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Ryde wins national project management excellence award for Livvi's Place Inclusive Playground

City of Ryde has won Australia's top project management industry award for Livvi's Place Inclusive Playground at Yamble Reserve.

Ryde is the first Council to win the prestigious Australian Institute of Project Management (Community Service and Development) award that recognises outstanding achievements in project management.

Partnering with Touched by Olivia Foundation, the Council's Livvi's Place project team guided the planning, funding and construction of the playground for children with a range of physical, intellectual and emotional abilities. It features traditional play equipment as well as purpose-built play and landscape elements that offer opportunities for inclusion across all age groups. The high level of integrated creative design, including public art created for Livvi's Place, is a benchmark in inclusive playground design.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Roy Maggio, said: "This National Award recognises the innovation and professionalism of our staff and this Council's commitment to working with and for the community.

"Livvi's Place began with a pledge of Council land, a modest budget and the expertise of staff. It developed into a complex and unique project that captured the community's imagination and harnessed the support of all tiers of government, volunteer and community groups, business and individuals.

"Connecting communities is a vital part of the makeup of our City and this is demonstrated so clearly by the estimated 3,000 weekly visitors to Livvi's Place.

"It is amazing to see so many children enjoying the playground and connecting with the wider community.

"I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of Touched by Olivia Foundation's Perkins Family and Bec Ho for their vision and commitment."

Dr Steve Milner, AIPM's incoming National President said: "The 2013 Australian Project Management Achievement Awards recognises and celebrates excellence in project management, whether it is through individual effort, small teams, or large and complex organisations.

"The calibre of entries in this year's awards was extremely high and the City of Ryde Livvi's Place team showed initiative and skill in dealing with a range of issues across many disciplines to see the successful completion of the project."

The AIPM annual awards recognise outstanding achievements in project management and the win now makes the City of Ryde eligible to compete internationally at the Asia-Pacific Federation of Project Management Awards in New Delhi on 2 December 2013.

AIPM 2013 Category winners:

CONSTRUCTION / ENGINEERING < \$100,000,000

Organisation: Aurecon and Blue Care

Project: Azure Blue Redcliffe Project

CONSTRUCTION / ENGINEERING > \$100,000,000

Organisation: SA Water / Waterlink SA

Project: North South Interconnection System (NSIS) Project

DEFENCE / AEROSPACE

Organisation: Airservices Australia

Project: Paraburdoo Secondary Surveillance Radar Project

ICT / TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Organisation: Telstra Corporation &
Qantas Airways

Project: Qantas Domestic Network & Voice Program

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND/OR DEVELOPMENT

Organisation: City of Ryde

Project: Livvi's Place Inclusive Playground Project

ORGANISATIONAL / CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Organisation: CBH Group

Project: One CBH Project

DEVELOPMENTAL

Organisation: Pacific National

Project: Greta Train Support Facility Project

REGIONAL

Organisation: Western Australian
Department of Transport

Project: Esperance Clean-up and Recovery Project

SUSTAINABLE

Organisation: Water Corporation

Project: Groundwater Replenishment Trial Project

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