



PARKS & LEISURE  
AUSTRALIA

**2023**  
**REGIONAL**  
**AWARDS OF**  
**EXCELLENCE**

## David Aldous Emerging Leader Award

### Description

This award seeks to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions made by a student or emerging professional (under 30 years of age) in a course of study (or recently completed) leading to a nationally recognised qualification in the sector throughout Australia or who has made a significant contribution to the parks and leisure industry.

National finalists receive a ticket to the National Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner, one night's accommodation and return flights. In addition, they are awarded a trip to the Recreation Aotearoa (previously NZRA) National Conference (including flights and accommodation) in November 2023 and a 12-month Parks and Leisure Australia membership.

### Nominees

Amy Dingle - SPORTENG

Ebonee Armistead - Parks Victoria

Natasha Wainshtien - Hume City Council

Cameron Miller - Cardinia Shire Council

Abby Freney - Golf Australia

Sarah Brophy - Yarra Ranges Council

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## 2023 AWARD NOMINEES



### **Abbey Freney - Golf Australia**

GA is establishing a comprehensive internship program with Australia's leading Sports Management program at Deakin University. In 2022 GA hosted seven interns and are now working across Australian Golf to extend these opportunities within clubs, facilities and places to play. The partnership is designed to ensure all graduates from the Sports Management program will have the opportunity to connect with golf and become future leaders of the sports industry just like Abbey, who started with GA as an intern and is now our Places to Play Engagement Coordinator.



### **Amy Dingle - SPORTENG**

Graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2021, Amy became a full-time Turf Agronomist Graduate in 2022, working on challenging and award-winning projects under the mentorship of Senior Turf Agronomist John Neylan. She's now part of 1.6% of females that compose the work force in the turf industry, and is making it her mission to represent and encourage more women to join the turf and park and leisure industries.



### **Cameron Miller - Cardinia Shire Council**

Cameron Miller is a very enthusiastic young and emerging leader within the parks and leisure industry. In his just over 2 years so far at Cardinia Shire, Cam has shown an incredible interest, diligence, teamwork and excellent communication skills. He consistently receives very positive feedback regarding his approach and performance from his superiors, colleagues and the volunteer and sporting community he works with as part of his role.



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## **Ebonee Armistead - Parks Victoria**

Ebonee Armistead, a proud Wadawurrung woman and Community Engagement Ranger with Parks Victoria, is passionate about sharing her experience and knowledge about Wadawurrung culture and the importance of caring for Country with her colleagues and with the community. Ebonee is a frequent and popular presenter at Parks Victoria's internal forums and her work in the You Yangs and Geelong area has reached over six thousand students.



## **Natasha Wainshtein - Hume City Council**

Natasha Wainshtein is a dedicated young woman who is committed to the sport and recreation industry. Demonstrating her organisation and communication skills, along with the passion required to supervise state sporting events at the great MCG. She is a quiet achiever that breaks down barriers, that lives the values and culture our industry promotes and aims to empower individuals to connect with and create a positive impact through sport.



## **Sarah Brophy - Yarra Ranges Council**

Sarah's passion for equity and inclusivity in public spaces has seen her take community engagement to a new level. Her work embedding the design consultation of playspaces into primary school curriculum has helped us to better hear the voices of young people. Working with Warrundjuri Elder Aunty Doreen also resulted in significantly higher indigenous cultural visibility within open space. Sarah has made a significant contribution to improving the way people can use open space.

