

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

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Best NSW landscapes celebrated – gardens, play spaces, health, education & tourism projects

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW 2022 Awards have been announced. The awards celebrated 38 exemplary projects of all scales from across the state, including green infrastructure, public open spaces, play, health, education and tourism spaces, and gardens.

AILA NSW Awards Jury Chair Andrew Turnbull says the awards highlight how vital Landscape Architects are to designing resilient and healthy communities.

"The awards highlight the diversity of projects and the positive contribution Landscape Architects make to empowering, planning and designing communities for residents and visitors alike," Andrew says.

"At the core of all awarded projects is a focus on creating community and climate resilience for the health and happiness of our people.

"The award nominations highlight the investment in NSW regional townships to celebrate their culture, heritage and natural beauty for the benefit of their residents and domestic tourism. This is an inter-generational investment, which will see regions through their future.

"The awards also show that even through natural disasters and Covid, there's a renewed appreciation of public and outdoor spaces, whether for recreation, improved mental health or socialisation."

Celebrated projects and research included the NSW Urban Tree Canopy targets and controls plan through to the Albury Skate and Active Recreation Precinct and Byron Bay Bus Interchange.

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Albury Skate and Active Recreation Precinct



Byron Bay Bus Interchange

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Good design prevents skin cancer and saves lives

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, costing our nation approximately \$1.7 billion annually.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW has teamed up with the Cancer Council NSW and the Cancer Institute NSW to help prevent skin cancer through the design of our outdoor spaces. The partnership recently launched the ShadeSmart program and subsequent ShadeSmart Award.

Cancer Council NSW's Skin Cancer Prevention Manager Liz King says well-designed and correctly positioned shade is key to providing protection from solar UV radiation and improving the health of NSW communities.

"The ShadeSmart Award is an opportunity for us to look at how we influence design and provide opportunities for shade to be available to all people. We want to make shade design for solar UV protection a mainstream part of built environment practice," Liz says.

"AILA NSW has shown great leadership in developing this pilot program and Award and should be commended for their advocacy."

AILA NSW Awards Jury Chair and Cancer Council NSW – Shade Working Group [Strategic Advisor] Andrew Turnbull says ShadeSmart is an opportunity to address a knowledge and research gap amongst design professionals about designing shade for UV protection.

"To date, there has been a focus on heat mitigation, climate resilience and green infrastructure that is largely silent on quality shade for UV protection," Andrew says. "The ShadeSmart Program and Award will help address this gap and deliver long-term health benefits for NSW residents."

The **NSW Urban Tree Canopy – Targets & Controls** and **Bankstown and Campsie CBD Urban Tree Canopy Master Plan** were each celebrated with an AILA NSW ShadeSmart Award as part of the AILA NSW 2022 Awards Program.

The Jury and Cancer Council NSW said the **NSW Urban Tree Canopy – Targets & Controls** by Gallagher Studio with Studio Zanardo was "a project of excellence providing the foundation for sustainable urban living and shade investment for the benefit of future generations in New South Wales."

Meanwhile, the Jury said the **Bankstown and Campsie CBD Urban Tree Canopy Master Plan** by OCULUS with TreelQ and Homewood Consulting “delivers practical and feasible solutions to support a healthy and sustainable community.”

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NSW Urban Tree Canopy - targets and controls



Bankstown & Campsie CBD Urban Tree Canopy Master Plan

ShadeSmart

ShadeSmart is a new program created for landscape architects and other built environment professionals to improve their awareness and understanding of high-quality shade design for UV and heat protection.

Quality, well-designed shade can reduce exposure to harmful UV radiation from the sun by up to 75%. Landscape architects and other built environment professionals have an opportunity to design and deliver shade solutions that can provide protection from UV radiation and help prevent skin cancer.

The ShadeSmart program is a partnership between the Cancer Institute NSW, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) and Cancer Council NSW.

What does the program aim to do?

ShadeSmart aims to support landscape architects and other built environment professionals to improve their awareness and understanding of quality shade for UV and heat protection. The program is focused on four key areas:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through AILA
- Influencing relevant planning and design policy and standards
- Promoting best-practice shade through AILA awards
- Conducting research into shade design and technology

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Best NSW gardens celebrated

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW 2022 Awards have been announced, with a household garden taking out a major gong.

Night Sky Garden by Sophie Zaccone Landscape Architect won a Landscape Architecture Award for its incredible subtlety and beauty.

The Blue Mountains home is surrounded by a bed of sweeping, swaying grasses. The Landscape Architect worked closely with the Architect, Peter Stutchbury, to create an effortless symphony between home and landscape.

The house and garden were designed for a single astronomer who used a wheelchair. The home acts as an observatory – allowing the owner to gaze skywards through an elliptical hole and out to the landscape, which pays homage to the wilderness of the local region.

The Garden, located on Darug and Gundungurra Country, Blackheath, celebrates Australian Native species through the planting. The restrained palette of only 18 species includes 16 Natives, 10 of which are endemic to the local area.

The design meets the client's physical needs and desires to live in harmony with the local landscape.

The Jury said this is “a restrained project that has been thoughtfully conceived and integrated with the architecture. The craft of the Landscape Architect is evidenced in the planting design, materiality and exploration of the seamless transitions between the architecture and landscape.”

Meanwhile, Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture's **Government House Gardens** project also took out a Landscape Architecture Award in the Gardens category. The project involved the revitalisation of the historic formal Easter Terrace gardens at Sydney's Government House. The Landscape Architects reimagined the exotic garden beds of the Eastern Terrace, working with native plant specialists at Sydney Wildflower Nursery to make a uniquely Australian interpretation of traditional English perennial garden beds.

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Government House Gardens



Night Sky Garden

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Landscape Architects empower regional communities

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW has announced the winners of the 2022 Awards program, with regional projects taking out top gongs.

Regional projects represented a third of all entries, signalling a significant investment in good design beyond metropolitan areas.

AILA NSW Awards Jury Chair Andrew Turnbull says the awards highlight the need for regional towns to evolve and create well-designed urban spaces to see them through the future.

"In recent years, there's been a shift towards domestic and regional tourism and living. This has encouraged regional townships to reimagine their offering for residents and visitors alike," Andrew says.

"Landscape Architects are at the forefront of empowering regional communities to explore and realise their shared histories, shared knowledge and shared ideas."

The **Albury Skate and Active Recreation Precinct** by Playce took out the Parks and Open Space Award of Excellence, and the Regional Achievement Award for Southern NSW. As the largest skatepark in Australia, it sets a new national benchmark of what's possible for our critically important youth. The Jury said "the project provides a valuable community asset for inclusive youth recreation and for people of all ages and abilities."

The **Byron Bay Bus Interchange** by DesignInc Sydney won the Infrastructure Award of Excellence and the Regional Achievement Award for Northern NSW. The Jury commended the transformative infrastructure project for respecting the rail history, the Water Tower and Turntable heritage, and the traditional custodians of the land – the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation. The Jury said this is "an exemplar project that embeds a deep connection to its locale and explores the transport heritage in its detail. [This is] a transport infrastructure benchmark that is well conceived and delivered."

Gosford Leagues Club Park by Turf Design Studio took out the Award of Excellence in the Play Spaces category. The project was designed in collaboration with Darkinjung people and tells stories of local aquatic life, pre-European history and early contact. The Jury said this is "an exemplary project which demonstrates a strong connection to Country informed through deep engagement with the local community. [It is] an intricate blend of play, storytelling, land and water, public art and interpretation, that powerfully tells the shared history of the site while creating an exciting and dynamic play experience for children of all ages. This place, which was once an important camp,

a place of trade and cultural exchange, a meeting ground between the Darkinjung clans and with adjoining nations the Gadigal, Goomeri and Wiradjuri, has been reimagined as a place to play, reflect, to learn and to connect to nature. This significant site creates a new heart for the local community."

50 per cent of all regional entries were awarded with Landscape Architecture Awards, Awards of Excellence or Regional Achievement Awards.

Six projects were celebrated with Regional Achievement Awards, including:

- Coonamble Shire Master Plan – sala4d
- Terrigal Boardwalk and Rockpool – Arup
- Bridges Hill Park & Walking Trail – Moir Landscape Architecture
- Minyon Falls Lookout and Picnic Area – NewScape Design
- Albury Skate and Active Regional Precinct – Playce
- Byron Bay Bus Interchange – DesignInc Sydney

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Minyons Falls Lookout and Picnic Area



Gosford Leagues Club Park

Andrew is available for interview. Full awards list on following pages
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Category: Community Contribution		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Carrington Foreshore Improvements	Moir Landscape Architecture	Landscape Architecture Award
Smart Trees: Beresfield Local Centre Re-design Pilot Project	University of Newcastle, School of Architecture & Built Environment, City of Newcastle, Up & Up, and Terras Landscape Architecture	Landscape Architecture Award
Albury Public School Greenspace Project	Yonder Landscape Architecture	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Landscape Planning		
NSW Urban Tree Canopy - targets and controls	Gallagher Studio with Studio Zanardo	Award of Excellence Note: this project also won a ShadeSmart Award
Penrith Green Grid	Tract	Landscape Architecture Award
The Western Parkland City : Landscape Led Design	TYRRELLSTUDIO	Landscape Architecture Award
Western Sydney Street Design Guidelines	ASPECT Studios	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Gardens		
Night Sky Garden	Sophie Zaccone Landscape Architect	Landscape Architecture Award
Government House Gardens	Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Research, Policy and Communications		
Landscape Architecture Foundation Case Study Investigations: South Eveleigh Community Rooftop Garden and Sydney Park Water Reuse Project	UNSW Landscape Architecture in collaboration with Jiwah; Turf Design Studio and Environmental Partnership	Award of Excellence
Southern Resilience	University of Technology Sydney and University of Newcastle	Landscape Architecture Award
Green Track for Parramatta Light Rail	Transport for NSW	Landscape Architecture Award

Category: Infrastructure		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Byron Bay Bus Interchange	DesignInc Sydney	Award of Excellence Note: this project also won a Regional Achievement Award Northern NSW
Green Track for Parramatta Light Rail	Transport for NSW	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Cultural Heritage		
The Springs Heritage Landscape Plan	sala4D	Landscape Architecture Award
Murrumburrah Precinct Plan	sala4D	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Parks and Open Space		
Albury Skate and Active Recreation Precinct	Playce	Award of Excellence Note: this project also won a Regional Achievement Award Southern NSW
The Crescent	JMD design	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Land Management		
Koala Habitat Establishment, Pacific Highway Upgrade, Wardell	Corkery Consulting in association with Studio Colin Polwarth	Landscape Architecture Award
University of Newcastle - Delprat Garden	University of Newcastle, School of Architecture & Built Environment	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Play Spaces		
Gosford Leagues Club Park	Turf Design Studio	Award of Excellence
Deerbush Park Playground	Fairfield City Council	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Health and Education Landscape		
Alumni Park, University of New South Wales	Spackman Mossop Michaels	Landscape Architecture Award

Category: Tourism		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Bago Maze	Bago Maze and Wine	Landscape Architecture Award
Coonamble Shire Master Plan	sala4D	Landscape Architecture Award Note: this project also won a Regional Achievement Award Western NSW
Category: Small Projects		
Sky Parks	Common Grounds Landscape Architecture	Award of Excellence
University of Newcastle - SABE Courtyard	University of Newcastle, School of Architecture & Built Environment	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Urban Design		
Cockatoo Island / Wareamah Concept Vision	Turf Design Studio	Landscape Architecture Award
Glebe Skate Plaza	Convic	Landscape Architecture Award
Grafton Precinct	Vee Design and Fourfold Studio	Landscape Architecture Award

Regional Achievement Award		
*projects also won additional Awards in categories above		
Terrigal Boardwalk and Rockpool	Arup	Regional Achievement Award Hunter and Central Coast
Bridges Hill Park and Walking Trail	Moir Landscape Architecture	Regional Achievement Award Hunter and Central Coast
Minyon Falls Lookout and Picnic Area	NewScape Design	Regional Achievement Award Northern NSW
Byron Bay Bus Interchange	DesignInc Sydney	Regional Achievement Award Northern NSW*
Coonamble Shire Master Plan	sala4D	Regional Achievement Award Western NSW*
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ShadeSmart Award	
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Totals:

Awards of Excellence – 6
 Landscape Architecture Awards – 24
 Regional Awards – 6
 ShadeSmart Awards – 2

Jury:

- Andrew Turnbull (Jury Chair)
- Danièle Hromek
- David Head
- Jess Miller
- Jon Hazelwood
- Julia Manrique
- Simon Kilbane
- Amie Mason (Observer as winner of the 2021 Future Leader Award)

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