

A COOL SOLUTION FOR THE AUBURN MOSQUE PLAYGROUND

Sydney Shade Sails recently completed an innovative shade sail installation at the Auburn Gallipoli Mosque, enhancing the children's playground with a functional yet aesthetically pleasing design. The project, spearheaded by Managing Director Leonard Collins, is a testament to the company's commitment to quality, customer service, and creating community-oriented solutions.

"The client needed to revamp the playground but didn't have a clear vision of what they wanted," Collins explained. "Our team designed a layered sail structure that not only provides vital shade but also complements the surrounding palm trees and environment."

The playground, used daily by children, presented unique challenges. Softfall areas could reach over 50 degrees on hot days, posing safety risks. The solution involved strategically placed sails to ensure full coverage and UV protection, keeping the area cool and safe. "We considered design, height, and aesthetics to ensure the structure blended seamlessly with the mosque's architecture," Collins said, highlighting the pale eucalypt columns and cream sails chosen to harmonise with the outdoor aesthetic of the mosque.

The installation process was equally complex, requiring meticulous planning. "Accessing the site was a challenge," Collins noted. "We had to lift columns over fences and navigate between palm trees without damaging tiles or other works. Safety and minimising disruption were



paramount, especially in this community space where prayer times and WHS risks had to be carefully managed."

One standout feature was Sydney Shade Sails' dedication to ensuring a complete process for the client. Although repair after cutting through existing softfall wasn't part of their standard service, they coordinated with specialists to seamlessly restore the playground surface.

With this project, Sydney Shade Sails showcased its 25 years of industry expertise, delivering a durable, visually striking shade structure that serves the mosque's vibrant community while embodying the company's ethos of excellence and care.

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