



PARKS & LEISURE
AUSTRALIA

2023
REGIONAL
AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE

PLAYSPACE AWARD (<\$0.5M)

Description

This award is given to a playspace under the value of \$500,000 that involves a range of stakeholders, contributes to the creation of a sense of "place" for its local community and exhibits landscape and/or structural design innovation that delights and aids childhood development.

What the judges are looking for:

Developed in accordance to the LGA's Play Space Strategy and/or Open Space Strategy
Demonstrates the development of an asset management and replacement plan
The extent to which the playspace features are intergenerational
Demonstrates how it challenges learning, sensory and development outcomes
Enhances the economic, environmental and social benefits to the region
Demonstrates integration within its surrounding environment

2023 Nominees

"Wirima" in Rotary Park Rochester - **Campaspe Shire Council**

Citizen's Park Playground, Richmond - **Jeavons Landscape Architects, City of Yarra**

R Penman Reserve Playground - **Mornington Peninsula Shire Council**

McCubbin Drive Reserve - **City of Greater Geelong**

Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace Notting Hill - **City of Monash**

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Wirima Playspace was a truly community led collaboration with Council to provide a central space that nurtures imagination, fosters social connections and celebrates traditional owners providing a relaxing retreat for locals and visitors to the area of all generations.



Citizen's Park Playground, Richmond: Jeavons Landscape Architects, City of Yarra

Jeavons Landscape Architects collaborated with City of Yarra's team to redesign the play space at Citizens Park, Richmond. The new design celebrates and protects significant historic elm trees. The outcome offers a high quality, social, accessible and inclusive setting for a growing population of inner urban residents in medium and high-rise dwellings.



R Penman Reserve Playground - Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

R Penman Reserve Playground is a unique play space showcasing an ocean theme and depicting the surrounding coastal elements of Blairgowrie township. The play space was not only initiated by local residents, but also boasts 120 community contributors to the works, each with their names on the pickets around the playground.



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McCubbin Drive Reserve - City of Greater Geelong

McCubbin Drive Reserve features a range of play experiences on a unique hillside with panoramic view across Geelong. A DDA accessible path extends from the bottom to the top, connecting all activity zones, including a multi-swing set, sand play, play tower with slide, music play, tiered water play zone, ½ netball/basketball court, skate berm and beginner/intermediate bike track supported with shelter, barbeque, picnic facilities and toilet amenities.



Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace Notting Hill - City of Monash

Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace delivers a new sensory playspace in Notting Hill for children of all abilities (and their families/carers) to enjoy in an area of Monash that had an under-provision of open space and playspaces. This playspace provides opportunities for sensory stimulation (sound, sight, touch, smell), as well as engagement in interpretive, educational and nature play elements, and includes mural art and Access Key.

