



PARKS & LEISURE  
AUSTRALIA

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

## STRATEGIC AND MASTER PLANNING AWARD

### Description

This award recognises the development of strategies for parks, open space, sport, recreation and leisure opportunities by rewarding outstanding examples of strategic planning that have enriched and revitalised a community.

### What the judges are looking for:

Demonstrates alignment to strategic drivers and initiatives

Demonstrates integrated planning: national, state, regional and/or local

Provides a high return on investment

Demonstrates your organisation has a better idea of how to allocate resources to align with goals

Planning projects which demonstrate that one of its objectives is to enhance the community's ability to respond to chronic and accurate shocks

Demonstrates the community engagement process used to endorse the strategy or strategic plan

### 2023 Nominees

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick Master Plan 2022 - **City of Casey**

Recreational Facilities for BMX and MTB Strategy - **@leisure Planners, Mornington Peninsula Shire**

Disability Action Plan - **Parks Victoria**

Progress Reserve Master Plan Implementation Plan - **Hume City Council**

AFL Infrastructure Plan: Towards 2030 - **Australian Football League (AFL)**

Portarlington Recreation Reserve Master Plan - **City of Greater Geelong**

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### AFL Infrastructure Plan: Towards 2030, Australian Football League

The Australian Football Infrastructure Plan: Towards 2030 provides national direction on the future planning and development of Australian football facilities towards 2030. Towards 2030, is the AFL's first National facility plan, with the strategy providing our game, our stakeholders and partners guidance and an aligned direction.



### Disability Action Plan, Parks Victoria

Through this Disability Action Plan Parks Victoria aims to provide opportunities for everyone to connect to nature and our open spaces. The Plan demonstrates that people with disability can face a range of barriers in being able to access and enjoy parks. Through this Plan, Parks Victoria will build its efforts to reduce barriers and deliver a range of social, economic, environmental and health & wellbeing benefits for all Victorians.



### Portarlinton Recreation Reserve Master Plan, City of Greater Geelong

The Portarlinton Recreation Reserve Master Plan is defined by its deliberate focus on protecting the reserve's significant environmental and cultural values by splitting the study area into two parts - the active sporting area including playing fields, and the passive recreation area has led to a very strong stakeholder and community ownership of the plan resulting in \$3,750,000 in Federal and State election commitments.



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### **Progress Reserve Master Plan Implementation Plan, Hume City Council**

Progress Reserve Masterplan plays a major part in Hume's open space network by linking parklands through a safe and connected walking and cycling network, provides the Coolaroo and broader Hume communities with quality recreational open space for all ages and abilities to meet and socialise in an inviting, safe and relaxed environment. Progress Reserve will become a fine example of accessible and equitable play areas that allow everyone to play.



### **Recreational Facilities for BMX and MTB Strategy, @leisure Planners, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council**

A Shire-wide MTB and BMX Strategy that established a balanced, strategic approach to the provision, resourcing, development and management of facilities, with support and buy-in of riders, stakeholders, the sport and Council. The strategy was road tested with a pilot education, construction and management program with rider involvement, and delivered a step-by-step guide for successful delivery of community designed, built and maintained local BMX and MTB facilities.



### **Wilson Botanic Park Berwick Master Plan 2022, City of Casey**

Wilson Botanic Park showcases 39 hectares of parkland, offering a variety of experiences, unique plant collections, fossils and fauna. The rich indigenous, geoheritage, farming and quarry history, distinguishes a point of difference delighting visitors with its horticultural splendour. The Wilson Botanic Master Plan aims to create a botanic park of excellence, one that creates a healthy community by connecting plants, people and place through conservation, unique features and meaningful experiences.

