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RH DOUGHERTY AWARDS

Reporting to Your Community

<p>Division B – Councils with populations between 30,000 and 70,000</p> <p>Winner: <i>Dubbo Regional Council</i></p> <p><i>Going LIVE from the Dubbo Region</i></p> <p>Highly Commended: <i>Woollahra Municipal Council</i></p> <p><i>Woollahra News</i></p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Dubbo LIVE): <i>Traditional media platforms are shrinking, it shows guts to focus on the positive and try new marketing outside the normal communication channels.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Woollahra News): <i>The breadth of the project and the utilisation of multiple communication channels makes this the standout application. A community focus has been noticed.</i></p>
<p>Division C – Councils with populations over 70,000</p> <p>Winner: <i>Penrith City Council</i></p> <p><i>Our Place Penrith's community newsletter</i></p> <p>Highly Commended: <i>City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council</i></p> <p><i>Your Operational Plan</i></p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Penrith): <i>Great connection with the community with the innovation of the newspaper opt in and opt out electronically. A very smart platform and publication.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Canterbury-Bankstown): <i>A really innovative way to engage community with the operational plan.</i></p>

Excellence in Communication

<p>Division A – Councils with populations up to 30,000</p> <p>Winner: Parkes Shire Council - 2021 Parkes Elvis Festival Cancellation</p> <p>Highly Commended: Federation Council - Changing times; Federation Council's response to communicating amidst the challenges of COVID-19 regulations.</p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Parkes): <i>The judges enjoyed the humour and the use of old footage was very innovative and all communication linked back to their theme. Congratulations to Parkes - an outstanding example of how to engage and communicate with a broad audience.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Federation): <i>What a great effort from this small Council to expand their suite of communication channels and provide job inclusiveness.</i></p>
<p>Division B – Councils with populations 30,000 - 70,000</p> <p>Winner: Bega Valley Shire Council - Black Summer Bushfires: response, relief, recovery and beyond – communication strategy</p>	<p>Judges' Comments: <i>The Judges said it was an excellent example of giving reassurance, reaching out clearly penetrating into the community both face to face and via Facebook. Good communication is important, even more important during crisis.</i></p>
<p>Division C – Councils with populations over 70,000</p> <p>Winner 1: Camden Council - #camdenlove bears</p> <p>Winner 2: Campbelltown City Council - Koalatown</p> <p>Special Acknowledgement: Randwick City Council - Randwick Council's Food Organics Garden Organics communication program</p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Camden): <i>Camden worked well with the community providing what was needed at the time. Judges loved the diversity of the approach, the ambitious targets set, and the singular focus on changing the way people think – ie be positive, look on the bright side. Well done!</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Campbelltown): <i>The Judges: A great new and improved platform creating a legacy for future. A great initiative to save our native koalas and engage the community in the program.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Randwick): <i>Judges said this was a very good project with some great outcomes.</i></p>

Innovation in Special Events

<p>Division A – Councils with populations up to 30,000</p> <p>Winner: <i>Kempsey Shire Council - Black Summer and Beyond Photo Exhibition</i></p> <p>Highly Commended: <i>Bland Shire Council - TikTok Talent Quest</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments (Kempsey): <i>A great way to acknowledge an important and serious event, by communicating such a sensitive and emotive event through images and stories of the locals that experienced it. A tremendous boost to healing the community: courageous, thoughtful and well presented.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Bland): <i>What a fun, inexpensive, simple and effective way to engage the community. A great way to help community feel connected during the pandemic.</i></p>
<p>Division B– Councils with populations between 30,000 and 70,000</p> <p>Winner: <i>Bega Valley Shire Council - Cuppa and Chat Bushfire Recovery Event Series</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments: <i>I love the personal elements of this project - direct contact through phone calls, emails and face to face - in addition to the use of social platforms and print media. The level of participation and engagement is outstanding.</i></p>
<p>Division C – Councils with populations over 70,000</p> <p>Winner: <i>City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council - CBTv</i></p> <p>Highly Commended: <i>Blacktown City Council - Beats and Bytes the Lockdown Sessions</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments (Canterbury): <i>Fantastic to see how the initiative to create a brand-new event can significantly change an organisation's communication methods on a permanent basis. What a great outcome for their community! Such a terrific idea.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Blacktown): <i>This demonstrates inclusiveness and the council became the interface between the artist and the community. They understood what was needed and connected the two together to help prevent cabin fever. A great project.</i></p>

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION

<p>Winner: Clara McGuirk - Liverpool City Council</p>	<p>Judges’ Comments: <i>Clara has demonstrated leadership, excellence and innovation in producing major events, particularly in the last year, making her an invaluable asset to the Liverpool community. Despite the challenges presented by COVID, Clara led the events team in reimagining ways to give back to the community after what had been a challenging year for all.</i> <i>Clara has embodied determination and innovation, leading a team of six in pivoting most of their annual events program in response to the Public Health Order limitations on mass gatherings and feedback from the community for the return of events.</i> <i>Clara has clearly demonstrated her understanding of engaging community and inclusiveness even from a distance.</i></p>
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LEO KELLY ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS

<p>Category A – Councils with populations up to 30,000 – Project</p> <p>Winner: Griffith City Council - Sunshine Super Girl World Premiere & Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival</p> <p>Highly Commended: Gunnedah Shire Council - Gunnedah Resilience Program-Dorothea Mackellar and Gunnedah Alive Murals</p> <p>Highly Commended: Leeton Shire Council - Leeton Museum and Gallery - Permanent Exhibition "Water by Design: The Leeton Water Story"</p> <p>Special Acknowledgement: Liverpool Plains Shire Council - Quirindi Library Precinct; Contemporary Community, Art and Cultural Hub</p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Griffith):</p> <p><i>Judges were impressed with how a basketball stadium had been transformed into a performance studio - this would have taken significant Council commitment of funds and technical skills. The judges liked Council leadership in securing the unique production, and the additional engagement with the local Aboriginal community.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Gunnedah):</p> <p><i>Gunnedah Shire Council were awarded the highly commended for the way the projects provided employment and cultural cohesiveness after 3 years of drought. The mural projects received positive reception from Art Trail and Street Art Facebook pages, and Council evaluated the project well.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Leeton):</p> <p><i>The judges gave this entry a Highly Commended due to the many layers of the project. This includes honouring the history of the original Irrigation Commission by creating a hot-topic permanent exhibition called The Leeton Water Story. The project accessed federal and other third-party resources, incorporated graduate mentoring, a feedback wall and sought to combine promotion with the 5 private museums in Leeton.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Liverpool):</p> <p><i>The Judges wanted to give a Special Acknowledgment to Liverpool Plains Shire Council. The new build concept looks fantastic and in-depth concept planning has occurred. The judges liked how council had worked with their metro sister city to bounce around ideas. This is a bold project for a small council.</i></p>
<p>Division B – Councils with populations between 30,000 and 70,000 – Plan/Strategy</p> <p>Highly commended: Dubbo Regional Council – SPARC Cultural Plan</p> <p>Division B – Councils with populations between 30,000 and 70,000 - Project</p> <p>Highly commended: Mosman Municipal Council - Three Views</p>	<p>Judges' Comments (Dubbo):</p> <p><i>The judges appreciated that the Plan positioned cultural services as a council-wide function and broadened the understanding of the cultural program beyond just council-owned cultural facilities.</i></p> <p>Judges' Comments (Mosman):</p> <p><i>Judges liked the uniqueness of using hidden military chambers to showcase First Nations art, particularly the significance of doing this 250 years since colonisation.</i></p>

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<p>Division C – Councils with populations over 70,000 – Project</p> <p>Winner: Inner West Council - Gadigal Wangal Wayfinding project</p> <p>Highly commended: City of Parramatta Council, Parramatta Artists' Studios - PAS X Riverina Partnership</p> <p>Highly commended: Tweed Shire Council - Small Town Queer - Tweed Regional Museum</p>	<p>Judges’ Comments (Inner West): <i>The judges were impressed with the quality of the artworks at 5 strategic sites and the care taken in planning and executing the project. The result uniquely shows connectivity to the land and connectivity with the urban environment. The project also scored highly on leadership due to the added aspects of mentoring aboriginal artists and collaboration with UTS.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Parramatta): <i>Parramatta Council’s partnership with Wagga Wagga Council showed leadership in being able to expand outcomes beyond their own area. The project responded well to the difficulties of the COVID pandemic and Council did well in evaluating the success of the project in increasing social connectedness between artists.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Tweed): <i>Leadership in gender diversity and sexuality in a regional community: innovation to ensure community representation by re-interpretation of existing collections, leading to a new exhibition policy and diversity training.</i></p>
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LGNSW PLANNING AWARDS

Excellence in Leadership Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution

<p>Jain Shankar, Executive Manager Development and Building</p> <p>Cumberland City Council</p>	<p>Judges’ Comments: <i>This year there was only one submission for the category. Although this doesn’t automatically mean that this will a winning entry the effort of this leader has made a real difference to development services outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>The effort of this leader has made a real difference to development services outcomes. To come into a new council and look at every detail, talk to other teams and go against the grain to move out of the silos that exist – this is to be acknowledged and encouraged.</i></p>
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Culture Change Innovation and Excellence Award

<p>Division A – Rural/Regional Councils</p> <p><i>Highly commended: Upper Hunter Shire Council - Project Paperless Planning</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments: <i>The judges acknowledged the efforts and passion of this very small planning team to initiate improvements to their processes, and also the time devoted by the team to preparing this award application.</i></p>
<p>Division B – Large Regional Councils</p> <p><i>Winner: Bega Valley Shire Council - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Landscape Map - raising the bar</i></p> <p><i>Highly Commended: Shellharbour City Council - Development Application Strategy - Strengthening the Customer Experience and process of development application</i></p> <p><i>Special Acknowledgement: City of Newcastle - Holistic Change to Deliver City Impact</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments (Bega): <i>Through this project, the council sought to improve the protection of land with cultural significance to local Aboriginal people and the broader community, and effectively engaged a section of the community that hasn’t been traditionally involved in the planning system. The project involved collaboration with these organisations to create maps for both council and organisations outside of council and has potential to be extended to use by other councils.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Shellharbour): <i>Judges said that this was a fantastic project to introduce a new approach to manage development applications which has produced a package of work that could be used as an example by other councils.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Newcastle): <i>This holistic approach took courage and foresight and resulted in changes that have made a real difference to DA services and delivery times.</i></p>
<p>Division C – Metropolitan Councils</p> <p><i>Winner 1: City of Sydney Council - Planning for net zero energy buildings</i></p> <p><i>Winner 2: Cumberland City Council - NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program</i></p> <p><i>Highly Commended: Bayside Council - The Land Use and Infrastructure Limitations Study</i></p> <p><i>Special Acknowledgement: City of Sydney Council - COVID 19 Temporary Alfresco Dining Project</i></p>	<p>Judges’ Comments (City of Sydney): <i>The judges were impressed by the willingness to tackle this difficult issue and the wide engagement with other councils and agencies. The project was applauded for the overall benefits it will bring to not only local government and business within the City of Sydney but its worthy contribution towards achieving the broader statewide goal of net zero emissions.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Cumberland): <i>The effort of this leader has made a real difference to development services outcomes. To come into a new council and look at every detail, talk to other teams and go against the grain to move out of the silos that exist – this is to be acknowledged and encouraged.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (Bayside): <i>This was an exemplary approach used to look at resolving a future problem. It will be instrumental in helping the council develop its strategic documents and may also have wider application for use by other councils.</i></p> <p>Judges’ Comments (City of Sydney - alfresco): <i>It was an excellent outcome that demonstrated immediate and effective results in response to the need created by the pandemic.</i></p>