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'A child's right to play' (United National Convention's Article 31) 'I am learning through play for I will make a difference one day'

Kidsafe Australia congratulates the following national leaders in playspace design

Kidsafe Australia is excited to announce the return of the National Playspace Design Awards in 2025. Since our last celebration of great places to play in 2020, many more playgrounds and playspaces have been created across Australia and Kidsafe wants to publicly recognise excellence, innovation, inclusivity and most importantly community involvement.

These inspirational playspaces encourage healthy participation in recreational activities for children across the nation.

This year Kidsafe Australia wants to acknowledge the importance of community engagement and their innovative approaches to embracing risky and challenging play whilst integrating the use of sustainable resources.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Category 1a: Preschool/Long Day Care
Winner: Fit Kidz Learning Centre, Box Hill, NSW
Designer: Urban Landscape Projects

2a: Infants and Primary Schools

Winner: Galston Public School Quiet Playground, NSW **Designer:** Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

Highly Commended: Hurstville Grove Infants School Playground, NSW **Designer:** Outhouse Design

3a: Public Playspaces - up to \$500K

Winner: Fagan Park Children's Forest - Hornsby Shire Council, NSW Designer: Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

3b: Public Playspaces - \$500K - \$1M
Winner: Karlkurla Bushland Park, Hannans, WA
Designer: Nature Playgrounds

Leycester Meares Memorial Award:

East Cottesloe Nature Trail – Town of Cottesloe, WA **Designer:** Nature Based Play

On Wednesday 30 July 2025, an online presentation will showcase these inspiring playspaces – check www.kidsafensw.org for up-to-date information.

For more information about the Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards contact Kidsafe NSW by email at schn-kidsafe@health.nsw.gov.au or 02 9845 0899

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