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with Tim Goom

Shedding light on Shade.

Much of the glum colder months are spent longing for the scorching heat of summer- but once it arrives, it quickly becomes apparent that protection from our searing sun is absolutely essential.

From a simple umbrella, to a solid timber or steel structure, cleverly trained plants draped over man-made structures or sleek louvres, the options for creating shade are endless. Usually we consider overhead structures will provide the best shade, but with the amount of low lying sun we experience in New Zealand, vertical shade casters can be a very functional solution- whilst also having the added advantage of providing shelter from prevailing winds.

Shade will extend the usable space of your property - both inside and out. Shade can be created by a free standing structure in a sunny corner of a property totally distinct from the home. A separate structure can provide an alternative focal point in your landscape. Alternatively, a well designed structure attached to or near your home can cast shadows outdoors but also indoors - making internal rooms with a tendency to becoming a furnace in the height of summer much cooler and user friendly. Scale is an important design decision. Having a structure which works in with the existing property features and proportions will create a sense of 'connectedness'.

Outdoor rooms have had a huge surge in popularity in recent years - and are a wonderful option for extending outdoor living year round. Usually an important facet of the outdoor room is an overhead structure. This can be permanent, moveable or permeable. The outdoor room will provide a cool haven on a sweltering day but will also lock in heat from outdoor fires or heaters when the temperatures drop. Outdoor rooms are a particular speciality of Goom Landscapes, our team can design a bespoke solution specific to your landscape, lifestyle and budget.



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Peak summer is the perfect time to review whether the shade in your landscape is sufficient to keep your family and friends protected and comfortable outside. Our landscape architects are highly knowledgeable in all aspects of landscaping design. They can advise the shade which particular structures will provide throughout the year and any consenting requirements.

Call Goom Landscapes and one of our team will be happy to visit you to discuss which shade structures will work perfectly for your property.

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