



CASE STUDY

The Connection, Rhodes

The amphitheatre at The Connection was exposed to harsh sun and rain, limiting year-round use of the waterfront precinct. Greenline delivered a striking custom tensile structure that now provides permanent weather protection while becoming a defining feature of the Rhodes foreshore.



Brief

The City of Canada Bay Council completed The Connection, an award-winning waterfront community precinct in Rhodes. Designed by Crone Architects, the precinct quickly became a popular gathering space for the local community, centred around an outdoor amphitheatre overlooking the foreshore.

As use of the precinct increased, the Council identified the need for permanent weather protection over the amphitheatre to improve comfort and usability throughout the year. The new structure needed to integrate seamlessly with the existing architectural language of the precinct while preserving the open views and civic character of the space.

The project presented several significant challenges. The site was located on the former grounds of a chemical factory, with contaminated soils extending to depths of approximately 13 metres. Construction also needed to be carefully managed within a busy public area, minimising disruption to the community and maintaining safe access throughout the build.

Solution

Greenline worked closely with Crone Architects and the City of Canada Bay to develop a completely custom tensile membrane solution that responded directly to the geometry of the amphitheatre and surrounding precinct. The triangulated roof form and elevated fan-like structure created a distinctive architectural gesture while remaining visually consistent with The Connection's existing built form.

Given the complexity of the contaminated ground conditions and the active public setting, Greenline adopted a prefabricated construction methodology to minimise on-site time and disruption. The structure was manufactured offsite and rapidly assembled onsite over an approximately eight-week construction program.

Client	City of Canada Bay Council
Architect	Crone Architects
Location	Rhodes, NSW
Structure	Custom PVC Membrane Structure
Area Covered	Community Amphitheatre
Size	1,600 sqm
Finishes	Dulux Duratec Zeus Black (Matt)
Materials	Ferrari 782 S2 PVC Fabric, Sand

Outcome

The completed structure has transformed the amphitheatre into a flexible, all-weather community destination that supports performances, gatherings and everyday use throughout the year. The waterproof canopy provides welcome shade and rain protection while maintaining the openness and visual connection to the surrounding waterfront precinct.

The project has been embraced by both Council and the Rhodes community as a valuable enhancement to the foreshore environment.

The result is a highly durable and future-focused civic structure that balances architectural quality, technical performance and long-term public amenity.

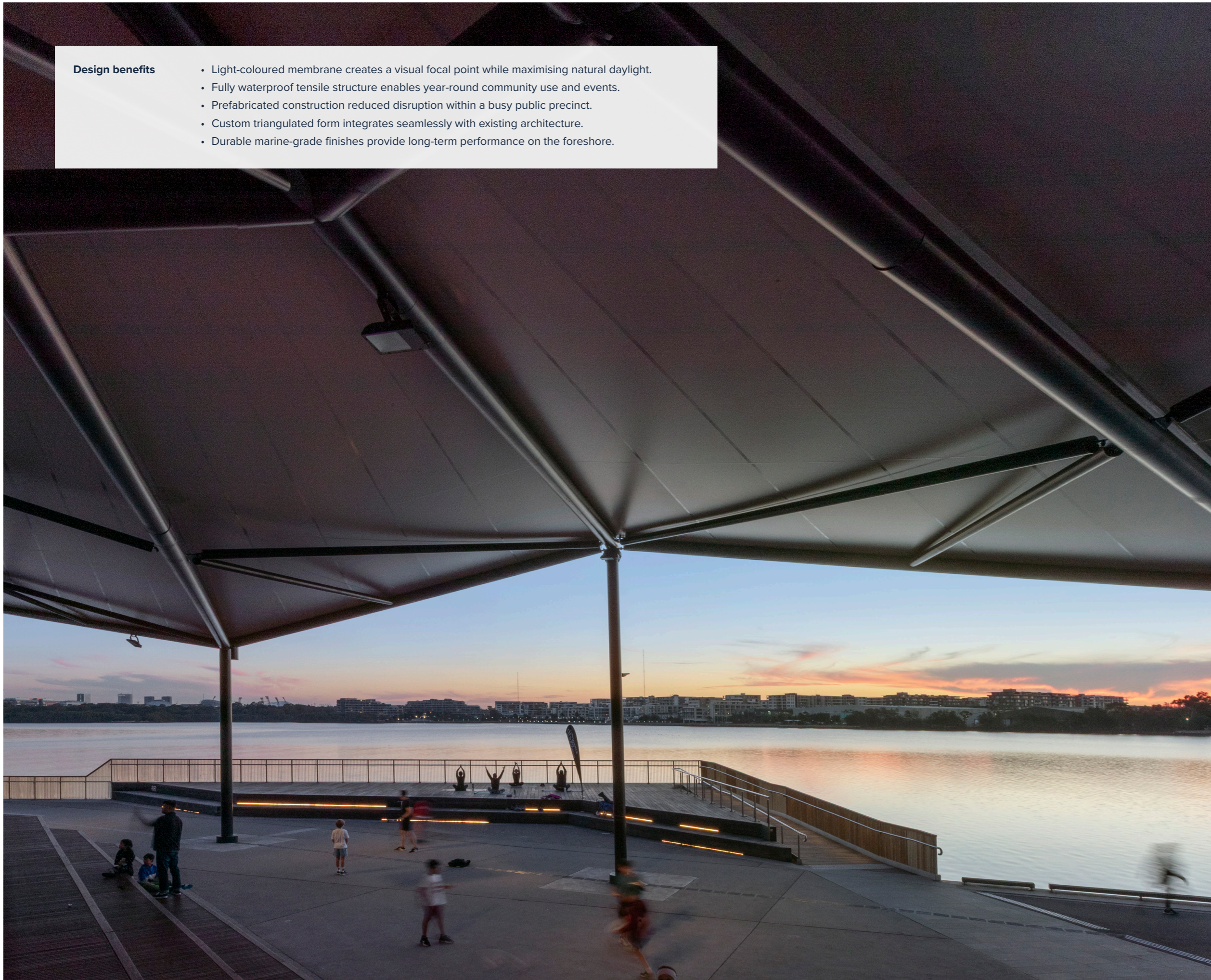
“The end result really speaks for itself. It’s been a great addition to the precinct. It really does feel like the missing piece of the puzzle that was always meant to be there.”

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PRINCIPAL, CRONE ARCHITECTS



Design benefits

- Light-coloured membrane creates a visual focal point while maximising natural daylight.
- Fully waterproof tensile structure enables year-round community use and events.
- Prefabricated construction reduced disruption within a busy public precinct.
- Custom triangulated form integrates seamlessly with existing architecture.
- Durable marine-grade finishes provide long-term performance on the foreshore.



Next steps

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