



Entrant

Project Address

Note to Category Judge:
 Consideration should be given to **evidence of practices** across the entire project from design consideration, material selection and work procedures to create a natural environment.

Each entry gets a mark out of **100**. This is converted into a percentage and then ranked in this way.

Criteria

Awards Application										
Overall Professionalism of Application & Quality of Information	Poor – application is incomplete, difficult to read / understand.		Adequate – application contains the bare minimum information to describe the project.			Good – application describes the project well with clear project information, a good set of drawings / specifications, and includes all applicable documentation.			Excellent – application describes the project to the highest standards, with very clear project information, a powerful set of drawings which may include 3d representation, comprehensive specifications, and includes all applicable documentation. The application is concise with no irrelevant material.	
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Sustainability - Design										
Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Utilising of rainwater onsite – e.g. rainwater tanks and water sensitive urban design initiatives, such as rain gardens, limiting hard surfaces / sloping hard surfaces to garden beds, permeable paving. Utilisation of greywater. Limited disruption to natural water systems on site and consideration of how the development would impact the hydrology of surrounding sites / ecosystems.	Poor – a very limited part of the landscape contributes to WSUD.		Adequate – some successful components of the construction contribute to WSUD.			Good – many opportunities to use WSUD principles are utilised efficiently, including retention, reuse and improvement of quality of any stormwater leaving the site. Additional design consideration to make a feature of the water capture and storage system integral to overall aesthetic of garden.			Excellent – a total integrated approach has been taken to make the best use of rainwater, greywater and site features to ensure best practice in terms of reuse, treatment and improved water quality or ensuring no impact on natural hydrology system. Consideration of the whole context has been given, not just the individual site.	
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<p>Ecology & Biodiversity To what extent has the ecology of the site been considered</p>	<p>Poor – little consideration has been given to the impact on local flora and fauna.</p>	<p>Adequate – some consideration has been given to the impact on local flora and fauna. For example indigenous plants have been used.</p>	<p>Good – consideration has been given to a range of impacts. For example existing site soil has been reused, indigenous plants grown from locally collected seed have been used. A weed and vermin control program was put in place.</p>	<p>Excellent – the full impact of the development has been considered and many steps taken to minimise any negative impacts and improve the outcomes. During the design phase a complete inventory and investigation of the site and surrounds was carried out which shaped the design. The source of all imported materials was identified and assessed prior to installation.</p>
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<p>Other Broad Sustainability Considerations There are many other sustainability considerations including the social, economic and energy inputs, as well as 'Whole Life Cycle' impacts</p>	<p>Poor – little consideration has been given to a range of other sustainability considerations.</p>	<p>Adequate – some consideration has been given to other sustainability considerations.</p>	<p>Good – consideration has been given to the full range of sustainability considerations and the design and construction reflects these considerations.</p>	<p>Excellent – the application of sustainability considerations is evident in all aspects of the design and construction. Including a detailed understanding of the whole life cycle of the project and materials.</p>
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<p>Waste Prevention & Minimisation Reuse of items or recycling of items reduces waste, as does careful design to minimise offcuts, etc</p>	<p>Poor – little consideration has been given to minimising waste. During the demolition a large volume of materials ended up in landfill.</p>	<p>Adequate – some consideration has been given to reducing waste by the reuse of items in the new design.</p>	<p>Good – consideration has been given to a range of waste reduction strategies. Unwanted items have been disposed of responsibly. Items have been reused. Recycled or reclaimed inputs have been used.</p>	<p>Excellent – the full impact of the development has been considered during the design process and a Waste Management Plan implemented during construction to account for any waste. Segregation and disposal of waste was carefully controlled.</p>
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<p>Sustainability - Materials</p>				
<p>Plants Evaluates the selection of plants from a sustainability point of view – need for water, grouping like for like, weed potential, level of maintenance required</p>	<p>Poor – plant selection demonstrates no prior thought given to sustainability, plants grouped incompatibly, maintenance needs not considered, watering needs not considered.</p>	<p>Adequate – some thought given to grouping of plants for watering, like with like but little overall thought to maintenance, growth habits, watering, suggests current planting will not be sustainable in 5 years.</p>	<p>Good – plant selection suggests some thought has gone into long term sustainability – maintenance, watering, growth habits. Garden will only improve with age.</p>	<p>Excellent – plant selection demonstrates thoughtful consideration of sustainable needs of plants long term on the site but additional consideration has been given to achieving a 'wow' factor in addition to sustainability.</p>
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Landscape Materials Selection of landscape materials reflects concern for sustainability. Locally sourced or made from sustainable processes (reclaimed or recycled, etc.), it's fitness for purpose that will remain viable over time, it's resistance to fashion and having low energy inputs.	Poor – source and type of materials selected not compatible with sustainable practice.	Adequate – materials infer some consideration given to sustainability, natural products, recycled, etc. however sourced from far away and suggests high maintenance going forward, and possible fad that may not be endured.	Good – materials selected carefully for sustainable value including source, ongoing maintenance and durability for site and purpose. Consideration given to longevity of garden.	Excellent – materials carefully selected for sustainable value however materials selection innovative, used aesthetically in location to withstand maturing of garden to its advantage without excessive maintenance to make it so.
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Sustainability - Construction				
Construction Practice Selection of construction techniques that reflect concern for sustainability, including techniques that promote the long life of a project with minimal maintenance.	Poor – not all sustainability aspects of the design have been implemented in the construction. Many elements will need replacement or rectification in a short period.	Adequate – some consideration has been given to sustainable construction technique Some areas of the construction show lack of understanding of sustainability in regards to construction.	Good – there is consistency between the documentation and implementation of the project. Most elements will stand the test of time with minimal maintenance and other inputs.	Excellent – the design has been constructed in adherence with the documentation. Careful consideration has been given to using construction techniques which will allow the easy reuse, recycling and otherwise disposal of the different components of the project. The project sets a benchmark for others to aim for.
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Maintenance The landscape overall requires, minimal use of powered maintenance equipment, minimal energy required to manage weed and insect infestation, minimal time required to prune and maintain lawn areas and hard surfaces need little treatments to maintain appearances	Poor – high maintenance required weekly to keep landscape in good condition. Garden wastes not recycled on site. Hard landscape requires regulate maintenance to maintain quality of appearance. High dependency on chemicals to control pests and weeds.	Adequate – minimal weekly maintenance is required. Some areas require high levels of maintenance. Some recycling of garden waste evident. Some chemicals are used to control pests and weeds.	Good – minimal fortnightly maintenance is required to keep the landscape in good condition. Minimal use of chemicals used to control pests and weeds. Surface treatments require minimal maintenance.	Excellent – maintenance is reduced to minimal seasonal tasks to maintain the landscape Garden refuse is recycled into garden. Weeds minimised due to correct planting. Pest infestations controlled by environmental controls.
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Degree of Difficulty Evaluates the overall degree of difficulty of the individual structures, overall project taking into consideration the design documentation, access, unique, innovative construction practices and environment sensitivity	Poor – project is straight forward, low in structure, one dimensional as far as diverse skill sets go, with no real challenging, technical, unique structural elements. No challenges evident in all areas of sustainability, etc.	Adequate – the project is diverse with skill sets but simple in format. Elements are executed well but there are no real standout technical structures that require a high level of skill or innovation. Some areas address sustainable issues but of minimal value.	Good – the project offers a number of challenging structures and set out detail that required a good technical skill sets that have been executed well. Other areas of the landscape are of a standard level of difficulty. But most areas addressed contained some difficulty.	Excellent – the project displays technical brilliance throughout with a high level of diversity, detail, innovative, unique skills that push the boundaries of the industry and trades. High level of difficulty in construction areas as well as environmental issues as well.
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