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Five SA projects honoured by Australian Institute of Landscape Architects as leaders in the Australian landscape

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) has announced the winners of the National Landscape Architecture Awards for 2017, a celebration of the leading projects shaping greener, healthier more liveable public spaces across Australia, with five projects from South Australia being recognised.

The annual awards program acknowledges the growing impact of landscape architecture on the spaces we inhabit, and recognises projects that stand out for their innovative approaches, that push the boundaries, or are considered to be of national significance.

This year the Jury reviewed 81 projects that had progressed through from the State awards programs. With 14 categories ranging from Civic Landscapes to Play Spaces, Infrastructure to Land Management, Urban Design to Cultural Heritage and more, 28 projects were selected for national recognition. Nine of those received the highest accolade, a National Award of Excellence.

Linda Corkery, National Awards Jury Chair, commented on this year's winners: "It is exciting to see landscape architects around Australia leading the planning and design of projects that are creating more vibrant, healthy and inclusive communities; renewing ecological systems; and fostering resilient social, natural and built environments."

The AILA National Awards Program showcases the true diversity of the profession. Both urban and regional projects shone amongst this year's winners.

The City of Adelaide - Colonel Light Centre Forecourt Green Wall has been named one of Australia's leading projects, receiving a 2017 AILA National Award of Excellence in the Small Projects Category. The Colonel Light Centre Forecourt has transformed the space with a green wall and public artwork to showcase the social, environmental and economic benefits of greening.

Four other South Australian projects received 2017 National Landscape Architecture Awards including: **Cobbler Creek Recreation Park by Birdseye Studios** - Parks and Open Spaces Category; **Adelaide Zoo Nature's Playground by WAX Design** - Play Spaces Category; **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy by The City of Adelaide and JPE Design Studio** – Landscape Planning Category; and **Quandong Garden** by Oxigen - Gardens Category.

"The South Australian projects honoured 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 National Landscape Architecture Awards took place on Thursday 12th October at The Grounds of Alexandria as part of the International Festival of Landscape Architecture: The 3rd City. To find out more information, head to: www.aila.org.au/thethirdcity.

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AILA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS - LIST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

Category: Small Projects

Precinct / Area: Adelaide

Civic Landscape - National Award of Excellence: Colonel Light Centre Forecourt Green Wall

Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide - Design & Strategy

Client: City of Adelaide

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Category: Parks and Open Space

Precinct / Area: Salisbury East

Parks and Open Space National Landscape Architecture Award: Cobbler Creek Recreation Park

Entrant Practice: Birdseye Studios

Client: Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources

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Category: Play Spaces

Precinct / Area: Adelaide

Play Spaces National Landscape Architecture Award: Adelaide Zoo Nature's Playground

Entrant Practice: WAX Design

Client: Zoo's SA

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Category: Landscape Planning

Precinct / Area: City of Adelaide

Landscape Planning National Landscape Architecture Award: Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy
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Entrant Practice: City of Adelaide Design & Strategy and JPE Design Studio

Client: City of Adelaide

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Category: Gardens

Precinct / Area: Burnside

Gardens National Landscape Architecture Award: Quandong Garden

Entrant Practice: Oxigen

Client: Penelope Hayter