



PARKS & LEISURE
AUSTRALIA

2023
REGIONAL
AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE

RESEARCH AWARD

Description

This award acknowledges outstanding research achievement by a group or individual, professionals, student or academics who have made a significant contribution to the parks and leisure industry through expanded knowledge enhancement promoting the benefits or importance of the parks and leisure sector in Australian society.

What the judges are looking for:

Provides a clear description of the approach adopted to develop the research
Demonstrates how the research addresses a specific issue within the parks and leisure industry
Demonstrates how the research can be applied to current parks and leisure operations
Demonstrates that the research has been peer reviewed and is used within the industry
Demonstrates excellence in the consideration of economic, environmental, and social factors

2023 Nominees

Social Impacts of the Australian Aquatic Industry - **Swinburne University, Royal Life Saving Association of Australia**

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2022 Winner:

Sport Participation Research Project,
Federation University & Victoria University

The project developed by the PASI Research group at Federation and Victoria Universities, is a world-leading program of research that is transforming our understanding of what drives sports participation and retention.

2023 AWARD NOMINEES

Social Impacts of the Australian Aquatic Industry: Swinburne University, Royal Life Saving Association of Australia



This research project involved a collaboration between Swinburne University and Royal Life Saving Association of Australia. The research explored and reported on the perceived social benefits, value and impacts of aquatic facilities including provision of narratives of the experiences of facility users. It then developed a framework of infrastructure for social outcomes, and positioned facilitators and barriers, as well as conditions and practices to maximise social impacts.

