



PARKS & LEISURE
AUSTRALIA

2023
REGIONAL
AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE

BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Description

This award acknowledges outstanding and innovative achievement in the area of technology application and how that application has benefited the industry.

What the judges are looking for:

Demonstrates the technology application and why it stands out as award worthy

Demonstrates how the technology is new and accessible to the parks and leisure industry

The extent to which the technology fulfils a gap within the industry

Demonstrates the technology's consideration of economic, environmental, and social factors

The extent to which the technology is innovative and improves practice/progress in the industry

2023 Nominees

Digital equity in Doveton's public spaces - **City of Casey**

Data in the Park: Using sensors in green spaces - **City of Melbourne**

SmarTrack system at Sandringham Athletics Track - **SPORTENG, Polytan**

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2022 Commendation:

Multipurpose Accessible Irrigation Design,
Banyule City Council

Design of new multipurpose and accessible irrigation valve bank boxes that improve OH&S outcomes for both community sport participants as well as maintenance staff by removing irrigation valves from playing surfaces entirely.



2023 AWARD NOMINEES

Digital equity in Doveton's public spaces, City of Casey

Digital Doveton uses smart benches to provide equitable access to the internet in public spaces. This City of Casey initiative promotes social, economic, and environmental sustainability while alleviating the financial burden of high-cost data plans on families. The project addresses digital inequity in Doveton, where 22% of households lacked internet access in 2016. By leveraging innovative technology and harnessing collaboration, Digital Doveton sets a new standard for inclusive digital infrastructure.



Data in the Park - Using sensors in green spaces, City of Melbourne

Data in the park is an ongoing City of Melbourne program using sensors and other smart devices to test how to best monitor use and activity in parks, playgrounds and gardens across the city. These parks have been transformed into 'smart parks': open spaces that can express their environments and how they're used through technology and captured data.



SmarTrack system at Sandringham Athletics Track: SPORTENG, Polytan

Bayside City Council requested for the redevelopment of the Sandringham Athletic Track. Part of the project scope was the requirement for the athletic club to install a system that allowed athletes to record their times. SPORTENG provided the council with the design and documentation of the new track, while Polytan provided the implementation of the SmarTrack system to the Sandringham Athletics Track.

