



Prince Alfred College, Early Learning Centre

Award-winning gardens

Sustainable Garden Awards

Open to all residents, businesses, schools and community groups, the Council's Sustainable Garden Awards is a bi-annual program to celebrate and showcase a variety of gardens and landscapes which make a positive contribution to the environment and well-being of the community through sustainable principles, design and innovation.

No nominations were received in the Commercial category during for the 2020 Awards program but two winners were announced in the Residential and Community categories.

Residential Winner

Margherita (Rita) Pietrobon
6 First Avenue, Payneham South

Read more about Rita and her spectacular sustainable garden, and see all the photos, on the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au

Mayor's Award Winner

Prince Alfred College
Early Learning Centre
23 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town

Inspired by Reggio Emilia education philosophy, staff at Prince Alfred College Early Learning Centre encourage students to learn through exploration, discovery, questioning and experimenting, so it's no surprise that they have invested in creating a garden firmly based on sustainability principles.

Children are encouraged to explore the garden where they can learn about the importance of urban greening, sustainability and biodiversity.

The garden features a number of large shade trees, including gum trees which also provide valuable habitat for native wildlife and a bug hotel attracting native bees and other insects.

Water conservation has been carefully considered, with permeable and porous surfaces allowing water to soak into the soil. A 4000L rainwater tank provides

water for the veggie garden and even the popular water pump in the nature play area.

Food produced in the veggie garden and citrus orchard are used in the classroom to provide children with an understanding of where food comes from and encourage participation in gardening from a young age.

Resident chickens close the gap for this sustainable garden, creating a circular garden as food scraps from the on-site kitchen are used to feed chickens which then produce the manure used on the veggie garden.

The nature play area, built using recycled materials and natural elements, has been designed to develop children's balance and core strength, and also features a mud kitchen and decking area.

The Prince Alfred College Early Learning Centre garden also received a commendation in the Community Category.

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