National Award for Planning Excellence – Winners Announced!

The winners of the National Awards for Planning Excellence were announced last night at a gala event held at the state of the art Darwin Convention Centre.

The winners were:

- **Young Planner of the Year**
  Winner
  Kirsty Albrecht

- **Planning Scholarship Research and Teaching Award**
  Winner
  Change and Continuity in Peri-Urban Australia
  (Peri-Urban Case Study: South East Queensland)
  Urban Research Program, Griffith University Queensland

- **Student Project Award**
  Winner
  Brisbane Airport Bankside Place Masterplan –
  Stephanie Dee, Katrina Greaves, Richelle Nielsen, Melissa Ross
  Queensland University of Technology, QLD

- **Rural and Regional Planning Achievement Award**
  Joint Winner 1
  Using Natural Resources Information in Rural Planning: Murray Murrumbidgee Region
  NSW Dept. of Water and Energy, NSW Dept. of Environment and Climate Change,
  NSW Dept. of Primary Industries (Fisheries Ecosystems)

  Joint Winner 2
  Far North Queensland Draft Regional Plan 2025
  (Northern Region, Planning Group, Dept. of Infrastructure and Planning)

- **Urban Planning Achievement Award**
  Winner
  Planned New Town – Port Macquarie
  Port Macquarie – Hastings Council

- **Urban Design – Plans and Ideas Award**
  Winner
  Mawson Central – Mawson Lakes Development
  Delfin Lend Lease and Land Management Corporation

- **Environmental Planning and Conservation Award**
Joint Winner
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Plan
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board

Joint Winner
Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia: a Manual for Evaluation, Assessment, Siting and Design
Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure
Western Australian Planning Commission

• **Social and Community Based Planning Award**
  Combined Winners
  Future Use of Former School Sites
  Purdon Associates and
  GHD Pty Ltd

• **Media Award**
  Winner
  The Age’s Planning Coverage

• **Minister’s Award**
  Winner
  Far North Queensland Regional Draft Plan 2025
  Northern Region, Planning Group,
  Department of Infrastructure and Planning

• **President’s Award**
  Combined Winner
  Future Melbourne Community Plan (City of Melbourne)
  and
  Combined Winner
  Sustainable Sydney 2030 (City of Sydney)