

GREATER SYDNEY PLANNING AWARDS

Nominations Booklet 2021



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About the Awards

A key priority for the Greater Sydney Commission when it was established in 2016 was the development of an annual awards program for planning excellence for Greater Sydney.

The inaugural Greater Sydney Planning Awards were held on 23 February 2017.

The Awards champion outstanding achievements made through collaborative practices that put people at the heart of planning.



Geoff Roberts AM
Chief Commissioner

Invitation from the Chief Commissioner

It is my great pleasure to officially open nominations for our 2021 Greater Sydney Planning Awards, recognising outstanding planning in our city.

The future of Greater Sydney depends on the plans we develop and implement today. As planners, designers and city shapers, it is imperative we strive for excellence and demand exemplary outcomes for our communities. A consistent commitment to quality planning outcomes is critical to delivering a metropolis of three cities of which we can be proud.

The past 12 months have been immensely challenging, and as a result the Commission has included a new award category to showcase the outstanding city-shaping achievements made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In our current context, resilience and a safe, sustainable future are top of mind. Our fifth annual Greater Sydney Planning Awards continue to encourage and celebrate the disruptive thinking and spirit of innovation that will make these aspirations a reality.

The Awards recognise the visionary plans and projects that are helping create a liveable, productive and sustainable Greater Sydney, championing the collaborative approaches that put people at the heart of planning.

On behalf of the Commission, I invite you to nominate your projects and plans for one or several awards.

We look forward to celebrating the individuals, teams and communities behind the initiatives that will help create a greater Sydney.

Key dates:

Entries open	Wednesday 17 February 2021
Entries close	Wednesday 5 May 2021
Awards ceremony	Tuesday 22 June 2021

Requirements for entering the Greater Sydney Planning Awards

The nominated project must:

Be located within the Greater Sydney Region (as defined by Schedule 1 of *Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015*);

- Be a demonstrable project i.e: able to be implemented; and
- Be substantially completed in 2020.

Nominations are invited from local authorities, developers, consultants, community groups, public agencies, partnerships and other teams.

The nominated project can be from the proponent or be nominated by another individual, group or body.

Note: The scale of development or position of the entrant is not necessarily relevant to the evaluation of the achievement.

General Award criteria

In addition to meeting the specific award criteria required for each category (outlined on pages 6–8), the judging panel seeks nominations that demonstrate leading practice and one or more of the following:

- Alignment with one or more of the Greater Sydney Commission's key themes – *Infrastructure and Collaboration, Liveability, Productivity and/or Sustainability*
- Regard to the principles of ecologically sustainable development
- Innovation, originality or uniqueness
- Encouraging development that is resilient and takes into account natural hazards
- Increased opportunities for community engagement or public involvement/ participation.



Award Categories

The 2021 award categories align with the Greater Sydney Commission's key themes of:

- Infrastructure and collaboration
- Liveability

- Productivity and
- Sustainability

This year the Commission is introducing a new award category – *City-shaping during COVID-19*.

The eight award categories are:



AWARD 1

Great community collaboration



AWARD 2

Place-based collaboration



AWARD 3

Development supported by infrastructure



AWARD 4

Great new place to live and/or work



AWARD 5

Planning for jobs and skills



AWARD 6

Great sustainability initiative



AWARD 7

Planning disruptor



AWARD 8

City-shaping during COVID-19

Specific award criteria



AWARD 1

GREAT COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Aim: To recognise a project that has shown exceptional collaboration with the community.

Criteria: Entrants are to provide an example of community engagement or a community-initiated project they managed and demonstrate:

- How the community was actively involved;
- How the community's needs were reflected in the project and the community benefit that was delivered;
- How the community engagement/collaboration enhanced liveability, productivity or sustainability;
- Why the approach taken was successful.



AWARD 2

PLACE-BASED COLLABORATION

Aim: Awarded to local councils, state government agencies, or industry for exceptional collaborative approaches to planning and place-making.

Criteria: The nomination should demonstrate:

- Collaborative approaches used to identify and reflect the needs of stakeholders;
- How collaboration and relationship-building helped deliver quality planning outcomes;
- How the approach demonstrated a place-based focus; and
- How the approach challenged conventional approaches to planning/place-making.



AWARD 3

DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTED BY INFRASTRUCTURE

Aim: Awarded to a project or development that has integrated new or improved infrastructure and/or community services.

Criteria: Entrants are to provide one example of a project or development they managed and demonstrate:

- How infrastructure/community service needs were identified efficiently and innovatively integrated into the project or development;
- How the project or development demonstrated best practice in collaboration with government, industry or local community;
- How the infrastructure/community services have improved physical and/or social connectivity;
- How the infrastructure/community services delivered a benefit to the community.



AWARD 4

GREAT NEW PLACE TO LIVE AND/OR WORK

Aim: To recognise a residential, commercial or mixed-use development or area that creates a great place by putting people at the heart of planning, enhancing wellbeing and the social connections of residents and/or workers.

Criteria: Entrants are to provide one example of an innovative project they managed and demonstrate how one or more of the following was achieved:

- A partnership between industry, government and the private sector;
- Provision of affordable and diverse housing;
- Provision of an innovative commercial hub;
- Creation of an area such as a civic place or park;
- Supports the development of a more accessible and walkable city;
- Supports healthy and liveable communities;
- Encourages social connections;
- Demonstrates urban design excellence;
- Provides lessons that can be applied to future projects.



AWARD 5

PLANNING FOR JOBS AND SKILLS

Aim: Awarded to a plan, strategy, project, piece of research or development that supports the 30-minute city by seeking to create the conditions that generate stronger local economic and employment opportunities.

Criteria: Entrants are to provide one example of a plan, strategy, project, piece of research or development that demonstrates how one or more of the following was achieved:

- Supports the concept of the 30-minute city by enhancing productivity or competitiveness within a local area;
- Encourages a greater diversity of jobs and/or employment growth within a local area;
- Creates conditions that help foster economic innovation;
- Has lessons that can be applied to other local areas;
- If submitting a piece of research, demonstrate how the credibility of the research has been verified.



AWARD 6

GREAT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

Aim: Awarded to a project, plan or piece of research which, through its implementation or focus, protects, promotes or enhances the environment.

Criteria: Entrants are to provide one example of a project, plan or piece of research which can be applied elsewhere and which demonstrates how one or more of the following was achieved:

- Protects, restores or enhances landscapes (can include waterways, bushland and open space);
- Supports an efficient city through innovative management of water, energy, resources and waste;
- Builds more resilient communities by considering/addressing climate change, hazards and technological change;
- Is an exemplary example of a sustainability initiative;
- If submitting a piece of research, demonstrate how the credibility of the research has been verified.



AWARD 7

PLANNING DISRUPTOR

Aim: Awarded for outstanding forward-thinking approaches to planning that disrupt traditional methodologies. Projects may be in the areas of:

- New digital approaches to encourage good planning; and
- New approaches to accessing and using data to improve planning outcomes.

Criteria: The nomination should show how the project:

- Supports the aims of the Greater Sydney Commission;
- Demonstrates a forward-thinking, innovative approach;
- Positively 'disrupts' traditional planning methodologies; and
- Will benefit Greater Sydney.



AWARD 8

CITY-SHAPING DURING COVID-19

Aim: Awarded to a plan, strategy, project, piece of research or development, with realised or potential city-shaping impacts, that was adjusted or created to meet the changing needs of the community during COVID-19.

Criteria: The nomination should demonstrate:

- How the approach creates city-shaping opportunities to benefit communities during the pandemic;
- Appropriate measures to improve economic and/or social recovery from COVID-19;
- If submitting a piece of research, demonstrate how the credibility of the research has been verified.

How to lodge your submission

Nominations for the 2021 Greater Sydney Planning Awards must be submitted via Survey Monkey.

Submit nomination

www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSPA2021

Please note: 2020 entrants will not be considered.

When submitting your nominations, there will be only one step in the process so please make sure you have all the required documents/materials ready to upload.

If you intend on nominating more than one project or category, please complete a separate nomination for each.

Submissions must include the following:

- Project details:
 - Title of the project
 - Location of the project with plan (if relevant)
 - Name of person or organisation submitting the entry (with contact details) and
 - A short summary (max 250 words) for promotional purposes
- A maximum of 4 x A4 pages outlining how the project specifically addresses the relevant award criteria
- Entries that do not adequately address the award criteria may not be considered by the judging panel
- Minimum 4 x high resolution jpg or png images
- Illustrative material, such as photographs, plans and published material (as appropriate)

By submitting a nomination you agree that the Greater Sydney Commission is entitled to use information and images contained in the nomination to promote the awards and that the information and images provided have the appropriate internal copyright clearances.

Nominations must be received by **5pm** on **Wednesday 5 May**.



2020 GSPA winners

Great community collaboration

Winner: *Outstanding commitment to community collaboration* – Northern Beaches Council

Commendation: *Future Hornsby LSPS*
– Hornsby Shire Council

Commendation: *Georges River LSPS*
– Georges River Council

Place-based collaboration

Winner: *Campbelltown City Centre Master Plan*
– Campbelltown City Council

Commendation: *Liverpool City Centre Public Domain Master Plan* – Liverpool Shire Council

Commendation: *Meadowbank Precinct*
– Department of Premier & Cabinet

Development supported by infrastructure

Winner: *Marrick & Co* – Mirvac

Great new place to live and/or work

Winner: *Hudson District Park* – Strathfield Council

Commendation: *Arkadia* – DKO Architecture, Breathe Architecture & Oculus

Commendation: *The Paper Mill Precinct*
– Coronation Property

Planning for jobs and skills

Winner: *Local Jobs and Local People*
– Liverpool City Council

Commendation: *Parramatta Night City Framework* – City of Parramatta

Great sustainability initiative

Winner: *Cycling and Micromobility Network for Greater Sydney* – TfNSW

Commendation: *Living Connections*
– Waverley Council

Commendation: *Best Gift Sustainable Christmas Market* – Randwick City Council

Planning disruptor

Winner: *On the Go: how women travel around our city; a case study on active transport across Sydney* – Cred Consulting & City of Sydney

Chief Commissioner's Award

Winner: *Streets as Shared Spaces program*
– Public Spaces Division, Place, Design and Public Spaces Group, DPIE

For more information on the 2020 winners, visit: www.greater.sydney/project/2020-greater-sydney-planning-awards

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