



2020 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

Category 1A - Preschool



COMMENDED

Category 1A - Preschool



McMahon's Point Community Preschool

Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

An interesting design challenge due to its compact size and location.

The playspace now incorporates an informal sandpit and new timber play elements ensuring that children are engaged, inspired and nurtured.

This is great place for the children to explore and enjoy.











COMMENDED

Category 1A - Preschool



HVGS ELC Adventure Playground

HVGS & Paynter Dixon

NSW



A large spacious playspace positioned in a natural setting providing ample opportunity for children to engage in creative and open-ended play.

The children were actively involved in the planning, design and build of the playground.

The design includes a Yarning Circle and Fire Pit where stories and knowledge can be shared.











HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 1A - Preschool



KU Peter Pan Paddington Preschool Playspace

The Gardenmakers

The design rejuvenated a tired, synthetic playground by creating distinct play zones with well-placed elements for the children to explore and enjoy.

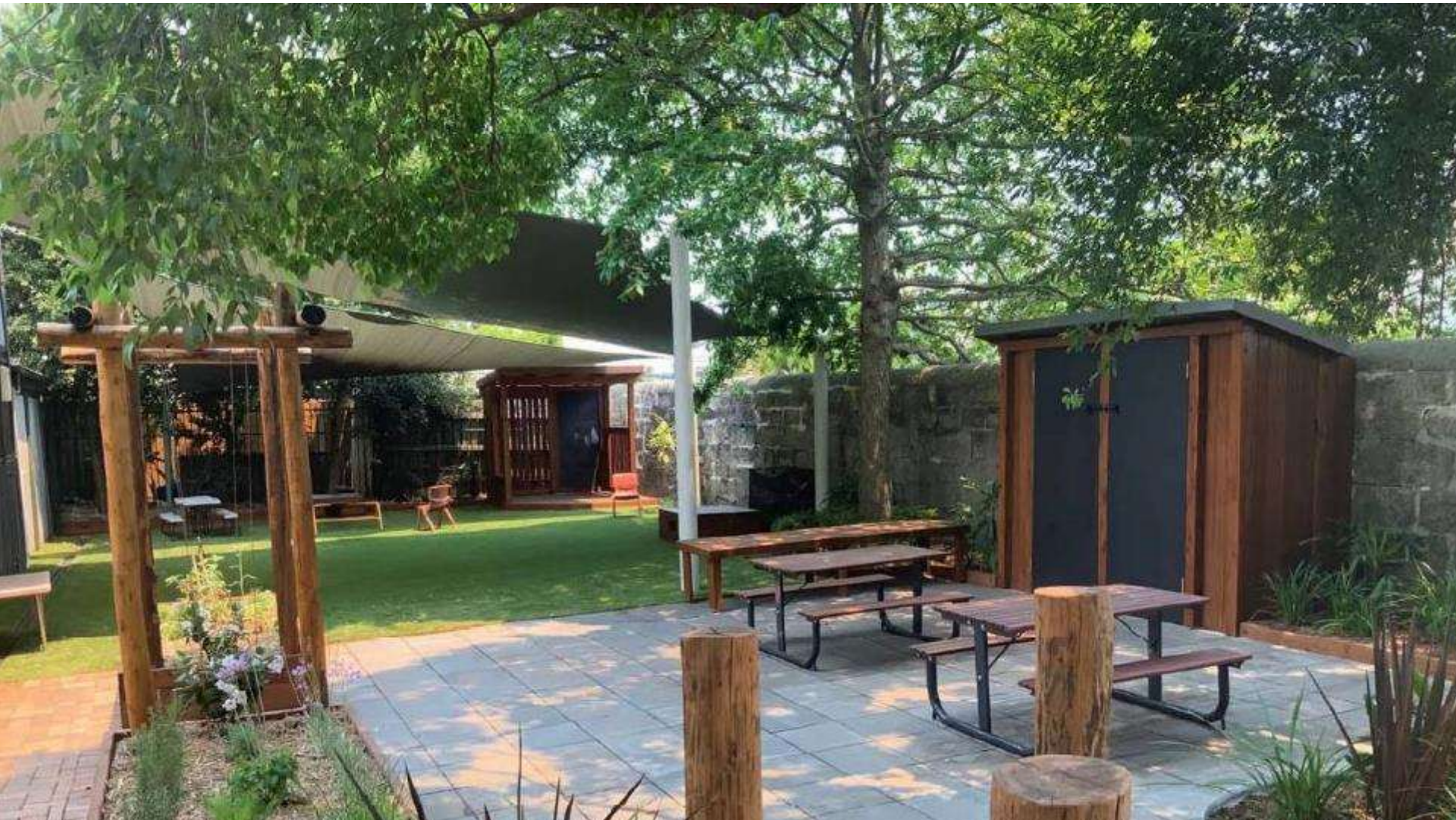
Site specific features such as a sandstone boundary wall and lots of mature trees have been transformed with more natural materials, plants and timber to achieve a beautiful outcome.











WINNER

Category 1A - Preschool



Windale Public School Preschool Nature Playground

Andrew Smith Timber Creations

A stimulating and creative play space that incorporates a diverse range of open-ended opportunities, incorporating natural materials in an environment for children to explore and enjoy.

The new timber playground has transformed a very ordinary space into a nature haven for both children and staff.

An aesthetically pleasing and well executed design.











EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

Category 1B – Long Day Care



COMMENDED

Category 1B – Long Day Care



Meela Childcare Centre

Childscapes

The outdoor learning space is built upon a community spirit that respectfully includes elements of the previous playground and builds upon these to provide many different learning spaces for the children to engage with and openly explore.

The new playground has revitalised the centre and provided new challenges while supporting children's development.











COMMENDED

Category 1B – Long Day Care



Little Flyers Childcare

NT Sports and Playgrounds
& Urban Place Design



The playground, located in the Airport Precinct of Darwin, was designed with an aeronautical theme.

The refurbished, retired plane supports imaginative and gross motor play and inspires children's interest and excitement about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths.

An exciting and innovative playspace which encourages all round learning.











HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 1B – Long Day Care



Cheltenham Early Education Centre Playspace

The Gardenmakers

Cheltenham Early Education Centre has transformed a beautiful, but neglected, heritage church into a welcoming space for children, staff and families.

The once overgrown garden now includes a natural playspace with a variety of play experiences under the shade of existing Tallowood trees.

The design promotes curiosity through plenty of messy and risky play but also can radiate a sense of calm as children interact with nature.











WINNER

Category 1B – Long Day Care



Fit Kidz Rouse Hill

Urban Landscape Projects

Environmental awareness was key to the design of this project.

There's a treetop walk to quietly observe nature, and discovery paths through gardens, nest boxes, and beneficial insect gardens.

A windmill, compost bays and an interactive kitchen garden provides fresh produce for the centre's kitchen.

The provision of many smaller spaces and the sensory components of the garden supports the holistic development of children.







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SCHOOLS

Category 2A – Infants and Primary



COMMENDED

Category 2A – Infants and Primary Schools



Samuel Gilbert Public School

Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

The 'Flintstone' theme brings some unique aspects to the design which inspires imaginative and physical play to explore, learn, risk-take, and self-regulate.

The large sandstone boulders, slacklines and brontosaurus spine allow children to practice climbing and balancing.

The sand and ochre pits provide open-ended constructive, creative, social and sensory play opportunities for children.











COMMENDED

Category 2A – Infants and Primary Schools



St Hurmizd Playspace

Urban Landscape Projects

The School was in need of space for a rapidly expanding student population on a limited parcel of land.

After careful consultation with the School community, the designer created a series of very distinctive areas sited beneath expansive shade sails.

The transformation from a concrete slab to a vibrant, hive of challenge and activity encourages each child to stimulate their creativity and foster their interests and uniqueness.











HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 2A – Infants and Primary Schools



St Mary's Playground

Hunter Fencing & Landscaping
Roberts&Roberts Construction



The playground encourages children to spend more time outside.

Designed to complement the existing playground, the new design features natural elements and a re-purposed tractor fittingly reflecting the farming history of the area.

An inviting outdoor learning area will be the basis for many learning opportunities and create many wonderful childhood school memories.











WINNER

Category 2A – Infants and Primary Schools



Mount Keira Demonstration School Nature Playground

Playgrounded

Students, staff, local community and the parent body worked together to raise the funds, apply for government grants and donate labour and materials for the project.

The project both re-imagines unused spaces and features the use of recycled and repurposed materials.

The inclusive playspace demonstrates a respect and connection to the local Indigenous community.











SCHOOLS

Category 2B – High School



COMMENDED

Category 2B – High School



Cairnsfoot Special Needs School

NBRSARCHITECTURE

The School aims to provide a safe, supportive and quality learning environment for students with intellectual disabilities.

Simple and straightforward spatial planning has created a predictable and easily navigated playspace that provides comfort, challenge and support.

It is a tailored playground that responds to the complex needs of the students.











PUBLIC PLAYSPACES

Category 3A – <\$500K



COMMENDED

Category 3A – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Hilton Memorial Gardens Playspace

WAX Design



This playspace reflects the aspirations and philosophies of the City of West Torrens regarding social inclusion, community spirit, open space provision, play and recreation.

It has been designed to offer a gradient of play opportunities for all ages and abilities.

The playspace promotes 'stay & play' and is relaxing area where local families choose to gather.



WAX





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COMMENDED

Category 3A – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Kelso Community Hub

Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

This playspace is a good addition to an existing community facility.

The design shows great innovation and cultural alignment with the use of traditional and nature-play elements.

The space provides an area where local children can interact and form relationships through play and new social connections.





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HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 3A – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Sirius Street Playground

North Sydney Council

This small, narrow, steeply sloping reserve presented many challenges to both design and construction.

The playspace functions as a 'backyard' for local apartment-dwelling children and a 'front yard' for adjoining residential flat owners whose balconies directly overlook the reserve.

The incorporation of the slide and climbing ropes makes it an interesting space for children.

A very impressive outcome.











HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 3A – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Carrs Bush Inclusive Nature Based Playspace

Hornsby Shire Council

Designed for accessibility, the simplicity of this space creates opportunities for intrigue and exploration.

It allows children including those with disabilities to engage and enjoy through active, social, creative and imaginative play.

Set within a bushland reserve, the playspace provides opportunities for active, creative risk-taking play within a safe environment.











WINNER

Category 3A – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Dunsborough Djiljit Mia Community Playspace

Nature Based Play



Designed for accessibility, the simplicity of this space The design created a special community gathering place, with huge cultural and historical significance.

The playspace is fully integrated with the existing natural site and adjacent creek, enhancing a previously under-utilised area of the reserve.

A unique, fun and challenging playspace.











PUBLIC PLAYSPACES

Category 3B – \$500K-\$1M



WINNER

Category 3B – Public Playspaces <\$500K



Waitara Park Playground

Hornsby Shire Council

The playspace is the community hub of the Waitara Park precinct, facilitating resident engagement and interaction.

The design features a wide range of equipment, ensures a safe playspace for children of all abilities.

This has resulted in a very inclusive and welcoming area.











PUBLIC PLAYSPACES

Category 3C – \$1M-\$3M



COMMENDED

Category 3C – Public Playspaces \$1M-\$3M



Livvi's Place Gunnedah

Stewart Surveys

This playspace is a wonderful example of what a vision can do to provide a much loved facility.

Community consultation was paramount as part of the design process.

This unique playspace provides a great opportunity for diversity in play while providing an all-inclusive, all-abilities playspace.











COMMENDED

Category 3C – Public Playspaces \$1M-\$3M



The Hills District All-Abilities Playground

Playscape Creations

This playspace is a wonderful example of what a playground and adds to a space with something for everyone.

This project had a very strong focus on determining user groups, incorporating age and ability.

A mixture of off the shelf and bespoke equipment, provides a variety of experiences.











HIGHLY COMMENDED

Category 3C – Public Playspaces \$1M-\$3M



Bridges Hill Regional Park Playground

Moir Landscape Architecture

The project involved converting a challenging site into a regionally significant playspace.

It provides a creative and imaginative location for all ages and abilities and encourages engagement with the surrounding natural environment.

It also incorporates Indigenous themes - a key design element which flows throughout the playspace.











WINNER

Category 3C – Public Playspaces \$1M-\$3M



Eltham North Adventure Playground

Jeavons Landscape Architects

The project involved converting a challenging site into The original woolshed playground was destroyed by a devastating fire in December 2017.

Following intensive community consultation, the designers worked hard on balancing replicas of the previous design elements with new ideas.

This unique design offers an exciting range of play elements paying homage to the traditional woolshed and history of the area.











PUBLIC PLAYSPACES

Category 3D – >\$3M



WINNER

Category 3D – Public Playspaces >\$3M



Bim'bimba Park

Form Landscape Architects

QLD



The project involved converting a challenging site into The inspiration for the park was established nature-based play elements.

It embraces the raw and natural beauty of the existing materials while championing the local awareness of ecology and sustainability.

The result is a unique, vibrant, family-friendly playspace, with a toddler playground, transitioning along a central spine through climbing structures and play elements that increase in physical challenge.











LEYCESTER MEARES MEMORIAL AWARD





The Honourable Mr Justice Charles
Leycester Devenish Meares, AC, CMG
(1909 – 1994)



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Leycester Meares Bequest Award



Mount Keira Demonstration School Nature Playground

Playgrounded

All Judges agreed on recognising this special playspace.

The design incorporated creative approaches to utilising otherwise unusable space to create 'learning' pockets and physical challenges for students.

The use of recycled and repurposed materials was impressive resulting in a playspace that demonstrates a respect and connection to nature and the local and Indigenous communities.

The design introduced a range of both free play, self-directed learning and formal outdoor learning spaces, different environments for students to intentionally or inadvertently spend time in more interactive natural settings.















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