

# MICHAEL SMITH & ASSOCIATES

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

### CURRENT MAJOR PROJECTS

#### BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL FIVE TOWNS – STREETSCAPE DESIGN

We have completed design work for the towns of Birchip, Wycheproof, Sea Lake and Charlton, leaving Donald's main street to be documented to continue the development of ornamental grape vines and establishment of a small park on the main street. We have worked closely with RMG Consulting Engineers for the past year on this project. Key elements have been an Art Deco arbor at Wycheproof, major street tree planting and major improvements to Apex Park at Sea Lake, connection to the Avoca River, improvements to Travellers Rest at Charlton and major streetscape improvements for the retail precinct in Birchip.

#### ELSTERNWICK PARK LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

Bayside City Council engaged our practice to review the opportunities to increase the amount of green planting in the southern section of the park. We met several times with Council's Biodiversity and Parks Team to discuss the extent of planting of indigenous coastal heathland trees, shrubs and ground covers. This project continues our past design work around the main lake.

#### PINEWOOD, UPWEY AND SASSAFRAS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYSPACE DESIGN, DOCUMENTATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION

We have completed the tender assessments of these three projects that we have prepared playspace designs for. We are waiting for the VSBA to confirm the appointment of contractors before we proceed with the contract administration for each playspace.

#### ELWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Pinkey Shahi and Michael Smith have worked on several concepts for the arts display area. The college settled on a performance stage and an amphitheatre area with space for artworks to be displayed. We've worked with the Principal and Business Manager to obtain the best possible outcome for the college. Some senior students were involved in the preparation of ideas through model making and in the review of the concepts selected.

#### PRINCESS HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE

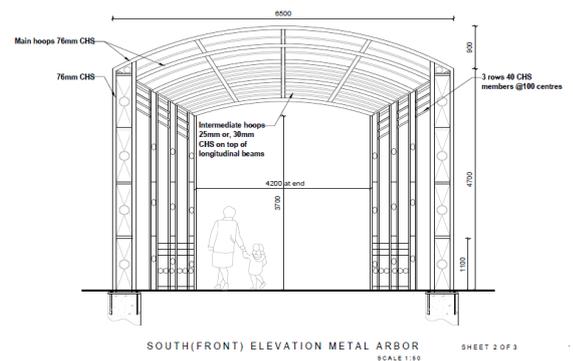
A feature of the college is the grounds availability and integration with the local community. The college allows locals to use the basketball court and seating facilities. Some of the improvements are on the former footpath and road reserves of Arnold and Paterson Streets. The college has taken considerable interest in the preparation of the concept layout through design development to contract documentation of the replacement basketball court, replacement trees and seats. RMG Civil and Structural Engineers has prepared the civil design for the sports court access ramps and paved surfaces. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions have put the tender procurement process on hold.

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MSA team photo



Wycheproof Arbor



Elsternwick Park Key Planting Areas

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### PAYNES ROAD, MELTON COMMUNITY HUB AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

We are in the process of working with Hede Architects and Melton City Council on the preparation of the playspace for the early learning centre and the landscape design for the community hub and car park.

### HIGHLANDS NORTH COMMUNITY PARK, CRAIGIE-BURN

As a subconsultant to the lead consultant Peak Urban, Angelica Wang recently prepared the concept plans for both junior and senior play-space layouts. Fitness apparatus, the running track and a large skate park will be key attractions for locals to use.

### APOLLO BAY TO SKENES CREEK COASTAL TRAIL

Our consultant team has worked to prepare information for the approval of the Marine and Coastal Act covering the geotechnical boreholes, the concept design for the trail, the feature and levels survey, the Cultural Heritage Management Plan and the Flora and Fauna assessment. Future work includes the community consultation event, the extraction of geotechnical boreholes and preparation of the MaCA application covering the town planning permit application for the entire trail. Once the geotechnical field testing and reporting is completed, OPS engineering consultants and Pinkey Shahi, Michael Smith, Dale Simpson and Jeff Robinson will prepare the detailed design and documentation of this very complex trail route.

### CAMBERWELL SOUTH AND ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAY SPACE DOCUMENTATION

We are currently preparing the refined concept layout plans into the design documentation work with the lead consultant Cohen Leigh Architects, who won the tender for the design and documentation of the two schools. Amanda Lee and Michael Smith are working closely with Clem Leigh and representatives from both schools. Key outcomes are providing accessibility compliant paths and pods, a cocoon and wigwam, a conversation pit and musical percussion items at Camberwell South.

### THREE RECREATION RESERVES, MARYBOROUGH MASTERPLAN

We are about to undertake the analysis of three active sports reserves in central Maryborough to assist Otium Planning in their preparation of the masterplans. Vivian Lam and Michael Smith will undertake the site analysis of the reserve once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

### KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

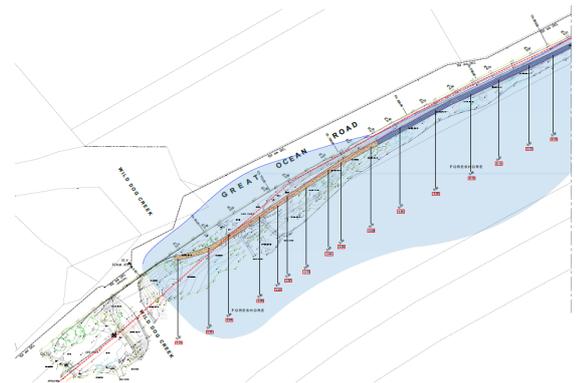
Workshop Architecture engaged our practice to provide site design expertise to contribute to their masterplan. While Michael Smith was on site, the two-story 1910 brick building withstood the earthquake on 23rd September. We are to prepare a sketch concept for inclusion into a report on the opportunities and concepts.

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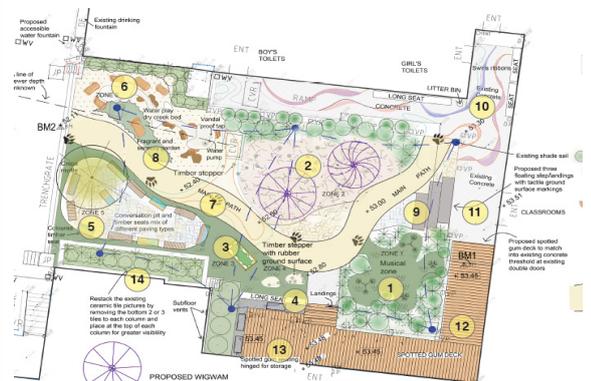
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Paynes Road Community Hub Concept Plan



Section of Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Trail



Camberwell South Concept Layout Plan

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### J.W. THOMSON PARK, DONCASTER

We met with Council's Open Space Coordinator and a parks representative on site just north of Doncaster Shoppingtown. Manningham City Council has acquired a residence and will remove the house to punch a connection through the existing park to facilitate a wonderful connection between Westfield and residential areas to the east. We will be preparing a context plan using an aerial photograph and superimposing park improvements and a pathway through the residential property area.

### PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE

Vivian Lam and Michael Smith met the Principal and Michael Taylor of Taylor Oppenheim Architects at the college to discuss the main building replacements. Several sections of the college will undergo major change, more than a refurbishment.

### FORREST MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL HEAD IMPROVEMENTS

Our team of subconsultants met with DELWP representatives on site and we prepared concept plans for the existing facilities and the new facilities. A key component has been to separate stage one to stage two components based on function and cost plans which David Harlock prepared.

### ANDERSON PARK, DONCASTER EAST MASTERPLAN

ASR Research's Adrian Fernon has prepared the masterplan report with input from our office. We are about to present the Draft Key Directions plan we've prepared.

### MANNINGHAM STREETScape PLANTING POLICY

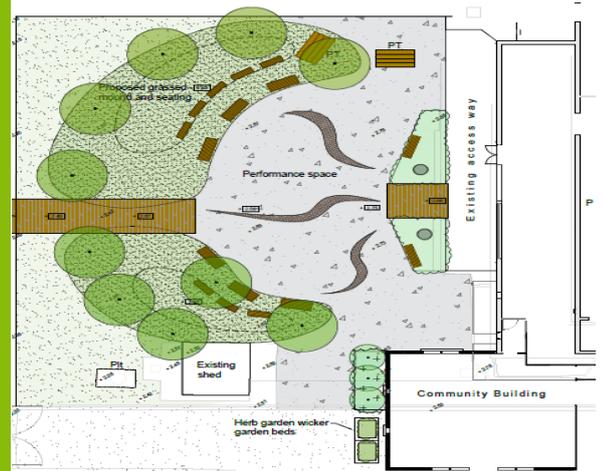
We received exciting news in late September that our practice and subconsultant team of Homewood Consulting and Practical Ecology have been awarded the strategic planning for Manningham's Streetscape. The project calls on urban design analysis, definition of urban forest principles, arboriculture and selection of street tree species. Pinkey Shahi, Michael Smith and Miranda Park will be working on the project.

### NEW STAFF MEMBER - CRAIG LAND

A warm welcome to Craig Land, who recently joined the team at MSA as the Practice Support Officer two days per week. Craig holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class I) and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland, and recently relocated to Melbourne to live with his partner and complete postgraduate study at the University of Melbourne. He is experienced in the drafting and editing of formal documents from previous roles in different parts of the legal industry, and brings this high level of organisation and professionalism to his current work with the practice. Craig will be working closely with Michael Smith and Miranda Park, the Practice Support Manager, in the preparation of major tender submissions and other reports across a wide range of the firm's projects.

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