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CELEBRATING THE POWERFUL CONTRIBUTION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN ENHANCING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S LIVEABILITY AND GLOBAL PROFILE

29 July, 2016: The [Australian Institute of Landscape Architects \(AILA\)](#) South Australian [Landscape Architecture Awards 2016](#) have been announced today, celebrating the very best of South Australia's green, open and public spaces. The annual awards give recognition to the powerful contribution of landscape architecture projects to enhancing South Australia's liveability, economic development and global profile.

The prestigious awards were granted to projects promoting transformational design and green infrastructure excellence to politically challenging projects of scale and complexity. 16 awards were presented across seven categories, collectively demonstrating the ability of landscape architecture to work across all scales and contexts to create innovative and diverse natural environments for the places we inhabit.

Some of the key winning projects include **Flinders University Hub and Plaza**; a space that is aligned to students needs and other daily activities, while also providing a lively and flexible terraced amphitheatre for broader community, sporting and artistic events, **Henley Square**; a significant project providing new facilities drawing people into a central space, resulting in an enlivened historical area and the **Preschool Outdoor Learning Areas**; a project that admirably demonstrated the importance of quality designed play space to support children's development and learning by connecting with nature.

This year's awards saw a high calibre of entries as the expert jury comments, "A key aspect in the success of the awarded projects is the facilitation of engagement, with community taking an active role in the shaping of public spaces; dialogue with local communities to produce equitable outcomes with meaning and relevance for those communities.

Increasingly our complex interactions with the natural environment in a built world, requires a sensitive and informed response. The necessity and relevance of the profession in highlighting these challenges and leading with considered and nuanced design is an imperative for the sustainability of our cities."

The 2016 jury applauds this demonstrated prominence of the profession, and urges Landscape Architects to, “intensify advocacy for the design of more vibrant, enriching and resilient landscapes, and to continue to give voice to communities and promote the work of landscape architects in creating innovative living places,” the expert jury continued.

“South Australian’s should be so proud of these projects that exemplify the importance of innovative, well planned spaces that allows for the outdoor lifestyle we all enjoy. With over 60% of Australia’s population now living in the major capitals, quality designed outcomes has never been more vital,” comments Ben Willsmore, AILA SA President, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

The South Australian State Landscape Architect Awards 2016 will take place at a cocktail event on Friday 29 July at ODASA – the Office for Design and Architecture, in the presence of colleagues and collaborators across government and the design, engineering, arts, education and health sectors. The projects awarded an Award of Excellence and a Landscape Architecture Award at state level proceed through to the national awards, to take place in the second half of the year, where one project will be awarded the best landscape architect project in the country.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2016

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Category 1: Civic Landscape

Civic Landscape Award of Excellence: Flinders University & Hub Plaza

Entrant Practice: Oxigen in association with Woods Bagot

Client: Flinders University

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Civic Landscape Landscape Architecture Award: Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk

Entrant Practice: Tract Consultants in association with Grieve Gillett Andersen

Client: Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

Category 1: Civic Landscape

Civic Landscape Landscape Architecture Award: Rundle Mall

Entrant Practice: HASSELL

Client: Adelaide City Council - City Design and Transport

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Civic Landscape Landscape Architecture Award: Ergo Apartments Public Realm

Entrant Practice: Tract Consultants

Client: Adelaide City Council and Hindmarsh Developments

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Category 2: Parks and Open Space

Parks and Open Space Award of Excellence: Henley Square

Entrant Practice: City of Charles Sturt and TCL/Tropo

Client: City of Charles Sturt

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Category 2: Parks and Open Space

Parks and Open Space Landscape Architecture Award: Glenelg Foreshore Playspace

Entrant Practice: WAX Design

Client: City of Holdfast

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Parks and Open Space Landscape Architecture Award: Oaklands Recreation Plaza

Entrant Practice: City of Marion/ Outerspace Landscape Architects /Comic

Client: City of Marion

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Category 3: Infrastructure

Infrastructure Award of Excellence: Keyneton Wind Farm Landscape Character and Visual Assessment

Entrant Practice: Wax Design / BGLA

Client: Pacific Hydro

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Category 7: Tourism

Tourism Award of Excellence: Adelaide Airport Landside

Entrant Practice: TCL with Woodhead Architects, Mark Stoner & Waterforms Australia

Client: Adelaide Airport Limited

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Category 7: Tourism

Tourism Landscape Architecture Award: Adelaide Zoo Nature's Playground

Entrant Practice: WAX Design

Client: Zoos SA

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Category 8: Urban Design

Urban Design Award of Excellence: Riverbank Pedestrian Precinct Bridge

Entrant Practice: TCL with TZG Architects, Aurecon & Karl Telfer

Client: South Australian Government - Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)

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Category 8: Urban Design

Urban Design Landscape Architecture Award: Unley Central Precinct Plan

Entrant Practice: TCL with City of Unley

Client: City of Unley

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Category 9: Research, Policy and Communications

Research, Policy and Communications Award of Excellence: The Adelaide Design Manual

Entrant Practice: Design + Strategy, Adelaide City Council

Client: Adelaide City Council

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Category 10: Communities

Communities Award of Excellence: River & Coastal Communities Urban Design Framework and Master Plans

Entrant Practice: Outerspace Landscape Architects + Masterplan + Ian Robertson Design

Client: District Council of Grant

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Category 10: Communities

Communities Landscape Architecture Award: Resthaven Paradise

Entrant Practice: DesignWELL Landscape Architects

Client: Resthaven Incorporated

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Category 10: Communities

Communities Landscape Architecture Award: DECD Preschool Outdoor Learning Areas

Entrant Practice: JPE Design Studio

Client: Department for Education and Child Development

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To download high res images of the winning projects, visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xfb189saa5iiqk/AABbri4sBzfP8TW3wtiSZIT9a?dl=0>

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