

# PARKS VICTORIA

## ALBERT PARK OFFICE AND DEPOT

LOCATION  
Melbourne,  
Australia

### BEST-CASE WORK ENVIRONMENT

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This is a project for the park – a true ‘Parks’ building. It fuses together office and depot functions for Parks Victoria in Albert Park, providing a best-case work environment for staff and a welcoming experience for visitors. The building is high amenity, low energy. The building presents excellence in sustainability, integrating building and landscape – greenery is used to shade, cool and enliven the building.

The heart of the project is a courtyard, bringing landscape into the centre, as a source of ventilation and light and used for gathering and mingling. Exposed timber and concrete are the main materials used. CLT is used for the upper level structure and is exposed wherever possible.

The building generally uses natural and low-maintenance materials throughout – timber, concrete and cross-laminated timber. The CLT is extensively exposed internally to reduce the use of additional material. Sun screening is achieved through overhangs and planting, shading extensive glass surfaces they provide strong connections to the surrounding park landscape. A 27kW photovoltaic system covers the roof area. Rainwater is retained and non-porous ground covers are minimised, further integrating the building into the park setting.

The project represents good value for money for the public purse, with a modest budget given the level of finish, complex site conditions, extensive landscape works and non-standard structural system.











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