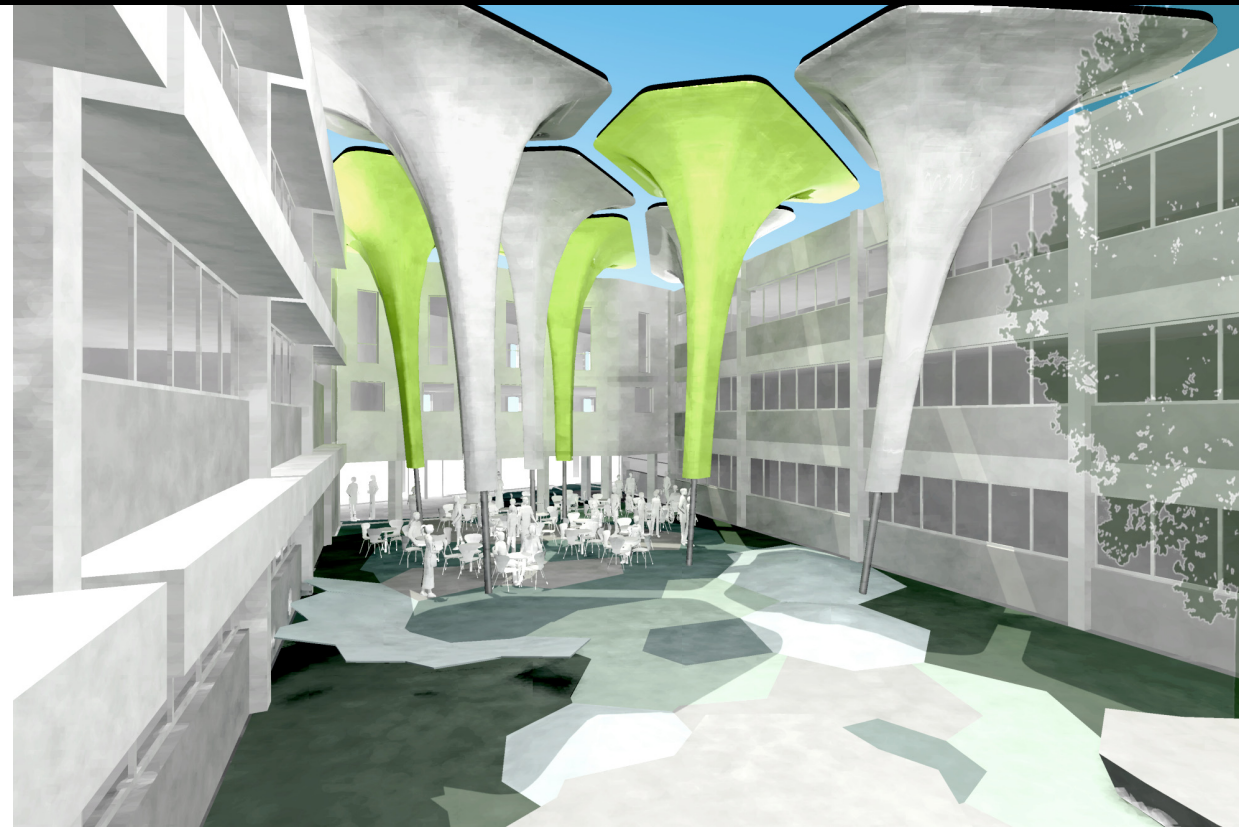
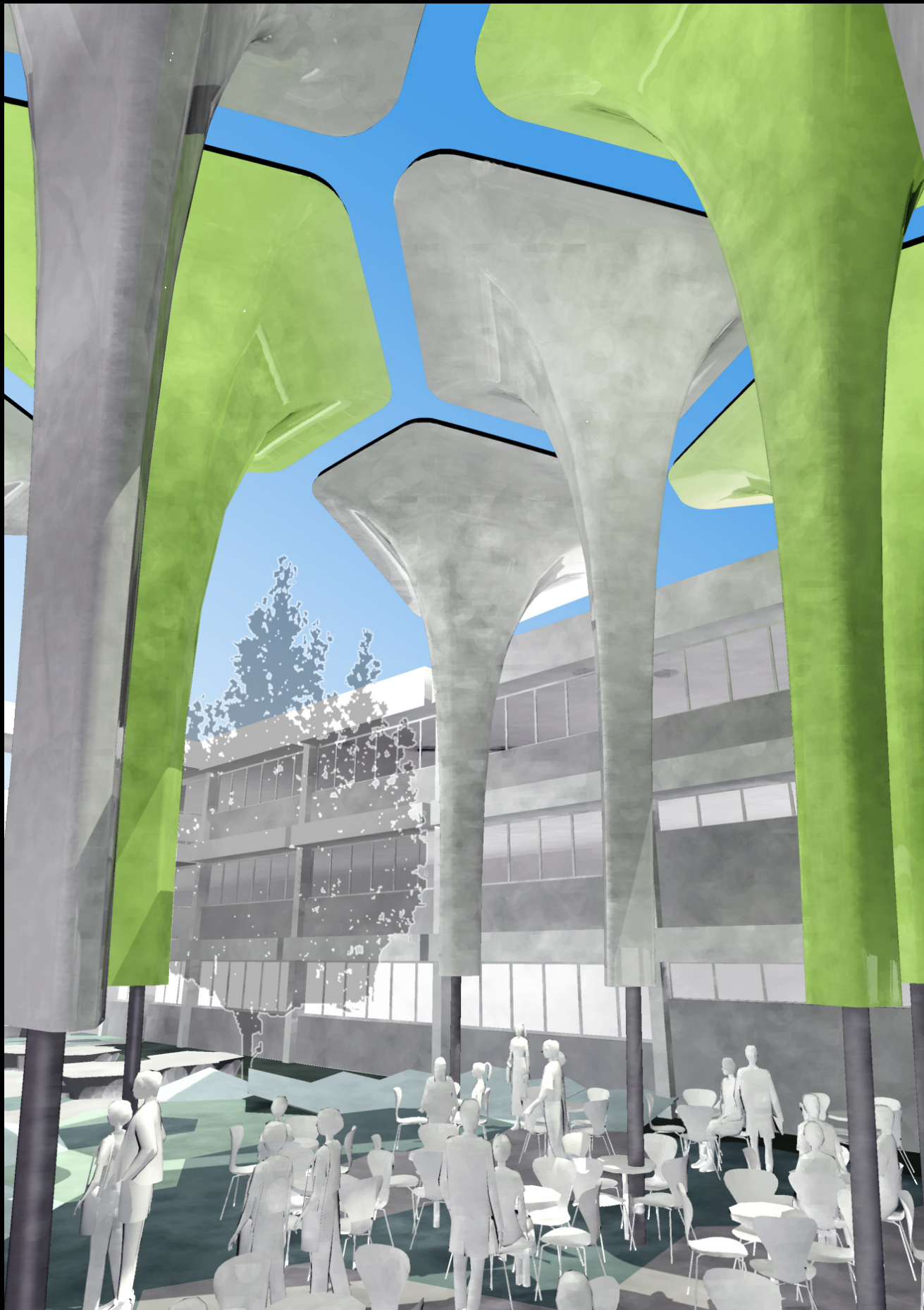


Building M&N Courtyard

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PLATEAU COURTYARD
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

The Deakin University brief for the renovation of an existing, deep and narrow courtyard adjacent to the popular Plateau cafe at the Burwood Campus required shade and shelter to be provided to the outdoor café area.

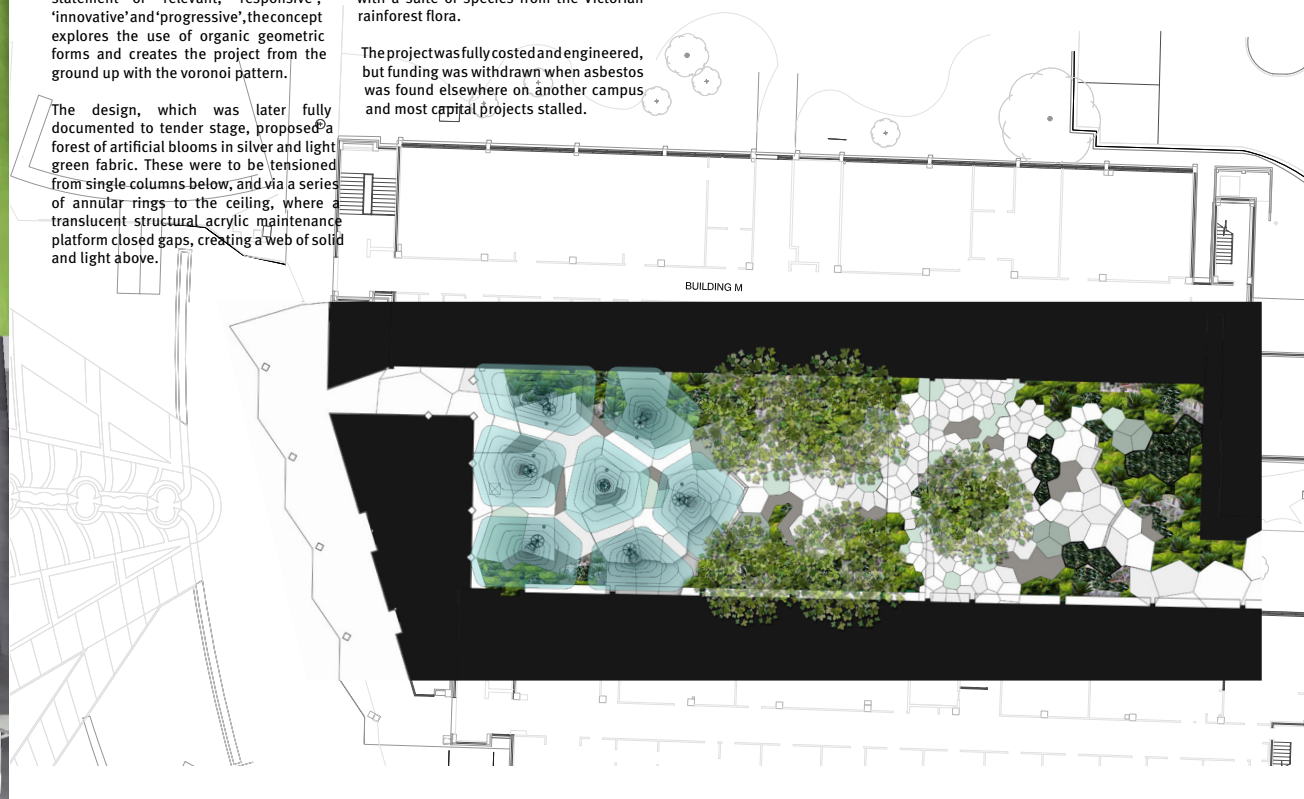
In response to the University's mission statement of 'relevant, 'responsive', 'innovative' and 'progressive', the concept explores the use of organic geometric forms and creates the project from the ground up with the voronoi pattern.

The design, which was later fully documented to tender stage, proposed a forest of artificial blooms in silver and light green fabric. These were to be tensioned from single columns below, and via a series of annular rings to the ceiling, where a translucent structural acrylic maintenance platform closed gaps, creating a web of solid and light above.

Stormwater from the blooms was to fall into local collection trays at each column and then delivered directly to garden beds.

The ground plane of the design echoes the primary order of the scheme, creating organic cells and crystalline pavement and seating forms. This was to be planted out with a suite of species from the Victorian rainforest flora.

The project was fully costed and engineered, but funding was withdrawn when asbestos was found elsewhere on another campus and most capital projects stalled.



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