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# **Melbourne Observation Wheel**

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### **Southern Star Observation Wheel**



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#### **ORIGINAL DESIGN**

- Wheel opened late December 2008
- Closed late January 2009



#### PROBLEMS

- Buckling and cracks
- Originally said to be due to heat stress
- Later found to be a design fault and iron chemistry
- Complex litigation underway, no further comment.

### **New Design**



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#### **FEATURES**

- Heavier
- More flexible connections
- Better designed for motion
- Improved drive systems

#### **COMPONENTS**

- Seven inner spokes
- Seven outer spokes
- Rim and cabins (original)



### Vekta's Role



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#### MONITORING

- Monitored the hub as the old wheel spokes were taken down (2009), removal of mass
- Vekta to monitor the wheel as it is re-constructed, mass increase and uneven loading
- Columns supporting the hub to be monitored (particularly due to the excess weight)

#### **AS-BUILT/SETOUT – MAJORITY OF WORKS**

- Checking constructed accuracy of steel members in the staging yard
- As-builts of spokes before tightening and after offsets to design
- As-builts of yellow trusses to determine spoke twist, alignment and separation.

### **Yard As-Builts**



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### **Datum Definition**



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### **Surveys**

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#### **SPOKES ON HUB**

- Retros placed 25mm in from end of chords on cruciform
  - North and south sides of flanges
- Retros surveyed, midpoint of cruciform computed
- Survey north and south end of hub to check datum
- Alignment (Northing) check at installation

#### **DATA MANIPULATION**

- 3D data set
- Checking of hub, N/S retros
- Transformation of data to rotate A 'up'
- Overlay to design and compute offsets





### Challenges

#### **EXISTING HUB**

- Short baseline and original alignment no longer valid
- Rotating and non-fixed datum E, N and RL comparisons nonsensical
- North side of hub exposed to more sun, wind issues
- Measurement deflection during measurement Retro Targets.

#### DRAFTING

- Obstructions resulting in incomplete data sets.
- Verification of observed differences measurement location always unique

### **OTHER**

- Steel deflection at 3 o'clock position.
- Managing expectations and accuracy requirements

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### As-built outer spoke at 6 o'clock



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### As-built outer spoke



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RELOWING UDSERVATION - DATUM DETIND BY MOPONT DF HUB, ALGONINT OF HUB J MOPONT BETWEEN TWO CONNECTION JUNITS ON FRAME A 180 MATCH DISION, FRAME A DISION POSITION HLD AS IT WAS FRAME (DICKE) TO THE HUB. - DISION GENERATED FRAM DRAWNG "SSOW CAD Model.dwg" TO BRAIT MICHAEL ON A 7 2 X TOTI. FRAME CORED AT SI ROTATION NITERVALS. - USESS AMENDER 21 X 2 X TOTI AS MICE ALFASS MARKING - DATUM USE ON TWENTIGAL- SEE VERTA REFERENCE "SSOW Sketch '55th Apr".



# Monitoring

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WFC WHEEL ASBUILT SCHEDULE **Revision D Schedule** 

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#### Design "Frame A" used for coordinates (Y-axis) Surveyed "Frame A" best fit for datum 3460 Jop Revision D Results to 19/07/2011 В Α G DATE 7/6/11 17/6/11 27/6/11 5/7/11 19/7/11 1030 1300 1300 Time 1130 1300 Point Temp 10° 15° 13° 15° 12° HUBS RL(m) 64.956 64.956 (int 64.956 (int 64.955 64.955 HUB N RL (m) 64.950 64.950 (int) 64.950 (int) 64.953 64.953 A1 dX dY dZ -16 -11 8 10 A2 dX 11 12 13 dY -13 -10 -17 dZ 10 A3 dX 16 12 dY -11 -10 dZ 11 11 16 A4 dX 20 11 18 dY -14 -21 -12 dZ -12 B1 dX dY 17 12 12 -24 -17 -17 -13 -12 dZ B2 dX 13 19 12 14 -18 dY -14 -13 dZ 4 -5 B3 dX 5 NO SURVEY -27 NO SURVEY dY -23 -18 dZ 27 23 NO SURVEY 15 B4 dX NO SURVEY 10 -17 dY NO SURVEY -11 17 dZ NO SURVEY 16 11 C1 dX dY -21 -13 -2 dZ C2 dX dY -21 -20 -14 dZ C3 dX d¥ dZ 23 12 C4 dX -11

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3460 Wheel Monitoring- 19th July

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### **Deliverables**



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#### **MONITORING SCHEDULE & KEY PLAN**

- Rotated to make Spoke A consistently vertical to enable comparison, unlike as-built plans
- Schedule template distances and offsets

#### **PLANS**

- Shown as-surveyed for practical use
- Vertical at time of survey is vertical on the plan
- Offset enlargement blocks- automated by LiSPs
- Distances between chords and radii also shown



## **Questions and comments**

> Nearly done...



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