

**MM-2                    MAYORAL MINUTE - AWARD RECOGNITION FROM PIA AND AILA**

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**REPORT**

I would like to bring to Council's attention that the City of Canada Bay has been recognised for two awards at the Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) Planning Excellence Awards night and at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA).

The AILA presented the Design in Landscape Architecture award to OCULUS for the John Whitton Bridge Underpass project. This significant project saw our team work with OCULUS, to create a space that is safe for night-time use and provided a pedestrian and cycle-link between east and west Rhodes.

At their 5 November Awards night, the Planning Institute of Australia recognised the City of Canada Bay for two awards:

- WON Best Planning Ideas – Small Project for the Five Dock Urban Design Study; and
- COMMENDATION Public Engagement and Community Planning for the Breakfast Point Community Enhancement Plan

These two awards recognise the great work that has been undertaken by our Planning, Place, Property, Finance and Technical Services & Operations teams who have worked so well together.

As both of these projects are currently in the implementation phase, it is a wonderful assurance to our community that Council provides excellent service through its staff and consultant teams.

Also, at the PIA Awards evening, our Director of Planning & Environment, Tony McNamara was made a Life Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia. This is a prestigious honour which recognises Tony's commitment and significant contribution to planning in NSW over many years. Tony is one of few local government planners who has achieved this honour.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1.        THAT Council note the report.
  
2.        THAT Council offer their congratulations to the Planning, Place, Property, Finance and Technical Services and Operations teams for their hard work on these significant projects for our community.