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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

Central to the Collie approach to design is the delivery of environmentally and ecologically valuable landscapes. In Bundoora, Collie landscape architects initiated and facilitated the extensive consultation process with local, state and federal stakeholders required to reserve a remnant of the endangered Plains Grassy Woodland ecosystem and establish a population of the nationally significant Matted Flax-lily. Complex issues surround not only the protection (both physical and legal) but management and restoration of these remnants so that the ultimate manager, usually the local council, is able to manage sustainably the values of the area.



Collie has the skills and experience to lead the process of consultation to achieve approvals, manage costs and produce a sustainable future maintenance regime while protecting and enhancing the values, biodiversity and natural processes that are or were once present. Our experience has been that the ecological (and archeological) values of these highly sensitive areas have been protected and enhanced at a lower capital expenditure than a 'typical' landscape treatment.



RETAIL PLANNING

Retail planning is more than just shopping centres. Collie has recently assisted in the planning approval for a large restricted retail and trade supplies development in Lilydale. Yarra Ranges Shire Council issued a permit in April and the development is now in the early stages of construction. The 1.7 hectares site will be developed predominantly for trade supplies (including a garden centre) use with a floor area of 4,500 square metres. The total floor area of the development is 7,475 square metres. Collie was involved in addressing planning, traffic, drainage and landscape considerations relating to the site.



PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORT

DSE has released 'Permit Activity Reporting in Victoria 2003 / 2004' outlining planning permit application trends in Victoria. The following are some highlights.

- In the year to 30 June 2004, there were 54,788 planning permit applications, of which 33,545 (61 per cent) were in metropolitan Melbourne.
- In the 'use and development' categories in the report, applications in Victoria mainly related to 'residential alterations and additions' (19.3 per cent) and 'subdivision only' (19.1 per cent).

- In metropolitan Melbourne the highest number of planning permit applications were received by: Mornington Peninsula (2, 983); Yarra Ranges (2,092); Port Phillip (1,689); and Yarra (1,526).
- A total of 3,686 appeals were lodged with VCAT in 2003 / 2004 (less than 7% of total applications).
- Of the 3,686 appeals lodged, 3,001 (81.5 per cent of appeals) related to land in metropolitan Melbourne.
- The municipalities in metropolitan Melbourne with the highest proportion of applications going to VCAT were: Boroondara (17 per cent); Stonnington (15 per cent); Yarra (15 per cent); Darebin (14 per cent); and Melton (14 per cent).
- Mornington Peninsula with the highest number of planning permit applications had one of the lowest appeal rates, with only 7 per cent of applications going to VCAT.

RICHARD GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

2005 is the second year Richard Howell has been a guest lecturer and tutor in the design studio, *Designing the Middle Landscape* at the University of Melbourne. The subject provides landscape architect, architect and urban planning students with an introduction to the theory and application of the design of neighbourhoods including an exploration of strategic and open space planning, social and environmental issues. The subject also teaches students research, graphic and verbal presentation skills. Richard is able to provide the students with a practitioners perspective and as a project director has been involved in numerous residential and community planning and design projects in his ten years of practice. Richard's involvement reflects the Collie commitment to contribute to the development of industry excellence.



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A veggie oasis in the middle of the city...

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



The answer to the last quiz is Waverley Park. The grandstand shown is to be retained as part of Mirvac's redevelopment of the former AFL football headquarters as a new 1500-lot residential community. Collie provided specialist planning and urban design advice as part of the project team.

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