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CURRENT PROJECTS:

WOOLAMAI TO NYORA RAIL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

We have completed the draft report and core members of our team presented the key findings and Opinion of Probable Costs to Council's Project Team in early October. We are in the process of finalising the report with inclusion of the Business Case prepared by Urban Enterprise and Peter Tesdorpf, and making adjustments to our plans. Bass Coast Shire Council and South Gippsland Shire Council have engaged our practice to organise several additional studies and research within RDV's funding program. These have been for advice on biosecurity, levels and survey by a drone flyover, soil testing, a certain boundary re-establishment, hydrology and catchment management, pedestrian and cyclist counters, and desktop study of the population of the Gippsland Giant Earthworm along the proposed trail corridor.

When all of the above studies and information have been completed, we will complete the final report.

FLAGSTAFF APARTMENTS - ROOF GARDEN

The existing roof garden's large Ficus trees and soil to four planter boxes have been removed, and new soil placed in the planter boxes following water proofing measures. City Living planted each of the planter boxes in mid November with predominately shade tolerant species that will tolerate only ambient light for 8-9 months of the year then strong overhead sunshine during November to February.

SEAFORD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have worked closely with Katz Architecture where all of the outdoor space is subject to a Bushfire Attack Level that requires greater separation between respective plant species than normal, plus gravel, mulch and a concrete apron to the edges of buildings.

WESTERN HEIGHTS SECONDARY COLLEGE

We are waiting to meet with the Wadawurrung People, who are the Local Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP), who have input in the presentation of the College. We have worked closely with Workshop Architecture during the preparation of their Masterplan for improvements to the College and then the landscape layout to the interface of access to the new sports stadium Workshop Architecture designed.

FOUR MINI RESERVES- NORTHCOTE

Sally Parsons has prepared the concept playspace layout for Peters Reserve in Northcote, a small but important community neighbourhood park. We have prepared a concept plan for an important thoroughfare access to the Merri Railway Station for Merri Common and adjoining Caddayes Corner. Currently Council is seeking approval of our preliminary concept plans from Metro Trains for Merri Common and Caddayes Corner.

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Woolamai to Nyora Rail Trail Feasibility Study, Gippsland Earthworm currently under investigation.



Flagstaff Apartments, plant setout at the roof garden.



Caddayes Corner in Northcote, concept plan including pathways and rewilding.

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Matthew Smith and the team at Paoli Smith Creative, prepared the concept wayfinding signage for Green Memorial Reserve that is parallel to Merri Drive at the intersection of St Georges Road and closely linked with the Merri Trail.

COBBLEBANK BUSINESS PARK - FORMATIVE TREE PLANTING AND NATURE STRIP

Working with Paul Farrell of PGF Projects and the consultant team, we finalised the formative tree planting layout for the commercial subdivision south east of Melton. Ausland Pty Ltd were the successful tenderer. We met their representatives and City of Melton's Project Manager on site in early November and work by Ausland will start the soil preparation, tree planting and grassing to the nature strip in January 2025.

PRINCES HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE

Progress has been made on the tendered work by John Lyng Group. The City of Yarra granted permits and allocated the inspection fee for road access and footpath crossings.

John Lyng Group commenced demolition of the existing blockwork walls, brick paving and existing metal seats. The works will be completed in March 2025.

YOUNG STREET, BRIGHTON - PLANTING AT TERMINATION

Bayside City Council has engaged our practice to work with the local community and interest group in the preparation of a planting plan using indigenous plants to the Brighton area. The termination of Young Street ends at Brighton Grammar School. We will meet with Council's Project Team in January 2025, on site.

EVAN STREET, BERWICK - LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

PGF Project's Paul Farrell has engaged our practice to work with Katz Architecture on their Miravor Pty Ltd townhouse development in Berwick.



Michael Smith and Associates wishes everyone a joyous Festive Season and a prosperous New Year.

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Cobblebank Business Park, site visit in November 2024. Civil works of roads and footpath nearly completed.



Princes Hill Secondary College, visualisation of the proposed northeast corner street frontage, including ramps and planting.

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