also see their value.

Ari Anderson Special Adviser (Landscape)

Ari Anderson, Special Adviser to GML Heritage, is a registered landscape architect who specialises in heritage and cultural landscape matters. He has more than 20 years' experience in providing advice to public and private sector clients regarding landscape conservation and landscape masterplanning, often for complex and iconic sites.

Ari is Principal of Insite Land Solutions, an independent heritage and landscape architectural consultancy that cooperates closely with GML Heritage on various projects. He previously consulted for a 15-year-plus period to Mayne-Wilson and Associates, leaders in conservation landscape architecture.

Often against the context of development, subdivision and rezoning, Ari keenly promotes the values and fabric of landscapes, generally, and more specifically their heritage attributes—to assist land managers and the community-at-large to better understand and appreciate the qualities of their environment.

In his conservation work, Ari specialises in documenting historic patterns of land use. He also catalogues and assesses fabric that remains valuable as part of a place's story. Development of effective curtilages, visual catchment recommendations and conservation strategies for landscapes are common in his work. Ari has prepared heritage and landscape masterplanning advice for a range of prominent urban and regional landscapes including HMAS Creswell (Jervis Bay), the Illawarra Escarpment, the Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape and the State Library of NSW.

Key experience

Heritage studies and assessments

- Yasmar House and Reserve, Conservation Management Plan—Client: BGIS on behalf of Department of Communities and Justice
- Mt Gilead—Client: Lendlease
- Holsworthy and Richmond RAAF Bases, Heritage Management Plans—Client: Aurecon on behalf of Department of Defence
- City of Ryde, Heritage Review—Client: City of Ryde
- Waverly Open Space and Recreation Strategy, Heritage Review—Client: Waverly Council (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Veteran Hall, CMP—Client: Sydney Water (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Yarranabbe Park, Heritage Study—Client: Darling Point Society (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape, CMP—Client: Waverley Council (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Spectacle Island, Heritage Study—Client: Department of Defence (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Illawarra Escarpment, Heritage Assessment—Client: Wollongong City Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)

Landscape masterplans/landscape management plans

- Mount Sinai College, Landscape Masterplan—Client: Mount Sinai College (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Carrington Park, Young, Conservation Landscape Management Plan—Client: Hilltops Council (for Insite Land Solutions)
- HMAS Albatross, Nowra, Masterplan—Client: Department of Defence (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Marsden Park Mosque, Masterplan—Client: Admadiyya Muslim Association of Australia Inc (for Insite Land Solutions)
- HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay, Masterplan—Client: Department of Defence (Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Emanuel School, Randwick, Masterplan—Client: Emanuel School (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Weekley Park, Marrickville, Masterplan—Client: Emanuel School (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)

Heritage interpretation

- Northern Beaches Art Trail—Client: Northern Beaches Council
- Veteran Hall CMP—Client: Sydney Water (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Former MGM Studio Offices, Surry Hills

Photographic

- Illawarra Escarpment, Heritage Assessment—Client: Wollongong City Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Warringah LGA, Heritage Item Register—Client: Warringah Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Kiama Dry Stone Walls Assessment and Catalogue—Client: Kiama Municipal Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)

Landscape and visual impact assessments

- Mount Victoria Great Western Highway Widening, Landscape Assessment—Client: RMS (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Blue Mountains Proposed RTA Road Corridor, Landscape Assessment—Client: RMS (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Mrs Macquarie's Scenic Lookout, Varroville, Landscape Assessment—Client: City of Campbelltown (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Ku-ring-gai Streetscape Study Landscape Assessment—Client: Ku-ring-gai Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)

Research

- Callan Park, Rozelle, CMP—Client: NSW Health/NSW Property (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Dargle Farm Fire Trail, Heritage Assessment—Client: NSW Department of Primary Industries (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Tamarama Park Land Title Investigations—Client: Waverly Council (for Insite Land Solutions)
- Victoria Barracks, Heritage Landscape Asset Schedule—Client: Department of Defence (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park—Client: Liverpool City Council (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
- Prince Alfred Park, Surry Hills—Client: City of Sydney (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)

Place making

- Clovelly Road Better Block—Steering committee member and consultant landscape architect of the Park to Pacific Association

Professional background

Special Adviser, GML Heritage, 2018–present
Principal, Insite Land Solutions, 1998–present
Head Consultant, Mayne-Wilson and Associates, 1998–2014

Qualifications

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours), University of NSW
Graduate Diploma in Heritage Conservation, University of Sydney
Diploma of Freelance Photography, Australia College of Journalism
Registered Landscape Architect – AILA

Professional affiliations/memberships

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
Australian Garden History Society
Australia ICOMOS

Awards

National Trust of Australia 2010—Tamarama: A Settlement Paradigm (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
National Trust of Australia 2000—Warringah's Ocean Rock Pools (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)
National Trust of Australia 1998—Kiama Dry Stone Walls Assessment (for Mayne-Wilson and Associates)