



CASE STUDY IMPROVING OUTDOOR STUDENT AMENITIES

Urban Canopee serving Swinburne's students and staff

Urban Canopee proudly partnered with *Swinburne University of Technology* in Melbourne to enhance Wakefield st , a vital green gathering campus corner for student and staff. Two canopee structures were installed to offer cooling, shade, seating and connection with nature in this heavily used space.

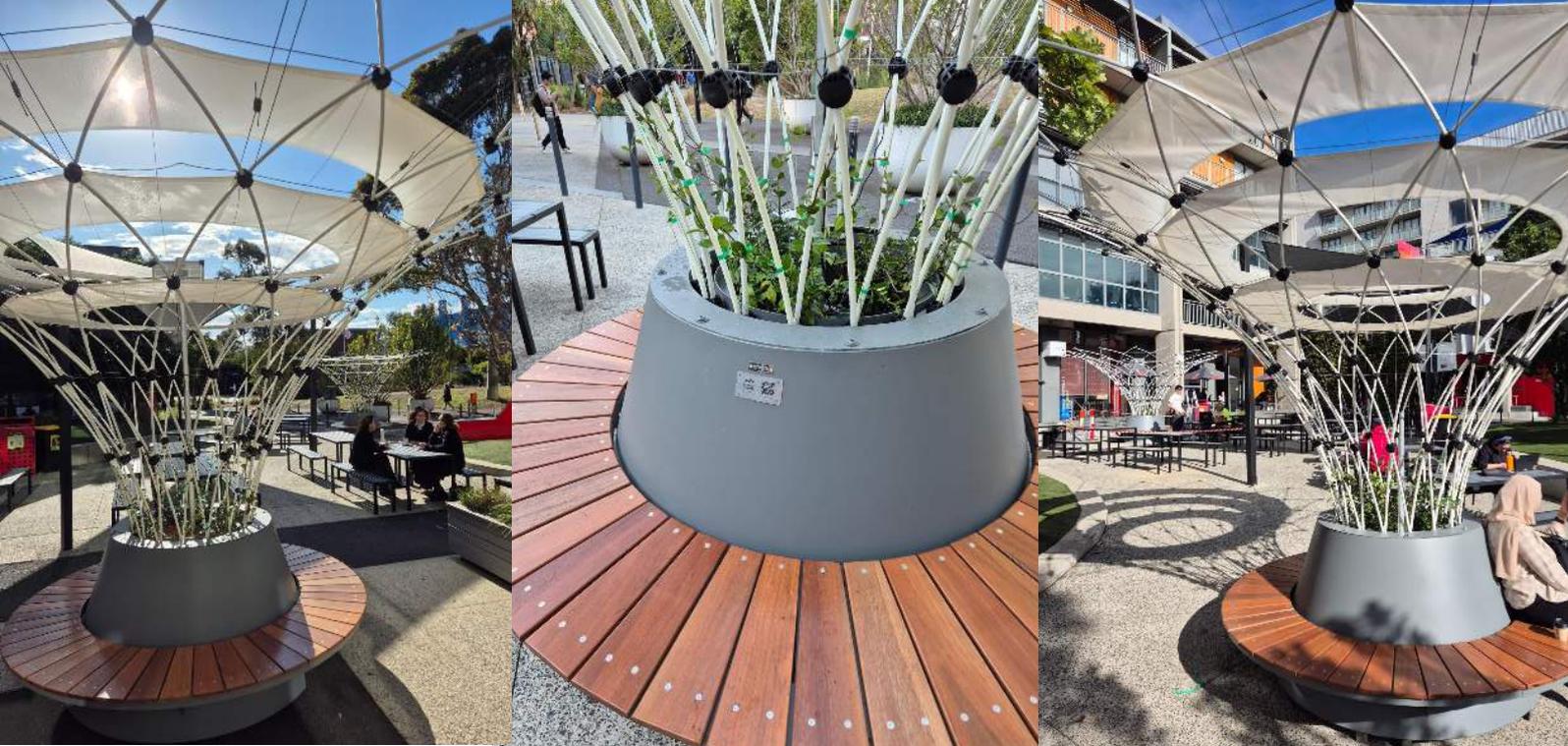
The Challenge

The Wakefield Street seating area is a key social space on campus, especially for student living nearby. While the area offers greenery and open air, it lacked sufficient shade, making it uncomfortable during sunny days. With limited room available, a compact yet effective solution was required to improve the space without compromising its current use. A design led solution that also uplift the visual appeal of the space was important.



The Solution

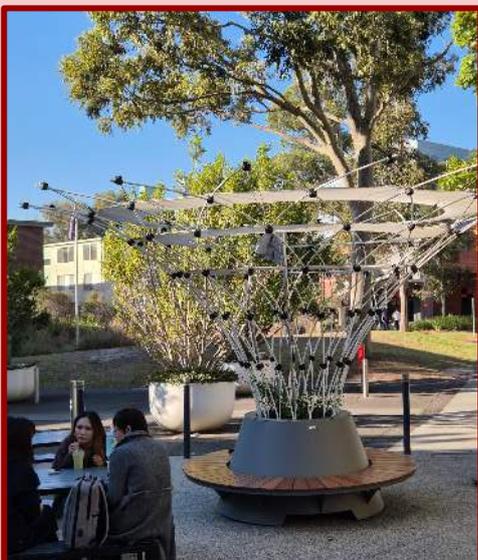
Urban Canopee provided the perfect fit-for-purpose solution: two modular free-standing Canopee structures designed for restricted urban spaces. Each was equipped with shade fabric to offer immediate protection from the sun, and a circular bench to increase seating capacity. The result? Killing two birds with one stone: more comfort through shade, and more nature seamlessly integrated into the university environment.



Specific features

Swinburne University chose to personalise their Canopies by integrating shade sails in each structure, providing instant shade while enhancing the visual design of the Canopies. To further improve user experience and encourage outdoor use, they also opted to integrate a custom hardwood bench beneath each canopy, creating inviting and comfortable spaces for students and staff.

Worth highlighting, these are the first free standing canopies installed by Urban Canopee in Australia. Because they don't require ground anchoring or costly footing pouring, installation is quicker and more cost-effective, the Canopies are simply placed on the ground and can be moved around at will.



Key Observations Following Canopies Installation

- Enhance comfort and atmosphere
- Visually striking design
- Increased student engagement
- Optimised use of limited space
- Long-term greening vision

Client Testimonial

Installing two Canopees was really beneficial for the Swinburne community.



“Urban Canopee has doubly improved the space: not only by adding much-needed shade, but also by contributing to our green spaces. The additional seating has been well received, with students now using the area more frequently”.

Senior Project Manager at Swinburne - Richard Rasquinho

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Let's talk

Urban Canopee's innovative approach merges sustainability, architecture and shade infrastructure to transform urban environments for the better.

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