



Bower Studio 2014 Titjikala, NT Day 3

Tuesday 29 April

Overnight there had been a weather change, and we awoke to cooler temperatures and what looked like rain clouds forming along the horizon. Better get to site before the rain hits!

We arrived on site mid-morning and were pleased to see that the concrete poured for the footings yesterday had set. After gathering for a quick site meeting to coordinate our day, we formed groups of four and set out with the aim of having the roof rafters and purlins up by the end of the day.

As one group worked with the angle grinder to cut the flanges for the rafters, the other groups worked on forming the scaffolding which would be required for the rest of the shelter construction.

It was clear that the shelter at Stephanie's house was coming together quicker than expected, so it was time to start considering where the next shelter would be built. This was a particularly difficult task as we only had enough materials to make two shelters in total – when in reality, many more houses within Titjikala are in need of better outdoor shading.

After a consultation with shire council, several houses were identified as potential fits, and throughout the day we walked around Titjikala to try to identify which house was most in need. We looked at existing shade from trees or other structures, the location preference for outdoor gathering or sitting, and the size of the household.

Back on site, the team constructed temporary scaffolding out of some spare steel beams with form ply on top to create a platform. We used tech screws to construct the Y sections and these were then lifted up from the ground and handed to those who were standing on the scaffolding and screwed into the posts. Once both Y-sections were up, we screwed on the purlins. Over all, it was a job well done!

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