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MEDIA RELEASE

Third Accolade for Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan

Warringah Council's Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan won a third accolade in Sydney last night at the Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) National Awards for Planning Excellence.

The PIA Awards for Excellence Program is Australia's major planning congress and recognises innovation, leadership and excellence in the planning profession.

At last night's awards ceremony, the PIA announced the country's top planning projects for the year.

The Masterplan was one of five finalists in the Best Planning Ideas Small Project category, and took out the Commendation award – making the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan the second best planning idea for a small project in the country.

Mayor of Warringah, Michael Regan said: "This is yet another feather in the cap for the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan and more proof that Warringah Council is heading in the right direction to breathe new life into the town centre.

"I hope this award will further motivate private landholders and investors to help us create an exciting and revitalised Dee Why."

PIA President, Dyan Currie said: "These award-winning projects are not just about bricks and mortar. The award categories allow for the inclusion of good planning initiatives from all corners of the Australian community."

"When a great place, a good development, or the creation of open urban space is awarded, people in the community can see what good planning is all about."

Previous Awards for the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan

Urban Development Institute of Australia's Government Leadership for Urban Design Award - July 2013

PIA NSW Planning Excellence Award for Best Planning Ideas Small Projects – November 2013

Background

Dee Why Town Centre

Dee Why Town Centre is 18km north-east of the City of Sydney and is approximately 36ha. It spans from Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden in the south – along Pittwater Road – to Dee Why RSL and Dee Why Lagoon in the north. Dee Why Town Centre includes Warringah Council Civic Centre, Dee Why Library and car parks as well as the mixed-use districts on the east and west of Pittwater Road.

PLACE Design Group

PLACE Design Group was involved in the design of the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan. It is a leading international planning, design and environmental consultancy with offices in Australia, Asia, the Middle East and Pacific Rim. The award-winning group has worked on numerous major projects including the Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment; South Brisbane Urban Renewal Strategy; Queanbeyan CBD Master Plan; Heathcote Ridge Master Plan; Thornton Development North Penrith; and Sydney Business Park.
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Planning Institute of Australia

The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is the peak body representing professionals involved in planning Australian cities, towns and regions. The Institute has around 5,000 members nationally and over 1,200 members in New South Wales. PIA NSW plays key roles in promoting and supporting the planning profession within NSW and advocating key planning and public policy issues.