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CURRENT PROJECTS

Playspace Design and Documentation for Pinewood Primary School Mount Waverley, Upwey Primary School and Sassafras Primary School

We are working on three playspace design projects for primary schools through the VSBA School's Upgrade Program. Amanda Lee has prepared concepts to detail design. We have gone to tender on Pinewood, Mount Waverley and Upwey Primary Schools. Nobelius Land Surveying and Paul Grover of DMC Play are our subconsultants.

Princess Hill Secondary College, Bridgewater Primary School and Elwood Secondary College, Site Design

Through the VSBA School's Upgrade Program, our practice along with specialist subconsultants of Nobelius Land Surveying, RMG Engineers, Cardno Surveying, Peak Urban and Ecostream Irrigation Design, are assisting on particular facets at one or more of the schools.

With Elwood Secondary College, we will be re-acquainting ourselves with the Principal and Business Manager, as we undertook the preparation of the external space Masterplan in 2018 which lead to the creation of a large courtyard-gathering area in 2019. The current project is for an Arts Garden and improvement to a grassed playing field that was identified for improvement in our masterplan.

For Princess Hill Secondary College, we are to prepare documentation for resurfacing of a sports court and changing current seating and planter box arrangements.

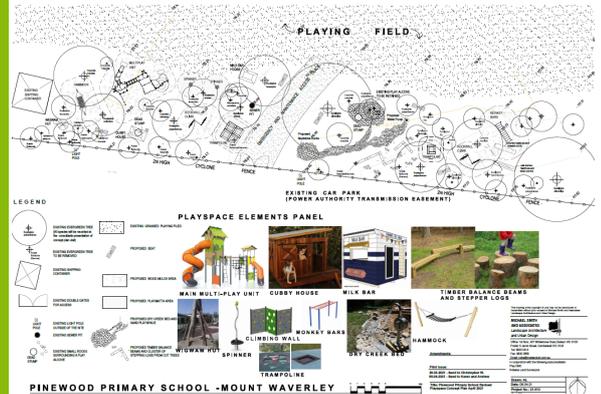
For Bridgewater Primary School, synthetic grassed surfacing is to replace an existing grassed playing field. The existing playspace will be resurfaced and possibly upgraded.

Phillips Gardens Masterplan, Maryborough

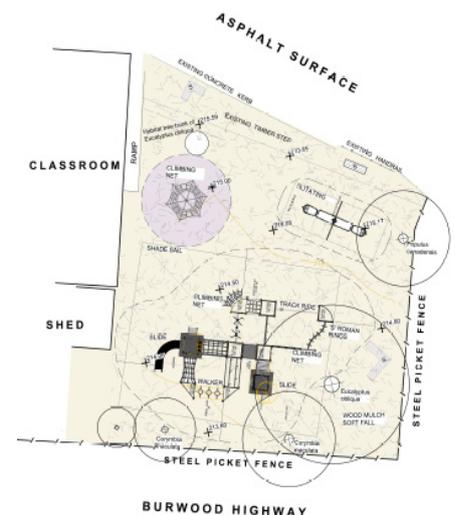
Phillips Gardens in Central Maryborough is on Central Goldfields Shire Council's Heritage Overlay and is of local significance. Amanda Lee, Michael Smith, Jeremy de Vos and Rod Wiese met Council's Project Team in early May, to review architectural and garden heritage elements including stormwater and filtration problems at the lake with respect to organic matter and sedimentation. Michael Smith and Jeremy de Vos, Architectural Heritage consultant, are reviewing the changes made in the gardens that have either diminished or enhanced their historic and botanic significance. Miranda Park prepared the bulletin/questionnaire to be issued to the community and assisted in the preparation of meeting notes and summarising the 1996 Masterplan for the Gardens. A key outcome will be to provide strategies that direct the gardens to be recognised as a botanic garden.

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Pinewood Primary School Concept Plan



Upwey Primary School Concept Plan



Photo from site visit at Phillips Gardens

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Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail, Planning and Design

Our consultant team are working on specific tasks that are necessary to obtain approvals for not only the physical layout of trail, but also for approvals to undertake geotechnical field testing including the assessment of environmental and cultural heritage values. The 2.6 kilometre length was surveyed in mid to late May. Our team is co-operating well with each other and Colac Otway Shire Council in the preparation of the approvals documentation.

Anderson Park Masterplan, Doncaster East

Our team of ten consultants attended the briefing meeting with Manningham City Council's Project Team in late May. The masterplan aims at providing guidance for the two Premier League soccer fields, as to the most appropriate surface conditions, lighting and facilities to the two Premier League soccer fields, the soccer club's expansion plans and review of environmental values of two bushland areas. Review of car parking, existing trees and the surfaces of the fields is required. There will be considerable consultation and engagement with the Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club and the surrounding community. Adrian Fernon of ASR Research will be playing a key role in the consultation process and development of strategies.

Parkdale Secondary College

We prepared concepts for the key 50x40 metre central courtyard and gathering area within the college and this was refined by Taylor Oppenheim Architects during their consultation with the College. We prepared gathering space designs that work on a series of hub-like circles of feature coloured concrete paving interwoven with bands of natural grass to areas that receive ample light and synthetic grass to shaded areas cast by buildings. Four clusters of large low timber seating platforms each with either deciduous or evergreen canopy trees are a feature within the core gathering area.

Braybrook Secondary College Auditorium and Bayswater Secondary College Masterplan

We are working closely with Workshop Architecture on these two quite different colleges and project outcomes. Braybrook Secondary College will have a major auditorium designed by Workshop Architecture with external spill out and gathering space. Bayswater Secondary College has already established a precedent for high quality external seating spaces within a series of connecting zones featuring canopy deciduous and native trees with an under-planting of exotic and indigenous plant species. The staff and principal of the school are proud of their achievements in creating the verdant spaces over the past decade. Our role is to work with Workshop Architecture to ensure the new layout with major changes to the classrooms and learning spaces follows the character established.

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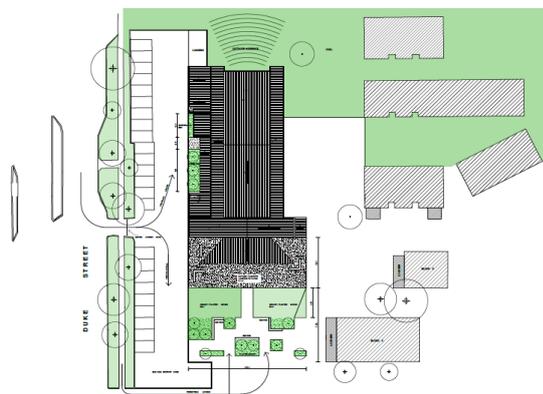
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Photo from site visit at Anderson Park



Parkdale Secondary College



Braybrook Secondary College Auditorium

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Marysville to Melbourne Iconic Walking and Cycling Trail, Feasibility Planning

Michael Smith, Peter McNabb and Miranda Park will be working on specific tasks to provide advice to the Reference Group based in Marysville, as to the group's legal incorporation, marketing, branding, social media and political contacts in order to secure grant funding to then undertake the feasibility planning to which we have been engaged.

Cobblebank Business Park

We've worked with Paul Katz and team at Katz Architecture to prepare the layout for seventy one office suites within this development at Melton. Features have been the use of indigenous trees, shrubs and ground covers.

Grampians Peaks Trail Heads

Following on from our concept designs for ten Grampians Peaks Trail Heads (camping, car parking, pick-up and drop-off mini bus parking, information shelters and trail connections) we are in the process of preparing the design development drawings. Parks Victoria has engaged our practice with subconsultants Surfcoast Surveying, AS James Geotechnical Engineers, RMG Civil and Structural Engineers and Quantum Traffic to undertake site assessments of four sites, then refine the concepts to design development for Parks Victoria to go out to tender.

The feature and levels survey has been completed at the four sites. The geotechnical soil testing will be undertaken in mid-June. Michael Smith and Pinkey Shahi will be undertaking a site reconnaissance at each to review drainage and confirm the general concept layout.

Forrest Trail Head Design

The township of Forrest is a very well known and popular destination for mountain bike riders. Recently, DELWP engaged our team to work with their project managers to improve infrastructure and services at the trail hub.

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Grampians Peaks Trail Heads - Dead Bullock Creek. One of the four sites subject to Design Development

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