



### **Introduction: Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)**



- What is WSUD?
  - Integrated design of urban water cycle
- WSUD principles
  - Treat all streams of water in the urban cycle as a resource
  - Minimise environmental degradation
  - Improve aesthetic and recreational appeal
- How is WSUD achieved?
  - Through a land planning and engineering design approach



SUDS in new development Melbourne, Australia (Image courtesy of Tony Weber, BMT-WBM)

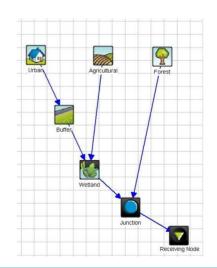
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### Introduction: What is the **music** Software?

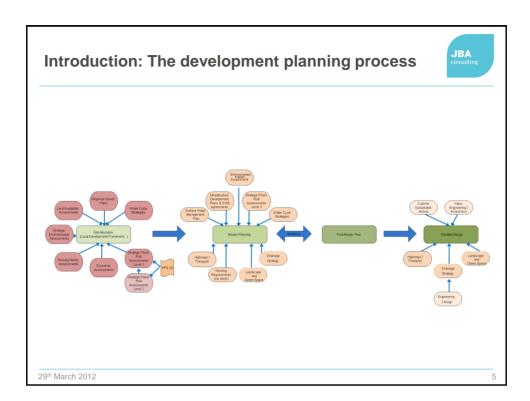


- Software was originally developed in Australia as a tool to inform WSUD
- Models the flow and quality of urban stormwater including the generation, transport and treatment of pollutants.
- A conceptual tool <u>not</u> intended for detailed design
- Can be used to evaluate SuDS for both attenuation of peak flows and water quality
- Enables users to assess whole life costs of a scheme and aids decision making



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### Introduction: SuDS approval



- Approving Bodies (ABs) will be responsible for approving, adopting, and maintaining any SuDS (drainage) serving more than 1 property
- ABs are expected to be Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs)
- Developments with drainage implications will not be able to begin construction until the AB approves the drainage scheme
- Draft national standards on SuDS design are under consultation, there is provision for more rigorous local standards where desired
  - music can be used to set local standards and water quality targets
- ABs may wish to satisfy themselves the schemes that they are adopting and become liable for perform as intended
  - continuous simulation using music can assess performance over long time period and whole life costing can determine likely maintenance costs

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# Overview of **music**: Software Development



- Development of the software began by the Australian Co-operative Research Centre (eWater) in 2002
- Initial aim was to produce software to tackle urban stormwater management issues
- Software incorporates findings from significant amounts of leading research undertaken on SuDS
- JBA Consulting have worked with eWater to enhance the software for UK application



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### Overview of **music**: Users



- Software has more than 1,200 users worldwide
- Software of choice for SuDS regulatory and adopting authorities in Australia
- Used by developers in the masterplanning process
- Used by regulators to evaluate SuDS design
- Used for both new developments and retro-fitting



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#### JBA Overview of **music**: Setting Standards In Australia **music** has been used by local councils and state governments to set targets for the removal of pollutants by SuDS Water quality criteria in the Draft National Standards specify the % Reduct 4.82 2 82 number of treatments required rather 84.7 Total Suspended Solids (kg/yr) 92.9 than a target for reduction 1.54 0.374 75.8 Total Phosphorus (kg/yr) 4.68 63.2 Total Nitrogen (kg/yr) music offers ABs the opportunity to 100.0 Gross Pollutants (kg/yr) 228 specify local targets and the software **a** enables simple compliance checks

## Overview of music: Planning Process



Informing Design

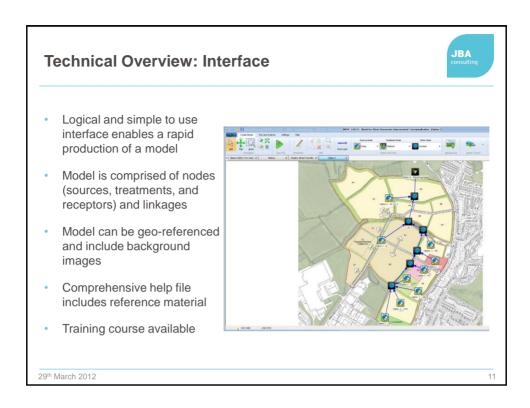
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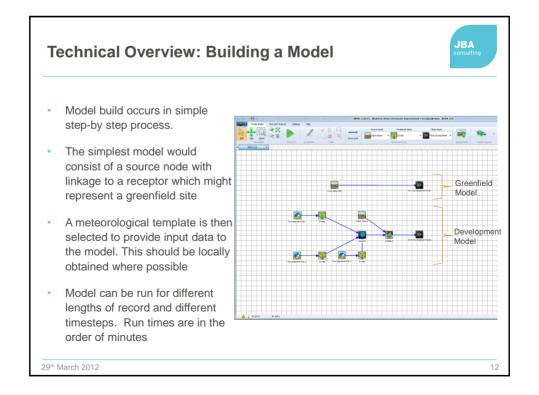
- Software can be used to assess the baseline for a potential development site or as part of a wider strategic allocation assessment
- Interface enables rapid testing of concepts to determine scale and variety of SuDS measures to achieve targets at the masterplanning stage
- Outputs from models can be taken forward to detailed design using other packages such as WinDes

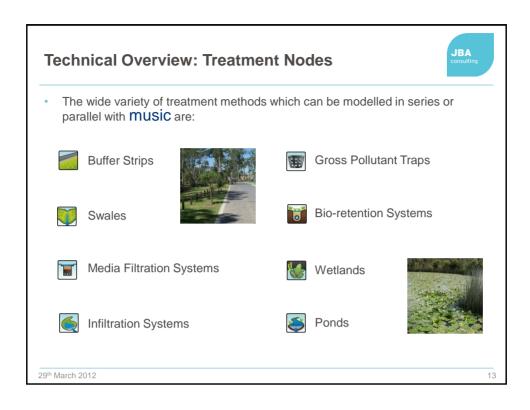
- Assisting Approvals
  - A model of a proposed SuDS installation can be quickly produce to determine whether any applicable targets are met
  - Continuous simulation enables the use of observed data to test how a system would have performed historically
  - Whole life costing module aid decision making in regard to maintenance liabilities

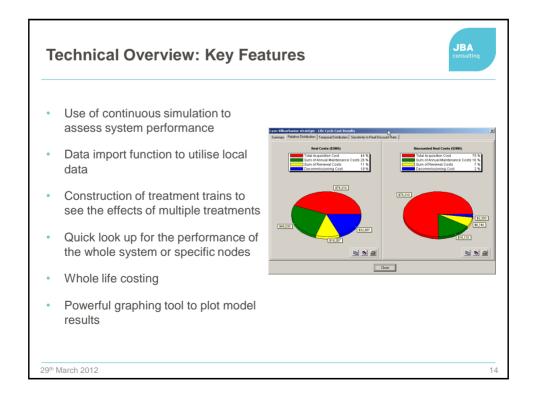
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### Application in the UK:



- Strategic planning
  - Water cycle strategies
  - SFRA (SuDS measures)
  - Setting standards and targets to compliment National Standards
- Pre-development consultation
  - Setting standards and targets

- Outline design / masterplanning
  - Demonstrating effects of SuDS on runoff and water quality
  - Whole life costing
- · Inputs to detailed design tools
- Evaluation of performance
  - Testing of existing schemes or designs submitted for approval

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### **Further Information**



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