SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects’ (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

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

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

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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