The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning would like to congratulate the winners of PIA Queensland’s 2014 Planning Excellence Awards.

The department is responsible for driving Queensland’s economic development, whilst protecting our quality of life and environment.

The Planning and Property Group has continued its focus on cutting red tape and regulation by progressing a raft of planning reforms. Central to approaching reform is acknowledging the voice of the young planner who is integral to challenging the way things have been done; and shaping our future.

The platform to take our industry forward is the new Planning and Development Bill, which will replace our current legislative and regulatory framework with a system that is easy to navigate, clear, concise, flexible and responsive. This reform paves the way for a new generation of planners to work within a more modern and accommodating system.

The department has again chosen this year to sponsor award categories which recognise the achievements of young planners. With reform on the agenda, engaging the new generation of planners has never been more important.
Congratulations to all the winners of PIA Queensland’s 2014 Planning Excellence Awards!

Brisbane City Council is proud to be a sponsor of the awards and to support PIA as it continues to lead the way for the planning industry.

This year Council introduced the new Brisbane City Plan 2014. Taking an innovative approach, the plan is entirely online, providing unprecedented access to development requirements for residents and industry.

Brisbane is preparing for its population to increase to an estimated 1.4 million people by 2036 and Brisbane City Plan 2014 provides for a mix of 7.8 million square metres of additional commercial, industrial and retail space to meet this demand. The new plan aims to reduce red tape and facilitate growth opportunities across Brisbane while continuing to protect our city’s enviable way of life.

For more information about how Council is planning for a growing Brisbane visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Graham Quirk
Lord Mayor of Brisbane

Sunshine Coast Council would like to congratulate all the finalists in the PIA awards.

It is encouraging to see the depth of innovative planning projects which will contribute to the prosperity of Queensland. Council’s vision is for the Sunshine Coast to be “Australia’s most sustainable region – vibrant, green, diverse”. In 2014 Council has advanced a number of projects in pursuit of this vision. These projects include:

• Adoption of a new planning scheme for the region;
• The commencement of a $100M investment in the development of the new Maroochydore City Centre;
• The release of an EIS for the upgrading of the Sunshine Coast Airport;
• Further planning work in support of a Sunshine Coast light rail system to service the central coastal urban area;
• Master planning around the first new hospital in Australia for over 20 years; Council continues to work with partners to encourage business and employment whilst protecting the enviable lifestyle and environment of the Sunshine Coast.

Toowoomba Regional Council is proud to support the 2014 PIA Qld Awards for Planning Excellence.

Toowoomba is Australia’s largest regional inland city and is located on the Great Dividing Range 90 minutes from Brisbane and is the gateway to the Surat Basin and fertile Darling Downs. It is a fast growing area, and the development of the Toowoomba Bypass and the Wellcamp Airport will accelerate this growth.

Toowoomba Regional Council has been a long time supporter of PIA and the planning profession and recognises the key role that good planning plays in achieving great community and built environment outcomes.

Toowoomba Regional Council would like to congratulate all entrants and winners in the 2014 PIA Awards for Planning Excellence.

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AWARD WINNERS
AWARDED TO
JAMILLA WYNTER,
ALL HALLOWS’
SCHOOL
PROJECT
SEDGLEY PARK,
ALDERLEY PROPOSED
REDEVELOPMENT

The judging panel congratulates Jamilla on undertaking a very thorough analysis of the Sedgley Park, Alderley site. Jamilla displayed a very sophisticated understanding of the site context and the decision making matrix was well used and referenced in the site feasibility assessment. Her analysis was very thorough and conclusions were well considered.
The judges recognised that Jordan put an enormous amount of work into his site feasibility assessment report on the Gasworks site in Newstead. Jordan demonstrated a good approach to land use planning and site feasibility assessments. The judges all agreed that with more experience and practice Jordan has the ability to become a very good planning practitioner.

The judges noted that Elizabeth’s approach was quite sophisticated for a secondary student. She set the scene with well-presented statistics and displayed a high level understanding of different methodologies in undertaking site assessments. Elizabeth’s assessment was underpinned by very good research.
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT – UNIVERSITY

AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO
DANIEL MARTIRI,
THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

PROJECT
WILL THE BUS EVER COME? AN EQUITY-BASED ASSESSMENT OF TRANSPORT PLANNING AND DISADVANTAGE ON THE GOLD COAST

The judging panel congratulates Daniel on creating a GIS-based tool that can be used in the identification and provision of public transport on the Gold Coast and works as an analytical tool that has real and live application in the industry. Daniel’s methodology was strong and tight and expanded on existing research and methodologies relating to GIS transport vulnerability.

Daniel did a great job in overlaying the vulnerability index with the transport network analysis.

Daniel’s research will provide planners with a spatial representation of the implications of public transport policy decisions on transport disadvantage, as well as highlight the significance of considering social equity in the transport planning context.
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT – UNIVERSITY

COMMENDATION

AWARDED TO
RENNETTE FERACHO, VANESSA GARCIA FLOREZ, TRINA KATEIFIDES, ROBYN KELLY, BEATRIZ LIZARAZU RODAS, JESSIE OLIVER, CHARLIE WAYMENT, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

PROJECT
MANAGING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL LANDSCAPE

The judging panel congratulates the students on developing a client-focused strategic planning framework for the management of ecosystem services in South East Queensland. The submission incorporated a number of different elements with a good depth of research, while noting that it was apparent that the students had undertaken the work required for the assessment and went even further to develop and present additional materials.

The judges were extremely impressed with the excellent quality of the campaign material and commend the team on a solid, innovative and relevant topic to south east Queensland.
AWARDED TO

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
- URBAN RESEARCH
PROGRAM AND
TAYLOR & FRANCIS/
ROUTLEDGE
PUBLISHERS

PROJECT

AUSTRALIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL
PLANNING -
CHALLENGES AND
FUTURE PROSPECTS

The judges were impressed
with this different approach to
teaching planning to tertiary
students. The book brings
important environmental
planning issues such as
“green urbanism” and “positive
development” into the planning
course which have not been
addressed in traditional
planning texts. The resource
demonstrates that there a range
of complex broader issues
involved in planning and offers
Australian examples, research
and problem based outcomes
for the next generation of
planners.
The text provides insights into
the wider issues facing planners
and highlights knowledge gaps
for the planning profession.
Resources provided enable
the reader to explore problems
further and to apply knowledge
into their daily community and
professional endeavours.
It is a must read for every
planner.
The development of a small area model allows monitoring and tracking of how the function of the centre is shifting in the local economy and against the role of the centres hierarchy thus affecting land use. This project uses a tried and tested methodology but provides a new tool to monitor and measure a strategy’s success. Ongoing monitoring from this model is the key to its success. The judges encourage the continued use of the model, as it will be interesting to see what (if any) adjustments to the model are required along the way. The small area analysis can be applied to other high growth areas and additionally the model can be extrapolated and used for decisions for other out of centre development. The judges encourage the resubmission of this project in future years as it has potential to be a very powerful and useful planning tool.
BEST PLANNING IDEAS – SMALL OR LOCAL PROJECT

AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, BMT WBM, BUCKLEY VANN TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

PROJECT
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR CHOISEUL BAY TOWNSHIP, SOLOMON ISLANDS

This project developed a clear methodology to address a new challenge for local area planning in the Asia-Pacific region and, in turn, a transferable approach to climate change that can be adopted in similar settings. The project documentation and approach was thorough and robust. The engagement process was detailed, tailored to the specific needs of the local community and clearly successful, given the apparent ‘buy-in’ from the community.

The judges were particularly impressed by the development of an easy to follow action plan for the community and proactive nature of the project, being the first of its kind in the Pacific Region. A remarkable outcome for an Australian team and worthy winner for this category.
The judges were impressed by the originality and evidence-based approach taken to the development of the framework, which embeds commercial and property elements into a centre strategy. The framework should act as a robust tool for the assessment of the baseline economic health of the Toowoomba city centre, and provide a sound basis for investment decision making and evaluation by the Council.
The judges commended this entry as a truly city building/city restructuring project. The strong planning framework focused on specific needs across the corridor and the approach has balanced integrated transport planning with land use and economics.

The project has demonstrated comprehensive consultation across all levels of government and stakeholders with over three thousand participants. The strong project team collaboration integrated urban and design catalysts within a robust framework to provide real opportunities for redevelopment.

This complex project is outcome focused. Project feasibility is detailed, with market testing and integration of governance structures/stakeholders to support business case planning. Strategic opportunities, precinct analysis and precinct planning, multi-disciplinary site testing all demonstrate the level of coordination, originality and the innovative approach taken by the project. The project balances cost for capital and non-quantifiable outcomes with better design and location within the broader network.
The judges commend this very detailed and comprehensive body of work that will prove a very useful tool for planning scheme development and amendments for the Gold Coast. The project demonstrated rigour in methodology by providing a competent approach to landscape analysis.

The project provided a very good method of integration for landscape values, which included consultation with relevant entities - a great local planning tool.

AWARDED TO
CARDNO (QLD), CARDNO CHENOWETH, CATHERINE BROUWER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, MICHAEL AIRD, CITY OF GOLD COAST, CARDNO HRP

PROJECT
GOLD COAST LANDSCAPE CHARACTER STUDY

COMMENDATION
The judges were impressed by the high quality and extensive work used to create this data set. The broader application of this data means it applies to more than just planning schemes. The project delivers on multiple outcomes including resilience, disaster management and planning and encourages councils to include flood studies within planning schemes development.

The judges hope that the department will take this pragmatic approach for the creation of other datasets.
THE HARD WON VICTORY

AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO
BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL, CDM SMITH, MWH, BMT WBM

PROJECT
BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL FLOOD MITIGATION AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The project was a multi-faceted response to recent multiple, severe flood events which caused significant property damage to a large proportion of the population of Balonne Shire, and sustained interruptions to the effective functioning of the community and the local economy. Due to the financial and resourcing constraints typical in a small rural local government, the floodplain management response had to be swift, efficient and ‘fit-for-purpose’, drawing upon an extensive community engagement program to identify and agree appropriate structural mitigation and land use planning actions. The program was delivered expeditiously and with community support and has already delivered tangible results for the community, including insurance premium reductions. The judges were impressed by the speed and effectiveness of the response program, notwithstanding the financial and resourcing constraints, particularly given the lack of flooding data available at the time the response was conceived and the ambitious scope of the community consultation program undertaken.
AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

STATE PLANNING POLICY

The single SPP is a well presented and coherent document; a marked improvement to the inconsistent style and content of the previous, separate policies. The SPP online mapping tool, which continues to be refined and improved by the Department, supports the usability of the single SPP. The implementation of the single SPP through SARA, ought to result in more consistent decisions about the policy and, in turn, efficiencies for stakeholders.

The judges believe the SPP’s status as a policy has been clarified through the removal of prescriptive components and that changes made to the SPP prior to its release demonstrated a clear response to consultation.
The draft guide is an extremely clear and easy-to-read document, with icons, images and case studies which demonstrate the practical application of the content. The guide, focused on the ‘developability’ of planning schemes, ought to be an invaluable and accessible resource for local governments when developing future schemes.

In addition to the quality and clarity of content and presentation, the judges were impressed that the draft guide considered prosperity outcomes in the broader sense and its potential for broader application elsewhere, including use as a training and education program. The judges noted that the draft guide had been piloted with a number of local governments.
This commendation recognises the efforts of the Townsville City Council to confront cultural change head on. The program involved collaboration with a range of industry stakeholders and included innovative partnership and incentive arrangements to stimulate economic development in the city.

The program has achieved impressive and measurable improvements in the local development assessment process, which was evidenced in a plethora of stakeholder testimonials and survey results.

AWARDED TO
TOWNSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

PROJECT
TOWNSVILLE
PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
REFORM PROGRAM

IMPROVING
PLANNING
PROCESSES
AND PRACTICES

COMMENDATION

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AWARDED TO
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, BMT WBM, BUCKLEY VANN TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

PROJECT
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR CHOISEUL BAY TOWNSHIP, SOLOMON ISLANDS

The project illustrated best practice application of engagement and consultation of local people to develop long term outcomes to meet the vision and desires of all members of the community.

The facilitated decision making process realised the finalisation of a plan to relocate a community from a high risk tsunami flood prone area, to higher land on the main island, while embracing the local methodology of decision making in the community.

Quoting the Choiseul Provincial Government Premier Jackson Kioe, “The project followed the ways of our traditions – talking to the people, listening to the people and reflecting the desires of the people”.

The project culminates in an impressive reference document produced to support the implementation of the relocation process to the new area by local planners and officials over the next 15 to 20 years and will assist building capacity within the community in its approach to planning and implementation beyond the scope of this project.
In meeting the identified success criteria to ‘provide an innovative, engaging and exciting way to communicate and test planning ideas’, the project’s smart use of technology represents a contemporary community engagement approach to maximise stakeholder experience through interaction and response to stimulus methodology.

This public engagement and community planning project represents a robust enquiry process that is stakeholder friendly, engenders momentum and stimulates response in the planning process through its participatory nature.

AWARDED TO
REDLAND CITY COUNCIL,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
QUEENSLAND

PROJECT
CREATING GATEWAYS -
TOONDAH HARBOUR
& WEINAM CREEK PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

COMMENDATION

CATEGORY SPONSOR

Powerlink Queensland
The panel recognised the importance of strategic visioning at the State level and applauds the State Government for this exercise, particularly for the involvement of all Queenslanders.

The panel recognised that the Queensland Plan is an important and essential first step, and strongly encourages the Government to continue with the ongoing implementation of this initiative in legislation, budgets, policy instruments, and ongoing reporting on its progress to the community of Queensland.
The judges were impressed with the comprehensive nature of the work undertaken, particularly by the multiple channels used, the tailored approach to residents from non-English speaking backgrounds, and the interactive nature of the tools that were developed.

The judges look forward to seeing the progression of both of these worthy initiatives in future awards programs.
Previously home to 31st Battalion for over 120 years, the Jezzine Barracks park provides a significant new destination and events location for Townsville and its region. It exhibits a high quality of design in its new walkways, lookouts, recreational spaces and gardens as well as accommodating a wide range of activities and opportunities for different groups to make use of this space.

This new park has opened up a large area that was previously unable to be accessed by the public. It complements and extends Townsville’s very significant Strand recreational infrastructure, yet has its own distinctive identity and character that offers something new to the visitor.

The new facilities are respectful of the historic and social values of the area and represent a careful layering of the history of this place, including military use and indigenous community values.

The governance arrangements for the ongoing management and maintenance of the park, including the involvement of a Community Trust were of great interest to the Panel. This commitment to cooperative management may also prove a useful model for other public space developments in Townsville and other communities.

The Jezzine Barracks park deserves to be recognised in its own right as a Great Place.
AWARDED TO
NICOLE WILLIS

Nicole has demonstrated a commitment and passion for planning since her graduation in 2010. In her short time in the planning profession Nicole has displayed considerable dedication and enthusiasm and demonstrated her capability in planning work. Nicole prides herself on championing good planning outcomes and applies her problem solving skills to achieve the best outcome for her clients.

Since becoming convenor of the Planning Institute of Australia Gold Coast Branch in 2013 Nicole has made an outstanding contribution to raising the profile of planning and PIA on the Gold Coast. Nicole demonstrated her ongoing commitment to the Gold Coast through her involvement in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Coast Show Management Committee.

Nicole has continually impressed with her professionalism and energy and has demonstrated through her work with PIA and her contribution to planning on the Gold Coast that she is deserving of wide recognition. The judges agreed that Nicole is a committed young planner that has worked hard to share her enthusiasm and passion for planning and raise the profile of the profession on the Gold Coast.
PLANNEr oF THE yEAr

AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

CHRIS ISLES

Chris Isles is an inspirational planner, planning advocate and a demonstrated leader in his field. His enthusiasm and passion for planning is reflective not only in his own outstanding achievements as an individual, but as a successful Director of PLACE Design Group.

Chris is a quiet achiever within the profession and works tirelessly to ensure the achievement and promotion of good planning outcomes. His involvement and contribution is limited not only to the Planning Institute of Australia as a member and frequent public speaker, but also in his positions with the Urban Development Institute of Australia as Queensland Vice President, committee member and policy advisor. In these roles, his far reaching contribution to the profession in Queensland and beyond, ensures the elevation of the profile of town planning and promotion of the importance of good planning and planning policy within the development industry generally.

Chris has an innovative and progressive approach to planning and a passion for some of the often overlooked areas of planning including infrastructure charges and the market testing of planning scheme development. It is in these areas of practice that he has achieved industry recognition as an expert professional, earning Chris respect amongst planners and non-planners alike.
AWARDED TO
PLACE DESIGN
GROUP, THE
DEPARTMENT OF
STATE DEVELOPMENT,
INFRASTRUCTURE
AND PLANNING

PROJECT
DELIVERING
PROSPERITY AND
GROWTH THROUGH
PLANNING SCHEMES:
A GUIDE TO LEADING
PRACTICE PLANNING
SCHEME DRAFTING

The judges welcome this initiative as it directly addresses a need in the planning industry to improve the quality of planning schemes and to better acknowledge the importance of ensuring both technical feasibility and commercial viability are central considerations for good planning practice.

The judges believe that this guide has the potential to be further refined and targeted to particular users.

This innovative project has the potential to address a serious gap in current planning practice and could well develop into a suite of products and materials of direct use to the planning profession. It is a worthy recipient of the Wendy Chadwick Encouragement Award.
The submission impressed the judges in meeting all criteria for this category, in particular outstanding work in addressing a contemporary planning issue. The facilitated decision making process realised the finalisation of a plan, to relocate a community from a high risk tsunami flood prone area, to higher land on the main island, while embracing the local methodology of decision making in the community. This project was sophisticated in combining all elements of planning in a simple, yet practical manner, which simplifies and promotes the value and importance of planning to the wider community.

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The project culminates in an impressive reference document produced to support the implementation of the relocation process to the new area by local planners and officials over the next 15 to 20 years and will assist building capacity within the community in its approach to planning and implementation beyond the scope of this project. This is a remarkable outcome for a Queensland based team helping out internationally.