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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

The [Australian Institute of Landscape Architects](http://www.aila.org.au) (AILA) South Australian Landscape Architecture Awards 2017 was announced at a unique event on Friday 28 July, celebrating the very best of design, leadership and delivery of public spaces across SA.

The annual awards program recognises the leadership and innovation that landscape architects bring to projects that enrich local environments, enhance liveability and stimulate economic development across the state.

28 projects were entered into the South Australian awards, with 16 winners across 9 categories including civic landscape, community contribution, play spaces, parks and open spaces, landscape planning, urban design and gardens.

Awards were granted to projects that demonstrate high quality design thinking, leadership and outcomes that have shaped our cities and neighbourhoods and realised health, social and economic benefits of greener, open and more accessible public spaces.

Some of the key winning projects include: **Bowden Main Park** which combines contemporary design innovation and heritage, superbly demonstrating the delivery of an engaging, cohesive and integrated civic space; **Tidlangga Playspace and Pocket Orchard** which delivers an exceptional outcome through careful planning, embracing community ideas and designing for play, imagination and wellbeing; and the **Adelaide Zoo Nature's Playground** informed by extensive community engagement resulting in the delivery of an outstanding play space and highly successful attraction for the zoo.

The expert jury have noted that co-design and community engagement was a key theme of this year's awards, with many projects reflecting how "landscape architects play an important role, particularly facilitating and leading the process, providing communities with genuine opportunities to participate and contribute to dialogue on projects."

"The award entries have reflected the extraordinary breadth of the profession. Entries ranged from civic spaces strategically designed to underpin future development, healing spaces that support wellbeing and ageing, through to policy development and community engagement.

It is evident that the landscape architecture profession is continuing to grow and influence all aspects of the development of our cities, regions and communities. This year's winning projects reflect how significantly landscape architecture is shaping all scales of projects and the value clients and communities are increasingly placing on design." commented the expert Jury.

"The 2017 Awards again demonstrate the diversity of ways Landscape Architects are making positive contributions to the quality of life for all South Australians. The entrants range from large town parks in anticipation of new communities, newer greener spaces in older communities, to small spaces that support healing or learning. Each project demonstrates the important role Landscape Architects play in building stronger communities, through a focus on quality in design, collaboration and built outcomes." comments Ben Willsmore - State President, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects – SA Chapter.



The 2017 South Australian Landscape Architecture Awards took place at a cocktail style event on Friday 28 July at the Office for Design and Architecture South Australia (ODASA) in the presence of key government and industry partners.

The projects receiving an Award of Excellence and a Landscape Architecture Award at state level proceed through to the national awards, to take place in Sydney in October as part of the 2017 International Festival of Landscape Architecture. In 2016, five South Australian projects received recognition at the National Awards.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2017: AWARD WINNERS

Category Number 1: Civic Landscape

Precinct / Area: Bowden

Civic Landscape Award of Excellence: Bowden Main Park

Entrant Practice: ASPECT Studios

Client: Renewal SA

Sponsors: ACO

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Category Number 1: Civic Landscape

Precinct / Area: Adelaide

Civic Landscape - Landscape Architecture Award: Colonel Light Centre Forecourt Green Wall

Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide - Design & Strategy

Client: City of Adelaide

Sponsors: ACO

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Category Number 1: Civic Landscape

Precinct / Area: City of West Torrens - Thebarton

Civic Landscape - Landscape Architecture Award: Holland Street Upgrade

Entrant Practice: JPE Design Studio

Client: City of West Torrens

Sponsors: ACO

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Category Number 2: Parks and Open Space

Precinct / Area: City of Adelaide – North Adelaide

Parks and Open Space Award of Excellence: Tidlangga Playspace and Pocket Orchard

Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide - Design & Strategy

Client: City of Adelaide

Sponsors: WE-EF LIGHTING



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Category Number 2: Parks and Open Space

Precinct / Area: Salisbury East

Parks and Open Space Landscape Architecture Award: Cobbler Creek Recreation Park

Entrant Practice: Birdseye Studios

Client: Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources

Sponsors: WE-EF LIGHTING

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Category Number 3: Play Spaces

Precinct / Area: Adelaide

Play Spaces Award of Excellence: Adelaide Zoo Nature's Playground

Entrant Practice: WAX Design

Client: Zoo's SA

Sponsors: Active Recreation Solutions

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Category Number 3: Play Spaces

Precinct / Area: Adelaide, Woodville South, Huntfield Heights, College Park, Port Augusta Solomontown

Play Spaces Landscape Architecture Award: DECD Preschool Outdoor Learning Areas 2015

Entrant Practice: JPE Design Studio

Client: Department for Education and Child Development

Sponsors: Active Recreation Solutions

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Category Number 8: Urban Design

Precinct / Area: Murray Bridge

Urban Design Landscape Architecture Award: Sixth Street Revitalisation Project

Entrant Practice: Jensen PLUS

Client: The Rural City of Murray Bridge

Sponsors: City of Adelaide

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Category Number 8: Urban Design

Precinct / Area: City of Victor Harbor

Urban Design Landscape Architecture Award: Victor Harbor Mainstreet Precinct Project

Entrant Practice: WAX Design

Client: City of Victor Harbor

Sponsors: City of Adelaide

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Category Number 9: Landscape Planning

Precinct / Area: City of Adelaide

Landscape Planning - Landscape Architecture Award: Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015 - 2025

Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide Design & Strategy and JPE Design Studio

Client: City of Adelaide

Sponsors: WE-EF LIGHTING

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Category Number 10: Research, Policy and Communications

Precinct / Area: n/a

Research, Policy and Communications Award of Excellence: KT Legacy - Creative in Residence

Entrant Practice: TCL Landscape Architecture and Urban Design

Client: TCL

Sponsors: WE-EF LIGHTING

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Category Number 11: Community Contribution

Precinct / Area: Malvern

Community Contribution Landscape Architecture Award: Haslop Reserve Playspace

Entrant Practice: ASPECT Studios

Client: City of Unley

Sponsor: Austral Bricks and Austral Masonry

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Category Number 11: Community Contribution

Precinct / Area: North Adelaide

Community Contribution Landscape Architecture Award: Mary Potter Hospice Healing Garden

Entrant Practice: DesignWELL Landscape Architects

Client: Mary Potter Hospice Foundation

Sponsor: Austral Bricks and Austral Masonry

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Category Number 12: Small Projects

Precinct / Area: Adelaide

Small Projects Landscape Architecture Award: 84 Courtyard and verge

Entrant Practice: Oxigen

Client: Oxigen

Sponsor: Street Furniture Australia

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Category Number 13: Gardens
Precinct / Area: Burnside
Gardens Award of Excellence: Quandong Garden
Entrant Practice: Oxigen
Client: Penelope Hayter
Sponsor: Intergrain

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Category Number 13: Gardens
Precinct / Area: Adelaide
Gardens Landscape Architecture Award: ABG Kitchen Garden
Entrant Practice: Oxigen
Client: Botanic Gardens of South Australia
Sponsor: Intergrain

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OTHER STATE AWARD:

Future Leader Award Graduate: Rebecca Connelly (nee Millar)
Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide
Sponsor: The University of Adelaide

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Future Leader Award Student: Adele Langusch
Entrant University: The University of Adelaide
Sponsor: Active Recreation Solutions

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About the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)

AILA is the growing national advocacy body representing 3,000 active and engaged landscape architects, promoting the importance of the profession today and for the future. Committed to designing and creating a better Australia, landscape architects shape the world around us.

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