



Flood purge and SWH at Lincoln Squares Project

Development of purging protocols

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Presentation Outline



- 1. Introduction
- 2. Project objectives
- 3. Upstream catchment
- 4. System configuration
- 5. Performance results from previous studies
- 6. Development of purging protocols







Project Objectives



- Flood Mitigation
 - Peak flow reduction for frequent events
 - Determine impact on flooding contributing to Elizabeth St for the 20 Year ARI event
- Stormwater Harvesting
 - Irrigation of Lincoln, Argyle and University Squares
 - Water balance optimisation to size storages and pumps to maintain reliability of irrigation supply

Upstream Catchment



- Area to the north ~37ha
- Includes portion of the University of Melbourne and the tram line on Swanston St
- Meets at the 750mm pipe adjacent Lincoln Square (to the west)



Project Layout















Council's irrigation demands



| Period | Irrigation Area (m ²) | Irrigation Demand (Midway Efficient Use – ML pa) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Expanded Lincoln Square | 12,897 | 6.97 |
| Expanded University Square | 13,500 | 7.25 |
| Expanded Argyle Square | 9,790 | 5.17 |
| Pelham and Bouverie Street Trees | 2,304 | 1.20 |
| Total | 38,491 | 20.6 |

The irrigation calibration produced a demand of 20.6 ML for a mean year, showing consistency with the data provided by Council.

Rainfall vs Yield







Main Tank Size Comparison – Optimal Operation





Main Tank Size Comparison – **Sub** Optimal Operation



Peak Flow Analysis





| Storm / fl | ow type | Existing | 2ML Tank | % Reduction | 3ML Tank | % Reduction |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 5 Year, 20Min | Pipe | 1.55 | 1.51 | 2.6% | 1.48 | 4.5% |
| | Overland | 1.83 | 0.362 | 80.2% | 0.359 | 80.4% |
| | TOTAL | 3.38 | 1.872 | 44.6% | 1.839 | 45.6% |
| 20 Year, 20Min | Pipe | 1.76 | 1.66 | 5.7% | 1.63 | 7.4% |
| | Overland | 3.51 | 1.88 | 46.4% | 1.87 | 46.7% |
| | TOTAL | 5.27 | 3.54 | 32.8% | 3.5 | 33.6% |
| 50 Year, 20Min | Pipe | 1.77 | 1.75 | 1.1% | 1.72 | 2.8% |
| | Overland | 4.88 | 3.31 | 32.2% | 3.3 | 32.4% |
| | TOTAL | 6.65 | 5.06 | 23.9% | 5.02 | 24.5% |

Marginal (to no) benefit to increasing the tank size to 3ML



Purging Analysis



Purging Assessment Outline





- 1. Scope
- 2. Philosophy and Approach
- 3. Method
- 4. Protocol Development
- 5. Graphical Outputs
- 6. Key Storms
- 7. Sensitivity Analysis
- 8. Summary





Objective is to maximise **Flood Mitigation** without significantly compromising Stormwater Harvesting yield

- ✓ Flood Mitigation
 - Reduction of Overland Flow (to Elizabeth St)
 - Reduction of bypass discharge
- ✓ Stormwater Harvesting
 - Irrigation of Lincoln, Argyle and University Squares
 - Water balance optimisation to maximize Tank Water Level after each storm

2. Philosophy and Approach



Develop Purge protocols to address:

- Before Storm
- ✓ Purge Water to make Required Pre-Rain Air Space using Predicted Rainfall
- During Storm
- \checkmark To maintain detention
- ✓ To ensure tank is close to full post rain event





Key Variables:

- Before Storm
- Pre-Rains Air space: based on Predicted rainfall
- ✓ BOM 3-hour Rainfall Predictions
- During Storm
- ✓ Pre-peak Air Space
- ✓ Post-Peak Air Space
- ✓ Rainfall threshold for valve close





Key Performance Indicators:

- Flood Mitigation Objective
- ✓ Overland Flow Reduction
- ✓ Percentage reduction in downstream overland flow
- Stormwater Harvesting Objective
- ✓ After Rain Tank Water Level
- \checkmark Tank percentage full at the end of the storm





Pre-Rain Flowchart











Selection of 50 storms

- Melbourne Regional Office Station # 086071
 - 1. 6-min Rainfall data between 1873-2010
 - 2. Maximum Daily Rainfall; 16 Storms
 - 3. Maximum Hourly Rainfall; 10 Storms
 - 4. Maximum 6-min Rainfall; 18 Storms
 - 5. Design Storms; 6 Storms
 1in 20 years: 30 min, 60 min and 90 min
 1 in 50 Years, 30 min, 60 min, 90 min

• Method



Selection of 50 storm

1in 20 Years, 30 min: 26.32 mm 1in 20 Years, 60 min: 34.42 mm 1in 20 Years, 90 min: 39.51 mm 1in 50 Years, 30 min: 32.57 mm 1in 50 Years, 60 min: 42.33 mm 1in 50 Years, 90 min: 48.47 mm



3. Method

Water Quantity Model:

- DRAINS
- ✓ ILSAX hydrologic model









Water Balance Model

- Excel Spreadsheet based calculations
- Calculation time steps:

5 min for Design Storms and 6 min for the others

- Pre Rain Air Space = Pre Rain Coefficient × Runoff Calculated based on Predicted Rainfall Depth
- Pre Peak Air Space = Pre Peak Coefficient × Rolling 30 min Runoff
- Post Peak Air Space = Post Peak Coefficient × Rolling 30 min Runoff
- Storage Volume = Initial Storage + Offtake Tank Outflow
- \blacktriangleright DS Overland Flow = US Flow Offtake Bypass





Water Balance Model

• Rolling 30min Runoff calculation





Phase 1:

Pre-Rain Coefficient: **10%,20%,...,100%** Pre-Peak Coefficient: **25%,50%,...,100%** Post- Peak Coefficient: **25%,50%,...,100%** No Rainfall Threshold for Valve Close









Phase 2:

Pre-Rain Coefficient: **30%,40%,50%** Pre-Peak Coefficient: **25%,50%,75%** Post- Peak Coefficient: **25%,50%,75%** No Rainfall Threshold for Valve Close





1.4

1.2

1





29

28.5

Storm #49

| Rainfall Summary | | |
|---|-------|--|
| Total rainfall (mm) | 24.44 | |
| Duration (min) | 180 | |
| Maximum Intensity (mm/hr) | 84.9 | |
| Maximum Intensity (mm/6 min) | 8.49 | |
| Estimated recurrance interval (1 in yr) | 65 | |

| Protocols | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Pre- Rain Coefficient | 50% |
| Pre-peak Coefficient | 75% |
| | |
| Post-peak coefficient | 25% |
| Rainfall threshold for valve close | |
| (mm/ 30 min) | 10 |



U/S Overflow
 D/S overflow
 Water RL

ByPass Volume

------ OSD Out discharge



Phase 3:

Pre-Rain Coefficient: **50%** Pre-Peak Coefficient: **75%** Post- Peak Coefficient: **25%** Rainfall Threshold for Valve Close: **10 (mm/30min)**









✓ Demonstration "Presentation Sheet"







✓ Demonstration

6. Key Storms



7. Sensitivity Analysis



Predicted rainfall is 50% less than the Actual one. (-50% Error) Not Sensitive





7. Sensitivity Analysis



Predicted rainfall is 50% more than the Actual one. (+50% Error) Not sensitive





• Summary



- ✓ Protocols are developed for dual function of flood mitigation and stormwater harvesting.
- ✓ Pre-rain Air space is introduced based on the predicted rainfall – threshold is approximately 15mm with optimally 50% airspace coefficient.
- ✓ Pre peak airspace coefficient is optimally 75%
- ✓ Post peak airspace coefficient is optimally 25%
- ✓ Rainfall depth threshold for valve close in 30 min rolling period is 10mm.

• Summary



- ✓ The performance (final tank volume and reduction in overland flow) is more effective in storms with less than 50mm rainfall.
- ✓ Performance is not sensitive to up 50% error in rainfall prediction.
- ✓ Overland flow upstream generally occurs in events with intensity higher than 8 mm/6min (80 mm/hr).



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