

CONTEXT

Context specialises in strategic planning, research and consultation for heritage, community and environment projects. We work with government and private clients across Australia, working collaboratively, and always seeking the best solutions.

Context is an award winning consultancy, known for our innovative and high quality work. We are committed to ethical business practices.



Heritage

Context investigates heritage significance, develops management plans for important places, works with owners and managers to find effective solutions, consults with communities, provides strategic advice, creates interpretation plans and develops strategic heritage strategies and plans for organisations.



Community

Context engages communities and stakeholders on issues that matter, helping solutions emerge through good processes. Context develops and delivers community consultation and information programs; designs and undertakes surveys; organises information days; facilitates workshops, focus groups and ongoing stakeholder groups; develops and presents training and other capacity building programs.



Environment

Context develops strategies and plans to achieve local sustainability, to protect environmental and community values, and to encourage sustainable use of land and natural resources. Context develops capacity building, organisational change and training programs to help achieve environmental sustainability.

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About us

A brief history

Context was established in 1981 as *Chris Johnston - Social & Environmental Planning Consultancy*, initially in Adelaide and then from 1984 in Melbourne, becoming Context Pty Ltd in 1988.

Working with our clients

At Context we work on a wide variety of projects, with nothing too large or too small for our multidisciplinary team. Our clients too, are diverse, covering both the public and private sector, Australia-wide. Current clients include State and Commonwealth government agencies, local government, private companies, community organisations, and other consultants - engineers, architects, planners for example - who seek our specialist skills for project teams.

Our aim is to work in partnership with our clients, creating effective outcomes together. We bring our skills, experience and specialist knowledge to this partnership, along with a commitment to achieving a more just, equitable and sustainable society through all of our work.

Our ethical commitment

Context is committed to an ethical approach to business. We support and will act on the following principles:

equity and justice

honesty and respect for all staff, clients and the environment

sustaining the environment

taking responsibility for our actions and

creating and sharing prosperity.

The achievement of business, environmental and ethical objectives are met through a process of continuous improvement in all activities and operations.

Team

At Context we have a dynamic and talented team of people committed to providing our clients with an effective, professional service.



Chris Johnston, Director

Strategic planning, working with communities, social significance and intangible heritage.



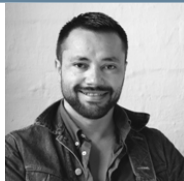
Louise Honman, Director

Heritage architect and built heritage planner.



Brett Constable, Director

Business management.



David Helms, Senior Heritage Consultant

Cultural heritage planning and management for local government.



Julia Cusack, Senior Heritage Consultant

Aboriginal heritage, strategic and management planning, training and capacity building.



Cinnamon Evans, Senior Community Consultant

Group work and facilitation, strategic planning and organisational development, and sustainability initiatives.



Natica Schmeder, Heritage Consultant

Heritage identification, assessment and management and architectural history.



Ian Travers, Heritage Consultant

Archaeological assessment and heritage management.



Libby Riches, Heritage Consultant

Indigenous community consultation, native title and intangible heritage values.



Leo Martin, Heritage Consultant

Historical research, cultural heritage assessment and planning.



Michelle Ralph, Community and Environment Consultant

Community information and consultation and strategic environmental planning.



Christina Dyson, Heritage Consultant

Conservation management plans, heritage assessment, interpretation and statements of evidence.



Jenny Walker, Consultant

Research and project support.



Mary Ward, Office Manager

Administration, financial management and project support.

Collaborators

Context has established working relationships with a wide cross section of experienced practitioners working in heritage, community and the environment. These relationships mean our clients have access to both the skills of our in-house consultants plus a range of specialists and experts such as architects, archaeologists, and historians within one multi-disciplinary team, managed by Context. Our collaborators include:

Godden Mackay Logan

Urban Initiatives

Fran Woodruff

Nigel Lewis

Heritage



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Context specialises in heritage studies, plans and programs to conserve important places. An area of particular expertise is the assessment and management of social value. Context can:

- investigate the cultural heritage of localities and regions;
- prepare conservation management plans;
- involve the community in identifying heritage values;
- develop strategies, plans and policies for organisations and localities;
- create interpretation ideas and plans;
- provide training in heritage conservation.

Recent awards

2010 Energy Australia National Trust Award (NSW) Conservation Management Plan Award: Lake Burley Griffin Conservation Management Plan.

2009 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation – Heritage: Lake Condah Restoration Conservation Management Plan and Community Action Plan.

2009 Energy Australia National Trust Award (NSW) Conservation Management Plan Award: The Meeting Place Precinct Conservation Management Plan, Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell.

2008 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Award – Heritage: Ranelagh Estate Conservation Management Plan.

2008 PIA NSW Planning Excellence Award – Heritage: The Meeting Place Precinct Conservation Management Plan, Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell.

2007 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Award - Heritage: Yan Yean Water Supply System Conservation Management Plan.

2007 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation - Heritage: Stonnington Thematic Environmental History.

2007 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation - Rural and Regional Achievement: Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape Sustainable Tourism Plan.

2006 Energy Australia National Trust (NSW) Heritage Awards - Conservation Management Plan: Kosciusko National Park Huts Conservation Strategy.

2004 Energy Australia National Trust Award (NSW) Conservation Management Plan Award: White Bay Power Station Conservation Management Plan.

2003 Energy Australia National Trust Award (NSW) Cultural Heritage: Government Award: The Rocks Conservation Plan (Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority- GML lead consultants)

2002 PIA Victoria Occasional Special Award - Maribyrnong Heritage Review.

2002 AILA Victoria/Tasmania Commendation – Heritage Planning: Port Arthur Historic Site Landscape Management Plan.

2001 RAPI National Planning Excellence Commendation – Community Planning: East Gippsland: Creating a Community Heritage Plan.

2000 RAPI National Planning Excellence Award – Environmental Planning or Conservation: Protecting Local Heritage Places: A guide for communities.

2000 RAPI Victoria Award – Community Planning: East Gippsland: Creating a Community Heritage Plan.

Plans and Strategies

The Meeting Place Precinct Conservation Management Plan

The Meeting Place Precinct is within Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell. It is historically, socially and symbolically significant within NSW and to Australia, as the place where Lieutenant James Cook set foot in Australia in 1770, representing the moment of change from Aboriginal country. Context was engaged to develop a Conservation Management Plan which details a vision for the place that recognises all of its values, and to develop policies, guidelines and actions for conserving those values. This project was done in collaboration with Urban Initiatives. *NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change – Parks and Wildlife Group, 2008.*

Ranelagh Estate Conservation Management Plan

Context worked with the Shire of Mornington Peninsula and the local community to identify and protect the community heritage values of the 1924 W B Griffin-designed Ranelagh Estate. The project resulted in an award winning conservation management plan that will guide the ongoing management of the heritage-listed residential estate. Community engagement included the development of a shared vision for the future management of the estate as well as workshops to identify and document the social values as part of an updated statement of heritage significance for the Ranelagh Estate. *Mornington Peninsula Shire, 2008.*

Yan Yean Water Supply System Conservation Management Plan

The Yan Yean Water Supply System Conservation Management Plan (CMP) 2007 provides plain-English policies and guidelines to assist Melbourne Water conserve

and manage the significant heritage values of the Yan Yean system while enabling it to remain a functioning part of Melbourne's water supply. The CMP considers both functioning and de-commissioned aspects of the system and combines careful conservation with managed change where required to continue the safe and efficient operation of the system. *Melbourne Water, 2007.*

Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape Sustainable Tourism Plan

The Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape Sustainable Tourism Plan offers a practical framework, based on extensive systematic planning, for the Gunditjmara Aboriginal people to develop sustainable tourism ventures that will benefit the local community and showcase the remarkable natural and cultural heritage values of the Lake Condah and Mount Eccles region which is included on the Australian National Heritage List as a place of outstanding national significance.

The plan is based on a long term vision for culturally-based Indigenous tourism, where visitors are welcomed as guests to the Gunditjmara traditional lands and experience the landscape and its history with the people who care for it. The plan forms a component of the Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project, which is a Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation initiative. Context collaborators: Urban Initiatives & SKM. *Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation, 2007.*

Victorian Heritage Strategy 2005-2010

Context worked collaboratively with Heritage Victoria to prepare the Victorian Heritage Strategy 2005-2010, a groundbreaking document which sets clear directions, provides leadership and builds strong partnerships across government agencies, local government, non-government sector and the wider community. The Victorian Heritage Strategy encompasses all aspects of cultural heritage including natural, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, tangible and intangible, places, setting and objects. *Heritage Victoria, 2005.*

Heritage studies

Murrindindi Stage 2 Heritage Study

Stage 2 of the Murrindindi Heritage Study undertook in-depth assessment of places and precincts deemed to be high priority during Stage 1 of the Study. This involved contextual and historical research, description, and assessment of significance of the individual places and precincts. On this basis, a number of places were recommended for protection under the heritage overlay, and some were also nominated to Heritage Victoria as being of potential state significance. In addition, guidelines were prepared for the existing Yea High Street Precinct, and for the proposed Tallarook-Alexandra/Mansfield Railway line. *Murrindindi Shire Council, 2009.*

Heritage in the Brunswick Major Activity Centre

Context is working with Moreland City Council to define key heritage values and places that need to be considered in the Structure Plans being developed for Brunswick Major Activity Centre which includes key areas on Sydney Road, Lygon and Nicholson Street. A short thematic history underpins the identification work, with a number of precincts and individual places of importance being recognised. Given the extent of change possible, guidelines for new development and heritage protection will be developed, along with interpretive maps to help new residents to appreciate its history. *Moreland City Council, 2008.*

Stonnington City's Thematic Environmental History

The Stonnington Thematic Environmental History is the first in Victoria to integrate Indigenous, natural and post-contact history into one volume. The history identifies the people, places and events which have shaped Stonnington over centuries by looking back at influences on its settlement and development. As a key part of

Stonnington's heritage strategy the history draws on thematic frameworks developed by the Australian Heritage Commission and Aboriginal Affairs Victoria. As a practical tool it provides the council with what they need to identify, assess and manage places of cultural significance to ensure their protection now and into the future. *City of Stonnington, 2005.*

Casey Heritage Study

The Casey Heritage Study reviewed the City of Casey's 1998 Thematic Environmental History, providing a new and more comprehensive Environmental History with detailed descriptions of the historic themes that have influenced the development of the municipality. It was presented in a new layout and approach developed by Context for this project and was well received by the client and by the local branch of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). This project was part of a Stage 2 'gaps' study which also assessed places of potential local significance that had been identified and partially assessed by previous studies. The report made recommendations for statutory protection and future management of heritage places via a Conservation Strategy. *Casey City Council, 2004.*

Communities & heritage

Lake Condah Restoration Conservation Management Plan

Lake Condah (including the former Mission) is a significant part of Australia's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage. Context prepared a Heritage Management Plan for the entire Lake Condah area (1993) and a more detailed Conservation Management Plan for the Mission and Cemetery (2000). These plans were strongly directed by the Aboriginal owners and involved wide consultation and the integration of cultural and natural heritage management with present and future community needs.

During 2007-08 Context developed a Conservation Management Plan for the restoration of water to Lake Condah, The plan has been shaped through a series of consultation workshops. It provides an innovative and Gunditjmara-directed vision, clear policies and well-defined actions. *Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation, 2008.*

Social significance

Port Arthur Historic Site

Creating a Conservation Plan for this nationally significant site involved extensive research, site analysis and in-depth consultation with staff, the Board and the local community. The Plan, prepared by a joint team from Godden Mackay Logan and Context, was adopted. In 2007, Context contributed to the five year review of the Conservation Plan. *Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, 2000 and 2007*

Isle of the Dead CMP

A Conservation Management Plan for the Isle of the Dead, the location of the penal station cemetery at Port Arthur, establishes the cultural heritage significance for this important place, and a framework of conservation policies. Community associations with the Isle of the Dead were investigated, and policies developed in response. *Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, 2007.*

Huts Conservation Strategy: Kosciuszko National Park

The Huts Conservation Strategy offers a comprehensive understanding of the huts as a collection, presenting a framework of policies to help ensure the

protection of tangible and intangible values. It recommends the rebuilding of a number of the huts that were destroyed in the fires of 2003 as well as policies designed to build partnerships with associated communities for the ongoing conservation of the huts.

The Strategy represents a new direction for the Parks Service, and a new appreciation of the ways in which associations and social significance relate to fabric. Principal consultants: Godden Mackay Logan for *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, 2005*.

White Bay Power Station Social Significance Assessment

Context worked with Design 5 Architects to prepare of a Conservation Management Plan for White Bay Power Station (NSW) to identify the features of the power station that hold significance to the associated communities - especially local residents and former employees of the White Bay Power Station. An open day, discussion groups, phone interviews and questionnaires were all used to help understand the significance, and develop policies for the management of this important place. *Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, 2002*.

Regional Forest Studies – Community Heritage Workshops

Context developed and applied a community workshop method to identify and assess the social value of places for local communities in a number of forest regions in south-eastern Australia: Victoria, NSW, Tasmania. Together these studies comprise a sizeable body of work and contribution to the developing methodology in the assessment of social value. *Australian Heritage Commission*.

Interpretation

Plenty Valley Heritage Trail

Context has prepared a plan to interpret places of cultural heritage significance in the Plenty Valley as a heritage trail for local residents and visitors to enjoy. The trail is focussed on five key historical themes that reflect the rich history and strongly multicultural community of the municipality.

Context has advised Council on a preferred route as well as engaging ways to present and interpret the places along the heritage trail. Members of the local community assisted with research and development of the trail. The project involved historical research and analysis, cultural heritage planning, heritage promotion and interpretation and community consultation. *City of Whittlesea, 2008*.

Docklands Place Naming

VicUrban is the authority with responsibility for the naming of streets, parks and other public areas in Melbourne's Docklands. Context worked with VicUrban to develop a thematic framework for naming places that would tell the past, present and future stories of the Docklands area. An innovative list of place names was created to reflect these naming themes. Protocols were developed for implementation. *VicUrban, 2004*.

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Context informs and involves people in planning processes, with the aim of achieving sound, widely acceptable outcomes. Context can:

- consult with stakeholders, technical specialists, and community members to gather information and views
- conduct workshops, focus groups, reference groups and surveys
- inform a local neighbourhood or the wider public about planning, infrastructure, or urban design projects.

Recent awards

2008 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Award – Environmental Planning/Conservation: Knox Sustainable Environment Strategy

2005 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation - Binjirru Regional Plan.

2003 PIA Victoria Occasional Special Award: Barwon Water – Water Resources Development Plan.

2001 RAPI Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation – Urban Design Plans and Ideas: Anstey – Merlyston Urban Village Structure Plans

1999 PRIA Highly Commended – Issues/Crisis Management Communication: Protecting Streets from traffic avoiding CityLink (Moreland City Council)

1999 RAPI Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation – Urban Planning: Moreland Open Space Strategy

Plans

Knox 2008/2018 Sustainable Environment Strategy

The award winning Knox 2008/2018 Sustainable Environment Strategy has been developed to guide the Council's ambition of achieving a sustainable city within a sustainable environment. Drawing on extensive community input through workshops, a web survey and dialogue groups (these are discussion groups run by interested individuals with their peers or other people they feel need to be involved in the consultation), the strategy has captured the community vision of what a sustainable city and environment will look like, and mapped out goals and approaches that will help turn this vision into reality. The strategy addresses biodiversity, water, community engagement and leadership, waste, integrated transport, sustainable planning and development, and climate change. *City of Knox, 2008.*

Man from Snowy River Community Hub Plan

Through consultation with the community of Corryong and the upper Murray region, Context prepared a plan for the development of PW Attree Park to create the Man from Snowy River community hub. Focused on Jack Riley, the iconic man from Snowy River reflected in Banjo Patterson's poem of the same name, the community hub will feature an interpretation and community information centre, an iconic walk with interpretive features, a sensory garden and renovation of David Cottage, and an historic building located in the centre of the park. The community engagement program for this project included a community workshop, media training for community members who will drive the project, and a community forum. In addition to a presentation from Tom Smith, CEO of Shipwreck Coast Tourism and board director of Tourism Victoria, the forum provided the opportunity for community members who had attended the community workshop to present their ideas to the broader community for feedback and further input. *Towong Shire Council, 2008.*

Hume Green Wedges Plan

This project involved consultation with the Hume City Council and the community to identify the environmental and community values within the study area of the Green Wedge in the City of Hume. Using a range of consultation techniques designed to reach a large number of stakeholders, including community workshops, focus groups, visioning postcards, interviews, a stall at a local fair and community surveys, Context developed a community vision for the Green Wedge and identified environmental community values. These elements provide the basis for development of the Hume Green Wedge Management Plan. *Hume City Council, 2007*

Tumbukka and Binjirru Regional Plans

Context played a key role in developing plans for the Tumbukka and the Binjirru Regional Councils which faced new challenges in applying for funding following the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Island Commission (ATSIC) in 2004. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services, 2004.*

Water Resources Development Plan (Barwon Water)

Development and conduct of a broad based community information, consultation and involvement program in conjunction with the preparation of a Water Resources Development Plan by Barwon Water. Context's role included community information, surveys, raising community awareness, and consulting the community on key issues. *Barwon Water, 2003.*

Workshops & facilitation

Bendigo Mining ERC

Context chairs the meetings of the Bendigo Mining Environment Review Committee. Context's role is to support the group by encouraging open sharing of information and effective participation and discussion. The group was formed for independent validation of Bendigo Mining's environmental performance. The committee consists of representatives of relevant Government Departments and community representatives. *Department of Primary Industries, 2007 – ongoing.*

Montrose Quarry Sustainability Plan

Context designed and delivered a comprehensive program of community engagement activities for the proposed extension to Boral's Montrose Quarry. The range of activities offered provided the community and other stakeholders with opportunities to learn about quarry operations (e.g. guided tours), obtain information about the proposed extension (e.g. community newsletters and community workshops) and contribute to the development of the Environment Effects Statement (e.g. through the Stakeholder Reference Group). The community engagement program encouraged genuine two-way communication between Boral and the community, and has built community understanding of the issues progressively throughout the phases of the environment assessment process. The program was proactively responsive to community requests and considerate of community concerns. *Boral Resources (VIC) Pty Ltd 2001- 2008*

Eastern Treatment Plant CLC

Context facilitated the meetings of the Community Liaison Committee for the Eastern Treatment Plant for 2 years from 2006-08. Through effective processes, the committee is able to contribute to the development and implementation of the plant's environmental improvement plan, to offer community-based perspectives on issues and to build stronger networks across local and government organisations to support sustainable water initiatives. Independent facilitation proved important during this critical period. *Melbourne Water, 2006 – 2008.*

Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Management – Sydney Growth Areas

Through a consultation with Aboriginal communities of Western Sydney, Context developed a comprehensive methodology to identify Aboriginal cultural heritage in the North West and South West Growth Centres of Sydney. Context engaged stakeholders including Aboriginal communities, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, and local archaeologists through a series of workshops and meetings about Aboriginal cultural heritage, and sought to allow communities to identify: what is important to the Aboriginal community in the heritage of the Growth Centres; who should be involved in making decisions about Aboriginal cultural heritage; and how should Aboriginal cultural heritage be protected and conserved.

Context worked with the Growth Centres Commission and the Department of Environment and Conservation to ensure the heritage protection methodology that was developed is consistent with the Growth Centres Strategic Planning Process, and meets the statutory requirements of the National Parks and Wildlife Act. *NSW Growth Centres Commission 2006.*

Biodiversity Action Plan Workshops

Three workshops were held in May 2004 in the Hurstbridge, Gembrook and Yarra zones. The workshops introduced the Biodiversity Action Planning process, and encouraged the involvement of key local stakeholder organisations in both planning and implementation of the local area plans. These organisations included local

government, State agencies, Landcare groups, farming groups, and environment groups and coalitions. *Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2004.*

Community relations

Melbourne Main Sewer Replacement

A community relations program for the replacement of Melbourne Main Sewer (MMS). Activities included the preparation of a stakeholder mailing list, information sessions, distribution of community information bulletins, meeting with local council, door-knocking adjoining and affected residents and businesses and a feedback bulletin to evaluate community relations activities. The project also involved community relations training of all the supervisors of drilling staff and survey contractors. *Melbourne Water, 2008.*

Northern Sewerage Project

The Northern Sewerage Project is a 6 year project being undertaken jointly by Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water. The aim of the project is to protect the Merri and Moonee Ponds Creeks from wet weather sewerage overflows. It will also ensure that Melbourne's sewerage system is able to cope with projected future growth in the north of the metropolitan area. Consultation with key stakeholders is a key element of this project and Context has been involved from the beginning, developing a community and stakeholder relations strategy and a detailed plan for the investigations phase of the project. Methods of communication include regular bulletins, information sessions, personal contact with the most affected residents and facilitation of regular Community Liaison Committee meetings. In parallel, Context's heritage team carried out heritage impact assessments on possible construction sites. *Melbourne Water, 2007.*

Protecting Melbourne's Water Supply: The replacement of the Morang to Preston water main

Context provided expertise in community consultation and heritage identification and assessment to Melbourne Water as they started on a major project to replace 10 kilometres of 150-year-old water main. Also known as the Yan Yean pipeline, this water main is Melbourne's first and oldest and supplies the city and Northern suburbs. *Melbourne Water, 2007.*

Community Liaison Strategy – Monbulk Sewerage Transfer System

Preparation of a communications and community liaison strategy for a major sewer project in Monbulk (eastern Melbourne), together with a detailed community relations plan for the Investigations phase of the project. *Yarra Valley Water, 2003.*

Melbourne Water Community Relations Guide

Preparation of the first community relations guide and checklist for Melbourne Water staff involved in major infrastructure project planning and implementation. *Melbourne Water, 2002.*

Environment



Context develops strategies and plans to achieve local sustainability, to protect environmental and community values, and to encourage sustainable use of land and natural resources. Context develops capacity building, organisational change and training programs to help achieve environmental sustainability.

Our strategic environmental planning covers many fields, ranging from open space to biodiversity to waterways to greenhouse emissions. Context can:

- prepare strategies for environmental management
- research and develop environmental policies and plans
- produce environmental information and guidelines.

Recent awards

2008 PIA National Planning Excellence Award -Ministers Award (Overall) and Environmental Planning/Conservation Award: Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework.

2008 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Award – Environmental Planning/Conservation: Knox 2008/2018 Sustainable Environment Strategy.

2007 PIA Victoria Planning Excellence Award - Environmental Planning/Conservation: Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework.

2001 RAPI Victoria Planning Excellence Commendation - Ecologically Sustainable Development: Re-Energising Melbourne – Guidelines for solar technology in residential areas.

Environment plans & strategies

Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework

Context worked in partnership with Planisphere and Collaborations on a landmark national project to develop a National Assessment Framework for considering and rating the landscape impact of wind farms. The project was a joint initiative by the Wind Energy Industry (Auswind) and the Australian Council of National Trusts (ACNT). The Framework was designed to assist wind farm developers by setting out a clear

sequence of steps for dealing with the assessment of landscape values and identifying potential impacts. It provides greater clarity and certainty about the way that communities can participate in and contribute to the process. The Framework was developed to provide a best practice tool for understanding values and impacts in a way that is consistent with Commonwealth, State and local government regulatory and approvals processes. *Auswind, 2007.*

Hobsons Bay Environment Strategy

Context developed a new Environment Strategy for the City of Hobsons Bay through consultation with community members and council officers. The strategy provides guidance on the strategic management of a diverse range of environmental and sustainability issues. *Hobsons Bay City Council, 2005.*

Transurban Environment Strategy

Facilitation of a four hour workshop associated with the preparation of the Transurban Environment Strategy. As a result of the workshop objectives were developed for water, energy and greenhouse, air including ozone, waste and materials usage, biodiversity and noise. A report on the workshop and recommendations on the next phase of the strategy was prepared. *Transurban, 2005.*

Boroondara Biodiversity Strategy

Context prepared a strategy and action plan for the conservation of native biodiversity in the City of Boroondara, Melbourne. Actions included inventory and monitoring, protection of remnant indigenous vegetation, habitat enhancement, community awareness and education, and measures to reduce biodiversity impacts within and beyond the city. *Boroondara City Council, 2003*

Training and Education

SEAV pilot delivery of a training program

Context assisted with the pilot delivery of training for energy auditors developed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria (SEAV). The training aimed to improve energy efficiency outcomes achieved by auditors by assisting them to involve company staff at all stages of identifying opportunities and solutions. The training was delivered to a group of seven experienced energy auditors with assistance from staff at Qenos Plastics. The staff from Qenos assisted by taking part in role plays and providing access to real data at a real manufacturing site. *Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria, 2005.*

Sustainable Living at Home

A training program to support local residents adopt sustainable living practices at home was developed as a component of the Sustainable Living at Home Program (SLAH) for the City of Port Phillip. The program guided participants in managing energy, water, waste and change in their home to achieve environmental outcomes. Home energy audits were provided to ensure each participant was aware of how they could reduce their energy demand. *City of Port Phillip, 2004.*

Biodiversity Plans

Nillumbik Weed Strategy 2008

The Nillumbuk Weed Action Plan provides a clear framework for understanding and addressing a range of weed issues throughout the Shire of Nillumbik on both private and public land. Context addressed five key, and interrelated themes in the plan: Weed management on Council owned and/or managed land; monitoring and reporting

processes; community education and awareness of weed issues; weed management on private land within the Shire; and new and emerging weeds. *Nillumbik City Council, 2008.*

Boroondara Biodiversity Corridors Plan

Preparation of a plan for the establishment of a network of habitat linkages across and beyond the City of Boroondara, with the primary corridor being the Yarra River. Includes a detailed set of implementation actions. Sub-consultants Tony Faithfull & Dr Andrew Bennett. *Boroondara City Council, 2004.*

Maroondah Habitat Corridors Strategy

Identification and assessment of existing and potential local and regional habitat links and preparation of an action plan for the protection and enhancement of links and corridors across private and public land in the City of Maroondah, in outer eastern Melbourne. *City of Maroondah, 2004.*

Evaluation

Evaluation of Merri Creek Stormwater Project

A qualitative research methodology was used to gain insight into what aspects of the City of Hume's Merri Creek Industrial Stormwater Project contributed to the project's success. The project sought to influence light industry in the Thomastown and Campbellfield areas to reduce the amount of pollutants flowing into the Merri Creek through stormwater. *Hume City Council, 2004.*