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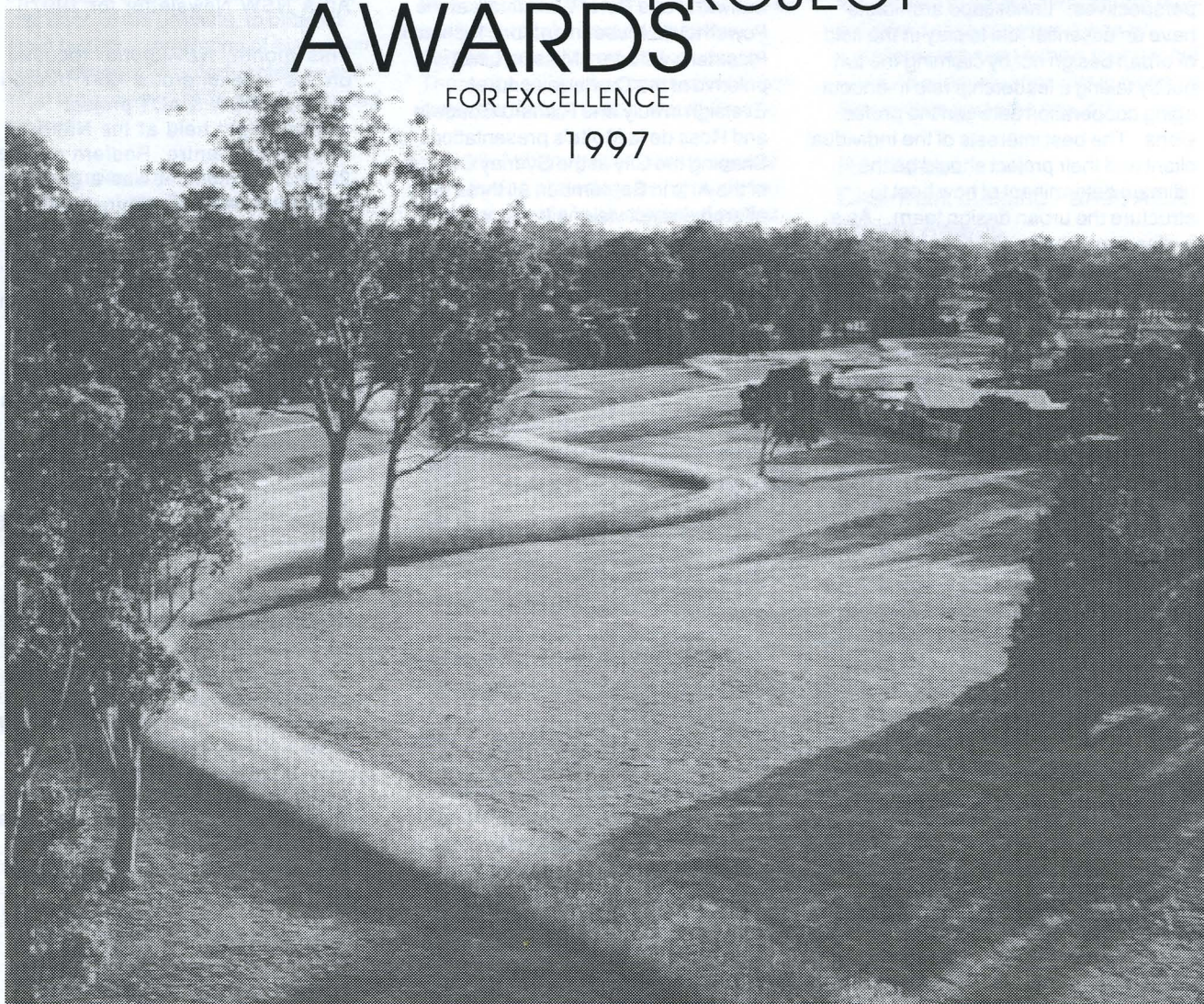
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INAUGURAL PROJECT AWARDS

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RESTORING THE WATERS PROJECT

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Australian Conservation Foundation & Fairfield Council "Restoring the Waters Project"

The ACT and NSW Chapters of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects recognized the Restoring the Waters project in the inaugural 1997 awards conferring the Award of excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Landscape Architecture.

The Restoring the Waters project was born from an idea, a vision to improve the health and water quality of creeks and water ways in Sydney and to slowly, incrementally restore the natural matrix of the city, our river corridors.

Barbara Schaffer through the Australian Conservation Foundation presented this idea to the Stormwater Forum in 1993. The EPA responded by funding a feasibility study which selected the Clear Paddock Creek site in Fairfield.

Successful funding of the second stage of the project by the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Trust Grants, Australia Council Community Education Arts Design Grants and sponsor-

ship by Sydney Water and the Department of Land and water Conservation allowed the project to proceed on the long evolution from conceptual design to construction documents.

In this process hundreds of people have contributed to the project which proposes to deconstruct a 2.7 km concrete stormwater channel in the upper reaches of the Clear Paddock Creek sub catchment of the Georges River, to restore a naturally functioning creek system at the foundation of a new local park.

Project Coordinators, Schaffer Barnsley Landscape Architects, brought together a team of hydrologists and riverine engineers, fluvial geomorphologists, ecologists and artists to work with the council and local community to raise awareness of stormwater management issues and to develop a model for urban ecological restoration.

The ultimate recognition of this project will be grants funding of the construction phase of the project. An application is currently being prepared for the 1997 Stormwater Trusts Grants.



Sue Barnsley, Richard McHarg - (UrbanStone) and Barbara Schaffer.

Project Co-ordinator:

Schaffer Barnsley Landscape Architects

Artists:

Jennifer Turpin & Michaille Crawford

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Ian Hobbs

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Merry Christmas

and a prosperous 1998
to all!

