

PIA PLANNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023 AWARD CRITERIA

Community Wellbeing & Diversity Category

This award recognises initiatives that achieve outstanding social sustainability outcomes. The award will focus on planning for communities - in other words, planning for people. It will recognise initiatives that support the health, wellbeing and diversity of the community and enhance planning projects and social outcomes. 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.

It is awarded for work by a planner, planning organisation, government organisation or a member of the community for a policy, scheme, project, process or event that demonstrates how a thorough understanding of the needs, cultural inclusiveness and aspirations of a community is integral to sound planning and desired social outcomes.

Nominations should address how the objective of the award responds to the following selection criteria:

- Originality & Innovation Demonstrate how the nomination presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address a specific need or issue.
- Quality Demonstrate how the nomination achieved, or will achieve, a very high-quality outcome.
- Strategic Alignment Demonstrate how the nomination aligns with a planning matter of local, regional, state/territory or national significance. Outline how the nomination advances the importance of planning.
- Implementation & Transferability Demonstrate how the nomination will be/or has been successfully implemented including a summary of the benefits. Outline how the nomination has potential application for others and how the use of the nomination's elements and methodology can further the cause of good planning.
- Collaboration Demonstrate how the engagement techniques and methods for the nominated project were appropriate, meaningful and applicable. Outline how the techniques contributed to a positive outcome.

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