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CURRENT PROJECTS

Warrandyte High School

We are working with Taylor Oppenheim Architects on the refurbishment of the central courtyard. The Architects prepared the new layout and we are currently in the process of preparing the planting plan to enable the Quantity Surveyor to prepare the cost plan.

Pinewood, Sassafras and Upwey Primary School Play-spaces

After delays due to contractors labour being affected by COVID-19 in January and mainly due to delays for supply of play apparatus and timber, Pinewood Primary School's Playspace is almost completed. Pinewood's playspace is set among 20 large native trees and 30 or so small native trees and abuts the about to be completed synthetic surfaced playing field. The school children will have a fantastic new play experience and we expect it will be difficult for teachers to get the children back in their classrooms.

Sassafras is halfway completed, the contractor is waiting on play apparatus to be manufactured, delivered and installed. Workshop Architecture is the lead consultant on this project. We met with the contractor Programmed and Principal for Upwey Primary School in mid-February and the playspace will be constructed in June and July.

Manningham City Council Street Tree Strategy

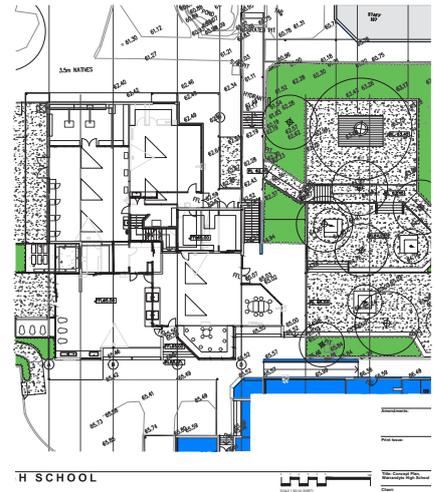
We have assessed the current character of forty three (43) precincts prepared in 2009, with the aim to where possible, consolidate precincts to assist in the broad selection of theme planting of indigenous, native or exotic species. We have consolidated the municipality to eighteen precincts, with much of Bulleen and Doncaster and sections of Donvale and East Doncaster, merged based on our assessment of streetscape character elements such as street profile, grid or curvilinear, presence or absence of power wires, underground power, allotment size, presence or absence of front fences, terrain and housing type. Homewood Consulting's Ben Kenyon and Damian Navaud are about to select streets that have numerous tree species, streets with inappropriate species, streets without trees or need strengthening to then run with the dominant tree species. Lincoln Kern of Practical Ecology and his GIS mapper Ali have mapped biodiversity corridors; two main corridors being the Yarra River and Koonung Creek and environs. Other biodiversity areas are Ruffey Creek and the green wedge zone of the eastern portion of area of Park Orchards and Warrandyte..

Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail – Planning and Design

Our team has progressed with the preparation of detailed reports and the MaCA Application of Flora and Fauna, the EPBC referral to the Commonwealth, the Geomorphological and Coastal Vulnerability Study, the Landscape Impact Assessment and the Complex Cultural Heritage Management Plan. OPS Engineers have continued with the detailed design and documentation of boardwalk and gravel trail sections, in combination of our offices work in revegetation using indigenous species, of the gravelled buffer zones and stormwater outflows to gravelled sections of the trail.

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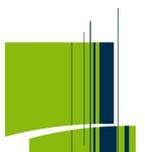


Warrandyte High School
Base Plan



Pinewood Primary School
Concept Plan

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Buloke Shire Council – RMG Engineers

Under the banner of RMG Engineers based in Bendigo, we've completed the streetscape design layouts for the townships of Sea Lake and Donald. The Art Deco arbour for Wycheproof is under the final structural engineering documentation with RMG and Commercial Systems.

Patterson River Secondary College

There are staged plans for major replacements and we are working closely with Taylor Oppenheim Architects and representatives from the secondary college on the staging and new layouts of several courtyards and corridors, including the main 40x40sqm courtyard space.

Altona North ELC Upgrades

We've completed plans for the upgrade of the Early Learning Centre playspace integrated with building layouts and pathways, working under the direction of Katz Architecture.

Beaumaris Community Arts Studio – Extension and Planning

Cohen Leigh Architects engaged our practice to assist their work in the design and documentation of a large garden area between a new car park and the refurbished and extended Beaumaris Community Arts Studio. Focus has been on the selection of coastal heathland shrubs and ground covers, we have reviewed our work with Bayside City Council of 2019-2020 for the display garden to assist with species selection for the Art Studio Garden.

Anderson Park Doncaster East - Masterplan

Manningham City Council's Project Team has worked extensively with our team's Adrian Fernon of ASR Research and our practice who have undertaken important roles and tasks for the completion of the draft masterplan following the community consultation event and community review period during January and February this year.

Loch Sport Primary School - Playspace

We are working closely with Studio B Architects and the School's Principal in preparation of sensory play elements (mounding, timber, decking, logs, mudstone, rocks and tufting plants) at their playspace area to be reworked by Omnitech.

Camberwell South Primary School

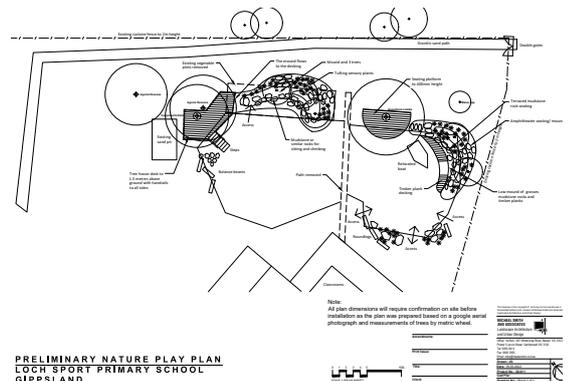
We prepared a preliminary plan of a sensory play and planting area to support the school's application for grant funding under the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Planting.

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*Anderson Park Draft
Masterplan, Doncaster East*



Lochsport Primary School

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NEW STAFF MEMBER - Hannah Shillington

Hannah Shillington has joined the practice as our Practice Support Manager. Miranda Park had been in the position for the past six years and found her doctoral studies at Monash University required full time attention. In late February, Hannah took the reigns to this important position. Hannah is currently a second year Business/Arts student at Monash University and has worked part-time retail and hospitality roles during her secondary school days. We believe Hannah's combination of Business/Arts knowledge to be of great value to the practice as well as her time management and organisational skills. Apart from the submission of tenders, Hannah has also assisted on the Apollo Bay Coastal Trail and the Phillips Garden Masterplan.



NEW STAFF MEMBER - Jasmine Geng

Jasmine has a Bachelor Degree in Wildlife Conservation and Nature Reserve Management from Beijing University, followed by a Masters of Landscape Architecture from Melbourne University. She has taken active roles in participating in Student and Alumni groups during her days as a student. Jasmine brings a focussed commitment to attending to detail in the drawing and documentation process. Jasmine is currently working on the Forrest Mountain Bike Trail Hub in the Otways for DELWP, and Tarneit Secondary College for Workshop Architecture.



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