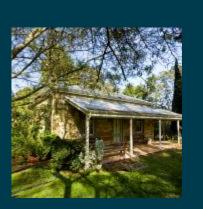




Bolin Bolin Billabong Wetland Project – Design Challenges for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Bolin Bolin Billabong

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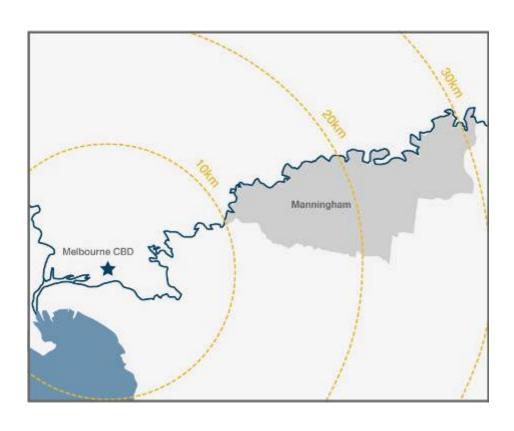
Agenda

- 1. Introduction Nick Andrewes (GHD)
- 2. Project Context (5) Lachlan Johnson (MCC)
- 3. Design Challenges (16) Nick Andrewes (GHD)
- 4. Current Design Status (3) Lachlan Johnson (MCC)





Project Context – Manningham Council (1-5)

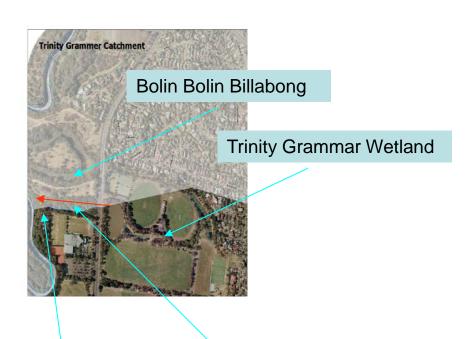


- Includes the suburbs of Doncaster, Templestowe, Bulleen, Donvale, Park Orchards & Wonga Park
- 115,847 Residents
- 114 km2
- 15km from the Melbourne CBD





Project Context – Catchment (2-5)



Undersized Outfall

Catchment Outlet – Yarra River

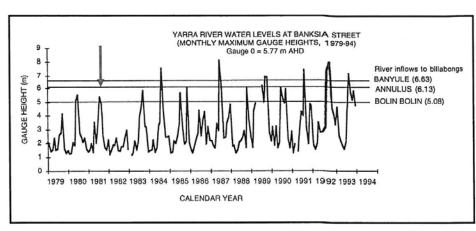
- Bulleen Catchment Developed in the 1960s – Lack of overland flow paths.
- Council invested ~\$7M (10 years) in diverting 100 year ARI flows to the lower reaches of the catchment (Trinity Grammar land).
- Council invested ~\$400K in the construction of a wetland inside Trinity Grammar.
- Outfall from Trinity Grammar to the Yarra River flows through Parks Victoria managed Crown Land adjacent to the Billabong – current outfall capacity significantly undersized and causing flooding of Trinity land.
- Council has obligation to Trinity Grammar to resolve 'outfall issue'.





Project Context – Bolin Bolin Billabong (3-5)



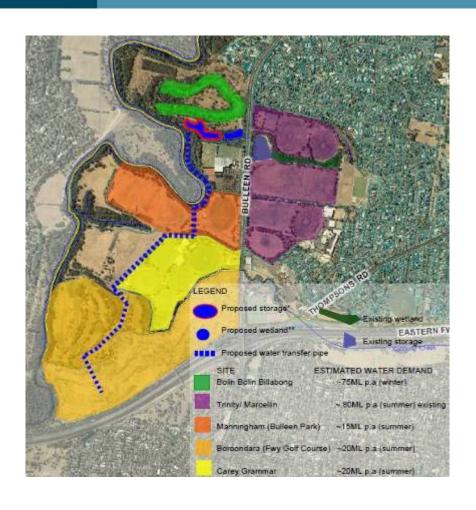


- Highly culturally significant to the Wurundjeri people.
- Highly significant ecological values 'is the best preserved (floodplain) communities in the region' (Dodo, 2010)
- Yarra inundation normally occurs every 9 months
- Billabong has suffered a dramatic biodiversity downturn due to reduced inflows from the Yarra River, particularly exacerbated by drought;
- Dodo Environmental Report 2010, examined options for rehabilitating the Billabong.
- Report found that utilising local stormwater would be the most feasible option, provided high quality could be achieved.
- The Billabong needs stormwater, Council needs an outfall from the local catchment.





Project Context – Integrated Outcome (4-5)

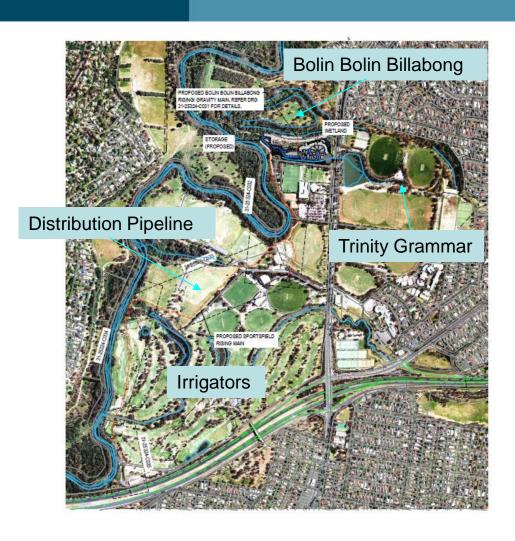


- Billabong requires inflows during winter (4 months)
- Area shared with numerous irrigators who currently draw from the Yarra River.
- Council unable to fund capital expenditure for the expanded project scope without assistance.
- Solution: Enable irrigators to draw from the system during the summer months provided they contribute towards the capital expenditure for the whole system.
- Water balance modelling verified that summer-winter split arrangement is viable.





Project Context – Concept (5-5)



4 objectives:

- Bolin Bolin Billabong rehabilitation;
- Bulleen catchment drainage outfall;
- Improve the quality of stormwater; and
- Provide alternative source of water for irrigation.
- Project Funding Partners:
 - Melbourne Water;
 - Manningham City Council;
 - The City of Boroondara;
 - Carey Grammar School; and
 - The Commonwealth
 Government of Australia
 (Melbourne WaSSH).



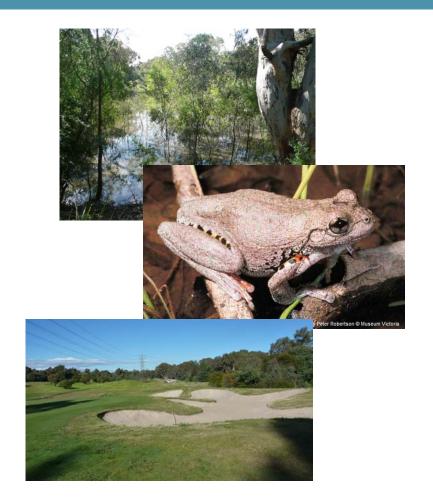


Bolin Bolin Wetland Project

Bolin Bolin Wetland Project an Opportunity to design an Integrated Water Cycle Management solution.

Multifunctional asset:

- Reduced flooding;
- Provision of an alternative water supply;
- Improved water quality;
- Rehabilitation of natural systems;
- Rehabilitation of a culturally significant site; and
- Enhanced regional liveability.







Section Overview

- Design Context (3)
 - Project Timeline
 - Project Relationships & Communication
 - Design Team
- Design Outcomes (4)
 - Key elements
 - System Performance
- Technical Challenges (6)
 - Site constraints
 - Water Quality Objectives
 - Stormwater Harvesting
 - Flood Mitigation

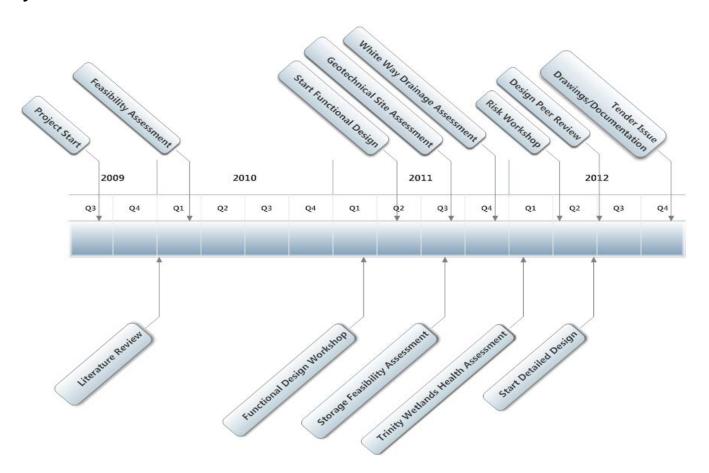






Design Context (1-3)

Key Events & Milestones

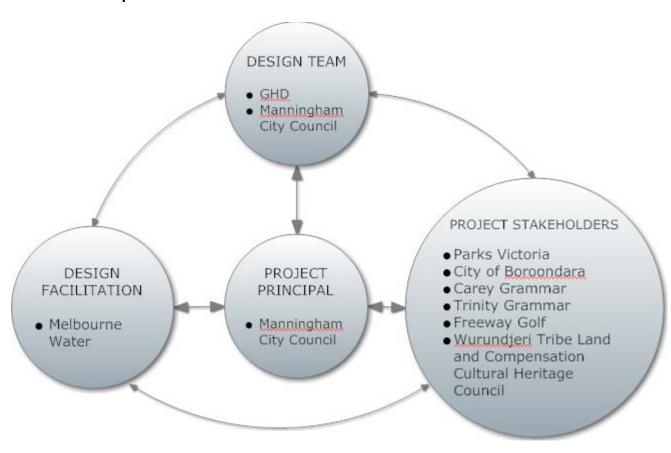






Design Context (2-3)

Project Relationships & Communication

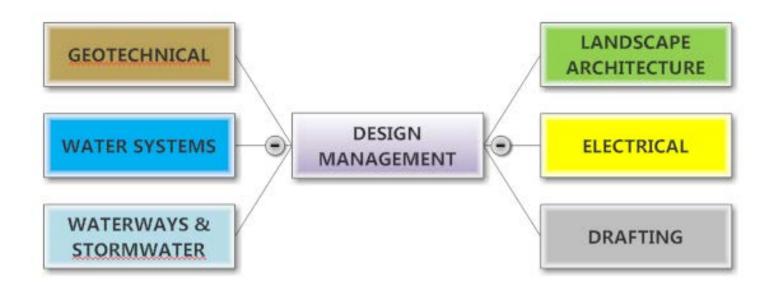






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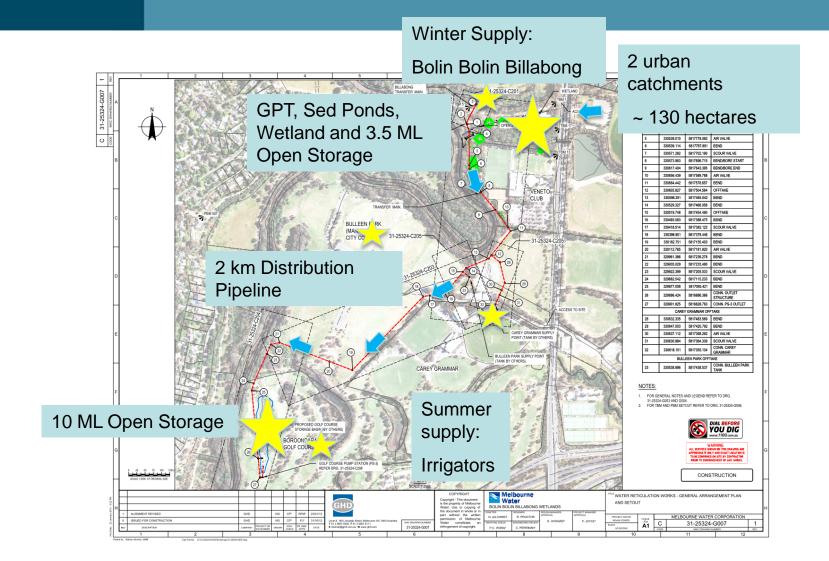
Design Team







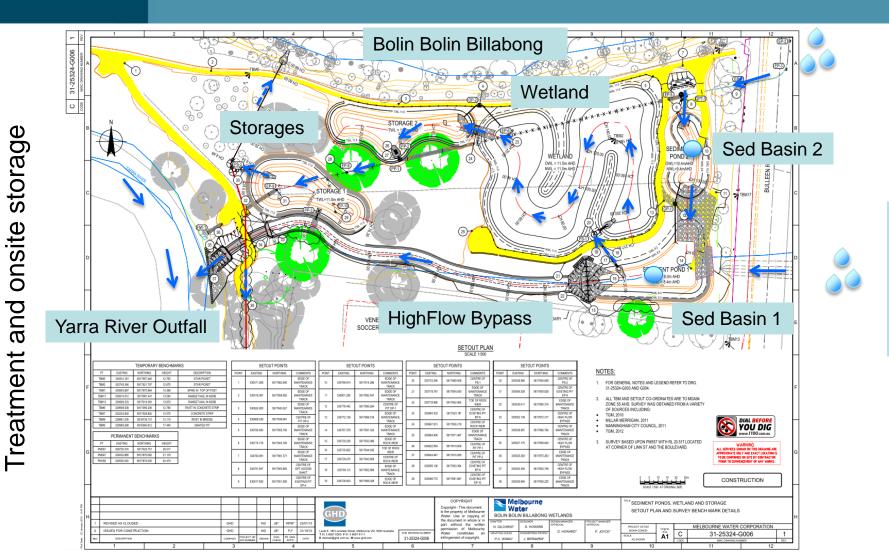
Design Function(1-4)







Design Function(2-4)







Design Function(3-4)

System Performance

Water Supply (based on 2000 – 2005 rainfall record)

- Billabong 42 ML/yr
- Sports Field and Golf Course Irrigation - 39 M/yr

Water Quality

(including upstream Trinity Wetlands Treatment)

- 94.4 % reduction in TSS
- 80.3 % reduction in TP
- 59.7 % reduction in TN



Trinity Wetlands 35 ML storage (21/10/2011)





Design Function(4-4)

System Performance

- Flooding frequency from local catchment events reduced from < 1 year ARI to 20 year ARI
- Rehabilitate the Bolin Bolin Wetland by introducing a more natural inundation regime
- Additional liveability benefits
- Capital Cost \$3.8 M



Outlet to Bulleen culverts (27/11/2010)





Technical Challenges (1-5)

Site Constraints

- Geotechnical
 - Hydraulically conductive sand lenses
- Small site footprint
- River Red Gums
- Yarra River Flooding

Design Outcome

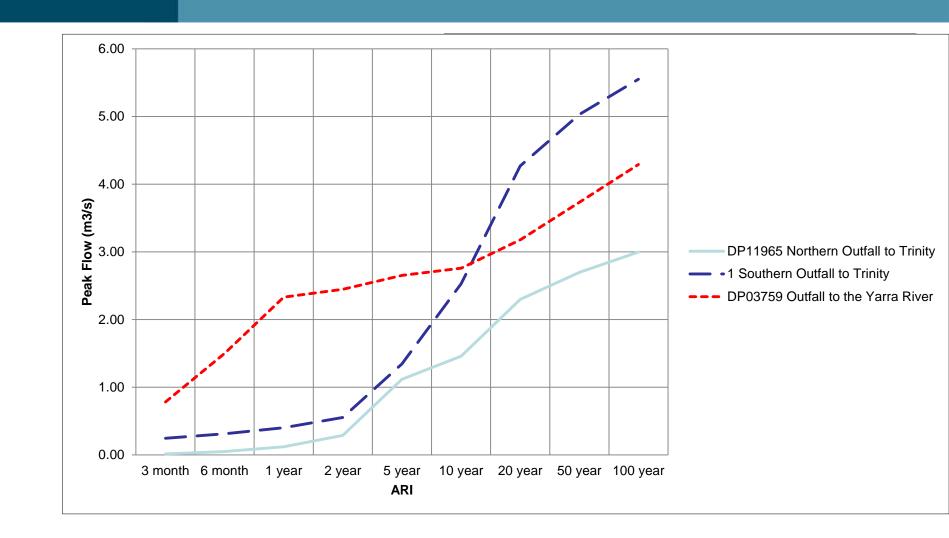
- Pump Based System
- Challenges in satisfying water quality and yield requirements.
- Improved cut/fill balance
- Higher OPEX

- Location of equipment above Yarra flood levels
- Design shaped to protect environmentally significant trees





Technical Challenges (2-5)



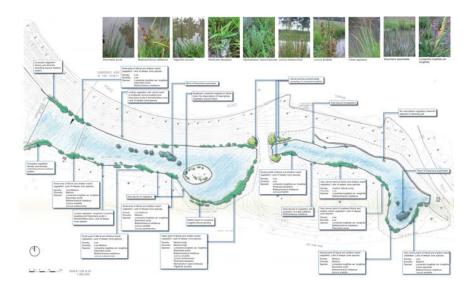




Technical Challenges (3-5)

<u>System Challenge – Water Quality</u>

- Adaptation of the upstream treatment train at Trinity Grammar
 - Modification of bathymetry to provide benching and allow macrophyte zonation.
 - Formalise extended detention depth.





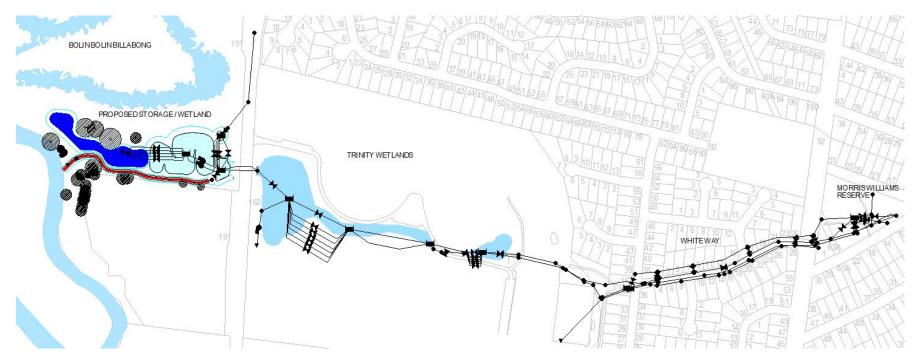


Technical Challenges (5-5)

Modelling Approach

Progressed from a water balance spreadsheet to incorporate a range of industry models:

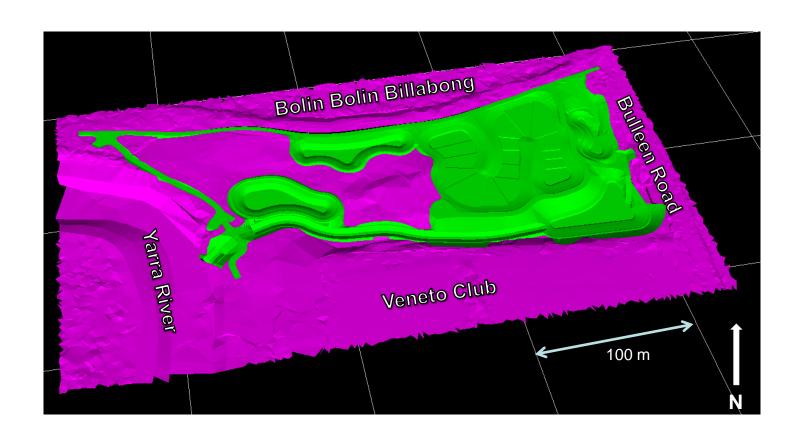
MUSIC, EPA SWMM, H2O MAP, HECRAS







Bolin Bolin Wetland Project - Design







Current Project Status – Revised Objectives (1-3)



- Department of Sustainability & Environment have advised with the drought breaking their preference is for Yarra River extractions to be used to fill the Billabong;
- Reduced water quality objectives (no longer dictated by Billabong requirements);
- Reduced quantum of stormwater to be harvested;
- Capital shortfall (confirmed by tender process);
- Maintenance & Operational cost shortfall;





Current Project Status – Revised Objectives (2-3)



- Project to proceed given it is still appealing to irrigators and to Council to achieve their respective outcomes;
- Reductions in scope due to changed Billabong objectives provide an opportunity to address:
 - Capital shortfall;
 - Maintenance & Operational shortfall; and
 - Improve constructability.





Current Project Status – Project Redesign (3-3)



- Project to be redesigned to fit within new scope:
 - No longer supply Billabong with harvested stormwater;
 - Supply water at 'fit for purpose' quality for irrigation;
 - Reduce the quantum of harvested stormwater (50% reduction);
 - Reduce capital costs;
 - Reduce operational costs;
 - Maintain irrigator supply probability;
 - Maintain flood conveyance capacity; and
 - Maintain IWCM philosophy objectives.