The 2018 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards recognise excellence and innovation in the provision of safe, creative playspaces across Australia.
Judges commented on the outstanding quality of entries. Nature play featured in designs with community consultation and safety being considered at a high standard.

The inspirational playspaces encourage healthy participation in recreational activities for children across the nation.
2018 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards
COMMENDED

Education and Care Services

Outdoor Classroom
CELC Mary Queen of the Family Parish
Tessa Rose Landscapes
JM Landscapes
“The use of the children’s ideas in the planning and design phase is to be commended. The playground allows children to play in a variety of play spaces within a natural setting”
COMMENDED

Education and Care Services

Guliyali Preschool Playground
Woy Woy Public School
Andrew Smith Timber Creations Pty Ltd
“This playground creates opportunity for challenging physical skills within a controlled and safe environment. Particular attention was given to hand picking individual play elements including a fantastic collection of natural timber pieces. So much to do in this playspace!”
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Education and Care Services

St Nicholas Early Education Centre Lochinvar
St Nicholas Early Education Centre
Terras Landscape Architects
EJE Architecture
“Well designed outdoor learning space that allows children to move freely throughout. The variety of play provisions allows children to explore, engage with natural elements, investigate and feel a sense of wonder. The sweeping curved shapes and paths create inviting spaces for multiple uses”
WINNER

Education and Care Services

Gloucester Preschool Natural Playspace
Gloucester Preschool Incorporated
LMD Building Services
“This playspace provides learning areas that contribute to the development of children’s ability to think critically, hypothesize and test theories, whilst playing collaboratively with peers, or on their own. Such a beautiful playspace”
Schools
COMMENDED

Schools

Quintilian School Playground
Quintilian School
Seeka Playspace
“Very attractive design which has taken into consideration a number of elements. An extensive 12 month planning process took place to ensure all components/elements were discussed”
St Dominic's Primary School Nature Play
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Nature Playgrounds
“The space has a pallet of surface textures and well-connected activities. A balanced playspace, with good access to shade, sunlight, quiet play, activities and open lawn”
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Schools

Christie Downs Primary School
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Designwell Landscape Architects
“There is a strong emphasis on the vision to provide a playspace which support students with diverse special needs at varying levels within a natural setting”
WINNER

Schools

Alberton Primary School “The Nest”
Alberton Primary School
JPE Design Studio
“From bitumen to grass this exciting design has many features and experiences for kids to enjoy. This playspace has achieved the intended vision and is now a benchmark for future projects”
Public Playspaces
Category A
<$500K
COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category A <$500K

Golden Grove Playground Upgrade
Ku-ring-gai Council
“A leafy and natural play space with a diverse range of play equipment and open ended opportunities for all ages and abilities. An enticing playspace to visit!”
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category A <$500K

Billabong Park Playground
Scenic Rim Regional Council
Urban Play
“Designed for accessibility, elements inspire open-ended possibilities for self-designed play. Good community outcome, thorough commitment to playground safety”
Waterfront Park
Darwin Waterfront Corporation
“This playground looks exciting - not like traditional equipment! Caters for young children and their families. The design includes imaginative and explorative play and invites families to stay longer with the provision of shade and lighting.”
Public Playspaces
Category B
$500K-$1M
Endeavour Park
Blacktown City Council
Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category B $500K - $1M
“The playground is a uniquely designed space incorporating Australian history into the theme while providing an all-inclusive stimulating play space that encourages children the opportunity to explore”

NSW
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category B $500K - $1M

Denham Foreshore Revitalisation Playground
Shire of Shark Bay
Earthcare Landscapes
“Uniquely designed, this playground reflects the history of the area and enhances local environmental significance. Challenging shape of the site is well addressed”
WINNER

Public Playspaces
Category B $500K - $1M

Carss Bush Park Carss Park Playspace
Georges River Council
UmbaCo Landscape Architects
“Positioned in a natural setting, this playground offers a great opportunity for diverse and inclusive play with a large variety of equipment custom built to imitate local fauna. Love the snake!”
Public Playspaces
Category C
>$1M
COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category C >$1M

Community Bank Adventure Playground, Wallan
Mitchell Shire Council
Jeavons Landscape Architects
“Great use of the space and a fantastic way to incorporate multiple types of play areas into one larger area. Thoughtful design to ensure access and inclusiveness of the playground”
COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category C >$1M

Pelzer Park / Pityarilla (Park 19) Activity Hub
City of Adelaide
Aspect Studios
“The holistic approach in the design of the activity hub demonstrates community needs. The interconnection of pedestrian paths, cycle ways, active and passive recreation is really impressive”
HIGHLY COMMENDED

Public Playspaces
Category C >$1M

Booran Reserve
Glen Eira City Council
ACLA Consultants Pty Ltd
John Patrick Landscape Architects Pty Ltd
“Great use of recycled/repurposed materials creating a stimulating, well thought out design. Effective use of a theme throughout, drawing on the local context and infrastructure including an art wall. An environment with facilities suitable for all demographics and abilities”
WINNER

Public Playspaces
Category C >$1M

Jo Wheatley All Abilities Play Space
City of Nedlands
Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects
“Well considered design and construction. A very good range of play equipment and furniture that enables inclusive play and accessibility throughout the play space. The use of sensory items and plantings provides alternatives play experiences”
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The Honourable Mr Justice Charles Leycester Devenish Meares, AC, CMG (1909 – 1994)
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Special Recognition

Moruya Public School Inclusive Playspaces
Moruya Public School
Mud Fun Australia
“Absolutely gorgeous! So much involvement with the school community. A wonderful lesson in sustainability and team work. A well planned and executed project”
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