

Town of Vincent Awards 1997 - Present

The Town is honoured to have had its efforts awarded over many years – receiving plaudits across a number of fields and for a range of initiatives and activities.

1997

- Heart Foundation's National Award for *The Best Indoor Recreation Centre in Australia* awarded to Beatty Park Leisure Centre
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre Manager awarded the *John Graham Fellowship Scholarship* (Offered to an individual within the Sport and Recreation Industry to undertake a Study Tour or other form of Professional Development)

1999

- Beatty Park Leisure Centre awarded the *Facility Management Award* in the 1999 Sport and Recreation Industry's Awards, recognising the Centre's significant achievement in operating and promoting a *Sport, Recreation or Fitness Facility* in Western Australia
- Town of Vincent Recreation Officer awarded the *John Graham Fellowship Scholarship*
- Chief Executive Officer, John Giorgi, awarded a Scholarship for \$2,500 for the Public Sector Management Course – Awarded to Senior Officers in Local Government to improve skills in Leadership, Management and Planning

2001

- *Innovation Award* received by the Town in the Western Australian Municipal Association's Best Practice Awards for the Archaeological and Ethnographic Survey of the "Old Bottle Yard"
- Town was announced as a Finalist in the Sport and Recreation Industry Awards in the category of *Risk Management Best Practice* for the Headquarters Youth Facility

2002

- Town of Vincent and the WA Police Service – Joint Winners in the *Local Government Innovation Award* category of the Security Industry and Crime Prevention Awards 2002, in recognition of the Town's innovative "Backpacker Safety Kit" (Launched by the Town in July 2002)
- *Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) Top Award* for the Town's successful push to have Smoke Alarms installed in all Lodging Houses within Vincent
- As part of the Disability Services Commission's Action on Access Awards in recognition of the development by the Town of an inclusive School Holiday Programme, Town awarded the following:
 1. *Action on Access Award in Local Government*
 2. *Dr Louisa Alessandri Award for Excellence in Action on Access* (Town of Vincent chosen as the Overall Winner from all Category Winners)
- Certificate and Photo Collage presented to the Town from the State Manager of Australand Holdings in recognition of the Town's Co-operation and Assistance in the Completion of "The Maltings" Development in Stuart Street, Perth ("The Maltings" Project won the State and then subsequently the *National Award for Excellence in Medium Density Development* from the Urban Development Institute of Australia)

2003

Australian Local Government Association Awards:

- Beatty Park Leisure Centre awarded the *Australian Local Government Association National Award* in the category of *Information Services* for its "Pool Watch" programme. This category recognised best practice in providing information which is essential to the social well-being of the community (Pool Watch is an educational communication strategy which was launched in October 2002)

Western Australian Local Government Association – Best Practice Awards 2003:

- Beatty Park Leisure Centre's "Pool Watch" was a Finalist in the *Communication* category and won a *Best Practice Award*
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre was also a Finalist in the category for *Facility Management* in the sub-category *greater than \$1 million turnover* at the Australian Local Government Association's National Awards
- Town of Vincent awarded a *Best Practice Award* in the *Innovation* category for the retrofitting of the staff rooms and ground floor of the Administration & Civic Centre and Depot with energy efficient measures, including a lighting retrofit, lighting sensors, timers on the boilers/lights and drinks/snack machines, window tinting and promotional signage

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (WA Division) Award:

- Technical Services Directorate awarded the *Roadwise/Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia WA Division's Major Award* at the WA Local Government Excellence in Road Safety Awards 2003, in the category of *over \$50,000*, for its State Black Spot Improvement Project at the intersection of Stirling and Brisbane Streets, Perth (Judged as the best project for Engineering Solutions over \$50,000 for the Metropolitan Region in 2003)
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre awarded the Heart Foundation's *Local Government Award for Best Overall Project for Recreational Infrastructure and Facilities*
- Town received a "High Ranking" Award for its Budget 2002/2003 in the Minister for Local Government's Financial Awards 2003 and invited to participate in the final category which assessed a wide range of other statutory reports (including the Annual Budget, Audit Reports, Principal Activities Plan and Annual Report). The Town also received Certificates of Merit in the Minister's Awards in previous years

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- Town awarded a *Diligence in Safety Bronze Certificate* from the Local Government Insurance Services, certifying that the Town complies with the Australian Standard for the Municipal Workcare Audit, which covers 10 categories contained in the Occupational Safety and Health Management Plan
- Town received an *Excellence and Leadership Certificate* in the National Diversity at Work Awards (the Awards recognise those organisations which promote workforce diversity and are leaders for employment and inclusion of people with a disability. The Town was the only Western Australian local government to receive this Award)

2005

- Town achieved a high ranking in the 2003/2004 Budget Assessment Phase and met the criteria to participate in the Minister for Local Government's Financial Management Awards. The Awards recognise excellence in Local Government Financial Management
- Town's Budget and Financial Document 2004 assessed by the Department of Local Government as being of a High Standard, providing a sound basis for financial management
- Town awarded a *Certificate of Recognition* for its commitment to the Cities for Climate Protection Programme – CCP Plus Australia initiative (the Town's commitment is to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the Council area)
- Town awarded three Awards for Planning Excellence for its Vincent Vision 2024 project at the Planning Institute Australia (WA Division) Awards for Planning Excellence held in October 2005:
 - *Award for Excellence in Community Based Planning* (planning documents, reports, schemes or projects arising out of significant initiative or from a planned program of consultation, which demonstrates achievement of community goals)
 - *WA President's Award* (planning documents, reports, schemes or projects that demonstrate excellence in urban design – these must demonstrate design excellence, distribution of community and environmental benefits and create the possibility for continued adaptation and change)
 - *WA Planning Minister's Award* – this award was the *overall winner of the State Awards*
- The Town was a Finalist in the Sport and Recreation Industry Awards 2005 in two categories – Leederville Oval was a Finalist in the *Best Management Initiative for a Facility with a turnover of less than \$1 million* and the Redevelopment of Perth Oval (Members Equity Stadium) was a Finalist in the *Best Management Initiative for a Facility with a turnover of over \$1 million*

2006

- Vincent Vision 2024 received a *National Merit Award* in the National Awards for Planning Excellence 2006
- The Town received a *Commendation Award* in the Disability Services Commission Accessible Communities Awards 2006, under the category of *Progress Towards Accessible Communities for Seniors* for the Town of Vincent Transport Assistance Programme – Taxi Voucher Assistance for Seniors and People with Disabilities Scheme which was developed in 2005
- Town received a Commemoration Certificate from the Federal Minister for Small Business and Tourism, recognising the Town as one of the participating Councils within Australia as part of the Australian Government's Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund, relating to the implementation of the National Electronic Development Assessment Project (NeDA)
- Town, in conjunction with the City of Subiaco, Town of Claremont and Town of Mosman Park, was a Finalist in the 2006 Healthway Excellence in Health Promotion Awards. The award category was *Sponsorship Projects showing Strong Government, Local Government or Corporate Partnerships* (Project: Ampfest Clash of the Bands)

2007

- Town's Library awarded Certificate of Appreciation from the Commissioner of Taxation, Australian Tax Office, in recognition of the valuable service provided to the Vincent community through the Tax Help Programme
- The highly successful review of the Town's Municipal Heritage Inventory saw the Town take out the *Outstanding Contribution to Heritage in Western Australia by an Organisation Award* in the 2007 Heritage Council Awards
- The Town's Senior Heritage Officer was also successfully nominated for an Award for *"Individuals contributing to Heritage"* in the 2007 Heritage Council Awards
- The Town was presented with the *Ranger Team of the Year Award* for 2007 at the WA Rangers' Association Conference recognising the very high standard of service provided to the Vincent Community by the Town's Ranger and Community Safety Services Section
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre was awarded the *Water Conversation and Efficiency – Small Organisation Award* in the 2007 WA Water Awards. The Award recognised the Town's outstanding efforts to reduce water consumption at Beatty Park Leisure Centre by initiating several water saving efficiencies
- The Town's Manager Engineering Design Services was awarded a Study Tour – Fellowship by the Foundation for the Technical Advancement of Local Government Engineering in Western Australia to participate in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia's 2007 National Overseas Study Tour
- The Town received a *Certificate of Recognition* from the Men of the Trees' Carbon Neutral Programme. As a result of the Town becoming involved in this programme over 3,700 native trees were planted in the winter in an effort to reduce the effects of greenhouse gas emissions stemming from the Town's fleet of vehicles

2008

- At the ICLEI Oceania Recognition Event held as part of the WALGA 2008 Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition, the Town was presented with an Award in recognition of its completion of an action agenda to work towards integrated Freshwater Resource Management
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Town by the North Perth Rotary Club to show their appreciation of the Town's support for the Hyde Park Community Fair

2009

- The Town, along with Main Roads WA, received a *Joint Commendation Award for Innovation in Traffic Safety Management* for the trial to reduce speed on Fitzgerald Street, North Perth
- Town received a *Certificate of Achievement* from the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association in acknowledgment for helping to protect the planet by collecting phones on behalf of MobileMuster, the mobile phone industry's official recycling programme