



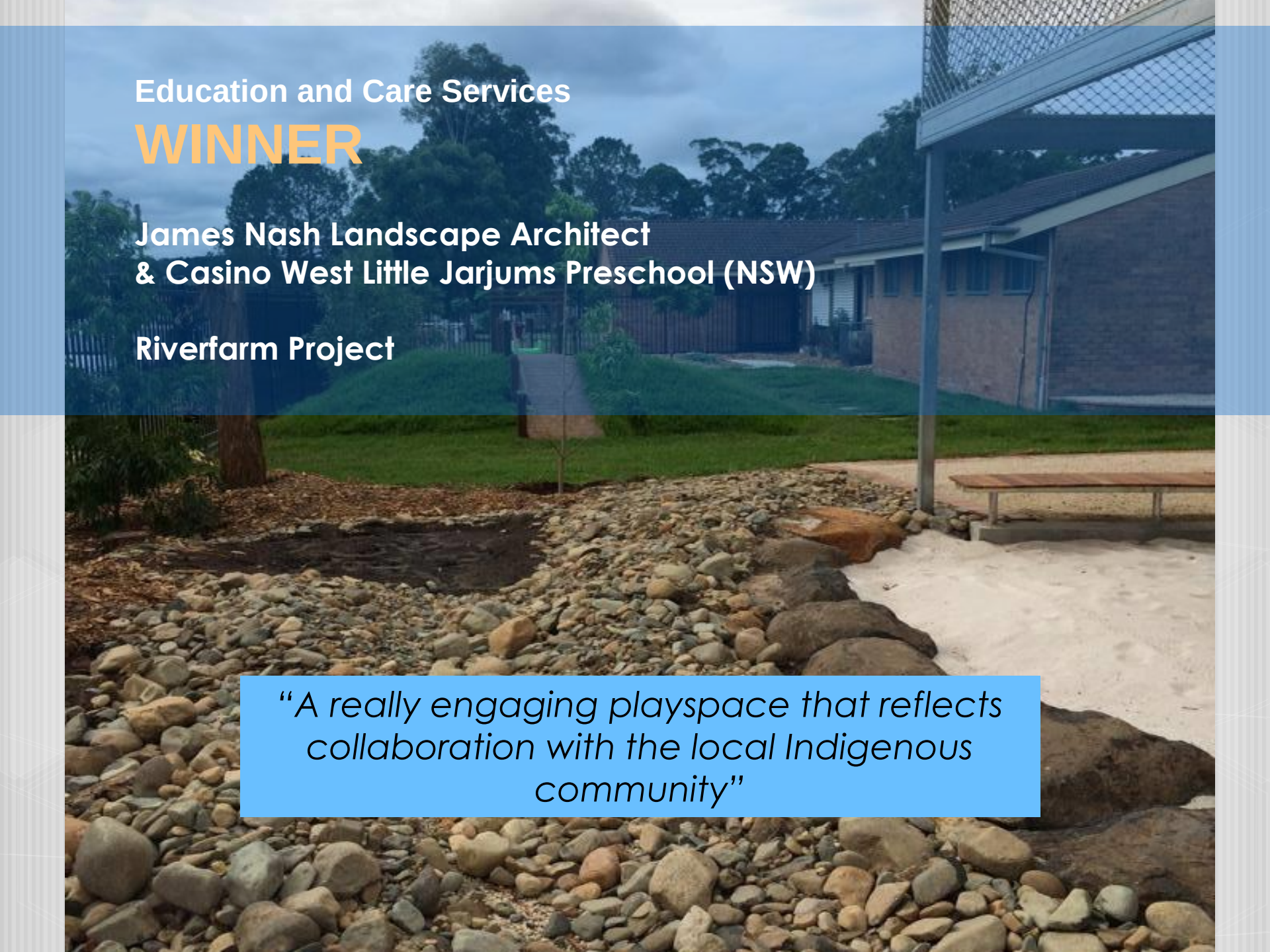
2014 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards





The 2014 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards recognise excellence and innovation in the provision of safe, creative playspaces across Australia.

The judges were excited by the quality and diversity of designs. The playspaces were inspirational and encourage healthy participation in recreational activities for all children.

The background image shows a preschool building with a brick wall and a dark roof. In the foreground, there is a large, open play area covered with light-colored sand and numerous smooth, rounded stones of various sizes. A wooden bench is visible on the right side of the play area. The sky is overcast and grey.

Education and Care Services

WINNER

**James Nash Landscape Architect
& Casino West Little Jarjums Preschool (NSW)**

Riverfarm Project

*“A really engaging playspace that reflects
collaboration with the local Indigenous
community”*



- Fantastic play value
- Excellent provision of shade in a hot climate
- Natural grass mound



Education and Care Services

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Outerspace Landscape Architects
& SA Department of Education and Child Development (Ceduna, Whyalla
& Christies Beach SA)

Aboriginal Children's and Family Centres Project

*"Three impressive outdoor playspaces that
will serve as a model for future projects"*

Ngura Yadurirn Children &
Family Centre
Ceduna

Taikurrendi Children
& Family Centre
Christies Beach

Gabmididi Manoo Children
& Family Centre
Whyalla



Ngura Yadurirn Children &
Family Centre
Ceduna

- Visually beautiful
- Cultural design features include fire pits, yarning spaces and bush cubbies



Taikurrendi Children
& Family Centre
Christies Beach



Gabmididi Manoo Children
& Family Centre
Whyalla



Education and Care Services

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Tessa Rose Playspace & Landscape Design
& SDN Children's Services (Rooty Hill NSW)

SDN Beranga Education and Care Centre Project

"The focus of this playspace in Western Sydney is to assist children reach their potential"



- Specifically designed for children on the Autism Spectrum
- A model design focusing on the needs of children



Schools

WINNER

Jeremy Ferrier Landscape Architect, Eureka Landscapes, Urban Play
& Anglican Church Grammar School (East Brisbane QLD)

Anglican Church Grammar School Prep Play Project

*"The Anglican Church Grammar School is to be
congratulated on providing children with
challenging, energy-filled play opportunities"*





- Unique play structures installed in a school environment
- Provision for unstructured physical play



The background image shows a school playground. On the left, there is a climbing structure with white vertical poles and blue ropes. In the center and right, there are wooden play structures with various openings and platforms. The ground is covered with brown mulch. Large trees with green leaves are in the background under a clear blue sky.

Schools

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Inclusive through Design
& Auburn Public School (NSW)

Sensory Garden Project

*“Expertly designed to enable inclusive, stimulating
and therapeutic elements for children with
additional needs”*



- Extensive community consultation
- Cohesive design incorporating sensory cues





Innovative Design Elements

WINNER

The Gardenmakers
& Bondi Public School (NSW)

Bondi Public School Project

"The use of shade and natural design elements facilitates different ways to play and promotes physical activity"



- Climbing walls, tunnels and rope courses attract students of all ages
- Well-designed shade



Innovative Design Elements

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Tract Consultants with Honeyweather and Speight
& Victoria C4 P/L (Clyde North VIC)

Circa 1886 Grotto Project



“An amazing space which encourages family participation”



- A place to stretch, reach and feel
- Hidden native flora & fauna sculptures create learning opportunities



A photograph of three children playing in a garden. A boy is perched on a large, horizontal log, looking off to the side. Two girls are on the ground in front of him, one looking up at him and the other looking down. The background features a fence made of red and pink vertical slats, and a wooden play structure with a red roof. The scene is set in a lush garden with various plants and trees.

Public Playspaces Category A
WINNER

City of Greater Bendigo (VIC)

Bendigo Botanic Gardens Heritage Playspace Project

“Very creative playspace incorporating children's literature themes from the Victorian era”



- Strong environmental and sustainability focus
- Variety for all ages



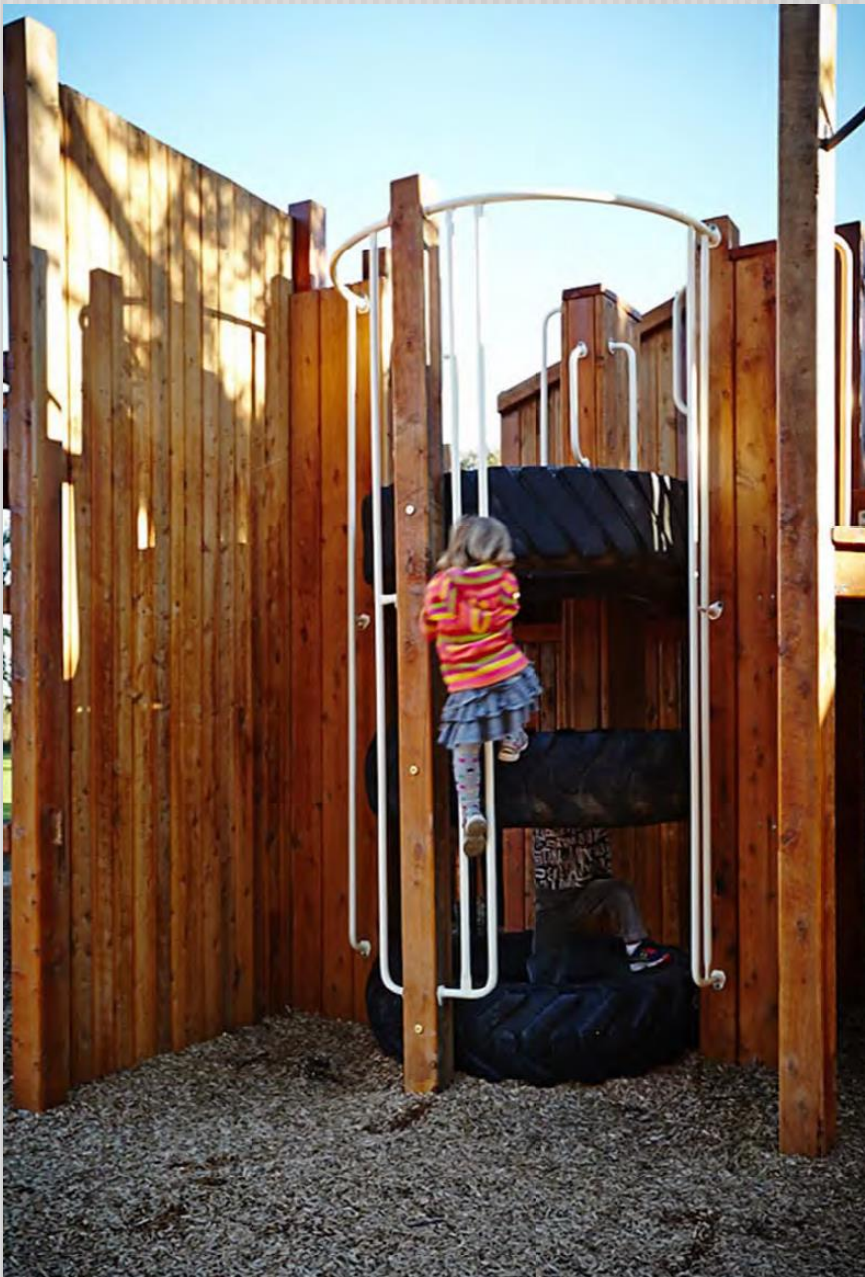
Public Playspaces Category A
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Jeavons Landscape Architects
& City of Darebin (VIC)

Merri Park Playground Project



"The new play elements built on the 21 year old playground creatively blend the old and the new"



- Original designer engaged to modernise the playspace
- Adults and children encouraged to interact



A photograph of a child climbing a wooden post at a beach-themed play space. The child is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and purple leggings. The play space features several large wooden posts and thick ropes. In the background, there are other children and adults, and a beach with greenery and a blue sky.

Public Playspaces Category A **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

Josh Byrne and Associates
& City of Busselton (WA)

Yallingup Play Space Project

"The beach theme showcases Yallingup's regional character and natural environment"



- Very functional design
- Use of materials aimed at reducing carbon footprint





Public Playspaces Category B

WINNER

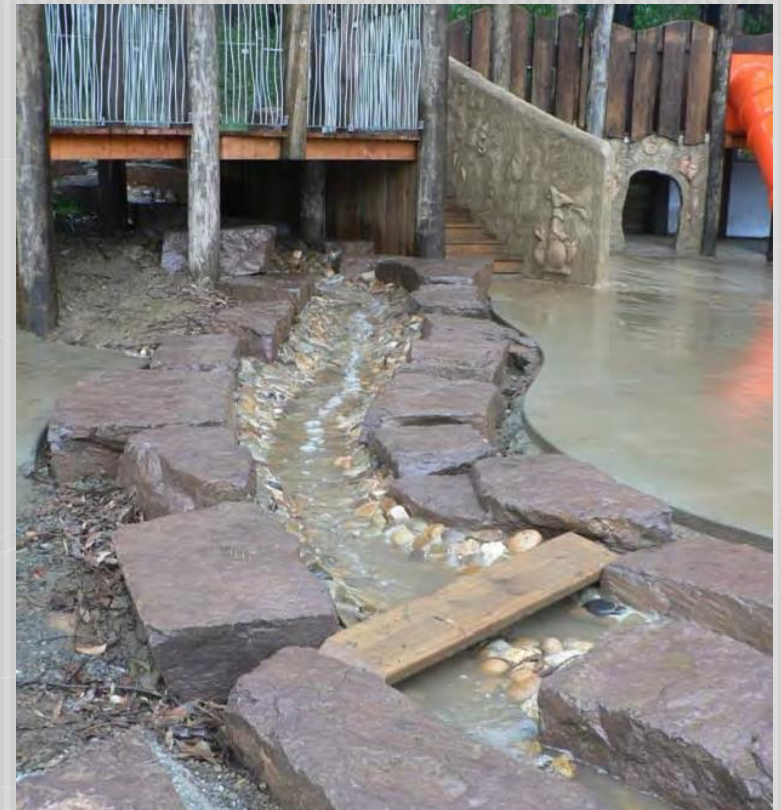
Jeavons Landscape Architects
& Murrindindi Shire Council (Kinglake VIC)

Bollygum Adventure Playground Project

"The designers have managed to use the entire space to create a series of play opportunities for a range of age groups"



- Great use of levels
- Provides interest and challenge



An aerial photograph of the Buluk Park Playspace Project. The play area is composed of several interconnected wooden structures with bright yellow and red panels. A large, dark blue wall with white graffiti is visible in the background. People are seen walking on the paths and playing on the structures. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and foliage.

Public Playspaces Category B

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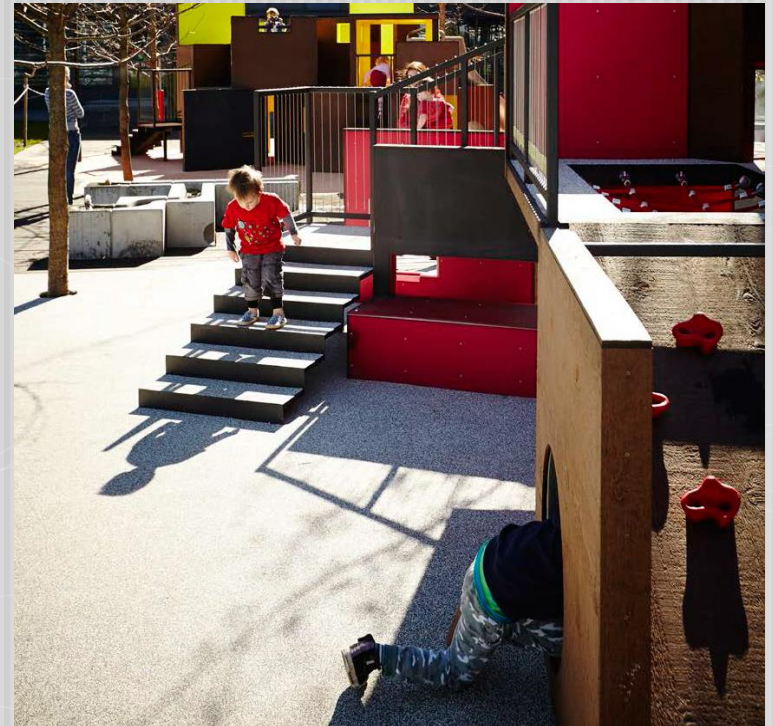
Aspect Oculus
& City of Melbourne with Lend Lease (Docklands VIC)

Buluk Park Playspace Project

"This space is innovatively designed to create many and varied opportunities for interaction"



- Great “urban” concept
- Age groups can be separated to cater for large numbers of children at any one time



Public Playspaces Category B

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Group GSA in association with Ric McConaghy
& Western Sydney Parklands Trust (Abbotsbury NSW)

Plough and Harrow Play Area Renewal Project

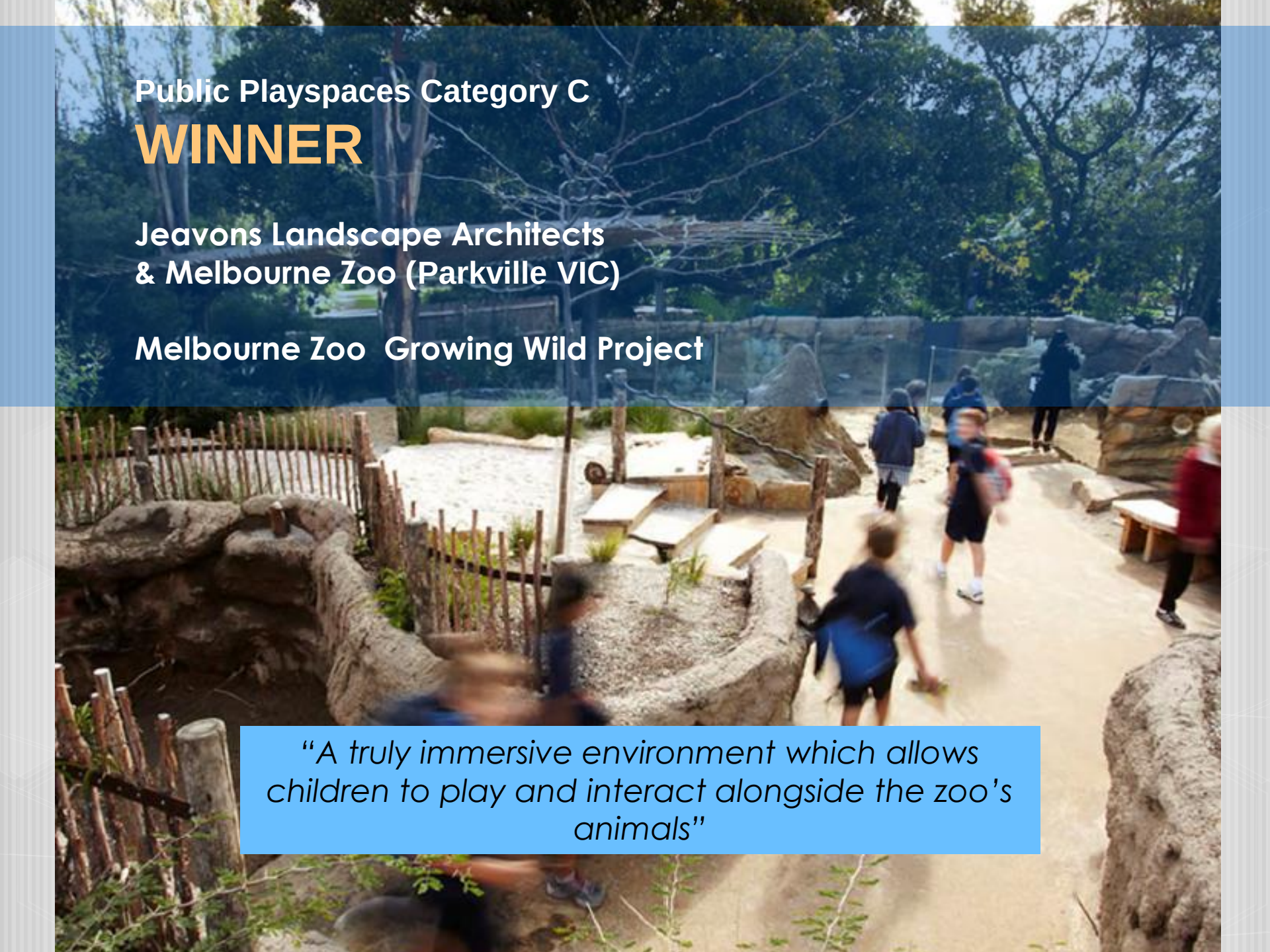


"The quality design and construction of this large area facilitates hubs of activity"



- Provides a range of play opportunities
- Equipment suitable for differing age groups: young children to 'tweens





Public Playspaces Category C

WINNER

Jeavons Landscape Architects
& Melbourne Zoo (Parkville VIC)

Melbourne Zoo Growing Wild Project

"A truly immersive environment which allows children to play and interact alongside the zoo's animals"



- A very unique playspace
- Promotes role play and close observation of the animals





Public Playspaces Category C

HIGHLY COMMENDED

ASPECT Studios
& Renewal SA (Port Adelaide SA)

Port Adelaide Renewal: Hart's Mill Surrounds Project

"This development has brought life to a forgotten area of Port Adelaide by up-cycling disused structures to create new play opportunities"



- Urban site invites visitors to explore novel structures
- Great use of recycled materials



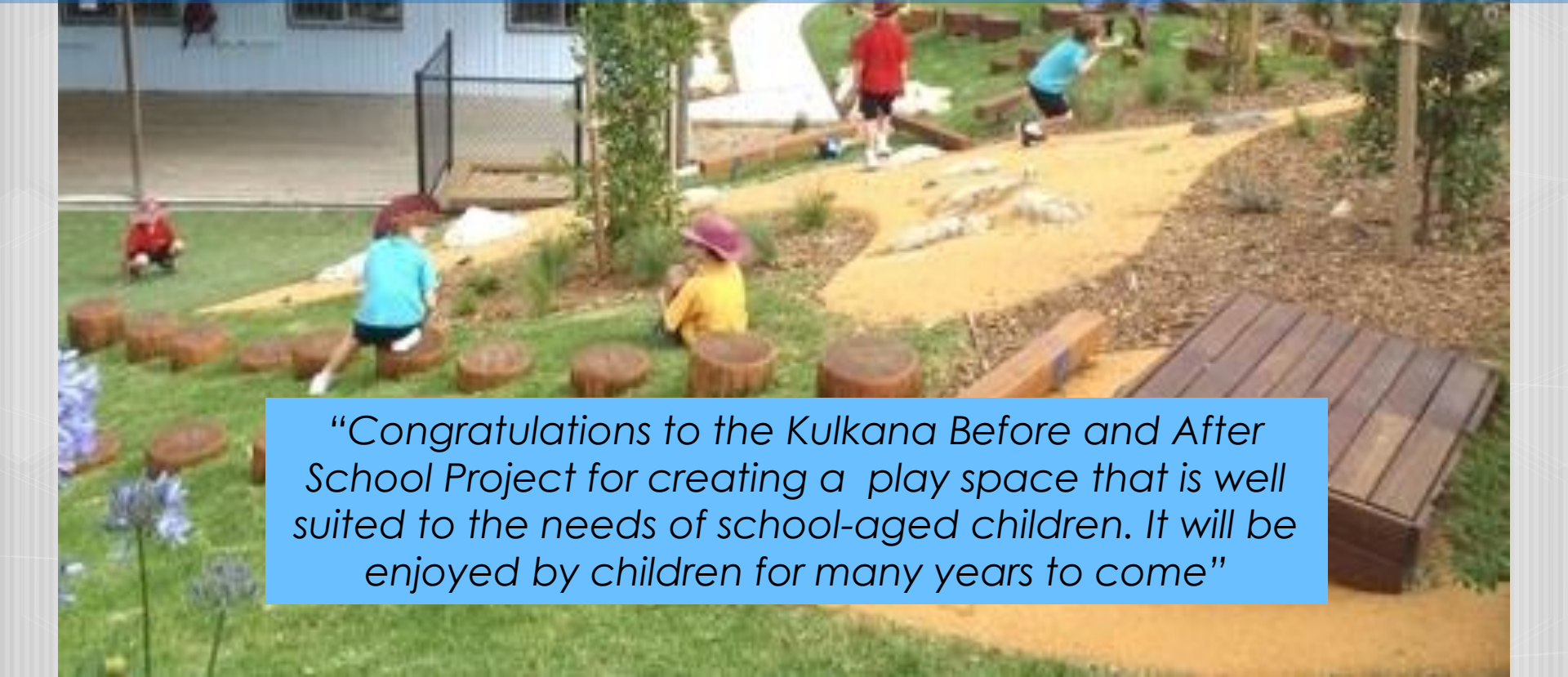


The Leycester Meares Bequest Award

Special Recognition

Urban Landscape Projects
& Balgowlah North Public School (NSW)

Kulkana Before and After School Care Project



“Congratulations to the Kulkana Before and After School Project for creating a play space that is well suited to the needs of school-aged children. It will be enjoyed by children for many years to come”



- Innovative solution to gully and slope
- Optimal use of the space





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