

Awards for Planning Excellence

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20 AWARDS FOR
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Message from the Outgoing Chief Executive Officer

04 Our National Awards for Planning Excellence are a highlight on the PIA calendar and an event I always look forward to. It provides an opportunity to celebrate exceptional planning across Australia, showcase incredible projects and honour hardworking natural and built environment professionals. This year's awards hold a particularly special place in my heart, as they're the last I'll be involved in as CEO of the Planning Institute.

I've wholeheartedly enjoyed watching the PIA Awards categories change and adapt over time alongside our profession. We now recognise projects and initiatives that not only collaborate with First Nations people, but celebrate their knowledge and traditions. We showcase innovative planning projects that display exceptional leadership in addressing and combatting the current climate crisis through our Climate Change & Resilience Category. Our refurbished Community Wellbeing & Diversity category recognises planners and planning projects that support communities by providing outstanding social sustainability outcomes such as health, diversity and safety.

Throughout my time with PIA, the National Awards have seen incredible young planners receive broad exposure by being honoured on a national platform and innovative projects granted a well-earned round of applause. Each year has brought an impressive array of nominees and painstaking decisions for the judges.

The 2023 National Awards for Planning Excellence is no exception. The high calibre of this year's nominees shows what a resilient, hardworking profession planning is. Every day there are thousands of planners across Australia creating places for our communities to thrive and designing accessible and diverse towns, cities and regions.

Our National Awards truly are the highest honour of the planning profession in Australia. They not only recognise the efforts of remarkable planners, but encourage professionals across Australia to integrate the skills, knowledge and practices used by winning planners and projects.

So, congratulations to all the winners and commendations of PIA's 2023 National Awards for Planning Excellence. You have set the bar high for planners across Australia.



David Williams
Outgoing Chief Executive Officer

Message from the President/ National Awards Convenor

Welcome to the 2023 PIA National Awards.

As the National Awards Convenor it is a privilege to see the full spectrum of work done by our profession. Choosing winners and commendations is hard when the quality of nominations we see across the country is so high.

The award categories are diverse, and they are designed to recognise the roles that planners play. They provide us with the opportunity to celebrate professionals who are tackling the big issues we are facing head-on.

The awards also remind me of both the similarities and differences we have in our profession from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. All jurisdictions are dealing with challenges like housing and climate change, but how these matters are dealt with in each jurisdiction can be quite different. It's also nice as part of PIA's awards process to see that local awards categories are still proving popular in some jurisdictions. While we ultimately see PIA's awards coming together at the National Awards, we still see localised content, and this is important in such a diverse country as ours.

This year we have had 59 outstanding nominations across 11 categories come through the state award programs as winners and into these National Awards as finalists.

The variety of nominations was impressive, and the finalists all showcase leading practice for the profession. It is a real representation of the work our members do to help create great places and great communities. And from this body of work we have selected 12 winners, and we have awarded 10 commendations.

My thanks to the dedicated team of judges (one from each jurisdiction in Australia, and one external judge assisting with the Planning with Country category) who have diligently reviewed all nominations.

I would also like to acknowledge the awards teams in the States and Territories, all of whom played a crucial role in getting these nominations to the National Awards arena.

On behalf of the judging panel, I congratulate all the National Award winners and commendation recipients, and I encourage all planners to start preparing their nominations for 2023-24.



Darren Crombie RPIA (Fellow)
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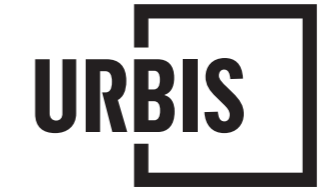
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Darren Crombie RPIA (Fellow)

Darren Crombie is a Principal and Director with E3 Advisory, an independent, employee owned infrastructure advisory firm providing strategic services to clients across Australia and internationally.

Darren has some 25 years experience in the Australian infrastructure, planning, economic development, and transport sectors. In that time, he has held senior executive roles in the infrastructure, planning and economic development portfolios in the Queensland Government, and in the transport and infrastructure portfolio in the Australian Government. His most recent role prior to joining E3 was as Queensland's Deputy Director General infrastructure policy and planning.

Darren holds an Honours degree and a research Masters degree in Regional and Town Planning from the University of Queensland, and an Executive Master of Public Administration from the Australian National University and the Australia New Zealand School of Government.

He is a Registered Planner and has been a member of PIA since 1996 and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has previously represented Australia on UN and APEC bodies. Darren became the National President of the Planning Institute of Australia in November 2020 after having served as the Queensland Director and chair of the Policy and Advocacy Committee since 2014.



Megan Adair MPIA

Megan is the General Manager Planning Development & Sales with the Satterley Property Group, has 30 years' experience gained through senior leadership roles with state, local government and the private sector. Her expertise spans development facilitation and negotiation, policy formation, urban design, and planning framework development and implementation.

She held senior regulatory roles of the WA Planning Commission and Presiding Member of Joint Development Assessment Panels - Central and West. She was 2022 Vice President of the PIA WA Committee.

Megan is a Fellow of Leadership WA, a board member of Stellar Living, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a member of PIA. She has assisted in the review and final drafting of WA Planning Regulations and the development of State Planning Policy.



Liz de Chastel RPIA (Life Fellow)

Liz is an experienced planner and policy adviser with over 30 years' experience working in complex urban, regional and social planning settings, policy development and advocacy.

Liz has worked in senior roles within the NFP and private sector and government in the NT, Qld and ACT. Liz is currently an Executive Director, Policy in the Australian Local Government Association. She has been the chair of the ACT PIA Division Awards judging committee since 2015 and is a PIA mentor to young planners.



Claire Fawdry MPIA

Claire has over 10 years' experience as a local government and consultant planner and is currently a planning consultant with 6ty° Pty Ltd, a multi-disciplinary development company in Tasmania. Prior to this, Claire was the Senior Town Planner - Policy & Projects at City of Launceston undertaking assessments of significant development applications and undertaking strategic planning projects.

Claire's experience includes various tasks relating to planning approvals and strategic planning work, developing skills in project management, preparing planning scheme amendments, land use strategies and planning permit applications.



Juliet Grant RPIA (Fellow)

Juliet (Executive Director, Gyde Consulting) is a respected and experienced planner with 30 years strategic and statutory experience in local and state government and the consulting environment. Juliet is immediate past President of the Planning Institute of Australia's NSW Division and is a Fellow of PIA and Registered Planner with accreditation under the NSW Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) Scheme. Juliet is a Commissioner on the NSW Independent Planning Commission. She is also an expert member on the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel, and the Georges River, Hornsby and Hawkesbury Local Planning Panels.



Paula Grant RPIA (Fellow)

Paula Grant is a Registered Planner and Fellow of PIA with three decades of experience leading and communicating statutory planning and economic development at executive level in local government. As the Program Director for the Urban and Regional Planning program at the University of Southern Queensland and a member of the QLD Urban Design and Places Panel, the Australian Planner Editorial Board and the National PIA Education Committee, Paula enjoys strong professional networks, is a life-long learner and is driven to deliver major projects with great teams that contribute to the future and current profession of planning.

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2023 National Awards Judges



Matthew Leman MPIA

Matthew Leman is the Editor of PIA's magazine for Queensland and the Northern Territory, and the Co-Convenor of the PIA's Queensland awards program.

Matthew has 10 years of town planning experience - spanning the private sector, state government and local government - in statutory and strategic planning roles. Matthew uses his roles in PIA and professional practice to spearhead innovative planning solutions, especially regarding housing, technology and engagement.



Jesse Marnock MPIA

Jesse is an award-winning Planner from Cairns (Gimuy), and one of few First Nation planners in Queensland. He has worked across the private, local and state government sectors and specialises in sustainable planning and remote communities. He is a current member of the Planning Institute of Australia Planning with Country Knowledge Circle, a former member of the MinErAL Knowledge Network (Mining Encounters and Indigenous Sustainable Livelihoods), and former member of the First Peoples Advisory Committee (Cairns Regional Council). His ability to understand local aspirations and navigate Law and Lore allows him to assist communities and their people to obtain land use planning and tenure outcomes that are culturally specific and realistic within the current conditions.



James McLean PIA (Assoc.)

James McLean is a Senior Policy Adviser in the Natural and Built Environment at the Municipal Association of Victoria. In this role he works with Victoria's 79 councils on planning and environment policy and advocacy. He has previously worked in consulting, local government and research roles. He has taught in RMIT's urban and regional planning program since 2014. James was elected to the PIA Victorian Young Planner's committee from 2017 to 2021. During this time, he served as Deputy Convenor and as Secretary. He was co-convenor of the PIA Victorian Awards for Planning Excellence in 2022.



Kim Pryde RPIA (Fellow)

Kym has recently joined the Department for Environment and Water as the Director of Planning, Heritage, Coast Protection, and Dog and Cat Management. Kym is a well-known planner in South Australia with a career spanning more than 20 years in the public service and as a consulting planner. Kym is experienced in the delivery of complex projects and providing strategic advice to the government and proponents. During the recent planning reforms in SA, Kym was heavily involved in the development of the planning policy, along with the assessment of major developments. Kym has been involved with PIA since she was a young planner, including being on the PIA National Board, SA Divisional Committee and was the SA President from 2015 to 2019. Kym Chaired the SA Awards judging during 2022.

About PIA

Australia's trusted voice on planning

The Planning Institute of Australia – and before it, the Royal Australian Planning Institute – has proudly championed planning professionals in Australia and internationally since 1951. PIA is the only national organisation representing urban and regional planners in Australia, and our goal is to support planners to create a more liveable and sustainable built environment.

Good planning creates and connects us with places that enhance our health, wellbeing and happiness. It ensures our natural and built environments are resilient and able to respond effectively to emerging megatrends like increased urbanisation and climate change.

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PIA supports, educates and encourages planners at all stages of their careers through university accreditation, mentoring and professional development programs. Through advocacy, collaboration and influence-building, PIA champions planning's key role in creating communities where fairness, equity and access are fundamental and paramount.

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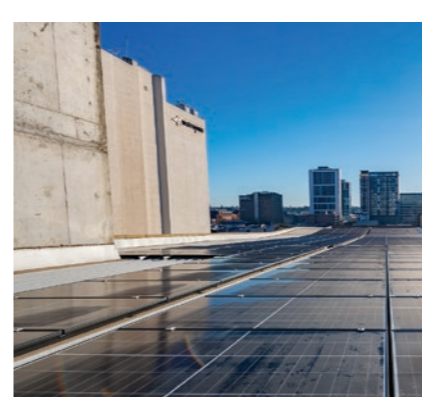
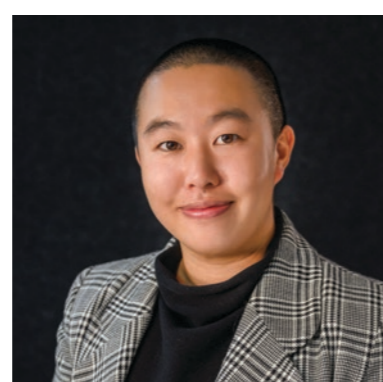
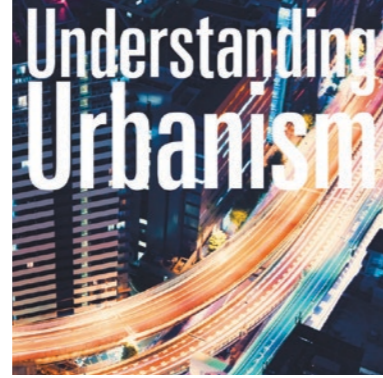
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Awards Winners
& Commendations

2023



Climate Change & Resilience

18 This award recognises projects and initiatives that provide outstanding leadership and/or innovation that makes a positive impact on addressing climate change and can be held up as case study of best practice for the planning profession.

AWARD:
URBAN HEAT PLANNING CONTROLS PACKAGE

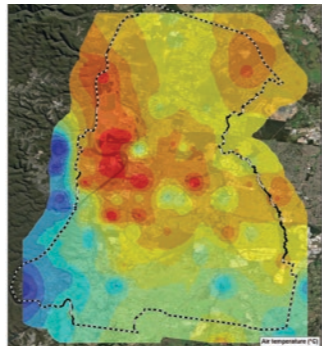
PROJECT TEAM:
PENRITH CITY COUNCIL | NSW

The Urban Heat Planning Controls Package developed by Penrith City Council will provide a much needed and forward thinking response to the pressing impacts of urban heat, exacerbated by climate change.

The package has introduced new controls into both the Penrith Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan to ensure the mitigation of urban heat and heat island effect is a major consideration in development assessment. The controls specify a range of planning and design measures for new development including cooling

with landscaping, tree canopy and water; cooling through building design; cool colours and materials; and optimising mechanical ventilation and cooling within buildings to minimise heat sources and conserve energy.

The Judges found this project worthy of the Climate Change and Resilience Award given the comprehensive approach to both development controls and supporting guidance, underpinned with robust research and stakeholder input. The approach sets in place a framework with wide reaching opportunity for transferability and implementation across NSW and beyond, to address a critical issue in the shaping of our cities and communities in response to climate change.



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COMMENDATION:
WHITLAM DISPLAY VILLAGE AND INNOVATION PRECINCT

PROJECT TEAM:
SUBURBAN LAND AGENCY IN COLLABORATION WITH HEYWARD LANCE ARCHITECTS | ACT

The Whitlam Display Village and Innovation Project clearly demonstrates leading practice in creating more climate resilient development on the urban fringe.

The judges found this project deserving of a Commendation and were impressed with the wide range of practical sustainability measures incorporated to ensure cutting edge outcomes that will implement local and national and international sustainable development principles. The significant extent of collaboration and clear strategic alignment was also commendable.

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Climate Change & Resilience

COMMENDATION:
CLIMATE CHANGE & PLANNING IN VICTORIA: ENSURING VICTORIA'S PLANNING SYSTEM EFFECTIVELY TACKLES CLIMATE CHANGE

PROJECT TEAM:
HANSEN PARTNERSHIP | VIC

The Climate Change and Planning in Victoria project represents critical and essential work to understand how to progress action on climate change through the planning system. This includes the need to grapple with how the sector currently enables, or inhibits, such action.

This project tackles head-on the limitations of existing planning systems and processes, providing a comprehensive assessment of existing weaknesses and a road map for system reform.

The project reflects the progressive, action focused collaboration – from a traditional advocacy focus to coordinated strategy and action for climate mitigation and adaptation in the built environment.

The judges found this project deserving of a Commendation, with its determined focus on meaningful system change, and ambition for significant and sector wide improvement in built from climate change outcomes.



INITIATIVE	FOCUS	COMMENTS
PLANNING FRAME UPDATES	Review and update planning frameworks to ensure they are fit for purpose and address climate change impacts.	Key findings include the need for more integrated planning and the importance of stakeholder engagement.
CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Improve the quality and consistency of climate change impact assessments across different sectors.	Recommendations include standardizing assessment methods and providing training for assessors.
ADAPTATION PLANNING	Develop and implement effective adaptation strategies to build resilience in the built environment.	Focus on identifying high-risk areas and implementing targeted measures to reduce vulnerability.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Enhance community participation in planning processes to ensure decisions reflect local needs and knowledge.	Successful examples of community-led initiatives and the importance of clear communication channels.

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Community Wellbeing & Diversity

This award recognises the role of planning in improving access to social infrastructure for residents in cities, regions and towns. The award will celebrate great social planning that assists and supports community cohesion, safety, and supports the culture of diversity.

AWARD:
COHESIVE SALISBURY

PROJECT TEAM:
CITY OF SALISBURY | SA

The City of Salisbury is to be congratulated on their decades-long diversity and inclusion policy and strategy. Through placing diversity and inclusion at the heart of their social and strategic planning, as well as their council plan, the City of Salisbury has demonstrated how to lead in a too often neglected space.

The City of Salisbury's approach demonstrates what meaningful consultation and engagement with diverse and multifaceted communities looks like: integrated in organisation processes, part of an active and ongoing network of conversations and all done with pride and purpose.

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The City of Salisbury's 'Cohesive Salisbury' suite of strategies should be the template for all planners and social strategists, and is a very worthy winner of the Community Wellbeing and Diversity Award.



Community Wellbeing & Diversity

Community Wellbeing & Diversity

COMMENDATION:
YARRABAH MICROGRID CREATING ENDURING SOCIAL VALUE THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT TEAM:
YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL, ENERGY CONNECT, PLANZ TOWN PLANNING AND TRANSMOBILITY CONSULTING | QLD

In the face of the looming social and environmental consequences of climate change and the urgent need to mitigate the worst impacts, the Yarrabah microgrid project has community wellbeing and sustainability at its core. This project seeks to ensure energy efficiency and security for one of Australia's most disadvantaged communities.

The judging panel was impressed at how the project addresses community wellbeing through an energy project; from reducing energy cost, to ensuring council

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financial sustainability, as well as upgrading homes and providing employment opportunities, the microgrid project is integral to a more prosperous Yarrabah. This project is a great example of regional development with people's wellbeing and sense of place being the 'why'.

The Yarrabah Microgrid project is to be commended for addressing community wellbeing in very holistic way that looks to the future.



Great Place

This award recognises a great place, street or neighbourhood. Great places have a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow. A great place is one that attracts, inspires and motivates people. It has a great atmosphere. It's a place that people are proud of. It sparks an individual sense of pride and contributes to the overall community wellbeing. It brings people together whether to eat, drink, sleep, play or work.

AWARD:
MOORT-AK WADDINY / WELLINGTON SQUARE

PROJECT TEAM:
CITY OF PERTH | WA

The revitalisation of Moort-ak Waddiny / Wellington Square park has resulted in a truly great place that is both functional and relevant to the community. It contains ample open space for recreation, and landscapes tied to the many stories that connect the land to the people including wetland vegetation reflecting the historically strong connections for Whadjuk Nyoongar people to the place.

The play space is an incredibly successful exemplar of inclusive intergenerational play. It is colourful and visible from the streets and signals that the place is for use and enjoyment. The Stolen Generations Memorial has been created as a special place of reflection and healing for Aboriginal people.

In essence, Moort-ak Waddiny is a great place due to its sense of scale, unique connection to culture and the many ways it serves the needs of the whole community.



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Great Place

Great Place

24 **COMMENDATION:**
BELL TO MORELAND
LEVEL CROSSING
REMOVAL PROJECT

The North Western Program Alliance is commended on creating a great local place, while delivering on the Victoria Government Level Crossing Removal Program across Melbourne.



PROJECT TEAM:
NORTH WESTERN
PROGRAM ALLIANCE
| VIC

The once at-grade Bell to Moreland railway level crossing corridor has been reimagined into a place that has transformed Melbourne's inner north.

The high-quality urban design outcome reunites a local community that was once physically divided by the rail corridor. The resulting public realm is a great example of a project that has used detailed design to respond to its local context. Co-designed through an indigenous engagement approach with Wurundjeri and the community the project has successfully created a deeper sense of place blending cultural, social, and environmental insights into a sensitive and well considered great place for Inner Melbourne.

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Improving Planning Processes

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This award recognises a significant improvement in planning process or major planning reform which leads to good planning outcomes undertaken by a planner, planning authorities (local or state/territory) and development entities.

AWARD:
TRANSPORT PLANNING
REFORM

PROJECT TEAM:
DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORT
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PEAK PLANNING AND
REDINK PLANNING | VIC

The Transport Planning Reforms are a comprehensive package of changes to the Victorian Planning System to support integrated and sustainable cities and places.

Developed in partnership by the Department of Transport and DELWP, the judges find this is a truly reforming project, embedding the vision of the Transport Integration Act 2020

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into all planning schemes which has already affected meaningful change to the way transport is managed and integrated with land use planning in Victoria.

The judges find this project deserving of the award, as a project of considerable scope, delivered with a comprehensive and collaborative consultation process with results that can genuinely contribute to a positive and integrated culture of decision making in the planning process.

The Transport Planning Reforms Focus are a significant change in the way transport is planned and decisions are made to support integrated land use and transport outcomes in Victoria.



Improving Planning Processes

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26 COMMENDATION:
COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONTRIBUTION FRAMEWORK – SOUTH PERTH ACTIVITY CENTRE PLAN

PROJECT TEAM:
CITY OF SOUTH PERTH, HATCH ROBERTSDAY, SHAPE URBAN AND ELEMENT | WA

The judges were impressed with the innovative approach to incentivising the provisions of community benefits through the creation of a Public Benefits Contribution Scheme.

The Community Benefit Contribution Framework is the first of its kind in Western Australia and will deliver community benefits both within the public realm and on-site as part of private built form developments for current and future residents, workers and visitors to the area.

The scheme provides a clear, transparent and equitable community benefit contribution framework to accommodate high-density infill development and also deliver tangible and meaningful benefits to the wider community.



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Planning with Country

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This award recognises projects and/or initiatives which promote collaboration, understanding, appreciation, awareness and celebrates Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander knowledge, culture and tradition and their application to planning and land management.

AWARD:
TALAROO HOT SPRINGS TOURISM PLANNING AND BUSINESS CASE
PROJECT TEAM:
EWAMIAN LIMITED AND PLAN C | QLD

The judges were impressed with the Talaroo Hot Springs Tourism Planning and Business Case and consider it an exceptional project supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people achieve their aspirations through planning. This project provides a leading example of how the planning profession can work with and for the indigenous community to support, facilitate and realise their vision and aspirations for Country.

The judges were impressed with the highly collaborative, Traditional Owner led strategic planning process that facilitated

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Ewamian people to identify their aspirations and, delivered an on-Country tourism experience. The success of this planning process, which spanned over a 5-year period, is evident in the achievements of Ewamian Limited in realising this self-determined aspiration to establish an Indigenous, on-Country tourism experience.

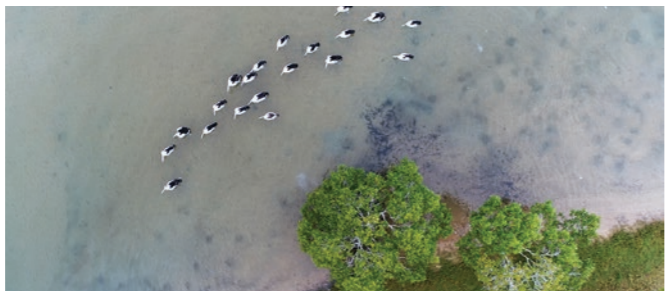


Planning with Country

AWARD:
ZION ENGAGEMENT AND PLANNING TRAINING - CULTIVATING FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL CAPACITY FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS

PROJECT TEAM:
ZION ENGAGEMENT AND PLANNING | NSW

The judges were impressed with this comprehensive bespoke built environment industry training fit for a wide range of organisations. The highly praised training is designed to occur over a three-month period, so people have the time to reflect, think and absorb - to then build capacity and action their commitments. The steps taken by Zion are enlightening and the profession is better off for it. The judges comments were "We need more training in this space if we are truly going to make a difference."



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Planning Research

This award recognises an outstanding achievement in planning research. It is awarded for a substantial piece of planning research which makes an outstanding contribution to the understanding of contemporary issues relating to planning in Australia.

AWARD:
BENCHMARKING HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES GLOBALLY

PROJECT TEAM:
BILLIE GILES-CORTI, CARL HIGGS AND JONATHAN ARUNDEL (RMIT), ESTER CERIN (ACU) AND MELANIE LOWE (RMIT) ON BEHALF OF THE GLOBAL HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE CITY-INDICATOR COLLABORATION | VIC

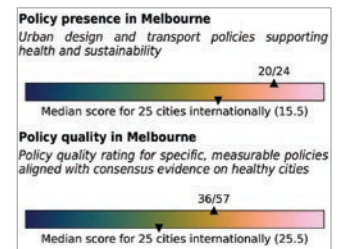
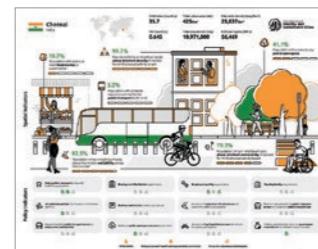
'Benchmarking Healthy and Sustainable Cities Globally' is an excellent example of collaborative, outcome-oriented research.

Initiated in 2018, the Global Healthy and Sustainable City-Indicators Collaboration project sought to create a global surveillance system of comparable policy and spatial indicators.

The research aims to create healthy, liveable and sustainable cities through measurable policy standards and targets, which can be applied at a city-scale and create a platform for ongoing refinement as data is collected.

The project puts Australian research at the forefront of industry-leading best-practice, and is being explored for its potential application to WHO and C40 - further cementing the quality of the project's methodology, framework, metrics and data.

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COMMENDATION:
UNDERSTANDING
URBANISM - A BOOK FOR
EMERGING PLANNERS

PROJECT TEAM:
DALLAS ROGERS,
ADRIENNE KEANE PIA
(ASSOC.) AND TOORAN
ALIZADEH (UNIVERSITY
OF SYDNEY) AND
JACQUELINE NELSON
(UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY)
EDITORS AND ALL THE
BOOK'S AUTHORS | NSW
Published in 2020, Understanding
Urbanism is a text book and
accompanying podcast that
has gained national and
international traction.

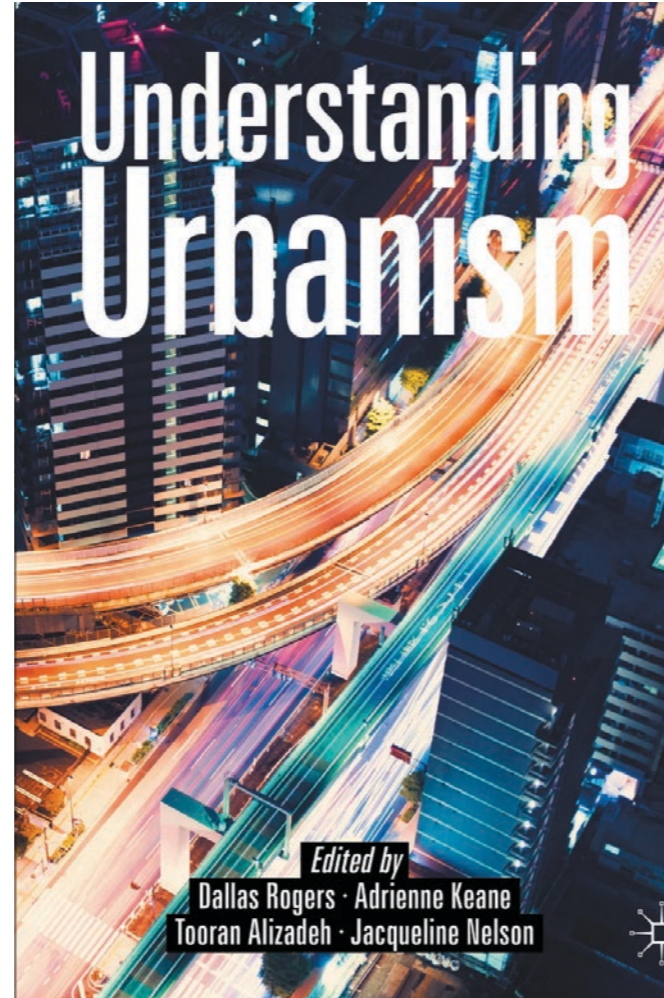
Targeting first-year undergraduate
students, the text book is written
with approachable language, yet
founded in research.

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The content is designed to assist
readers to better understand
cities, focussing on key ideas that
facilitate planning knowledge and
debate. The combination of written
and audio material, and the way
the written text and audio podcast
work together, is a first of its
kind for bringing urban planning
research to the professionals of
the future.

The success of the material is
exemplified by the number of times
it has been accessed - over 33,00
times to date. This is phenomenal
when you consider a typical
academic book has a print run of
500 copies.



Stakeholder Engagement

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Stakeholder Engagement

This award recognises initiatives and outcomes in implementing
best practice public engagement that achieves genuine collaborative
outcomes that leads to improved built form, planning processes or social
outcomes. This award is not about the extent of engagement undertaken
but the influence, improvement and capacity building that was achieved
through the engagement. This award is about genuine and meaningful
engagement with stakeholders and the community.

AWARD:
VILLAGE
CONVERSATIONS

PROJECT TEAM:
ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
| SA

This award recognises that
Alexandrina Council, using
in-house resources, undertook a
genuine, grass-roots approach to
community engagement through
their Strategic Plan Consultation
process, 'Village Conversations'.
This small Council recognised
that improved, meaningful
engagement was needed to ensure
that the process would appeal
to diverse local communities,
and result in higher levels of
participation and richer responses.

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A variety of engagement activities,
facilitated by local Council staff
from various Departments, were
held in eight townships and online.
Alexandrina Council identified
leads to become 'champions' for
their local places which has built
relationships, capacity and legacy
within the local community.
Village Conversations resulted
in outcomes for each community
and real changes to the Strategic
Plan. People of Alexandrina
have influenced the Strategic
Plan outcomes and have been
authentically heard.



Stakeholder Engagement

COMMENDATION: CHILD-ORIENTED ENGAGEMENT TO INFORM THE SIR JOSEPH BANKS PARK MASTERPLAN

PROJECT TEAM: CRED CONSULTING, BAYSIDE COUNCIL AND COLLECTIVE IMPACT ARTS | NSW

This commendation recognises an innovative engagement process led by Cred Consulting, to improve built form and offer an age group not often heard, the opportunity to influence a project outcome. The work informed a master planning process to upgrade playground facilities and to create a regional play space that supports the recreational needs of children under 12 years of age in Sir Joseph Banks Park in Botany. Through identifying the needs and wants of children for design changes they wish to see within their playing spaces - this masterplan provides an invaluable,

child friendly approach to urban planning. The process reinforces the capacity of children to engage in built form discussions and results in an environment that is safe and enjoyable for kids, is an environment for all.



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COMMENDATION: BEACHMERE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT TEAM: MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL | QLD

This commendation recognizes that coastal hazards are a wicked problem and require an innovative and collaborative approach. The Beachmere Shoreline Management project is an exemplar of what needs to happen in tackling complex coastal erosion issues, to deliver quality outcomes for Councils, stakeholders, and people. The project went beyond the statutory process and demonstrated best practice in collaboration across multidisciplinary issues and community trust building to produce tangibly better outcomes on the ground.

Rather than starting with an institutional solution, the project engaged the community to ask what they wanted, and co-designed possible solutions. The project has also increased the community understanding of coastal hazards, enlivened stakeholders' understanding, and explored the complexity of multiple solutions. It has clearly delivered real and transferrable outcomes for people with a complex issue facing the planning system, coastal councils, and community.



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Strategic Planning Project

Strategic Planning Project

34 This award recognises an outstanding strategic planning project, which includes regional plans, structure plans, master plans, infrastructure plans, planning schemes and similar.

Strategic planning projects may also be recognised for overcoming significant challenges or hurdles to realise outstanding strategic planning outcomes.

AWARD:
CITY OF DARWIN 2030 SUITE OF STRATEGIES

PROJECT TEAM:
CITY OF DARWIN | NT

The City of Darwin's 2030 Suite of Strategies includes a Climate Emergency Strategy, Movement Strategy and Greening Darwin Strategy. Prepared in-house by the City of Darwin, these strategies represent a brave and innovate approach to tackling critical climate issues in the built environment.

The strategies seek to create a cohesive vision for a 'cool, clean, and green city'. Together the lead documents create a shared understanding, set of objectives and sense of ownership throughout the Council allowing for a multidisciplinary pathway for the evolution of the city.

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Technology & Digital Innovation

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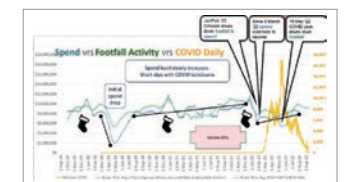
35 This award recognises the importance of technology and digital innovation in 21st century planning. Digital opportunities and adapting technology to assist planning in our changing environment is critical. This award recognises the value that digital innovation and technology processes provide for planners, planning authorities and development entities.

AWARD:
SMART CITY OPEN DATA FOR PLANNERS AND DECISION MAKERS

PROJECT TEAM:
CITY OF PERTH | WA

The City of Perth has embraced the promise of the 'internet of things' and big data through its Smart City Open data for planners and decision makers project. It has enabled the democratisation of data enabling the community to not only understand the basis for decision-making but better plan their own activities. The use of sensors and the resultant data has helped optimise city and business operations.

The open and transparent approach to collecting and sharing information encourages other agencies, organisations, and businesses to share data like never before. We now have a Smart City platform that can become the Local Government standard across Australia.



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Tertiary Student Project

Tertiary Student Project

36 This award recognises outstanding planning work by an individual or group of tertiary students. It is awarded for a substantial project, report, book, thesis, article or piece of research which makes a significant contribution to planning and development outcomes.

AWARD:
A GENDERED RE-FRAMING OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AT NIGHT

PROJECT TEAM
AMY WILKINS PIA (ASSOC.) | NSW

This research undertaken by Amy re-examined an important issue facing women navigating our cities and towns especially at night. She examined the environmental conditions of the public domain and recommended how urban design and planning can better implement crime prevention initiatives to improve women's safety.

This research identified how the framework she developed could be implemented and transferrable to other settings. The project was an inspiring, easy to read, and timely piece of work.

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It was also a highly collaborative project, using multiple engagement techniques and methods which informed a forward-thinking visionary approach, recasting the CPTED framework. The judges considered this to be an outstanding tertiary student project.



COMMENDATION:
INTEGRATING FIRST NATIONS VALUES, PERSPECTIVE AND KNOWLEDGE INTO STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORTING: A CASE STUDY OF QUEENSLAND STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORTING

PROJECT TEAM:
TAYLA MILLER,
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
| QLD

In this project, Tayla examined the incorporation of First Nations knowledge into environmental management, with a specific focus on State of the Environment reporting in Queensland. The project evaluated how effectively indigenous knowledge is incorporated into current environmental processes in Queensland. The project also offered a range of thoughtful recommendations to

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overcome the barriers identified, including engaging in genuine co-design with indigenous stakeholders and ensuring non-indigenous staff were appropriately trained.

The judges were impressed with the breadth of engagement undertaken for the project-with collaboration between the researcher, indigenous traditional owner groups and government agencies. The judges were also impressed with the potential for the recommendations to be incorporated across other jurisdictions, leading to better representation of traditional knowledge in environmental reporting and management



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Tertiary Student Project

Young Planner of The Year

38 Young Planner of The Year

This award recognises a Young Planner who has made an outstanding contribution or achieved something significant.

AWARD:
BUNFU YU MPiA | TAS

Bunfu is an exceptional young professional with a particular passion for the planning and delivery of renewable energy infrastructure projects. Within her first four years as a practicing planner, Bunfu has gained experience in statutory, strategic and environmental planning, stakeholder engagement and project management. Through her current employment Bunfu has been instrumental in the planning and delivery of a range of notable water, energy and electricity infrastructure projects. In doing so, Bunfu has demonstrated her ability to skilfully adapt, innovate, lead and deliver.

Through her ongoing involvement in various PIA committees and events and as a guest lecturer at the University of Tasmania, Bunfu has proven to be an energetic and proactive contributor to the planning profession. The judges were impressed with Bunfu's achievements, skills and her commitment to professional development and excellence.



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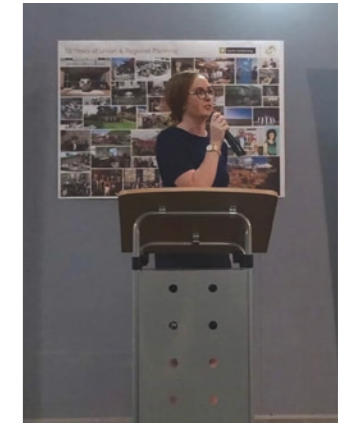
COMMENDATION:
CASSANDRA BARROW
PIA (ASSOC.) | WA

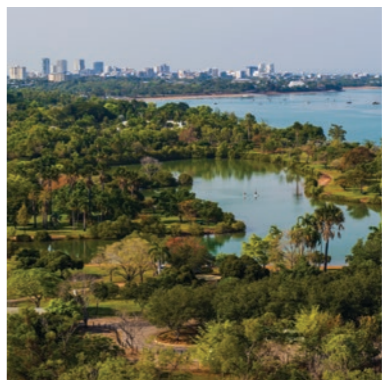
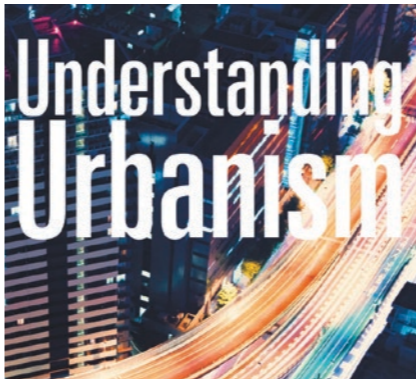
Cassandra has demonstrated outstanding planning skills in all projects and roles. Her multi-disciplinary honours thesis attracted various awards and gave her opportunities to present her thesis findings at professional events, including national and state conferences. Her commitment and engagement to the planning profession is demonstrated by notable contributions to Young Planner initiatives such as mentoring. Cassie has also worked as a sessional lecturer at Curtin University, demonstrating her commitment to planning and future generations of professionals. The judges were impressed with Cassie's experience and commitment to the planning profession.

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Nominations

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CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCE

Whitlam Display Village and Innovation Precinct

Suburban Land Agency in collaboration with Heyward Lance Architects | ACT

Urban Heat Planning Controls Package

Penrith City Council | NSW

Your climate and flood smart guidelines

Moreton Bay Regional Council | QLD

AdaptNow! Changing for Climate Change

AdaptWest (Cities of Charles Sturt, West Torrens and Port Adelaide Enfield), URPS and Living Stories | SA

CLIMATE CHANGE & PLANNING IN VICTORIA: Ensuring Victoria's planning system effectively tackles climate change

Hansen Partnership | VIC

City of Busselton Coastal Hazard Risk Management & Adaptation Plan

City of Busselton, in participation with Advisian Pty Ltd. | WA

COMMUNITY WELLBEING & DIVERSITY

Play Space Review Richardson and Higgins

Tait Network and Transport Canberra and City Services | ACT

Alfresco Restart Package – 'The Festival of Place...in your streets' Program

Transport for NSW, Cities and Active Transport Division | NSW

Yarrabah Microgrid creating enduring social value through infrastructure

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, Energy Connect, Planz Town Planning and Transmobility Consulting | QLD

Cohesive Salisbury

City of Salisbury | SA

Mini Maddern

Public Realm Lab in partnership with Maribyrnong City Council and Victoria University | VIC

Nollamara Gnalla Pop Up Plaza

City of Stirling and RAC | WA

GREAT PLACE

The Parkes CBD Vibrancy Strategy

King & Campbell Pty Ltd | NSW

Cullen Bay Revitalisation Project

Jez Clark and Mark Granger of Clark+Granger | NT

Fifth Lane Revitalisation Mackay

Mackay Regional Council & Mackay Laneway Project | QLD

Bell to Moreland Level Crossing Removal Project

North Western Program Alliance | VIC

Moort-ak Waddiny/Wellington Square

City of Perth | WA

IMPROVING PLANNING PROCESSES

ACT Planning Review and Reform Project - EV Ready Developments

Urbis, EV Choice and the ACT Government | ACT

Large Scale Solar Energy Guideline (2022)

NSW Department of Planning and Environment - Energy and Resources Policy | NSW

Beachmere Shoreline Management Project

Moreton Bay Regional Council | QLD

Land Division Video Information Series

City of Salisbury and Click Films | SA

Transport Planning Reform

Department of Transport and Planning supported by Cummins Planning, Glossop Planning, Peak Planning and RedInk Planning | VIC

Community Benefit Contribution Framework – South Perth Activity Centre Plan

City of South Perth, Hatch RobertsDay, Shape Urban and element | WA

PLANNING WITH COUNTRY

Zion Engagement and Planning Training - Cultivating First Nations cultural capacity for built environment professionals

Zion Engagement and Planning | NSW

Talaroo Hot Springs Tourism Planning and Business Case

Ewamian Limited and Plan C | QLD

Yitpi Yartapuultiku - Aboriginal Cultural Centre Port Adelaide

| City of Port Adelaide Enfield with Ashley Halliday Architects, WAX Design and the Yitpi Yartapuultiku Custodian Working Group | SA

Bung Yarnda (Lake Tyers) Camping and Access Strategy

Gunaikurnai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation in joint management with Parks Victoria | VIC

Rivermark

The Fulcrum Agency and Karrda | WA

PLANNING RESEARCH

Understanding Urbanism - a book for emerging planners

Dallas Rogers, Adrienne Keane PIA (Assoc.) and Tooran Alizadeh (University of Sydney) and Jacqueline Nelson (University of Technology Sydney) editors and all the book's authors | NSW

Transforming Public Space through Play

Gregor H. Mews, University of the Sunshine Coast | QLD

Benchmarking Healthy and Sustainable Cities Globally

Billie Giles-Corti, Carl Higgs and Jonathan Arundel (RMIT), Ester Cerin (ACU) and Melanie Lowe (RMIT) on behalf of the Global Healthy and Sustainable City-Indicator Collaboration | VIC

Plan My Australia: Evaluating long-term settlement scenarios for Australia through expert and community opinion

Dr Julian Bolleter, Dr Nicole Edwards, Dr Paula Hooper, Grace Oliver - AUDRC, Prof Robert Freestone - UNSW and Prof David Nichols - University of Melbourne | WA

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Child-oriented engagement to inform the Sir Joseph Banks Park Masterplan

Cred Consulting, Bayside Council and Collective Impact Arts | NSW

Beachmere Shoreline Management Project

Moreton Bay Regional Council | QLD

Village Conversations

Alexandrina Council | SA

Healthy Streets Assessment in Maroondah

Stantec in collaboration with Maroondah City Council | VIC

Thinking Global, Acting Local – Kalamunda's Climate Change Action Plan

City of Kalamunda | WA

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT

Infrastructure Study for Woden Urban Intensification

SMEC – Canberra | ACT

Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

NSW Department of Planning and Environment - The Resilience and Urban Sustainability Division | NSW

City of Darwin 2030 Suite of Strategies

City of Darwin | NT

Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy

Scenic Rim Regional Council and PSA Consulting | QLD

South Australia Walking Strategy 2022-2032

Wellbeing SA and The Heart Foundation | SA

New Bridgewater Bridge - Major Project Approval

New Bridgewater Bridge Project Team - Department of State Growth | TAS

Hoddle Grid Heritage Review

The Heritage Strategy Team and Aboriginal Melbourne at the City of Melbourne, and GML Heritage and GJM Heritage | VIC

South Perth Activity Centre Plan

City of South Perth, Hatch RobertsDay and Shape Urban | WA

Whiteman Park Station Precinct Concept Master Plan

METRONET supported by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and Hatch RobertsDay | WA

TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL INNOVATION

Upgraded DA Finder App

ACT Government – Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and Access Canberra | ACT

Bayside Council's Integration Solution with the NSW Planning Portal

Bayside Council NSW | NSW

V2i Realtime

V2i Realtime | QLD

South Australia's ePlanning Platform

Planning and Land Use Services, Department of Trade and Investment | SA

Digital Twin Victoria platform

Land Use Victoria Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning | VIC

Smart City Open data for planners and decision makers

City of Perth | WA

TERTIARY STUDENT PROJECT

A Gendered Re-Framing of the Public Domain at Night

Amy Wilkins PIA (Assoc.) | NSW

Integrating First Nations Values, Perspective and Knowledge into State of the Environment Reporting: A Case Study of Queensland State of the Environment Reporting

Tayla Miller, Griffith University | QLD

YOUNG PLANNER OF THE YEAR

Negar Yazdi PIA (Assoc.) | ACT

Samuel Austin PIA (Assoc.) | NSW

Farnoosh Shokoofan PIA (Assoc.) | QLD

Bunfu Yu MPIA | TAS

Kyra Collins PIA (Assoc.) | VIC

Cassandra Barrow PIA (Assoc.) | WA

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