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The 2009 Awards for Planning Excellence is an opportunity to recognise those who delivered the very best in planning. Congratulations to this year’s award and commendation recipients.

I conclude with a new challenge. I challenge every planning organisation in Victoria to nominate themselves for at least one award category in 2010.

Con Tsoteros MPIA CPP
Convenor
PIA Victoria Awards for Planning Excellence
The 2009 Awards for Planning Excellence provides an exemplary opportunity to recognise the diversity of planning projects and achievements whilst celebrating the efforts of our colleagues.

2009 has been marked by economic turmoil, tragic bushfires, significant legislative reviews and skills shortage issues which provide a continued challenge for the planning industry. These events reinforce why it is crucial to appreciate the importance of professional awards and recognition. Celebrating the efforts of those in the planning industry is vital and PIA sees this as a key activity in encouraging people to stay within the profession and for the community to understand the value of the profession’s contribution to our world.

This year’s entries once again highlight the breadth of projects which planners are involved in delivering. The continued industry support by the ‘Awards for Planning Excellence’ provides us with great encouragement and optimism as we strive to achieve better planning outcomes.

The winners of the 2009 President’s Award provide outstanding examples of how planners are required to think beyond their specific field of expertise and engage with other parties to achieve an excellent outcome.

On behalf of the PIA Victorian Committee I wish to thank our dedicated sponsors, and the countless judges and volunteers who have come together to make the awards a success. Finally, I would like to thank the PIA Victoria office team and Con Tsotsoros as the Awards Convenor for their tireless efforts in presenting the ‘Awards for Planning Excellence’.

Thank you and good luck to this year’s nominees and congratulations to all the award and commendation recipients.

David Vorhheimer MPIA CPP
PIA Victoria President
The 2009 Awards for Planning Excellence provide a valuable stage to emphasise and encourage the importance of the planning profession, and the public awareness of good planning in making Victoria such a great place.

The Victorian Government is pleased to support the Victorian Division of PIA in presenting these awards to celebrate excellence in planning.

On behalf of myself and Parliamentary Secretary Jenny Mikakos, who will present the awards on my behalf, I would like to congratulate the commendation and award winners.

The Hon Justin Madden MLC
Minister for Planning

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Minister for Planning
Good design and future planning has the ability to make a place memorable. Planners have a unique opportunity to shape the way we live now and for the generations that follow.

From a small town to an expansive metropolis, a well planned and balanced environment can make a constructive difference to its liveability and sustainability. Planners have a unique opportunity to shape the way we live now and for the generations that follow.

The PIA Victorian Division has once again put together a remarkable list of awards categories and nominees. I am delighted to have the opportunity on behalf of the Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition to congratulate all the entrants, award and commendation recipients.

Congratulations on an outstanding effort.

Matthew Guy, MP
Shadow Minister for Planning
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Award to:
Anne-Marie Edgley,
CPG Australia

Anne-Marie Edgley epitomises the model young planner, with a passion for advancing the planning profession and young planners, which is deserved of the honour of being named Victorian Young Planner of the Year 2009. Anne-Marie is a young professional with a strong dedication to the planning profession, which is an inspiration to colleagues and young planners alike, as demonstrated by her planning excellence and contribution to the Victorian Young Planners’ (VYP) Committee.

The significance of Anne-Marie’s work with CPG is demonstrated by her contribution to a number of high quality reports and glowing third party references and peer review. She has worked on a number of complex planning projects across Melbourne, such as planning scheme amendments, permit applications and submissions to VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria. Recently, Anne-Marie has also been involved as a volunteer with the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority at Kinglake.

Anne-Marie’s contribution and loyalty to the Victorian Young Planners Committee is extensive with strong involvement in the National Young Planner’s Group where Anne-Marie has advanced the profile of both PIA and young planners.

Anne-Marie has made an excellent contribution to the planning industry and the Young Planners Group and we are certain that she will continue to advance the planning profession in years to come.
Commendation to:
Women’s Planning Network
In partnership with The University of Melbourne

Project:
From Accidental Planner to Agent Provocateur

The Women’s Planning Network is to be commended for developing this important and accessible account of women involved in planning in Victoria. From Accidental Planner to Agent Provocateur (FAPAP) documents one of the hidden histories of planning: the role and experiences of women. There is little doubt that women’s contributions to urban and regional planning and the practices of city building have traditionally been poorly documented. The accounts presented recover experiences that without the WPN would remain unrecorded.

As a result, this submission is highly innovative. Further, as pointed out in FAPAP, participation in planning education has changed significantly in the last 60 years with more female than male graduates in recent years. However, as with other professional areas, there are still clear barriers to promotion for women, making the documentation of women’s roles and contributions to the profession a highly relevant project. It also does so in an accessible and lively format with a great soundtrack and relatively broad mix of interviewees. It will certainly become a valuable reference for researchers seeking to explore women’s involvement in planning in Victoria; and provides a rare insight into the experiences of younger planners as they seek to negotiate the workforce. On all these levels, the piece is to be highly commended: it is a necessary, relevant, creative and insightful piece that has a strong audience among professional female planners.
Commemdation to:
Eric Balakas and Adrian Trotta
Aitken College

Project:
Air Park - Observational Car Park
Bulla Road

Air Park sets out an innovative reinvigoration of a car park adjacent to an airport runway. The project, by a group of Aitken College secondary school students, shows a strong grasp of contextual analysis, use of appropriate graphics and communications through text and other forms of representation.

The project delivers an innovative and interesting response that also pays heed to important technical details such as drainage, combined with creative ideas.
Student Project
Borrie Prize - Tertiary Student

Award to:
Jeannie Mehmet, Tina Ngu,
William Wheeler, Nick McLennan
RMIT University

Project:
Golf Courses – The Future

The project deals with a difficult area and takes a considered risk to deal with a topic that is contentious, but not unlikely, using a sequenced planning approach to develop the GCAT tool as the logical outcome analysis after drawing upon a range of sources and expertise in the planning professional.

Golf Courses: the Future demonstrates, at undergraduate level, the group’s ability to independently develop a research question and to undertake a sequence of steps to develop practical responses to the real world issues identified by that question.

The work developed an assessment tool to be used to consider the appropriateness of redeveloping golf courses. In the current context of land supply issues in Melbourne, this demonstrates an awareness of the challenges that will be faced and the need for thorough tools to assist in decision making.
AWARD

Award to:
Moorabool Shire Council on behalf of the Peri-Urban Group of Councils

Project:
Planning Sustainable Futures for Melbourne’s Peri-Urban Fringe

Michael Buxton, Amaya Alvarez, Andrew Butt, Stephen Farrell (Spatial Vision Innovations Pty Ltd) Danny O’Neill, School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning RMIT University

This substantial piece of work was commissioned by the Peri-urban Group of Rural Councils managed through the Shire of Moorabool. The project was undertaken by a team of researchers based at the RMIT School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning and focused on the six Victorian peri-urban municipalities of Bass Coast Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire, Mitchell Shire, Moorabool Shire, Murrindindi Shire and Surf Coast Shire. This project was prepared with funding from Sustainability Victoria through the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord.

The report makes a significant contribution to rural and regional planning through its thorough and well researched approach and its wide ranging discussion of the driving forces which affect not only the regional landscape but also the way societies function within these key peri-urban areas on the periphery of Melbourne. Importantly this work also concentrates on a rural planning issue - namely peri-urban areas - which to date has been given relatively little attention in Victoria and makes an impressive contribution to a growing national and international body of literature on these areas.

AWARD

Award to:
SGS Economics & Planning Pty Ltd

Project:
Mildura Older Irrigation Area: Study into Land Values

In partnership with Regional Valuation Services

This study into land values was commissioned to assess the impacts on land values as well as broader regional economic activity likely to be associated with a range of future planning scenarios.

This work makes a significant contribution to rural and regional planning, utilising a range of economic ideas, concepts, and techniques to produce a range of recommendations.

SGS Economics has produced a coherent and well researched document that will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable tool for decision making in respect of future rural land use planning within Mildura. Importantly the work also provides a model approach that could be readily adapted to other localities across rural and regional Victoria. The report is considered to be a worthy winner in this category.
Award to:
SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd
In partnership with Design Urban and City of Melbourne

Project:
Residential Intensification in Tramway Corridors

The overarching objective of SGS Economics and Planning, together with Design Urban and City of Melbourne research project was to identify and contribute to the understanding of the role and value of Melbourne’s tramway corridors and how they can support future land use changes to meet future housing needs.

Applied to two case studies – Tram 96 and Tram 112 corridors in Melbourne’s inner north - the project focuses on developing a model to explore the capacity of tramway corridors to accommodate future housing through the identification of opportunities and challenges, significant with preferred urban design and built form outcomes and the evaluation of development feasibility along these corridors.

The research project recognises specific environmental, social and physical opportunities and challenges of meeting housing needs in established urban areas and proposes specific tailored solutions to address these issues. High levels of effective consultation with varied State and Local government organisations, tram operators, and the developer industry was undertaken to ensure all considerations were integrated into the project analysis.

The judges were particularly impressed by the manner in which the research project demonstrates significant innovation in urban planning through its approaches to providing a better understanding of the potential for transport and land use integration; preparation of guidelines, detailed site by site analysis of potential capacity, proposing an approach to intensification based on existing land ownership patterns and developing a model that can be applied across other transport corridors in Melbourne.
Commendation to:
CPG Australia

Project:
Addressing Gaming in the Victorian Planning Framework

The commendation has been awarded to CPG Australia for their extensive, well researched and thorough development of gaming policy for thirteen municipalities across Victoria. The City of Greater Bendigo and the City of Hume have already adopted this work into their respective planning schemes with more expected to follow soon.

The approach taken to the development of these policies, informed by extensive literature review of legislation, socio-economic analysis, auditing of strip shopping centres and shopping complexes and consultation with public and private stakeholders impressed the judging panel.

The project has significant merit as the gaming policy gives local government the ability to influence the location of gaming machines and to consider the social and economic effects of new machines within municipalities.

Commendation to:
Banyule City Council

Project:
Heidelberg Project

An interconnected series of projects, undertaken over five years, the Heidelberg Project, is a sound strategic planning framework for planning, governing and managing Heidelberg. The project not only includes the Heidelberg Structure Plan but detailed and specialised planning studies and other well thought out community implementation programs.

The project demonstrates a high level of integrated strategic planning combined with a strong focus on innovation, policy creation, planning scheme and on the ground implementation, place making and ensuring ongoing attraction of investment.

Commendation to:
Hansen Partnership Pty Ltd and Greater Dandenong City Council

Project:
Dandenong Neighbourhood Character Study

The project objective was to review the character of residential areas within Greater Dandenong and to develop appropriate planning tools to effectively address and appropriately manage anticipated development to 2030. The Study successfully establishes a planning policy framework that links the type and intensity of development to an area’s ability to absorb change, with planning policies in place to encourage varying levels of development in different locations.

The Neighbourhood Character Study is an extremely well thought out study that incorporates extensive background investigation and review, analysis and the pursuit of quality design outcomes on the ground.
Award to:  
Banyule City Council

Project:  
Heidelberg Project

The Heidelberg Project is ambitious in its scale and complexity, encompassing a comprehensive suite of initiatives to strengthen, intensify and integrate a major activity centre and the adjoining biomedical specialised activity centre, which together encompass 215 hectares.

The centrepiece Heidelberg Structure Plan informs about 20 subsidiary outputs, ranging from three-dimensional modelling, built form guidance and strategies for realising the potential of opportunity sites, to implementation actions including public realm initiatives and statutory planning mechanisms.

The judges noted that as an entry in the Urban Design category the project has integrated and sustained an urban design perspective through its many component outputs, responding to local conditions (such as utilising its distinctive topography to absorb intensified development forms) and providing a framework for reconciling and unifying the sometimes disparate elements of this activity centre.

The judges were particularly impressed with Council’s recognition of the scale and importance of this project through commitment of resources and time proportionate to the scale of the task. This is complemented by a robust engagement process, strong internal leadership and recognition that design quality is an essential prerequisite for acceptance and success.

This has resulted in an exemplary approach to enhancing Heidelberg’s sustainability through intensified development form, enhanced employment opportunities and improved amenity and connectivity.
Commendation

Commendation to:
MGS Architects

Project:
Clifton Hill Rail Bridge

The duplication of the rail network over the Merri Creek and retention of a pedestrian and cycle network beneath the existing heritage bridge were seen to deliver high urban design integrity. The use of modern materials and interpretation of steel and brick allows the space below the bridge to be used as public open space with an emphasis on arid landscape values and principles. The use of colour in the steelwork draws on the interaction of the utilitarian function of the overhead bridge girders, and the vegetation below.

Interventions into the landscape and watercourse are minimal to allow the qualities of the natural landscape to be the predominant theme and the brick supporting pillars also provide a canvas for the expression of urban art.

The outcome vividly demonstrates the capacity for major infrastructure projects to respond to contextual opportunities to deliver ancillary benefits.

Commendation

Commendation to:
Hamton Properties

Project:
MGV malverngrove

After three and a half years of appeals and extensive consultation with the local community, objections were overcome by careful attention to site planning and the design response. The successful outcome is a model that demonstrates how medium density one and two bedroom apartments of contemporary design can be successfully integrated into a traditional middle-ring detached housing neighbourhood.

The development is ‘well mannered’ and sympathetic to the scale, bulk and character of the surrounding area. It has enhanced housing diversity close to a neighbourhood shopping centre, and has improved pedestrian connectivity between adjoining streets by introducing public linkages through the development.

It pays attention to principles of sustainability including the storage of 50,000 litres of stormwater to irrigate landscape areas.

MGV demonstrates a high level of compliance with the intent of a range of social, economic and environmental objectives. The project is an exemplar that should give confidence and encouragement to those involved in local government, the planning profession and development industry that housing choice and good contemporary design can be achieved and should be encouraged in areas perceived to have sensitive neighbourhood character.
Commendation to:
Austral Bricks Company Pty Ltd
In partnership with Golder Associates

Project:
Creating a Sustainable Quarry End Use

The Austral Bricks Company Pty Ltd and Golder Associates ‘Creating a Sustainable Quarry End Use’ strives to create a workable model for the environmentally sustainable conversion of a former quarry into a practical new use.

In this case, Golder Associates, Austral Bricks, the Council and the local community have successfully worked in collaboration to secure a planning permit for extensive earthworks and site remediation at the 56 hectare property as well as secure a planning scheme amendment to rezone the land for residential purposes.

The environmental benefits of the site remediation extend well beyond the title boundaries and in summary will result in:

- a rehabilitated Brownfield site for residential purposes
- a cut and fill balance thereby limiting the extent of transport of waste from the site and the transport of material to the site
- extensive native vegetation landscaping
- future implementation of Water Sensitive urban design principles
- future creation of an environmentally conscious housing development
AWARD

Award to:
Bill Kusznirczuk:
Streetwise Radio Program

For the last few years Bill Kusznirczuk has pioneered planning on the radio through Streetwise, his unique and top-rating Saturday morning radio program on 3AW.

Thanks to his expertise and friendly and accessible manner, Bill has brought an understanding of planning to a wide and diverse audience and underlined its importance to the community.

Streetwise provides commentary on major planning developments as well as straightforward and unbiased advice to listeners confused and concerned by planning issues. The program provides a platform for discussion on a wide range of planning issues, including Melbourne 2030, metropolitan policy, housing affordability, local laws, high rise suburbs and new residential zones in Victoria.

Indeed, Bill has been so successful in getting the message across in an informative and entertaining manner that Streetwise rates no.1 in its timeslot – an incredible achievement for a special interest program up against stiff competition.

The judging panel recognises the significant contribution of Streetwise to the pursuit of quality coverage of planning in the popular media that is highly accessible to the wider community.
Social and Community Based Planning

Award to:
City of Greater Geelong
In partnership with the Department of Planning and Community Development

Project:
Armstrong Creek - Geelong’s Growth Area Social Integrated Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The project demonstrates a comprehensive, holistic and proactive approach to the delivery of integrated infrastructure and services to the Armstrong Creek growth area.

A key feature of the Social Integrated Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SIIDP) is its linkages with the Civil Interagency Infrastructure Delivery Plan (CIIDP) and the overarching Integrated Infrastructure Development Plan (IIDP) to incorporate the coordinated delivery of physical and social infrastructure and services.

The judges were impressed by the strong evidence base drawn upon to develop the SIIDP and commitment to consultation with community members within and adjacent to the study area. Effort has been made to ensure social infrastructure is accessible to all members of the community.

The project is clearly based on the social model of health. The SIIDP is an example of what can be achieved when there is strong collaboration between Council, State Government and the community. The judges are keen to see the learnings from this project disseminated broadly.

Commendation to:
City of Greater Bendigo

Project:
Determining their own Destiny – through the District Planning Process

This Community Plan was developed within the framework of healthy public policy. It has a strong focus on enhancing social connectedness and community resilience within the municipality’s small towns and rural communities.

The judging panel considers that the engagement process involved a range of appropriate consultation activities and techniques that provided stakeholder groups with opportunities to be involved in developing a vision for each of the districts and the formulation of practical strategies and actions with a focus on health outcomes. Each of the district plans are succinct and ‘user friendly’, maximising the availability of information to the broader community.
Commendation to:
SJB Urban
In partnership with Halcrow and James Whitten Architect for the Brimbank City Council

Project:
Sydenham Transit City Connections Study

SJB Urban, Halcrow and James Whitten Architect were engaged by the Brimbank City Council to develop a framework for enhanced connections between the three sub-precincts of Sydenham Transit City. The framework was to focus on increasing sustainability and an identifiable sense of place, as well as integrating the three sub-precincts with the surrounding urban areas.

This clear and concise work undertaken by the team lead by SJB Urban provides an objective assessment on the range of issues faced and makes succinct recommendations for Council, and others, to act upon.

Through applying a thorough and systematic approach the team has considered both macro scale connections across the Transit City area, as well as micro scale connections within the precincts themselves. They have identified and captured the key walking, cycling and public transport corridor opportunities and the key opportunities for improved access within each of the precincts. The recommendations for connection improvements at both the macro and micro scale help to make it easier to integrate sustainable transport options into the future planning and development of the Sydenham Transit City.

This work will assist Council to prioritise its future sustainable transport infrastructure and advocacy, and presents a model other rapid-growth area Councils might care to learn from.
Heritage
COMMENDATION

Commendation to:
Context Pty Ltd
In partnership with Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project, Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

Project:
Lake Condah Restoration – Conservation Management Plan & Community Action Plan

This comprehensive and ambitious plan brings together for the first time the full range of cultural and natural heritage values into an overall management framework. The project was underpinned by a high level of community consultation and engagement with Indigenous and pastoral communities, and contains a Community Action Plan outlining a step-by-step implementation program.

The judging panel recognises this as an important piece of work that contributes to the development of conservation planning practices for places with co-existing Indigenous, historic and natural heritage values.
**AWARD**

**Award to:**
Central Goldfields Shire Council

**Project:**
Maryborough Urban Prospects

*Maryborough Urban Prospects* outlines how a rural council seized an opportunity to transform a small town by creating employment opportunities, housing diversity, community facilities, economic growth, open spaces and community pride.

Central Goldfields Shire Council took four redundant education sites totalling 11 hectares in strategic locations in the town of Maryborough, all with significant heritage buildings, and managed a process to ensure they were developed in a timely manner, for appropriate uses and with buildings of a fitting scale.

Council worked with the community to formulate a vision for each of the sites in an Urban Design Framework study before taking on the substantial and risky responsibility of acquiring ownership of the sites from the State Government to package and reintroduce into the real estate market as a new attractive product.

**COMMENDATION**

**Commendation to:**
Wyndham City Council

In partnership with Growth Areas Authority and Department of Planning & Community Development

**Project:**
Wyndham Social Infrastructure Planning - 2040

The Wyndham Social Infrastructure Planning – 2040 makes a significant contribution to planning effectively and efficiently for the breadth of community infrastructure required to meet future population needs.

Melbourne’s strong population growth has placed heavy demands on growth area councils. The State Government’s planning response, *Delivering Melbourne’s Newest Sustainable Communities* (June 2009), proposes a new Urban Growth Boundary, which if approved, will see the City of Wyndham’s population grow from about 140,000 to 400,000 people.
Local Government

Local Application Process Initiative

COMMENDATION

Commendation to:
Glen Eira City Council

Project:
NORFI Fast Track

‘No Request for Further Information’ known as ‘NORFI’ is yet another milestone in the process improvement efforts of Glen Eira City Council. Added to a suite of other process initiatives instituted by Glen Eira City Council over recent years, including pre-lodgement certification and fast track processes for heritage and special building overlay applications, this initiative seeks to iron out the delays and angst often associated with further information requests within the planning process, providing for a more streamlined and transparent application process.

NORFI has the potential to be implemented across all planning departments within the State. The judges were impressed by the simplicity, ease of application and benefits for both councils and applicants alike. Glen Eira City Council is commended for its innovation in once again seeking to make the planning process a smoother experience for all.
Award to:
SGS Economics and Planning

In recent times SGS Economics and Planning has grown their practice into a nationally and internationally recognised consultancy. This expansion of the practice has been driven by establishing a strong network of both government and private sector clients and delivering innovative and leading edge thinking in the fields of planning and economics.

Through their project involvement SGS has contributed significantly to raising the profile and awareness of planning issues affecting the community and has sought to share the lessons learnt through their boardroom seminar program and participation in industry events and forums. Specifically, SGS has been involved with research to inform the Victorian Transport Plan, analysis of the potential employment role of Central Activity Districts and contribution to the residential intensification along tramway corridors project.

SGS’ long term contribution to Planning News through the monthly column, ‘The Economy in Space’ has provided a suitable forum to strengthen the relationship between planning and economic thinking, whilst providing their team with new exposure to the industry.

Not only has SGS committed to participating in the public policy debate and challenging new thinking within the industry, they have a strong focus on staff development and opportunity. SGS engages their team through structured staff appraisals, surveys, in-house training seminars and staff scholarship for innovative thinking. SGS is committed to providing their team with the opportunity to grow within the practice and provide a valuable contribution to the planning industry.
Planning Minister’s Award

Award to:
The Growth Areas Authority
In partnership with:
Cardinia Shire Council
City of Casey
Hume City Council
Melton Shire Council
Whittlesea City Council
Wyndham City Council
Various Victorian Government departments and agencies
Associated planning organisations and key stakeholder groups

Project:
Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines

The Growth Areas Authority works in partnership with local councils, developers and the Victorian Government to help create sustainable, well serviced communities.

The Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines that the Growth Areas Authority has produced, in close partnership with its stakeholders, provide a simple tool for designing and delivering better quality communities on greenfield sites faster.

They set out the key objectives of growth area planning, and a step by step guide explaining how these objectives will be achieved.

The Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines deliver a core component of managing Melbourne’s growth and respond in a creative and successful way to delivering the vision and aspirations of Melbourne @ 5 million involving the community, government and the private sector.

As well, the initiative clearly demonstrates the importance of public space, walkability, integrated transport and a sense of place.

Congratulations to the Growth Areas Authority and the contributing organisations.
Award to:
SGS Economics and Planning
In partnership with Design Urban and City of Melbourne

Project:
Residential Intensification in Tramway Corridors

This innovative research shows that accommodating an increased population, growing in a sustainable way and maintaining a high quality of living is possible in Melbourne.

This Research Project, for Department of Planning and Community Development, has made a significant contribution to urban planning practice in Victoria. It responds to a common challenge in urban management - population and housing growth - with a solution that is specific to Melbourne and the legacy of the tram network. While the transport function of Melbourne’s tramway network is well appreciated in policy, the profound influence that trams have, and could have, on Melbourne’s urban form is less understood. This project addresses this gap.

The project has contributed to the debate and understanding of the role of tramway corridors in meeting future housing needs, a pertinent issue given the higher revised population projections of Melbourne @ 5 Million.

The project demonstrates the valuable role of tramway corridors in contributing to Melbourne’s liveability with low rise, high density housing along sections of major tram routes, within easy reach of the city. It demonstrated the distinctive transport operations and land use functions of sections of tram corridors and the value of simple design guidelines.

It provides a sound model, based on two case study corridors, that can be applied to other transport corridors in Melbourne.
President’s Award

AWARD

Award to:
Central Goldfields Shire Council

Project:
Maryborough Urban Prospects

This inspiring and entrepreneurial project involved the council purchasing four strategically located former education facilities which included heritage buildings and working with developers to deliver quality residential products, community facilities and local employment.

The project illustrates how local governments can be the catalyst for development whilst also meeting their community’s vision.
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