All The Things We Learnt – Dandenong Council Stormwater Quality Audit



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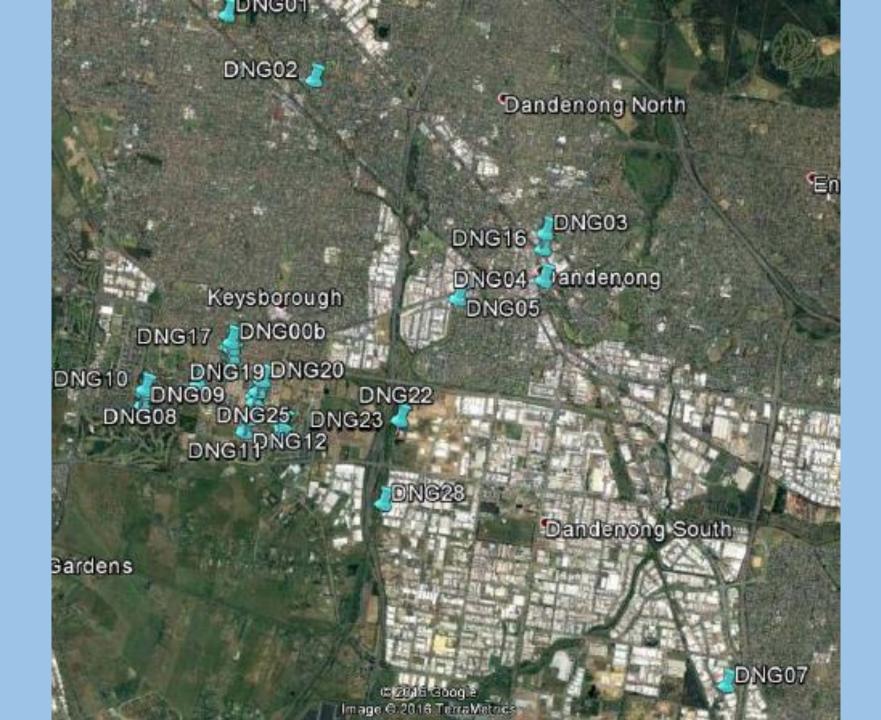
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Background

- "A comprehensive condition assessments of Council owned Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) and wetland assets to allow CGD to proactively plan for the maintenance and/or capital replacement and renewal of Council assets"
- 32 GPT Assets
- (15 CleansAlls, 13 CDS Units, 3 Ecosols, 1 Humegard)
- 2 Wetland Assets



 Clow Street CDS blocked up to 900mm causing backwater on the pipe network and odour issues . Pollution is not able to be treated when the device is full behind the screens



 Clow St CDS – there is no access into the roof of the diversion chamber at the location shown so that behind the screens can be suction cleaned to remove pollution that has likely been there for 20 years. Once behind the screens is cleaned, flows can be treated and odour likely improved.



• Example of CDS full behind the screens - 200% full behind the screens and no treatment occurring. Cleaning behind the screens is a must for every CDS unit and must be specified in a cleaning tender



 Flinders St CDS – collapsible weirs permanently open, evidence of pollution build-up blocking the upstream pipes, no low flow bypass – requires new solid weir and CDS m3 storage increasing for large catchment





• Backwater on CDS at Arkwright Drive and CleansAll at Cafardi Blvd and making the devices difficult to clean unless the backwater is removed..



• Monash Drive CleansAll – backwater on device but device can be basket lifted, however pollution is on the wrong side of the weir..



• Dandenong Ecosols – generic Ecosol problems however outlet must be cleared for them to work, however they wont work well unless rectified



• CleansAlls undersized for the catchment areas – tide lines as proof of blocked pipelines and basket cleaning should be suction cleaning instead



• CDS weir height too low – will lose pollutants and must be raised



• Arkwright Drive CDS – there is not a CDS swirl lid over the top of the device – it is a 900 x 900 gatic lid and this cannot be used for grab cleaning. As the device has backwater, it cannot be suction cleaned and must be grab cleaned. To do this, a new 2m diameter circular lid is required and the square gatic lid removed.



Whats the problem, and the solution (Ecosols)



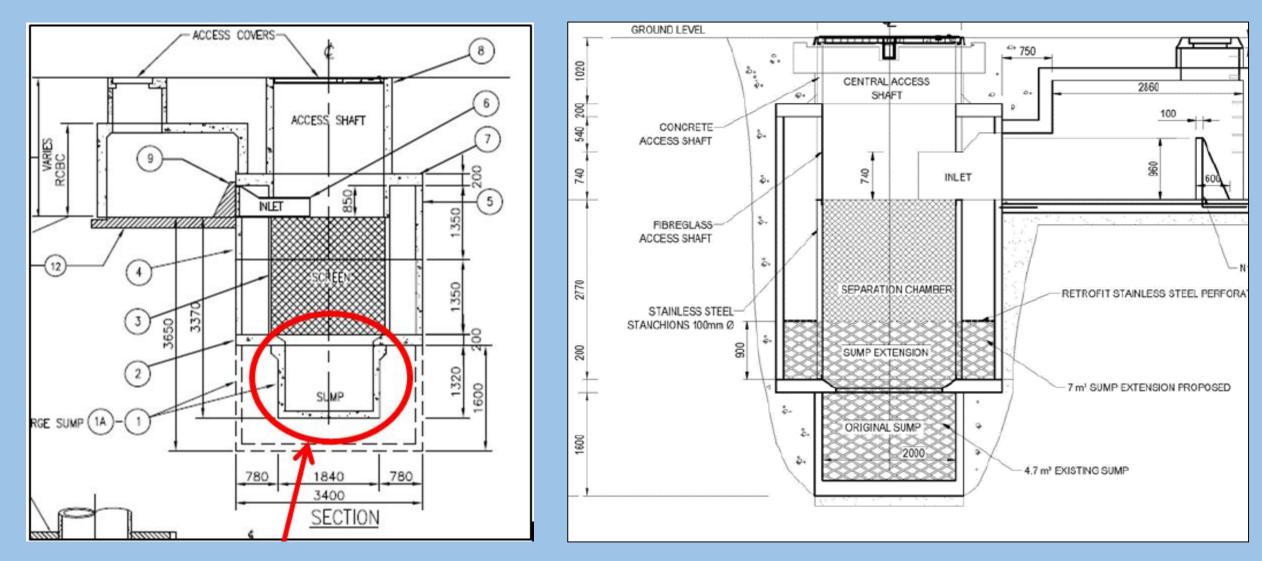
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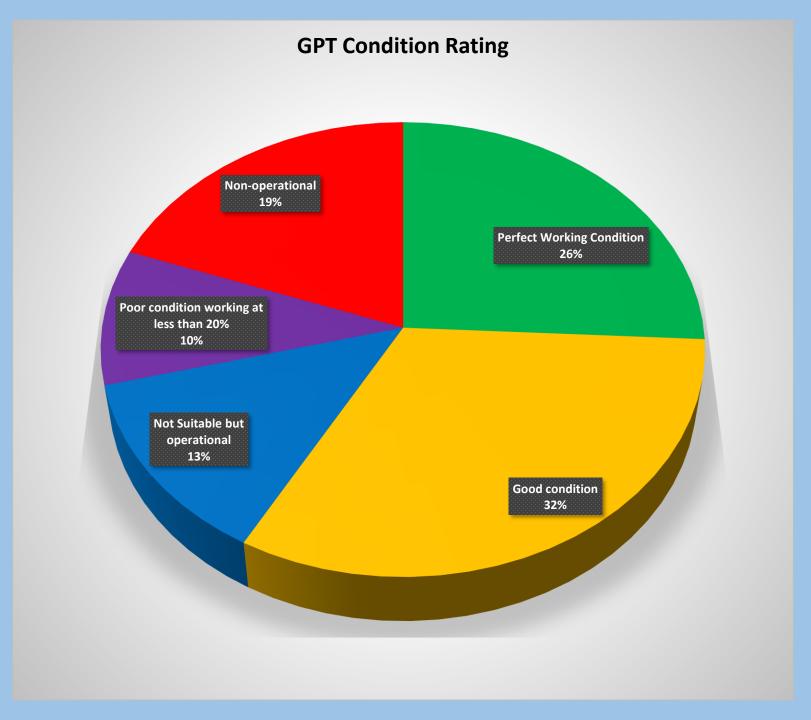


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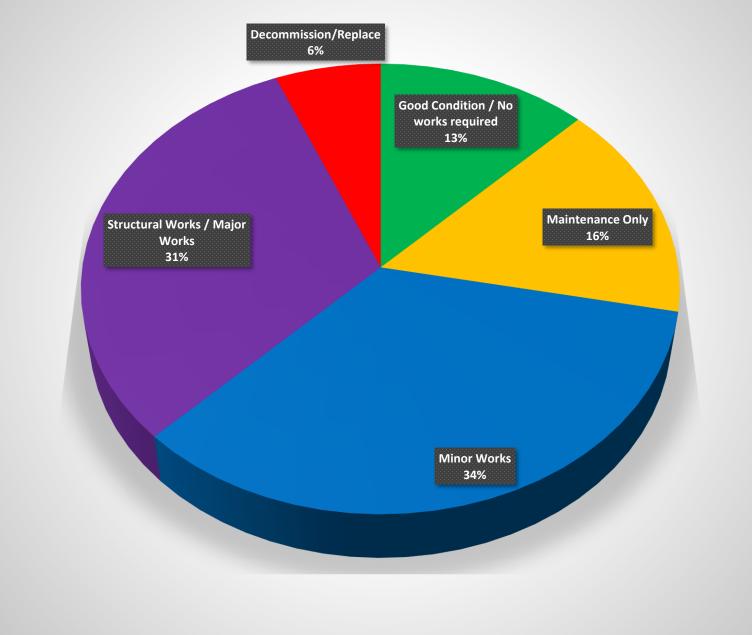


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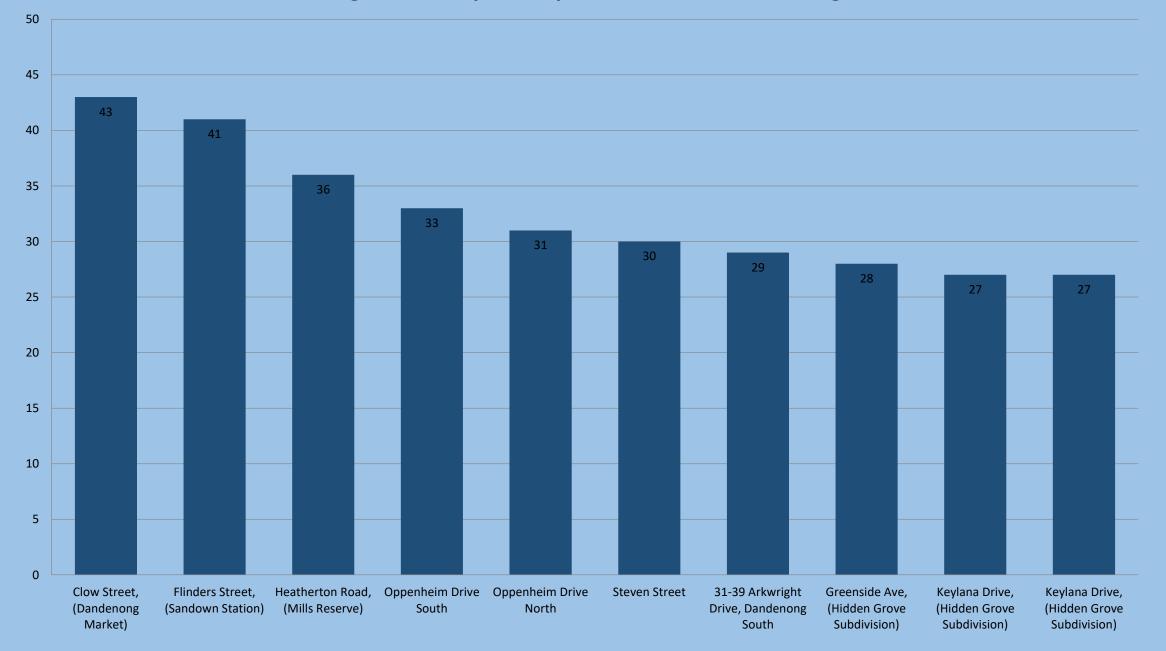




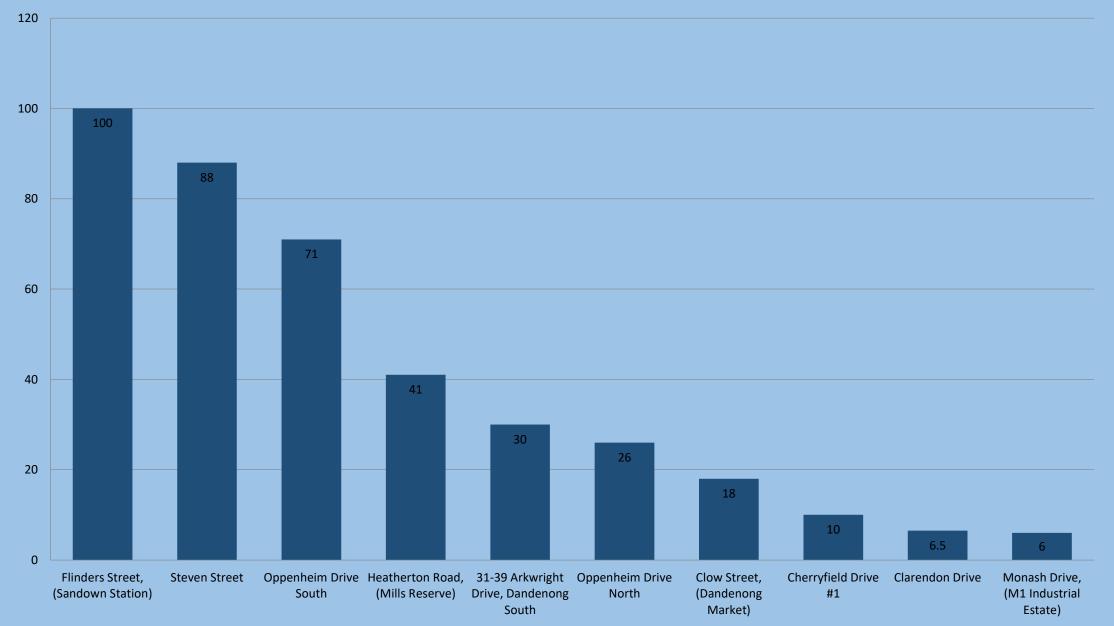
GPT Rectification Category



Highest Priority GPTs by Matrix Prioritisation Rating



GPT Priorities by Catchment Area

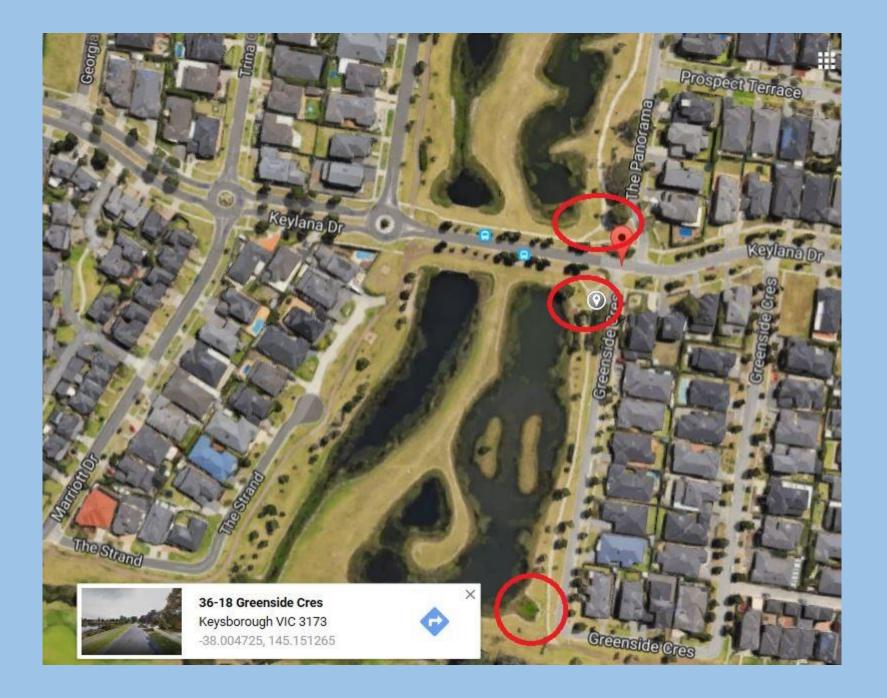


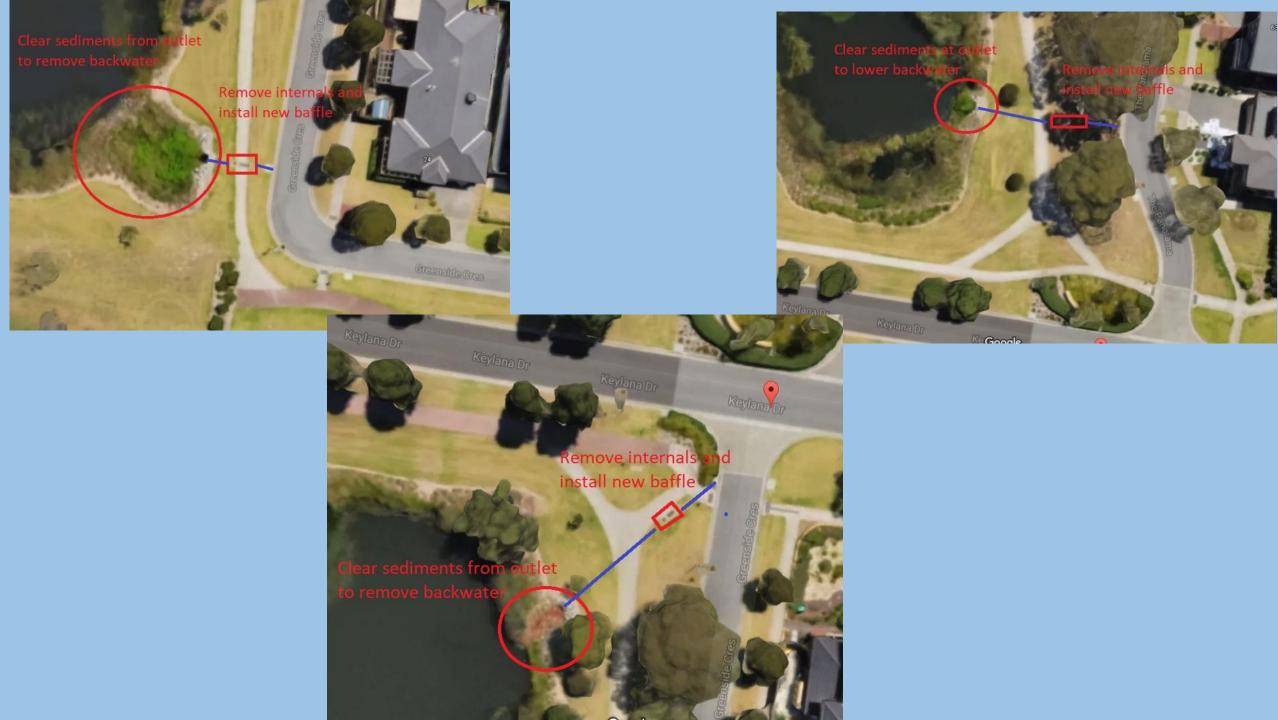
GPT Audit Summary

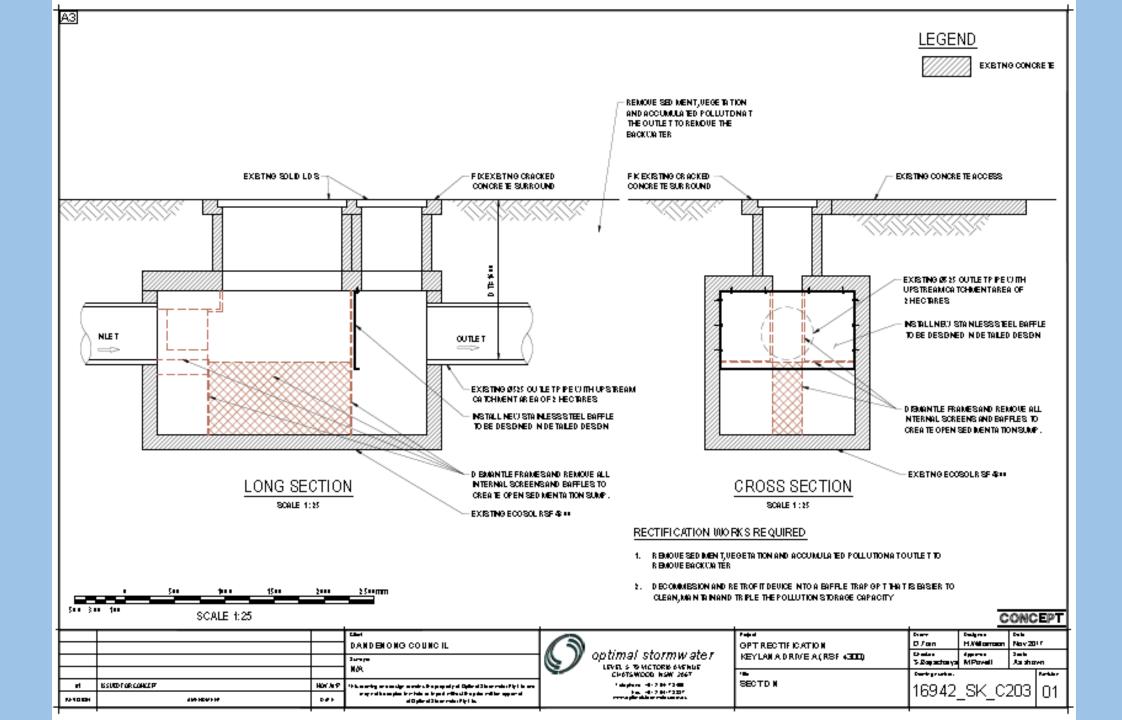
- Total GPT Value = \$3.7M
- Replacement cost = \$4.1M
- Rectification Options 1 = \$69,000 (minor maintenance works)
- Rectification Options 2 = \$239,000 (minor civil works)
- Rectification Options 3 = \$1,283,000 (major civil works)
- Catchment area treated = 408 hectares
- Estimated annual pollutants = 471 tonnes/year
- Total GPT storage volume = 60m3
- Cleaning frequencies recommended accordingly

Rectifications

- Council undertook rectification designs for 6 priority sites
- 3 x Ecosols to be converted to baffle traps to have increased storage volume, improved ease of cleaning and decreased maintenance frequency
- 3 x CDS Units to be rectified to have increased storage volume, improved pollution capture and retention and decreased maintenance frequency
- Scheduled 10 year program of works

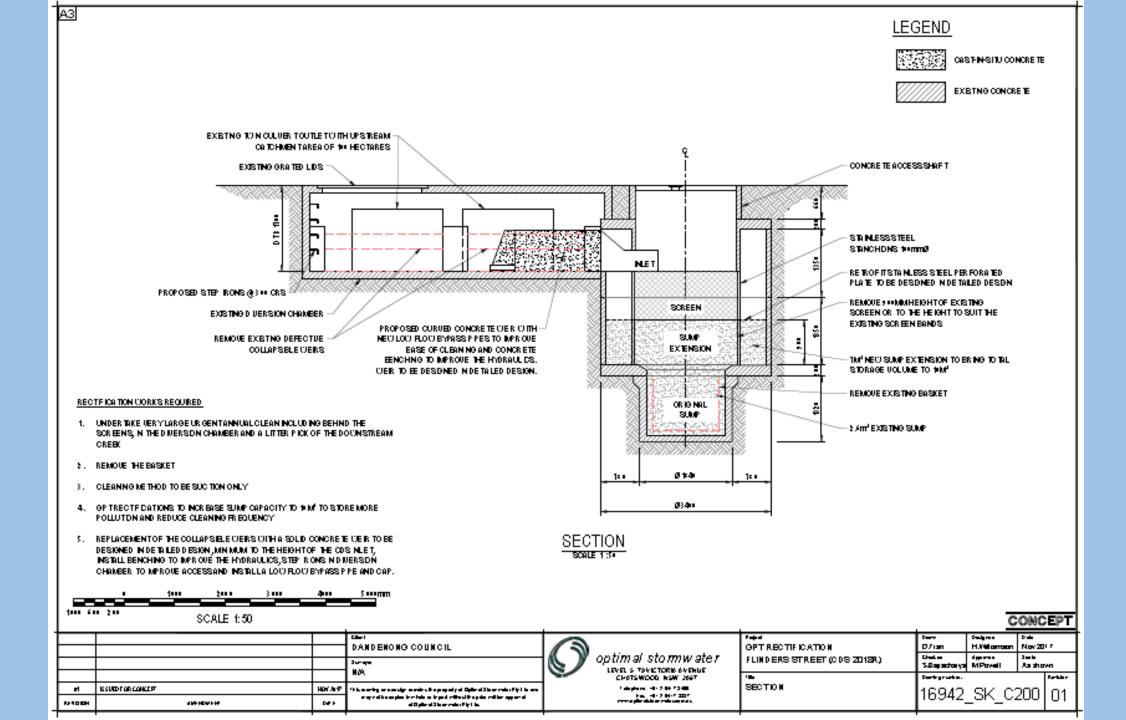






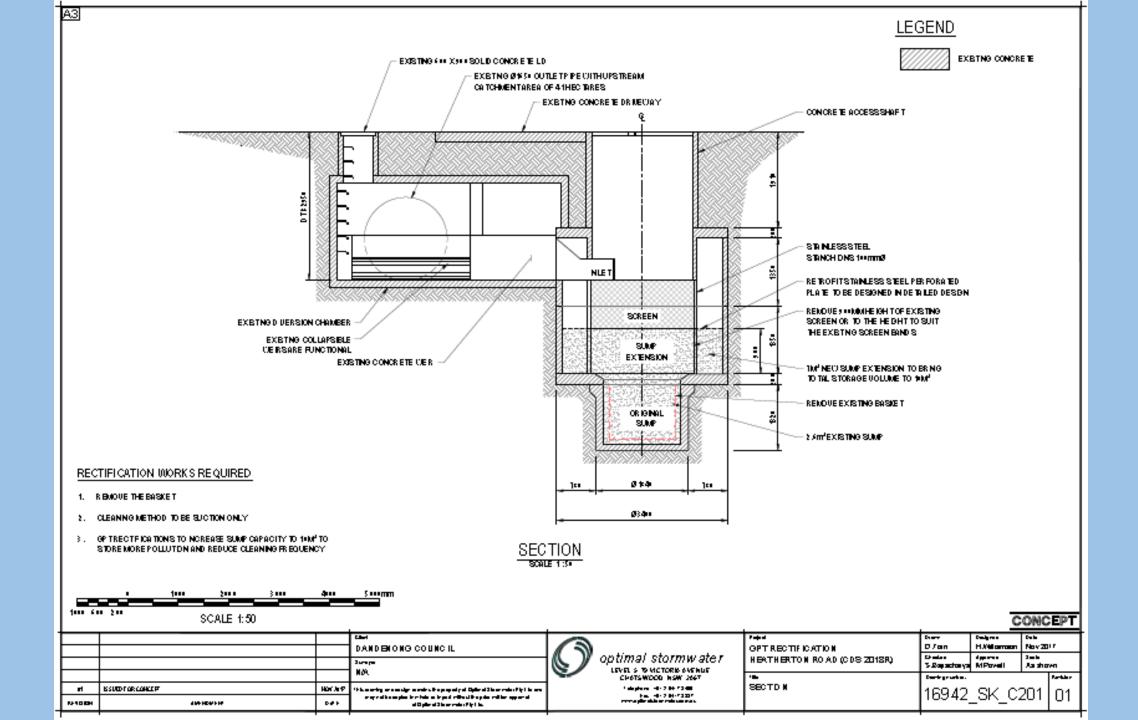
Flinders Street 100 hectares





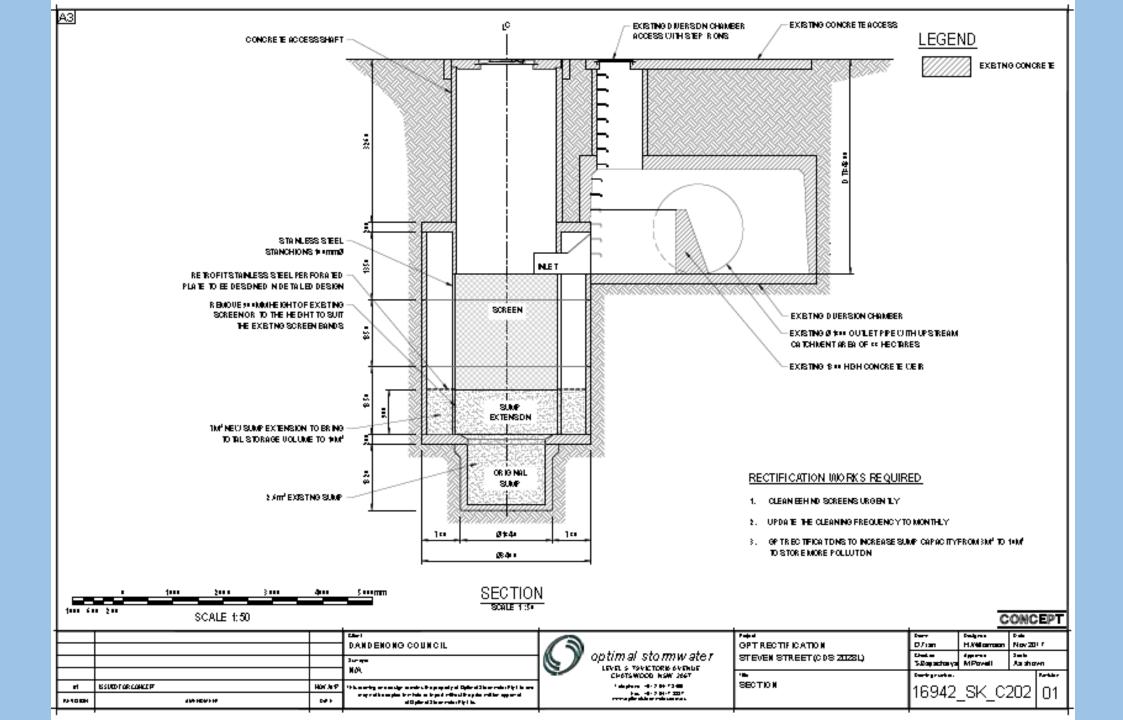
Heatherton Road 60 hectares

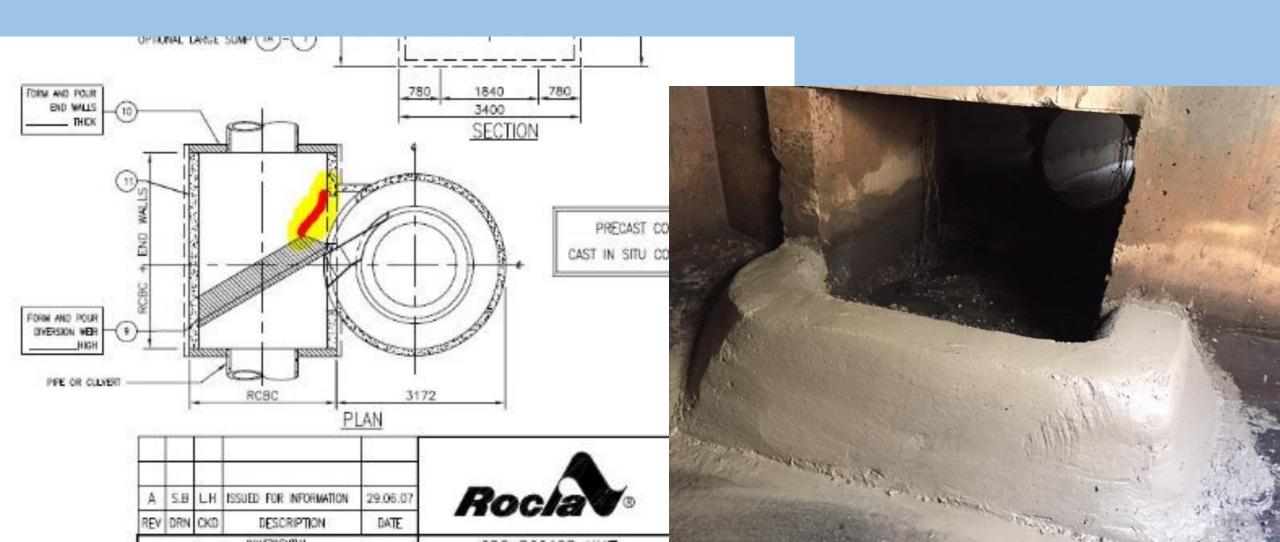




Steven Street 88 hectares







So, what have we learnt?

- No#1 criteria: don't flood anyone!
- Approx 1 tonne or 1 cubic meter per hectare per year
- Storage volume to cater for 3 month cleaning
- Cleaning contractors like to decant all the silts back!
- Don't believe glossy brochures or proprietor (conflict of interest)
- Flowrate is only ONE PARAMETER, and nowhere near the most important parameter for GPT selection.

Common Maintenance Faults

- CDS Units: not fully cleaning the large sumps
- CDS Units: not inspecting behind the screens or diversion chambers on a yearly basis
- Cleansalls: not removing the basket (gets buildup underneath)
- Cleansalls: not suction cleaning sediment sump
- Ecosols: not inspecting or cleaning the rear sump area
- Ecosols: not jetting and sucking behind the screens.
- Humegards: not checking and clearing the moving weir
- Humeceptors: not inspecting the inlet downpipe
- Stormceptors: not getting inside to inspect

Maintenance Triggers

- CDS Units: when the sump is full
- Cleansalls: when the basket is blocked or half full
- Humegards: when the comb is blocked or half full
- Ecosols: when the screens are blocked or half full
- Ecosols: when the back sed sump is ¼ full
- Trashracks: when the racks are blocked or area in front of racks is half full
- Nets: when the nets are ¼ full
- Skijumps: when water ponds for more than a day, and mesh half blocked
- Stormceptors: when inlet area is ¼ full or coellescer ½ blocked
- Booms: if 10m long, trigger when 5 meters square of floatables

More Common Maintenance Faults

- Pool scooping the surface is NOT cleaning it
- Don't know how deep it is, or how big the sump is
- Not inspecting diversion chambers
- Not inspection device inlets and screens
- Not inspecting and cleaning behind screens
- Not unblocking direct filter screens
- Not inspecting downstream for backwater impacts
- Not cleaning Ecosols (5 steps) every second time!
- Cleaning 3 devices and "averaging/guessing" the results
- Not opening and greasing all lids

Common corrective actions

- GPT audit to identify all issues
- If maintenance issues, speak to cleaners directly
- Write a <u>cleaning spec</u> for each device, so everyone knows exactly what is expected
- Council to audit/check after the cleaners have been (at least once per year)
- Suction behind CDS screens
- Remove all cleansall baskets and suction clean entire device
- 5 step cleaning process for Ecosols
- Suction clean pit baskets (bad WHS to try and lift out the pollution)
- Understand a REGULAR clean and an ANNUAL clean

A focus on trashracks

- Monitoring required weekly/fortnightly
- Unblocking using pitchfork or rack or spade weekly/fortnightly
- Visit the day before the ensure trashrack not holding water
- Remove into a pile and allow to drain dry
- Pooled water on galvanised mesh causes it to corrode fast
- Vertical racks SOOOO much better than horizontal or mesh
- Clean up environment downstream

Disposal of waste and water

- Decant water to Council grassed/vegetated area if possible
- Only decant downstream if no other option
- Remove then replace water back into the GPT
- Cant discharge it to sewer
- Council to create a "decant bio basin" in Penrith?
- Pollution to landfill or "recycling"
- Total Drain Cleaning have new recycling facility

Upgrades and Rectifications

- Undersized, blocks rapidly, poor access, etc
- Many ways to upgrade, only limited by \$\$\$\$
- Difficult (but not impossible) to upgrade most proprietary GPTs
- Trashrack performance, proportional to rack aperture and rack area. Therefore enlarge rack area
- NO MESH, only vertical racks. Minimise cross supports, and only have them on the back
- Post supports to be set in concrete or whole pad behind the rack
- Use flat concrete stub walls infront of rocks at trashracks

Upgrades and Rectifications

- Site weeding and veg management to prevent backwater and making the site "attractive" minimises illegal dumping. If it looks like a tip, people will treat it like one.
- Access and hardstand maintenance areas, very important
- Some lids too heavy
- Some devices just too small, expand or replace
- Primary sediment sumps to extra storage
- Sequential trashracks if manual or suction cleaning
- Treatment train or multiple devices

Questions