

Renewable Energy and Environmentally Sustainable Design Case Studies

Koala Interpretive Centre

Site: Phillip Island, Victoria

Dates:

- Design Phase Commencement: June 2004

Client:

Phillip Island Nature Parks

Project Goals:

- Recommend passive design techniques and innovative technologies that demonstrate the principles of good design, energy efficiency and renewable technology.
- Identify best practice methods for water and energy use at the Koala Centre.

Project Features:

The proposed new visitor and environmental education centre at the Koala Conservation Reserve on Phillip Island offers an outstanding opportunity to build an iconic structure that is both innovative in design and efficient in operation. The plan is to create an economically viable centre that is attractive, comfortable, interesting and functional.

The key planned ESD features are:

- Solar chimneys at each end of the building
- A roof integrated solar air heating system
- Rainwater harvesting system
- Building integrated photovoltaics
- Maximising thermal mass
- Maximising insulation
- Building heat modulation system
- Using landscaping to moderate the local micro-climate

Project Team:

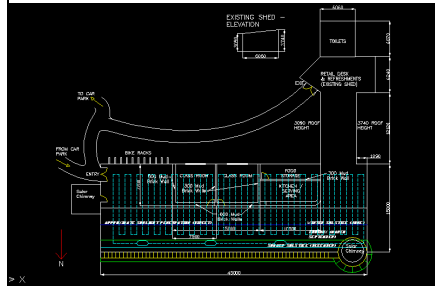
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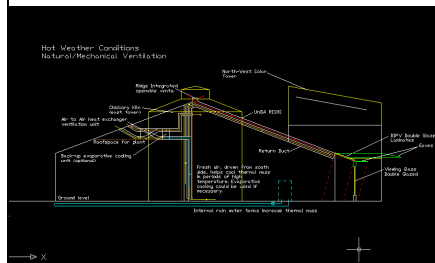
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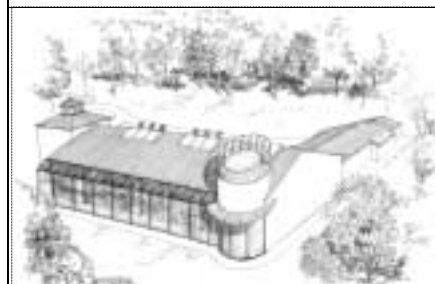
Displays in the existing building



Proposed floor plan



Proposed elevation



Proposed perspective



Building site