



Hobsons Bay
CITY COUNCIL



Truganina Coastal Parklands

a new way of thinking

Altona's clustered parklands are the largest collection of open space in inner Melbourne that directly abut the coast.



300+ hectares of parkland are inter-linked, comprising:

- Truganina Swamp
- Truganina Explosives Reserve
- Truganina Park (Altona Tip)
- Doug Grant Reserve/Apex Park
- Altona (Sewage) Treatment Plant
- Koorinal Golf course



A recycled landscape

Range of ownerships

TRUGANINA PARK

Approx 25ha., managed by HBCC

Former Altona Landfill Tip site, closed in 1998 and being converted into a major new park.

Feature of park is the view from the 17m mound. 100 Steps and Time Beacon have become landmarks in a flat landscape

Habitat for endangered Altona Skipper Butterfly.



TRUGANINA SWAMP

143ha, managed by Melbourne Water.

Important retarding basin for Laverton Creek.

Has been restored from degraded paddock in the 1970s, now home to many migratory birds.

Habitat for endangered Altona Skipper Butterfly.



ALTONA TREATMENT PLANT

Managed by City West Water



Strategic plans are being prepared to guide development of the site.

TRUGANINA EXPLOSIVES RESERVE

**HBCC as committee of management for
16ha**

From 1901-1962 the 16.5ha site was used for handling and shipping explosives.

Now reserved for conservation and recreation,
evolving into a major new park.



A Coordinating Group has been formed to oversee the strategic management of the parklands



Port Phillip and Westernport



BENEFITS

The coordinated management and joint branding of Truganina Coastal Parklands will provide many benefits for stakeholders:

Coordinated **environmental management** – pest plants/animals, tree planting etc.

More **integrated recreation facilities** for community.

Increased opportunities for **community education** on environment, water, heritage.

New commercial opportunities, and related **economic benefits**.

Foster **community pride** in natural assets – improve perceived value.

Increase **profile of Altona's** recreation facilities across Melbourne.

PR opportunities for stakeholders - improved community profile.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Developed an Integrated Masterplan

- Visibly shows the connections
- Provides a forward vision - reduces uncertainties
- A larger and more complex site provides greater opportunities for innovation

ACHIEVEMENTS



- Attracting funding on a broader scale
- Co-ordinated rabbit kill
- Co-ordinated mosquito investigation
- Promotional brochure produced
- ATP habitat retention
- Water Education Trail
- Investigating using recycled water from ATP

ISSUES REQUIRING RESOLUTION



- Further input by aboriginal community
Demonstrating the value of co-ordination to management
- COM status of land parcels
- Tying the landscape together visually
- Finalising MOU between parties
- Accessing serious funding

WHAT'S BEEN DIFFICULT

Corporate identity

- Territory
- Branding and identity



WHAT'S BEEN DIFFICULT



Turnover of staff :

- differing priorities
- loss of corporate memory
- loss of accumulated trust
- *Project is still very dependent on individuals, making it very vulnerable*

WHAT'S WORKED

- Council + community **working together**



Nurturing relationships
over many years

Willing to be an advocate,
an adversary and/or an
**ally depending on the
issue**

WHAT'S WORKED



- Respecting that different organisations have different **charters** and **cultures**
- Acknowledging that one area of land **plays many roles** (habitat, drainage, recreation)
- Previous **successful projects** give credibility
- No **land grabs** or **handballs** (so far)

WHAT'S WORKED



- Starting with projects which are simple, low risk and logical eg. combined rabbit kill
- Coming back to common goals when things get strained
- Chocolate

Thank You to all our Project Partners

