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**AILA TAS Jury Chair Bridget Keane is available for interview**

## **Bridgewater and Devonport landscapes among top winners at TAS design awards**

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) Tasmanian Chapter held its annual awards at Hobart's Brickworks on Friday 27 June.

The recipient of the night's most coveted accolade, the Award of Excellence, was Inspiring Place Pty Ltd whose design for **24 Carrot Gardens** wowed the Jury in its category of Community Contribution. Located in Bridgewater, 24 Carrot Gardens is a food education program that acts as a 'living classroom' where students are immersed in hands-on gardening and food production.

The Jury praised the project for championing the importance of education, sustainability and nutrition. Notably, the project team worked across nine schools (over seven years) engaging in student-led design processes to tailor each garden with moments for teaching, gathering, celebration and reflection. In summarising its critique, the Jury shared: "24 Carrot Gardens demonstrates the profound impact that long-term commitment — and inclusive design processes — can have in producing inspirational landscapes that support learning, creativity and good health."



Above: 24 Carrot Gardens (Inspiring Place Pty Ltd)  
Photography: MelanieKate

### Dual honours for Devonport Waterfront Park

ASPECT Studios & Lyons have been awarded both a Regional Achievement Award and a Landscape Architecture Award for Parks and Open Space. According to the Jury, their design for the Devonport Waterfront Park enhances Devonport as a regional centre.

The Jury applauded the design for facilitating larger scale renewal through the deliberate reconnection of the urban centre of Devonport to the Mersey River. "The design weaves across a complex set of infrastructures masterfully connecting the collection of civic buildings to the water and invigorating the waterfront."



Above: Devonport Waterfront Park (ASPECT Studios & Lyons) Photography: Adam Gibson

**Health and education landscapes** were also honoured at AILA TAS's night of nights. A Landscape Architecture Award was presented to ASPECT Studios, Palawa Artists – Lynne Spotswood & Genie Battese, T3D Studios for their design of Riawunna Garden – River's Edge, University of Tasmania.

Playstreet Pty Ltd also received a Landscape Architecture Award for their design of Brighton High School.

## **AILA TAS 2025 Awards**

All winners of an AILA TAS Award will now proceed to the National Landscape Architecture Awards, to be announced in October in Hobart/Nipaluna.

AILA is the peak body for landscape architecture in Australia, championing quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities, and greater environmental stewardship.

### **What is landscape architecture + how does it benefit all Tasmanians?**

Landscape architecture brings nature into the heart of daily life, shaping parks, precincts, wetlands, and public spaces that invite us to gather, connect, and belong.

Well-designed landscapes strengthen local economies by attracting visitors and creating jobs, but their deeper value lies in cooling our cities, restoring ecosystems, and caring for Country.

The 2025 AILA TAS Awards celebrate the projects and practitioners reimagining how we live with landscape and each other.

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AILA TAS Jury Chair Bridget Keane is available for interview. Full list of entrants on following pages

[Link to the full entry gallery, with additional images and information available](#)

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<b><u>Category: Community Contribution</u></b>		
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Award Type</b>
24 Carrot Gardens	Inspiring Place Pty Ltd	Award of Excellence
<b><u>Category: Health and Education Landscape</u></b>		
Riawunna Garden – River's Edge, University of Tasmania	ASPECT Studios, Palawa Artists – Lynne Spotswood & Genie Battese, T3D Studios	Landscape Architecture Award
Brighton High School	Playstreet Pty Ltd	Landscape Architecture Award
<b><u>Category: Parks and Open Space</u></b>		
Devonport Waterfront Park	ASPECT Studios & Lyons	Landscape Architecture Award
<b><u>Category: Regional Achievement</u></b>		
Devonport Waterfront Park	ASPECT Studios & Lyons	Regional Achievement Award

**Jury:**

- Bridget Keane (Jury Chair)
- Henry Crothers
- Joanna Bush
- Matthew Mackay
- Shay McMahon
- Prue Slatyer
- Paul Thompson

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