



PARKS & LEISURE
AUSTRALIA

2023
REGIONAL
AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description

This award is designed to recognise the combined effort that is required to successfully plan, organise and manage effective initiatives, projects, programs, events and/or festivals which promote and enhance leisure time for a number of social, environmental and economic benefits to the community. Evidence of success should form a component of the submission.

What the judges are looking for:

Demonstrates outcomes the initiative achieved

The impact the initiative/s has on bringing the community together

The extent to which the program celebrates access for all, equity and equality

Promotes the diversity and reflects the cultural and heritage of the community

Information on how it reduces the impact to the environment and promotes liveability

2023 Nominees

Walking Thomastown 2022 - City of Whittlesea

All In Program – Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre

Community Based Edible Garden Beds – South Gippsland Shire Council

Innovation in Engaging with CALD - Maribyrnong City Council, Western Bulldogs Community Foundation, Victoria University

Q League at Narrandjeri Stadium – Clublinks Management Pty Ltd

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Walking Thomastown was a community activity and art event, initiated by community and produced by Council. A sensitive and carefully curated partnership that gives community members a voice, opportunity, and access to the resources of an organisation. Across a 2km track the Thomastown community enjoyed a night filled with lights, art, events and connection.



All In Program, Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre

The 'All In!' program aims to build swim teachers confidence and capacity to welcome, support and include people of a disability and diversity (First Nations and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) into swim lessons; ultimately increasing participation in aquatic experiences.



Innovation in Engaging with CALD: Maribyrnong City Council, Western Bulldogs Community Foundation, Victoria University

Council has collaborated with WBCF to deliver 10-week health and wellbeing programs comprising health education and physical activity 2 hours per week for Vietnamese women and men and East African women. The "What's in Your Backyard?" sessions showcased local health and recreational services such as MAC, Council services and Cohealth, creating awareness of active opportunities to encourage participants to embrace health and wellbeing as a part of their everyday lives.



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Community Based Edible Garden Beds, South Gippsland Shire Council

Taking street food to a whole new level, this street scape upgrade took on a health and wellbeing aspect by planting out verges and roundabouts with plants that are beautiful as well as edible for the community to enjoy.



Q League at Narrandjeri Stadium, Clublinks Management Pty Ltd

Queer Sporting Alliance launched Q League at Narrandjeri Stadium, a basketball competition for the LGBTIQ+ community. Narrandjeri Stadium, owned and built by City of Darebin, managed by Clublinks, is a premier facility for the wider Darebin community. Q League is a competition that provides a safe and welcoming environment. Its first season was a huge success, generating widespread community interest and reaching participant capacity while addressing discrimination affecting participation rates.

