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Three honours for Port Lincoln foreshore

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The Port Lincoln Foreshore by WAX Design has been recognised with three awards at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects South Australia Awards. (Doddlife Photography)

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Port Lincoln's recently upgraded foreshore has received a host of honours at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects South Australia (AILA SA) Awards, held on Friday, June 20 in Adelaide.

More than 20 projects from around the state competed for awards across categories spanning civic landscape, health and education, parks and open space, gardens and more.

AILA SA Jury chairperson Warwick Keates led this year's panel of jurors and said what emerged from this year's awards "is a profession that is a champion of the environment, people, culture and place".

The Port Lincoln Foreshore by WAX Design was recognised with three awards, including Landscape Architecture Award for Civic Landscape, Regional Achievement Award and Healthy Parks Healthy People SA Commendation.

When awarding the Landscape Architecture Award for Civic Landscape, the jury comments highlighted the Port Lincoln project demonstrated a significant achievement in regional placemaking – “reimagining an underutilised waterfront into a vibrant and inclusive destination”.

“Led by WAX Design, the project presents a harmonious blend of culture, history, recreation and community activation – shaped through meaningful collaboration with the Barngarla People and City of Port Lincoln,” judges said.

“The project creates and delivers vibrant spaces including new plazas, playspaces, cultural artworks and improved pedestrian access.

“Collectively, these elements revitalise the waterfront’s identity.”

The redevelopment project prioritised green open space, pedestrian access and Barngarla cultural connection.

It included plazas, play spaces, activity zones, a revitalised jetty, improved car parking, upgrades to the Parnkalla Trail and cultural storytelling.

The enhancements create a people-centric place enriching the foreshore, Tasman Terrace and Port Lincoln, setting a benchmark for regional waterfront regeneration.

When awarding the Regional Achievement Award, the jury comments included the fact the foreshore “blends cultural identity with a thriving community and environmental sensitivity”.

The jury said the resulting destination attracted locals and visitors to the heart of the town.

“The design respects and celebrates the Barngarla people, whose culture and presence are embedded in the community,” they said.

“All the elements work together to create an enriching destination, for community-run events and markets – strengthening the link to the main street.”

All winners of an AILA SA Award proceed to the National Landscape Architecture Awards, to be announced in October in Hobart.
