

# collie-bulletin

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER

'Variation from existing neighbourhood character' is often a reason for Councils refusing contemporary architecture in the inner and middle ring suburbs of Melbourne. Collie however, has been involved in gaining a permit for a well planned proposal that demonstrates how high quality contemporary design that respects the surrounding area can make a positive contribution to the neighbourhood.



Collie worked with architect Darren Naftal to produce an energy efficient house design in Malvern that maximises use of orientation of the lot. The project has resulted in an excellent urban design outcome and shows clearly the benefits of architect and planner/ urban designer working together.

For further information about any residential/ planning issues or about this project, contact **Fiona Munn** at [flm@colliepl.com.au](mailto:flm@colliepl.com.au).

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS) ACT 2004

Changes are proposed to the Planning and Environment Act regarding development contributions.

In summary, the amendments include:

- increasing the community infrastructure levy cap to \$900 per dwelling;
- enabling State agencies, in addition to municipal councils, to directly collect and administer development contribution levies;
- providing for the preparation of a development contributions plan using a pre-set schedule of levies which are to be set under a Ministerial Direction;
- clarifying the use of planning permit conditions for the provision of or payment for, works, services or facilities necessitated by a development proposal.

For further information about development contributions and their impact on your development or on changes, contact **Michael Collie** at [mjsc@colliepl.com.au](mailto:mjsc@colliepl.com.au).

## ART IN THE LANDSCAPE



The landscape team at Collie believes public artworks deserve to be in all landscapes rather than just in major public projects. At Naree Naree Park, a local park for the City of Moreland in Oak Park, the team at Collie designed an innovative and informative sculptural element in the form of half of a Sheoke cone, reflecting one of the original plants on the land. A local artist was then commissioned to make the art piece. This is one of many urban art elements being designed by Collie that extend the client brief and add value to these projects by engaging the park users.



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## NEW PLAYGROUND STANDARDS



Late in 2004 a new Australian Standard (AS 4685.1-2004) was introduced relating to playgrounds, replacing the ageing standard published in 1981. The Collie team enjoys the challenge of designing and administering the development of new play spaces. A number are currently 'on the drawing board' - all of which are being designed in accordance with the new standards. When these standards come into force later in 2005, the Collie projects will demonstrate how the new standards and playground safety are being implemented.

For further information about the new playground Australian Standard contact **Mark Frisby** at [mbf@colliepl.com.au](mailto:mbf@colliepl.com.au).

## MS 24 HOUR MEGA-SWIM

The 'Collie Dugongs' put in a huge effort to swim more than 67 kilometres and raise over \$8,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Victoria in the annual 24 Hour MS Mega Swim.

Enthusiastically led by urban planner Angela Fetterplace, the Dugongs broke their pre-race targets.



Many thanks to all of our supporters for their assistance and encouragement. And special mention to urban planners Andrew Duggan, Fiona Munn and Fiona van der Hoeven for swimming the 'graveyard shift' in the middle of the night.

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## coll-e-bulletin QUIZ 2: WHERE IS THIS?

Another of Melbourne's well known icons.

Where is it? - find out in the next coll-e-bulletin.

The answer to Quiz 1 in our first edition is Olympic Village, West Heidelberg. Collie was involved in the planning and design of the refurbishment of this area that the athletes called home during the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.



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