

Where: Birrarung Mar, Southbank, VIC
Client: City of Melbourne
Value: \$300,000 +
Contract Period: 30 weeks
Completed: 2006



Description of Work Undertaken:

Initial works were for construction of concrete slabs to enable the installation of cast iron tiles as part of a major art/landscape project. Citywide then provided quotations for additional works such as installation of the cast iron tiles, installation and fixing of large rocks (20 tonne each), reinstatement of irrigation and drainage and the landscaping (including turfing) of the area.

Works involved installation of several artworks in the park which were designed by

Indigenous artists. These artworks included installation of an 'eel path' which is approximately 100m long made from 466 cast iron tiles each approximately 800mm x 800mm., installation of a performance area which included construction of a large concrete slab and placement and fixing of nine large rocks (up to 15 tonne each) and installation of message sticks and "Shield" sculptures.

The initial stage of these works won by Citywide was for the installation of reinforced concrete footings and slabs associated with the "Eel path" and the rock sculptures surrounding the performance area. During the construction of these concrete footings and slabs Citywide needed to work closely with Melbourne Events to ensure activities being undertaken in the Birrarung Marr precinct were not significantly affected by the works. This at times required additional barricading as well as additional earthworks to enable the public to safely use the works areas.

In addition to the concrete works carried out Citywide were then engaged to lay the cast iron tiles which formed the "eel path", install the nine stones (up to twenty tonne each) which ringed the performance area and then carry out the landscaping works to the entire area. Each of these sections of works was required to be staged due to various activities being undertaken in the area such as festivals over the Christmas new Year period, the Commonwealth Games and then the Moomba water festival.

Citywide provided a high quality finish to all the works while maintaining a flexible approach to the completion of the works in accordance with the City of Melbourne requirements to maintain the use of the area.

