

News From AILD M

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AILDM's National Landscape Design Awards 2016 highlighted excellence achieved in the Australian Landscape Industry and the extent to which members of our industry are contributing to the community. Not only was there a record number of entries this year, the highest number of entries was in the Educational/ Institutional category, and there were more entries than ever before in the pro bono category.

Designs for early childhood centres, Hummingbird House in Brisbane, the Sydney Children's Hospital, management of the tree scape for a municipality, and community gardens, demonstrated how far reaching the impact of our industry is in the community. Entries showed the importance of finding green space to relax in, even when living in the centre of a major city, and the therapeutic power of gardens whether they are suburban retreats, a place to aid the recovery of those who are sick, or a place to reflect on the loss of a loved person or pet.

The highest award, the Allan Correy Award for Design Excellence, was awarded to Steve Warner of Outhouse Design for his pro bono design for the RSPCA's headquarters at Yagoona NSW. It was the second design Steve had done for the RSPCA. His previous design for a memorial garden winning a gold award in 2014.

Hidden doors, creative water features, effective use of lighting and well placed pots and plants were all features of the award entries but the overriding message was how important the role of landscaping is in providing places for communities and families to meet, live and celebrate together.

AILDM is now planning its end of year celebrations in Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane which will be promoted on our website. All industry members and friends are welcome to attend.

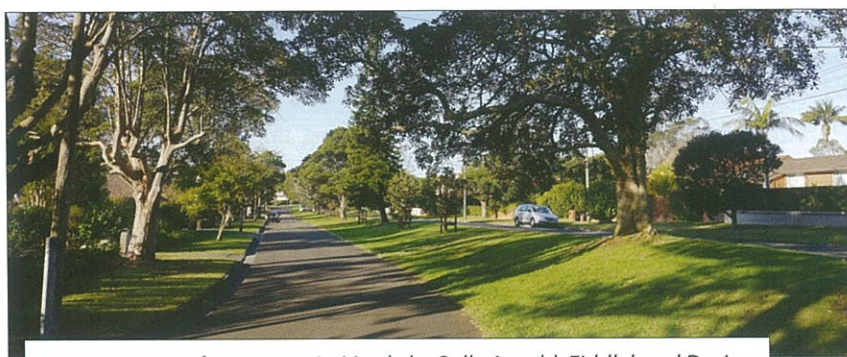
We extend to all members of our industry our best wishes for a wonderful festive season and prosperous new year.



Balcony garden by Adam Robinson



Residential design by Chris Weiss, Formation Landscapes



Management of tree scape in Manly by Sally Arnold, Fiddlehead Design



Sydney Children's Hospital by Steve Warner



RSPCA garden by Steve Warner, Outhouse Design