



## UTS LECTURE CENTRE - CANBERRA

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA'S YEARS OF SEARCHING FOR A 21ST CENTURY LECTERN SOLUTION ENDS THANKS TO GILKON'S UTS LECTERN CENTRE

### The Challenge

Teaching and Learning staff at the University of Canberra had been on the hunt for a lectern solution that would meet the needs of today's collaborative teaching styles.

Teaching staff wanted flexibility, mobility and simplicity. The AV Team wanted adequate ventilation for the IT equipment and Estate Management wanted aesthetic appeal. For over two years they searched until quite by accident they stumbled across a possible solution at the University of Technology Sydney.

The question was how could they make it theirs?

### Project Goal

To provide a 21st century lectern solution for the tertiary sector building on an innovative design by the University of Technology Sydney.



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## The Process

Today's university students no longer spend the majority of their time in large lecture theatres listening to the sage on the stage. New buildings and retro fit outs are creating spaces or "Learning Commons" where students and teaching staff collaborate in groups of varying sizes. Small group discussions frequently require access to large screens, audio and document cameras. Students are presenting as often as the teaching staff or turning to video conferencing to interact with offsite experts in their disciplines.

The University of Canberra's building programme is meeting the needs of this exciting shift in pedagogy but the new and refurbished spaces required an audio-visual solution to support this vision. Whilst attending a Next Generation Learning Space Conference at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), the AV and Estate Management Teams ventured to the Dr Chau Chak Wing Building to explore UTS's audio-visual solutions.

Faced with a similar conundrum as the University of Canberra, UTS had a team of academics and engineers work on a solution. The UTS lectern centre was created. Requiring 140 of the centres, UTS engaged Australian company Gilkon to bring the product to life.

## The Solution

UTS's lectern centre is freestanding and can be used for a standard presentation or in a breakout space, requiring only power. It can be electronically raised to lectern height or lowered, allowing teaching staff and students to sit for more collaborative-style interaction. Gilkon brought their know-how to the design and ensured that the components were easy to manufacture and that the manufacturing process would be cost efficient. Dale Arnall, AV Project Manager expounds, "UTS were a great partner in the prototyping process. Their designer was completely open to our requested manufacturing and design changes."

The result is a lectern centre that meets the teaching staff's need for mobility and flexibility. Some units are even designed to pivot for modern learning spaces where the room may be configured in many different ways. The centre also caters easily for teachers and students with special needs.



## The Outcome

UoC are now at the piloting stage. Simon Adams, AV Manager explains, "We are trialling a number of blank canvas, standard lectern centres and cutting the holes ourselves for the equipment. Once we have agreed on a few designs we will ask Gilkon to pre-cut future models. We are currently planning on rolling out 20 per year as we retro-fit our learning spaces."

Simon describes the UoC solution, "Most are being fitted with a PC, cable cubby to connect the laptops via VGA or HDMI, a Blu-ray DVD player, a document camera, ceiling speakers and hearing augmentation system. The new builds have power in floor pits, whilst the older learning spaces are using a braided cable."

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“We had no real association with Gilkon prior to my initial contact regarding the UTS lectern centre but the whole process has been seamless and we will be introducing more lectern centres at the end of this year,” commends Simon.

The UTS innovative design and Gilkon’s manufacturing prowess have produced a tertiary sector lectern solution that can satisfy teachers, AV personnel and Estate Management.

## The Wilson & Gilkes Story

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