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City takes out top honours for Koombana Foreshore redevelopment

The City of Bunbury on Thursday evening was presented with the Park of Year award for the Koombana Foreshore redevelopment.

Along with Cardno (WA) Pty Ltd the City was recognised for the multi-million dollar project at the Parks and Leisure WA Awards of Excellence for 2018.

The award sponsored by Domus Nursery celebrates and promotes vibrant, successful, well designed and managed new or significantly revitalised parks/open spaces by recognising and rewarding exceptional examples of best practice in terms of design and management

The significant redevelopment of the popular community precinct was Stage 1 of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project and saw the entire foreshore area undergo a complete overhaul.

Key improvements to the area included:

- Construction of 100 extra parking bays, taking the total to almost 400;
- Improved traffic access, including left turn only from Anchorage Cove to Koombana Drive;
- A pedestrian promenade along the beach;
- Revamped kiosk and public amenities;
- Improved beach access, including disabled access;
- Amphitheatre and shaded areas;
- Extensive landscaped areas overlooking the beach, including the relocation of car parks closer to Koombana Drive;
- Removal of the old train line and
- Construction of an inclusive playground

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the award was confirmation of all the hard work the City and Cardno put into designing a world-class precinct for the community to enjoy.

"The redevelopment has been the largest major project in Bunbury for a number of years and has changed the face of the city," Mayor Brennan said.

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“Koombana Foreshore is a much-loved and utilised area by the community, visitors and tourists alike.

“This award recognises just how special the foreshore is and we share this award with the Bunbury community.”

Representatives from the City of Bunbury and Cardno (WA) Pty Ltd were on hand to collect the award.

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