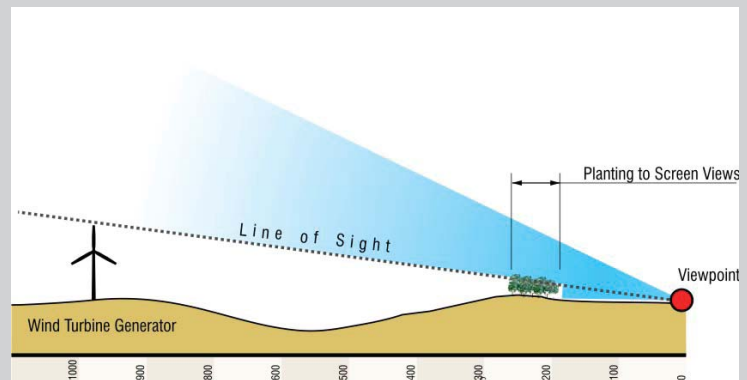


## WAUBRA WIND FARM

The Waubra Wind Farm project involves the construction and operation of 128 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure in Waubra. The wind farm is located over two Municipalities; the Shires of Pyrenees and City of Ballarat approximately 22 and 35 kilometres respectively northwest of Ballarat. The site is a range of hills and plateaux of predominately cleared agricultural land. When complete the 192 megawatt wind farm will be the second largest wind farm in Victoria after the Portland Wind Energy project.

Collie was engaged by Acciona Energy (Oceania) Pty Ltd to provide landscape architecture services to satisfy the provisions of the planning permit. As a condition of approval a number of residential properties (identified within the permit conditions) are to be provided with landscaping or screening to reduce the visual impact of the development. In addition the four substations associated with the wind farm are to have screening landscaping.

Collie is finalising a Landscape and Visual Screening Plan report and drawings for each substation and nominated property, for submission to the Minister for Planning. The drawing opposite illustrates the proposed landscape and how it will be used to mitigate views from properties to the wind turbines and substations. Works have included consultation with land owners, site analysis and investigation, research into background material and negotiations with relevant authorities. Community involvement has been critical in the process to ensure the proposed landscape best addresses the concerns of each land owner regarding minimising the visual impact of the wind farm.



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## ST HILDA'S COLLEGE

St Hilda's College (the College) is affiliated with The University of Melbourne (the University) and the first students (women only) took up residence in 1964. In 1973, the College was the first at the University to become co-educational. Over the past ten years, the College has been upgrading its buildings and facilities. It has now identified a need to provide accommodation appropriate for resident tutors and senior undergraduates, to achieve a greater balance in the academic community of the College. The land for the College was created by excising part of the original Queen's College site and it is thus significantly smaller than the majority of the other colleges affiliated with the University.

Collie was engaged by the College to work with its project team in the preparation of a planning permit application to construct and use a five-storey residential building on the site of an existing building at the College. Following liaison with Melbourne City Council officers and representatives of the University, Queen's College, Ormond College, the Centre for Theology and Ministry and the Uniting Church in Australia, a planning permit (with only four conditions) was granted within 3.5 months of lodgement of the application! The College is one of an increasing number of educational and institutional organisations recognising the benefit of Collie involvement in the master planning and redevelopment of their sites.

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## SKELETON CREEK RECREATION NODE

Resting places and destinations are important features of recreation trails. Collie worked with Wyndham City Council to create a contemporary recreation space along Skeleton Creek. The design uses the existing land form to create vantage points over the surrounding landscape. A shelter, picnic setting and playground, promote activity within the node. The design of the path network addresses pedestrian movement through the space and creates links into existing recreation trails. Collie prepared the design documentation and administered the landscape contract for the project. In addition Collie prepared images and information for community consultation on the recreation node.



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Our walls are quaking and the floor is shaking! Our ears are filled with the sweet hum of drills and our stairs are becoming acquainted with the steel capped boots of seemingly hundreds of tradesmen. It has started! The Collie offices are being transformed into a haven of smooth surfaces, beautiful colours and best of all, our very own plumbed coffee machine. Work on all three levels is predicted to be completed by the end of September. Come in and have a peek, our barista (the Collie staff member who drinks the most coffee) will be primed and ready to test their talent!

### coll-e-bulletin QUIZ: WHERE IS IT?

On the reptile theme! Is it extinct?  
Where can you find these skeletal remains?  
Find out in the next coll-e-bulletin.



To answer the last quiz. This friendly fella can be found in the Lancaster Gate playground. At around four metres long he can carry little and big kids on his back! Joining him are a number of other native animals to keep our play spaces alive with fun. Collie is engaged as the landscape architects and planners for the project.



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