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Brett Phillips

Brett is a leading tennis commentator and long time supporter of PLA. Host of SEN's The First Serve, a dedicated two hour weekly radio show, covering the world of tennis from the elite to the grass roots here in Australia and abroad.

Brett is also a host of Channel 9's tennis coverage as well as being the big screens host for Tennis Australia at the Australian Open.

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Community Facility of the Year Award

Park of the Year Award

Dessert

Networking/Dancing

Event Concludes

COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

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COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

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.

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@leisure is a sports, aquatic, open space planning consultancy with more than 30 years of experience. We provide rigorous strategies, business cases, feasibility studies and facility plans that are market tested and practical to implement. Our staff with sport, planning, and business backgrounds provide excellent service and good value for money.

COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR



Free Youth Pool Entry Pilot
Aligned Leisure



Family Golf Event
Maribyrnong City Council + Golf Australia



Women and Girls in Sport Breakfast
Maribyrnong City Council



Historic Joint Council Meeting
Hume City Council, Mitchell Shire Council + City of Whittlesea



Brimbank Collective Impact Initiative
Brimbank City Council



Water Safety with Derrimut Weelam
Gathering Place (DWGP)
City of Kingston

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RESEARCH AWARD



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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.

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RESEARCH AWARD



Research into participation barriers for women and girls and value of program co-design
Federation University + City of Casey



Community Benefits of Golf
Golf Australia, PGA of Australia + SGS Economics and Planning



A critical analysis of aquatic and recreation centre planning and decision-making
Katie McDonald, Victoria University



ENJOY MAP for HEALTH
National Ageing Research Institute

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BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY AWARD

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BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY AWARD



Digital Revolution with Auditing
Softfall Testing Pty Ltd



RiteWay Technology Laverton North
Netball Courts
iDwala + Hobsons Bay City Council

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STRATEGIC AND MASTER PLANNING AWARD

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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.

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STRATEGIC AND MASTER PLANNING AWARD



Play Your Way Strategy
Kingston City Council



City Reserves Planning Project
Colac Otway Shire Council



Cloverton Regional Community and Recreation Needs Assessment
City of Whittlesea, Hume City Council + Mitchell Shire Council



Open Space Strategy & Active Cardinia Strategy
Cardinia Shire Council, insideEDGE Sport and Leisure Planning + Mosaic Insights

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD



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This award celebrates and acknowledges those who protect nature and parks, improve climate resilience, ensure sustainability, and care for our land, as well as champions in all of these areas as part of this award. Awarded to an individual, a team, or an organisation for the development of innovative processes, practices, or technologies that contribute to the development of a sustainable future. Developing and implementing a sustainable approach to economic, social, and environmental concerns should be integrated into all core activities in addition to complying with industry standards and best practices. Those responsible for subordinate strategies to an institution's overarching strategic plan are not included in this category.

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Elder Street South Reserve
Kingston City Council

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BEST REGIONAL/RURAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

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BEST REGIONAL/RURAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Regional/Rural Australia includes all of the towns, small cities and areas that lie beyond the major capital cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Darwin, Hobart and Canberra), who make a significant contribution through community initiatives which contribute to the parks and leisure industry. These projects can be playspaces, events, tourism, trails, programs, repurposing of facilities and environmental initiatives (ie. water saving, habitat development and restoration projects).

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We are an integrated team of passionate civil engineers, landscape architects, surveyors, town planners, urban designers, water engineers and visual media artists providing specialist services to the property and infrastructure sectors. As property and infrastructure consultants, we are connected with the industry, and work together every day to deliver a high level of forward thinking and creative solutions our clients are proud of. With over 350 employees across our Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Gippsland and Albury / Wodonga offices, we are one of Australia's largest employee owned property and infrastructure consultants, supporting local development projects with local expertise.

REGIONAL/RURAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD



Celebrating All Abilities in Kerang
Gannawarra Shire Council



Ned Kelly Discovery Hub
Rural City of Wangaratta



Growing rural communities and tourism
within the King Valley
Rural City of Wangaratta



Cororooke Open Space
Colac Otway Shire Council

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DAVID ALDOUS EMERGING LEADER AWARD

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Chahana Paudel
Deakin University + Whitehorse City Council



Abbey Freney
Golf Australia



Chloe Dupont
Maribyrnong City Council

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PLAYSPACE AWARD (<\$0.5M)

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SHADE 'N' SAILS



PLAYSPACE AWARD (<\$0.5M)

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.

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Shade N Sails is an Australian company that specialises in designing manufacturing and installing shade products. The company was established in 1999 to provide durable shade products for both the domestic and commercial markets. With over 150 years of combined industry experience and a focus on exceptional customer service and communication they have grown rapidly servicing both the Australian and global markets, offering a wide range of solutions.

PLAYSPACE AWARD (<\$0.5M)



Olivia Way Hastings Playground
Mornington Peninsula Shire



Creekwood Park Pakenham
Cardinia Shire Council + Victorian State Government



Banjo Paterson Reserve Playspace
City of Casey



Cororooke Playspace
Colac Otway Shire Council

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GroundScience



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Ground Science is a multi-disciplinary geotechnical consultancy company, that specializes in all forms of sports field profile design and engineering. A leading consultancy in this space they service clients Nationally and Internationally. Their designs focus on leading technology with sustainability in mind and provide niche expertise.

PLAYSPACE AWARD (>\$0.5M)



Jean Street Reserve and Garfield Lane
Park + Safety Upgrades
Kingston City Council



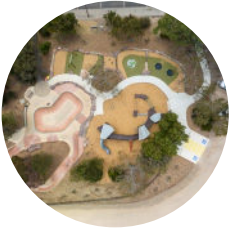
Princes Park Playspace Upgrade
Glen Eira City Council



Belvoir Park Stage 2
City of Wodonga



Banjo Park
ASPECT Studios



Eco Park Active Hub
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council



Redleap Reserve Playspace
City of Whittlesea



Peter Scullin Reserve Playspace
Renewal
**Kingston City Council +
Leaf Design Studio**

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This community facility award recognises facilities that demonstrate innovative features of design, development and operation.

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insideEDGE passionately supports communities to enhance sport, leisure, and recreation programs and services. Our mission is to drive more thoughtful decision-making regarding investment in community infrastructure, ultimately leading to increased participation and improved facility utilisation. Through our work, we aim to foster stronger connections between communities, sports, and government, creating a more vibrant and engaged environment for all.

COMMUNITY FACILITY OF THE YEAR



Henry Turner South Reserve Pavilion
Redevelopment
Maribyrnong City Council



East Gippsland Gymnastics Centre
East Gippsland Shire Council



Murrumbeena Park Community Hub
Glen Eira City Council



Designing Elite Soccer Fields of Play for
the Home of the Matildas
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Healthy Futures Hub
Frankston City Council



Orana Community Place
City of Casey

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PARK OF THE YEAR AWARD

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This award celebrates and promotes vibrant, successful well designed and managed new or significantly revitalised parks/ open spaces by recognising and rewarding exceptional examples of best practice in terms of design and management. This includes parks and open spaces that are large, small, linear, along transport corridors, road closures, foreshore and reclaimed urban spaces.

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An industry leader in the production, sale and distribution of premium instant turf and lawns for life. They are one of the nation's largest growers of premium drought-tolerant, water smart turfgrass varieties and are regarded amongst the most efficient and technologically advanced turfgrass operations in the world. Coolabah Turf are passionate about the turf and lawn industry and the power their people and products have to make a positive impact on people's lives.

PARK OF THE YEAR AWARD



Wesburn Pump Track
Yarra Ranges Shire Council



Elder Street South Reserve
Kingston City Council



Devonport Waterfront Park (Haines Park)
ASPECT Studios



Merricks Station Ground Reserve
Activation
Mornington Peninsula Shire

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