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The Urban Design Framework has been developed to guide the future development of the Union Court and University Avenue precinct. It is respectful of the heritage and pastoral quality of the campus and responds to the established context and connections.

The Framework is underpinned by a series of 'big ideas' that will drive the delivery of a great urban place, meets the needs and aspirations of the campus community and engage more effectively with the rest of Canberra.

1. **A learning and innovation ecology** that clusters new teaching and learning environments, innovation spaces and a signature library and learning commons around Union Court as a social focus.
2. An **urban village model** that creates a network of high quality third spaces, delivering a diversity of experiences and interactions that encourage a shared social, cultural and academic life within a vibrant network of streets and open spaces.
3. An **urban lifestyle** within a walkable mixed-use precinct that provides places of compression and aggregation in a human scale environment where buildings frame the streets.



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4. **Integrating nature** and celebrating the living systems of the site including its social heritage. Extending the natural landscape into key buildings and creating areas of recreation and contemplation.
5. **Accessible, connected and legible**, the framework establishes clear points of access and gateways, a loop road and a fine grain grid network.
6. **Extending the Griffin legacy** by strengthening the main axis of University Avenue and introducing the grid of streets and laneways that knit into the established road network.
7. **Creating destinations for campus and town** through the generous provision of cultural, recreational and programmable spaces that become a platform for events and experiences that engage the University with its community.