Collision

The site for this studio is Stoney Creek Back Wash and the adjacent spaces of Mobil tank farm, Urban Creek Park and the Westgate Bridge in Yarraville. This is a studio where the very site itself, its histories and current conditions provide the core ideas that will generate the studio. This site is complex and deeply layered: overlapping histories that separate but also converging. These layers can provide future trajectories for your design.

Working through a series of design explorations, we will develop understandings of the evolving conditions underlining the cultural workings and dynamic processes of Stoney Creek Back Wash and the adjacent spaces. These explorations will also define the potential inhabitants and the possible tensions that may exist between types of inhabitants. For example these may be spatial, environmental or cultural and involve human, plant or other species. As a designer you will be challenged to interpret your analysis objectively, designing with conditions that will inevitably privilege some over others.

We will focus on the development and design of this site as public place, taking a snap shot in the year 2025.

Evolutionary process

Through investigating the chronologies of converging layers that form this area, we will develop a series of mappings and physically modelled studies informed by both natural and manmade modifications, histories and hazards, interpreting the relationship that both Aboriginal and European have with the area.

Working with evolution as a process of investigation, these will incrementally expand in scale, starting with observations of the micro to gradually exploring the big picture, hence developing your understanding of the layers, connections, groupings, fusions and relationships that inform the ecological systems and cultural histories of this site.

Studio will consist of a series of workshops that focus on design generation through physical modeling at various scales.

Studio Lecturer: Lyn Wilson

Classes: Tuesday 1.30pm - 4.30 pm
           Friday 9.30pm - 12.30 pm