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NSW's best landscapes bolster sustainability and livability in cities, regions

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) has announced the winners of the 2023 NSW State Awards at an event held in Sydney. The jury, made up of renowned landscape architects, honoured 39 winners for their dedication to nature, ecology and consultation with the community, including with First Nations People.

Jury Chair Suellen Fitzgerald says the winners prove the critical role of landscape architects in responding to climate change and the positive impact of the profession on the community at large.

"This year's winners demonstrate how the profession is responding to key environmental and social issues right across NSW including flooding, coastal protection, resilience to climate change and restoring activation and economies in cities and towns in the aftermath of Covid-19," she says.

"These are big issues for NSW and landscape architects are stepping up to the challenge."

Major public spaces awarded

ASPECT Studios won the top Award of Excellence prize in the Civic Landscape category for its **Quay Quarter Lanes** project. Quay Quarter Lanes stitches together the redevelopment of two heritage buildings and three new mixed-use buildings at Circular Quay. The jury says the project "contributes to a more walkable, more welcoming city" and "will be loved by the city for decades to come".

The **Sydney Modern**, designed by McGregor Coxall, was honoured with a Landscape Architecture Award. The gardens are inspired by the harbourfront endemic landscape of Gadigal Country and feature more than 50,000 native Australian plants. The jury says "the landscape design complements the architecture of the new building and its unique parkland setting on Gadigal Country overlooking Sydney Harbour. The Sydney Modern provides an exceptional experience of art, architecture and landscape."

JMD design took out a Landscape Architecture Award for its **Bondi Pavilion** project, which included upgrading internal courtyards and the pavilion's immediate surroundings. The design explores the pavilion's interwar Mediterranean Style, celebrates its past and provides flexible recreational uses for the community. The jury says it recognised that "the heart of Bondi Beach has been enlivened by the Bondi Pavilion as a well-executed public space project."

TYRRELLSTUDIO's **Seven Ways Bondi** project was also celebrated with a Landscape Architecture Award. The design creates a unique new place for people at one of the busiest intersections in

Bondi. The jury says the project “rejuvenates local businesses and demonstrates the potential of landscape architecture to connect a community.”

All winners at the State Awards level proceed to the National Landscape Architecture Awards held later this year.

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

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Suellen is available for interview. Full awards list on following pages

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Category: Health and Education Landscape		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Meadowbank Schools	Urbis with Woods Bagot	Award of Excellence
Barker College Rosewood Centre	360 Degrees Landscape Architects	Landscape Architecture Award
National Herbarium Landscape	Botanic Garden of Sydney, Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Civic Landscape		
Quay Quarter Lanes	ASPECT Studios	Award of Excellence
Bondi Pavilion	JMD design	Landscape Architecture Award
Seven Ways Bondi	TYRELLSTUDIO	Landscape Architecture Award
Sydney Modern	McGregor Coxall	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Parks and Open Spaces		
The Drying Green	McGregor Coxall with the City of Sydney and Regal Innovations	Award of Excellence
Wylde Mountain Bike and BMX Precinct	GroupGSA with Greater Sydney Parklands	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Play Spaces		
Dawson Damer Park	JMD design	Award of Excellence
Livvi's Place Albert Park	sala4D	Landscape Architecture Award
Friedlander Place Playground	Arcadia	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Infrastructure		
Windsor Bridge Replacement Project	Spackman Mossop Michaels Pty Ltd and Urban Design Roads & Waterways (formerly Centre for Urban Design)	Award of Excellence
Category: Cultural Heritage		
South Head Master Plan	Context in collaboration with TKD Architects	Landscape Architecture Award

<u>Category: Land Management</u>		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Elara Riparian Parklands	Paterson Design Studio	Award of Excellence
<u>Category: Tourism</u>		
Cape Solander Whale Watching Facilities	OCULUS with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service	Award of Excellence
<u>Category: Urban Design</u>		
South Eveleigh	ASPECT Studios	Award of Excellence
Allianz Stadium	ASPECT Studios	Landscape Architecture Award
<u>Category: Landscape Planning</u>		
Sustainable streets – tree diversity and resilience planning through our Street tree master plan and species	City of Sydney	Award of Excellence
Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore	REALMstudios	Landscape Architecture Award
<u>Category: Research, Policy and Communications</u>		
Nature Positive Sydney	Committee for Sydney with Mott MacDonald, Hassell, Jess Miller, and Government Architect NSW	Award of Excellence
Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct Living Infrastructure Strategy	School of Built Environment, UNSW Sydney with the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct partners	Landscape Architecture Award
Biourbanism :: Cities as Nature	Adrian McGregor / McGregor Coxall	Landscape Architecture Award
<u>Category: Community Contribution</u>		
Places to Love program	Transport for NSW, Blacktown City Council, Burwood Council, City of Sydney, Liverpool City Council, Penrith City Council, Wagga Wagga City Council	Landscape Architecture Award
Parramatta Bike Hub, Wilson Park	Sydney Olympic Park Authority	Landscape Architecture Award
<u>Category: Small Projects</u>		
Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club Courtyard	TYRELLSTUDIO	Award of Excellence
Monaro Lanes, Queanbeyan NSW	Landsite Pty Ltd	Landscape Architecture Award

Category: Small Projects continued		
Project name	Winner	Award type
Canterbury Bankstown: Streets as Shared Spaces Program	ASPECT Studios	Landscape Architecture Award
'Let it Bee' – Wildflower Meadow	Penrith City Council	Landscape Architecture Award
Category: Gardens		
IGLU Student Accommodation Summer Hill	360 Degrees Landscape Architects	Award of Excellence

Regional Achievement Award		
*projects also won additional Awards in categories above		
Honeysuckle Foreshore Public Domain	Terras Landscape Architects + Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation	Regional Achievement Award Hunter and Central Coast
Byron Bay Rail Corridor Park	Plummer and Smith	Regional Achievement Award Northern NSW
Northern Rivers Trail Masterplan and Strategy	Zone Landscape Architecture	Regional Achievement Award Northern NSW
Meninya Street Precinct Project Moama – Concept Design Development	Thomson Hay Landscape Architects	Regional Achievement Award Western NSW
Echuca Moama Bypass Stage 3	Tract	Regional Achievement Award Western NSW
Wagga Wagga Riverside Precinct	Urbis with Land&Form	Regional Achievement Award Western NSW
Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore*	REALMstudios	Regional Achievement Award Southern NSW
Monaro Lanes, Queanbeyan NSW*	Landsite Pty Ltd	Regional Achievement Award Southern NSW

ShadeSmart Award	
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Project name	Winner
Livvi's Place Albert Park*	sala4D
Sustainable streets – tree diversity and resilience planning through our Street tree master plan and species*	City of Sydney

Totals:

Entries – 65
 Regional projects – 19
 Awards of Excellence – 12
 Landscape Architecture Awards – 17
 Regional Achievement Awards – 8
 ShadeSmart Awards – 2

Jury:

- Suellen Fitzgerald (Jury Chair)
- Barbara Schaffer
- Garry Murray
- Kate McCauley
- Adam Cryer
- Shivani Bhatnagar
- Martin Bryant

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