



Landscape Character Evaluation and Renovation

Established landscape gets a critical review and new direction

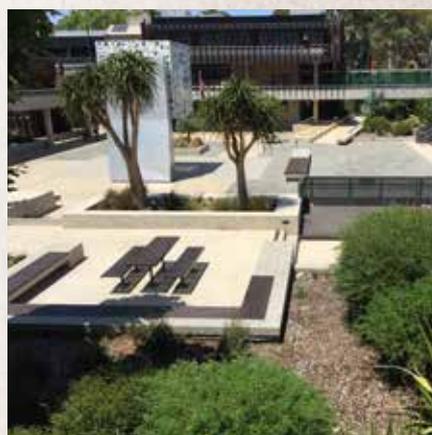
Client: Deakin University
Campus Services Division

Location: Waurin Ponds, Victoria

Date: 2019-20

Budget: \$40k

Role: Principal consultant



Our Approach

Union Green and Delacombe Court provide space for students to relax, have fun and socialise, but also they project an image to visitors, students and staff that assists in achieving Deakin's goals..

Ten years after a major landscape refurbishment however, something was not quite right and PM&A was asked to find out what it was.

After delving into archives to determine the sites history, interviewing key players in its evolution and conducting detailed onsite investigation we determined that the main problems were lack of shade, unplanned 'ad-hoc' changes, under-utilisation, loss of a 'sense of place' and under-performing plant species.

We addressed hitherto unresolved issues and understood the vision the designers had for the space, that was never truly communicated to the maintenance staff responsible for realising it.

A detailed report was prepared that identified issues, suggested opportunities, and ultimately made recommendations on replanting, improving user facilities, reconnecting the place with its 'genius loci' and on maintenance and management practices.

