



Our Approach

The Warrnambool Community Garden envisage rehabilitation of the historic Albert Park quarry that has been unused and neglected for over 50 years.

Preparing a master plan for the site was a key step forward in developing a vision and planning a way forward.

Perry Mills & Associates were selected to assist the Committee and suggested a methodology that included consultation and a site visit to discuss the site history, problems, issues and opportunities, and to undertake a site analysis.

Quarry Redevelopment Master Plan

Warrnambool Community Garden



Warrnambool Community Garden Quarry Project Workplan IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	
IMPLEMENTATION ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	Project description for implementation of the quarry, identifying needs, goals, objectives, tasks and responsibilities, and resources. Identify potential project risks and dependencies.
2	Site analysis, including site history, site conditions, site constraints, site opportunities, and site risks.
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We have found that often a more interactive, personal approach allows for a more holistic solution to evolve in discussion with stakeholders.

This proved the case, and in a one-day workshop we did a site-walk and discussion, followed by an intensive design process that allowed us to invite the committee back in the afternoon to review the initial concepts.

This allowed the stakeholders to steer the direction of the project in a very collaborative design process.

Subsequent development of the design identified key actions which prioritised in an Implementation Plan that provided the Committee with a clear set of steps forward in what is a complex and long-term project.

We are pleased to remain a key partner in the rehabilitation of this exciting grass-roots project.

In 2022 Sustainability Victoria the project won Community Champion award in the 'Sustainable places and destinations' category.

Project Specs

- Client:** Warrnambool Community Garden Committee of Management
- Location:** Warrnambool, Victoria
- Date:** 2016, ongoing
- Budget:** TBC
- Role:** Consultation, Master Planning, Concept Design, Implementation Plan and Estimates of Cost

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Our Methodology

The Warrnambool Community Garden is located within Albert Park, the most inland of a series of ancient sand dunes and sandstone.

Sandstone and limestone quarrying was a key industry in Warrnambool for over 85 years, but the Albert Park quarry has been unused and neglected for over 50 years leading to a long-term and complex weed infestation that encroached on other parts of the site and beyond.

The community garden has been located at the site since 2006 and has built an impressive array of growing spaces and South West Victoria's first multi-purpose community eco-demonstration building.

The Committee of Management sees the quarry area as a key opportunity for rehabilitation and in 2016 we ran a full-day workshop onsite, presenting designs in the afternoon.

"Warrnambool Community Garden employed Perry Mills to draw together our ideas for the old quarry on our site. We asked him to produce a master plan with an implementation schedule and initial costing, says Julie Eagles, the garden's Deputy Convenor.

"We wanted something that was inspiring, practical, low maintenance and achievable that could also be staged as opportunities arose for us as volunteers to find funding for the various elements of the project.

"We chose Perry from a field of candidates who expressed interest. He proved to be just exactly the right person for us and we loved the process he took us through, walking with our team on site, talking through our ideas and drawing up an initial plan for our comments in situ.

"He's a great communicator, nothing was too much trouble and he really understood our community organisation culture and the opportunities and constraints that go with that.

"We've been able to use his master plan to attract funds for the preliminary work and then we were lucky to receive a grant last year through the state government Pick My Project Grants and so we are now well on the road to taking the project to the next level of bringing Perry's master plan to fruition."

In 2019 we again assisted along with hydrologist Richard Marks, to develop concepts for stormwater management and reuse, and landscaping of the 'Forest Gully'.

Earthworks and site development were undertaken during 2020, and the Quarry Amphitheatre opened in 2022.

It has now won awards at local, state and national levels.

