

**PLANNING AURORA**

Collie has been involved in the VicUrban 'Aurora' development for a number of years now. Aurora is approximately 20 kilometres north of the Melbourne CBD, in Epping North and comprises about 630 hectares of land. Key features of the proposed development are the proximity of housing to neighbourhood shops, schools, public transport and parklands, and the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources including energy and water.

Construction and resident occupation of 'Part 1' of Aurora is already well underway. Recently, a number of key planning milestones were achieved in respect of the remaining Aurora land, which is known as 'Part 2'. In particular, rezoning of the land occurred late last year and was followed closely by the approval of a Development Plan. Collie has been integral to these recent achievements and has a continuing role in the project in terms of providing strategic advice and the coordination of various planning permit applications. For further information about Aurora contact Aran Barker ([awb@colliepl.com.au](mailto:awb@colliepl.com.au)).

**COLLIE DUGONGS MS 24HR MEGA SWIM**

For the fifth year, the 'Collie Dugongs' has participated in the MS 24-Hour Mega Swim which took place on 8 / 9 February. The event raises money for multiple sclerosis and the Dugongs have been very active with its fundraising - hosting movie nights, organising wine sales and selling home baked cakes / biscuits along with confectionery.

The Collie Dugongs swam 62.2 kilometres and raised approximately \$9,000. The overall event raised over \$160,000.

To all of you that helped the team, either by donating money or taking time to drop into Fitzroy Pool over the 24 hours to cheer on the Dugongs, we thank you. For further information contact Julian Voller ([jrv@colliepl.com.au](mailto:jrv@colliepl.com.au)).

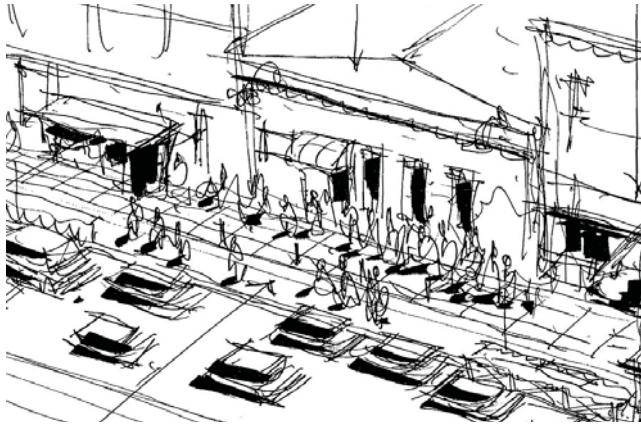
**STAFF PROFILE CHRISTIAN LUNDH**

Since arriving in Australia in 2000 Christian has gained experience and knowledge of the Australian landscape. Through the Master of Landscape Architecture from Sweden, additional studies at the University of Melbourne and practical work experience in the nursery and landscaping industry, Christian has come to know the local people and environment.

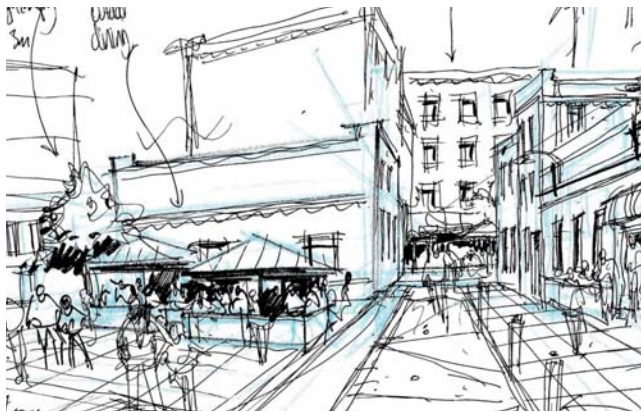
Christian brings to Collie knowledge of European landscape architecture and a Scandinavian sense of design and environmental thinking. With keen interest in Australian flora, Christian enjoys working on projects that enable him to utilise his knowledge to create environmentally sustainable solutions in contemporary landscape architecture.



## STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DESIGN GUIDELINES LICENSED PREMISES



The strategic planning team at Collie is finalising design guidelines for safer licensed premises (The Guidelines) in the Melbourne inner city for and on behalf of the Department of Justice. The brief for developing the Guidelines was part of a wider suite of recommendations issued by the Inner City Entertainment Precincts Taskforce (established in 2003 by the then Victorian Minister for Police and Emergency Services). The purpose of the Guidelines developed by Collie is to improve safety for patrons and staff of licensed premises through careful consideration of the physical environment.



The Guidelines outline design and layout responses to address issues of anti-social behaviour and violence. They also incorporate design and layout responses to minimise amenity impacts (for example, noise, litter, vandalism) on adjacent properties. The strategic planning team is also working with the Collie urban designers / landscape architects to depict ideas which will assist interpretation of the Guidelines. For further information contact Alana Macwhirter (afm@colliepl.com.au).

## ENVIRONMENT COLLIE FLOWER

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.

We have a practice at Collie that everyone turns off their computer and computer monitor before they go home at night. Monitors use almost as much energy when they are on 'standby' as when they are switched fully on - so switching them off is an easy and effective way of reducing energy consumption. Anyone who breaks the rule is automatically deducted one day annual leave entitlement.

(PS. the practise really exists - but we're only joking about the penalty!)

