



ratio consultants newsletter November 2010

this months featured projects are: food, glorious food...

The good folks at Ratio, like most of us, are partial to good food, wine and an espresso poured just right. Imagine our joy at being able to combine our love of all things tasty with planning. Yes, we have been slowly but surely building a gourmet food niche in the industry, and loving every moment of it.

In recent years, we were ecstatic to work with Pearl Restaurant in Church Street, Richmond to undertake further renovations and expansion of its highly regarded restaurant. This then translated into obtaining approval for the new Pearl Cafe, just a couple of hundred metres up the street, now serving some of the best breakfast in Melbourne.



More recently, we have been advising Allpress Espresso, a renowned kiwi coffee company in its move into the highly competitive coffee market. Ratio has also been assisting Brasserie Bread, one of Sydney's leading sourdough bakeries and makers of artisan bread, pastries & cakes, make its first foray into the Melbourne gourmet food market. Be sure to watch out for them in the upcoming episodes of Junior Master Chef.



Finally, as Cutler & Co makes its entrance into the St Kilda market, Ratio will be there to ensure the good burghers of Port Phillip treat them right!

So if the next time you see us and we have put on a kilo or two, you know why!

Don't hesitate to contact Colleen Peterson or Alice Maloney for more delicious details.



Short Cases List Up and Running

Following the inception of the Major Cases List at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), the Short Cases List began operation on 11 October 2010.

The main focus of the Short Cases List will be short merits review proceedings, but it may include any type of application that may be made in the Planning and Environment List. It is anticipated that hearings will occur within 8 to 10 weeks of lodgement.

Cases will be typically included in the Short Cases List where:

- there are limited parties;
- the application, the grounds of appeal or grounds of refusal suggest that the issues are limited in number and extent;
- the case is capable of being heard and decided in less than two hours;
- a site inspection is unlikely to be required.

The Tribunal will decide whether to include a case in the Short Cases List. However, parties may apply to have an application included in the Short Cases List at either the time of lodging the application or subsequently, despite if a hearing is already listed.

Written reasons will not ordinarily be provided (unless requested or unless the member considers them necessary) when oral reasons are given. A written order will always be sent to parties whether the Tribunal member gives oral or written reasons.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9429 3111.

Congratulations

Ratio is delighted to announce the promotion of Sam D'Amico and Will Bromhead as Directors. Both Sam and Will are part of the Urban Planning team at Ratio and provide high level advice to the firm's broad base of clients and both regularly appear at VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria. The appointment is consistent with Ratio's commitment to the ongoing growth and regeneration of Ratio, expanding to meet the ongoing needs of clients.

Ratio is also delighted to announce the elevation of Dora Choi to Associate Director. Dora is part of Ratio's traffic and transport division and has quickly proven herself as an invaluable asset to the firm and it's clients. Dora was instrumental in the delivery of traffic management for the 2010 UCI Road World Championships which were held in Geelong in late September and early October.



This issue, we cast our eyes on Will Bromhead - Director

Likes: The Spring Carnival, holidays to Port Douglas, good red wine, kid free Sunday mornings and thinking about travelling in a Winnebago.

Hobbies: Tennis, Golf and Theatre (although it is some time since I trod the boards).

What am I reading right now: The Age, Delicious Magazine.

If on a desolate island, which three people would you like to be stranded with?

Well there are four people in my immediate family, so it would be unfair to select any of them, so . . . Matthew McConnell, owner and head chef at Bar Lourighna, a wine maker from Heathcote and a yacht builder.

How did you get into planning?

I didn't get high enough marks for law, medicine, architecture and liked geography...thought that planning some new town sounded challenging.



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Our new staff member:



Eliza Geelan

TRANSPORT PLANNER

Eliza joined Ratio as a Transport Planner in August 2010. Eliza is an experienced planner who has developed excellent research and writing skills through her role as a Transport Operations Planner in Christchurch, New Zealand prior to joining Ratio this year.

Whitehorse Integrated Transport Strategy

The City of Whitehorse recently appointed Ratio Consultants to prepare a new Integrated Transport Strategy. This strategy will replace the current 'Integrated Strategy 2002' and reflect the various strategies and policies that have been developed by Council and State Government, as well as current transport issues. A number of the actions set out in the previous strategy have been conducted or are ongoing, therefore it is important that a new strategy be produced to guide transport decisions in the municipality.

The purpose of the Integrated Transport Strategy is to provide the City of Whitehorse, with guidance in delivering programs, services and advocacy to improve the safety, efficiency and sustainability of the transport network within the City of Whitehorse. The new strategy will include recommendations of actions and transport action priorities.

Consultation with key stakeholders and the Whitehorse community will be a key part of the strategy process.



Box Hill Town Hall - City of Whitehorse

UCI Road World Championships

Last month we saw the 77th UCI Road World Championship in Melbourne and Geelong, with over 293,000 spectators lining the streets and the event precincts to watch and cheer on the world's best cyclist over five days.



With daily road closures in Geelong extending over 15.8 km on Road Race days, and 22 km on Time Trial days, and the rolling closures between Melbourne and Geelong on Sunday 3 October, the traffic management operations has presented significant logistic challenge to ensure all roads are closed as per schedule, to allow for the course build, and daily course accreditation process as required by UCI competition rules, and opened within 2 hours to ensure impacts on access to and from residential and commercial properties are minimised.



We are proud to be involved in such a significant event to the State, Melbourne and Geelong, as well as being the first time for this event to be hosted in the southern hemisphere and the first time that the Elite Men's Road Race has started in one city and finished in another.

Now that the weather is improving, we thought it a good time to bring you some **Cycling Facts**

- ☀ Twenty bicycles can be parked in the same space taken up by one car.
- ☀ On a bicycle you can travel up to 1,037 kilometres on the energy equivalent of a single litre of petrol.
- ☀ Cycling is great exercise: leisurely cycling (around 19 km/h) burns calories at the same rate as very brisk walking (faster than 6.5km/h).

