

Yaamba Road Pedestrian Overpass

Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia

CLIENT Department of
Transport & Main
Roads

STATUS Completed 2010

A safe crossing for school children and a new urban landmark for North Rockhampton.

The Yaamba Road Pedestrian Overpass is one of a number of projects around Queensland commissioned by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to provide safe pedestrian access for school students at Emmaus College in North Rockhampton.

The architectural opportunity was to create a local landmark that enhances the quality of the public realm. The architectural strategy was to imbue a utilitarian piece of urban infrastructure with urban artwork qualities, recognising that this is a structure observed by many from moving vehicles. Within the pragmatic constraints of the project budget we sought to give the bridge a dynamic quality.

The arrangement of the galvanised angle support stanchions for the perforated mesh cladding suggests movement, while the overlapping facades create a changing pattern as vehicles move towards the bridge. Materials were selected for robustness, longevity and ease of maintenance.

