



Deakin University Entry Landscaping

Storm damage leads to major reimagining of entry experience

Client: Deakin University
Location: Waurin Ponds campus, Geelong
Date: Construction completed 2017
Budget: \$350k
Roll: Design, documentation & Construction inspections



Our Approach

The existing 20 year-old retaining wall along Nicol Drive North failed and we were approached to reimagine this important entry area to the campus. After developing a number of design options - 'Playful', 'Bookshelf' and 'Stratum' - we developed a concept that celebrates the ancient and complex geological history beneath our feet.

The 300m long wall features undulating bands of durable rock from three major geological periods, represented by Devonian granite, limestone spalls and bluestone ballast to create a strong, single gesture, softened itself by foliage draping from above and along the base.

Working with sub-consultant structural and civil engineers Andrew Cherubin & Assic and Second Nature Engineering we documented the project for construction, ensuring that stormwater drainage was managed, and reusing the material from the old wall, resulting in a significant environmental benefit.

BC Garden Constructions successfully built the project within a narrow time window between terms. The experience for drivers of vehicles is strong and memorable, and it has been a popularly acclaimed project.

