MPAVILION 2017 AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Project delivery: 2018 | Consultants: OMA / Rem Koolhaas and David Gianotten, ASPECT Studios (landscape architect)

MPavilion 2017 at Monash University is an event hub and community meeting place at Clayton campus that celebrates design, creativity and innovation. MPavilion is an initiative of the Naomi Milgrom Foundation and is supported by the City of Melbourne, Victorian State Government and ANZ. The 2017 MPavilion was designed by world-renowned Dutch architects Rem Koolhaas and David Gianotten of OMA. MPavilion was relocated from its temporary site in Queen Victoria Gardens to Monash University Clayton Campus in 2018 with assistance from The Naomi Milgrom Foundation, City of Melbourne and Monash University.

MPavilion is a single storey, contemporary, flexible, sheltered amphitheatre. It comprises two grandstands within a circular wooden amphitheatre one of which is rotatable 180 degrees, arranged under a floating roof. Taking its cues from the ancient amphitheatre, MPavilion 2017 blurs the lines between inside and outside and brings to life a flexible space that can function as both stage and playground.

Landscape berms provide a convenient noise and visual buffer to the surrounding context, and create an intimate space that belies its 576sqm (24m x 24m) footprint. An aluminium clad, steel ceiling grid adorned with lighting provides further opportunities to define and activate the space and supports a translucent all-weather roof.

Location
26 Ancora Imparo Way, Clayton campus

Awards and Nominations
2018 Dezeen International Architecture Award – Small Building Category, shortlisted
2018 World Architecture News Awards finalist, Small Spaces
2018 Vic Landscape Architecture Award – Gardens

Images
1 Two grandstands. Image by Andrew Lloyd.
2 MPavilion 2017. Image by Andrew Lloyd.
3 Aerial view render. Artwork by ASPECT Studios.