

HOME CENTRE, PAKENHAM

Collie was appointed by Leamac Pty Ltd (in a joint venture between McMullin Group and Parklea) to provide planning services in relation to a new bulky goods centre adjacent to the Pakenham Bypass, Pakenham.

The substantial and vacant site is to be developed with five freestanding buildings, 1,733 car parking spaces, an open play area, landscaping, access and delivery components and other associated works. The total floor space of the development is in excess of 51,546 square metres which will be occupied by a mix of restricted retail and trade supplies along with three convenience restaurants.

Collie involvement has comprised planning advice on the initial design and expected planning process, preparation and submission of the planning permit application, preliminary meetings with Cardinia Shire Council and continuing facilitation of the planning process.

For more information about this project please contact Edwina Laidlaw on 03 8698 9300 or email exl@colliepl.com.au



BLUESTONE GREEN



Collie has been involved in the provision of landscape architect services for the design and documentation of Bluestone Green, a residential estate in Wyndhamvale. The site is approximately 108 hectares and will comprise more than 1250 dwellings when complete.

Integral to the recently completed entry area is the exploration of the relationship between public art and the landscape. The entry landscape comprises a wetland, viewing platforms, a playground, mature peppercorn trees, custom designed furniture and the public art 'threshold elements' (pictured). Along with the development of design concepts and documentation Collie has enjoyed an ongoing role in the construction phase of the project.

For more information about this project please contact Tim Sturmfels on 03 8698 9300 or email tms@colliepl.com.au

WATERWAYS - ARGYLE

Over the last twelve months or more, Collie has assisted Mirvac in obtaining its planning approval for the development of about 145 dwellings on a prominent part of the Waterways development, on the south west corner of Sprigvale and Governor Roads, Waterways. The project is interesting as it brings to Waterways a variation in residential density and thus greater variety in urban form over the development as a whole. The project involved Mirvac in significant road / lot / open space layout and dwelling design work and assessment to show how siting and design objectives and standards (clause 55 application) had been considered and addressed.

Development is expected to commence on site in late 2007 or early 2008. For more information about this project please contact Mike Collie on 03 8698 9300 or email mjsc@colliepl.com.au.



SKELETON CREEK REHABILITATION WORKS

Since works began in 1999, Collie has been involved in the management of rehabilitation works at Skeleton Creek in Wyndham Shire.

As a result of urban expansion, overgrazing and a history of poor land management, prior to rehabilitation works commencing, Skeleton Creek was a neglected area with limited indigenous vegetation, numerous environmental weeds and a large rabbit population.

The rehabilitation works involved incremental weed control, ecological burn processes and direct seeding of indigenous plant species to transform a weed infested landscape into a sustainable and bio-diverse urban grassland habitat. Further to the environmental and social benefits, this response has proved to be an economically viable solution with a decline in yearly maintenance requirements.

For more information relating to this project please call Victoria Sharp on 03 8698 9300 or email vls@colliepl.com.au.



STAFF PROFILE - EDWINA LAIDLAW



Edwina Laidlaw joined Collie in January 2007 following two years at the City of Stonington as well as prior experience in private practice.

As a Senior Statutory Planner in local government, Edwina was involved in a variety of complex projects which involved the management and co-ordinating of a range of stakeholders, including developers, residents and various statutory bodies.

Other areas of expertise include site analysis and assessment, planning permit application lodgement, development approval / statutory planning, community consultation and mediation, urban design, clause 54 and 55 assessments, planning scheme amendments, preparation and presentation at VCAT, strategic planning / policy assessment and project management.

For advice on any of the above contact Edwina Laidlaw on 03 8698 9300 or email exl@colliepl.com.au

COLLIE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

As a Company of planners, designers and landscape architects we are very aware of environmental issues and of the impact and influence which we have on the world around us.

We believe that it is important that we do our part to help the environment - not only in terms of the projects we work on and the advice we give our clients but also in terms of the way we do things as a Company. In various editions of the coll-e-bulletin we highlight therefore something which we are doing in this area. We hope that our ideas and initiatives inspire other organisations to do similar things.

Did you know that more than half of all Collie staff cycle to and from work each day (even during winter!). Cycling is an easy way to stay fit and healthy and also helps to reduce the emission of toxins and pollutants into the environment.

(Rumors that Collie staff have been issued with 'corporate lycra' are untrue).



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