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## 2021 Awards for Excellence – Winners and Highly Commended

The 2021 OneConsult Awards for Excellence are a unique opportunity to profile and promote the outstanding achievements of firms to the industry and business community.

The Award winners were announced at the OneConsult 2022 Gala Dinner on Thursday 31 March 2022, where the industry came together to celebrate our prestigious awards and the Consult Australia 70th Anniversary.

The awards celebrate excellence in the delivery of both key projects and individual achievements, open to both members and non-members.

All of our Award Winners and Highly Commended recipients are noted below:

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence President's Award winner has been announced as Malcolm McDowall.***

The 2021 Consult Australia Awards for Excellence President's Award recipient has been announced as Malcolm McDowall. The President's Award recognises the individual or firm who has contributed the most to Consult Australia and/or the industry over the past 12 months.

Full media release for the Firm of the Year Award [here](#)

**Small Firm of the Year** - Porter Consulting Engineers has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Small Firm of the Year.

**Medium Firm of the Year** - Tonkin has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Medium Firm of the Year.

This is the 3rd consecutive Medium Firm of the Year award for Tonkin in this category and their team are to be congratulated on this result. This also takes Tonkin into the prestigious OneConsult Hall of Fame.

The OneConsult Awards for Excellence Hall of Fame is the highest accolade a company can receive.

To be recognised in the prestigious OneConsult Hall of Fame is the highest honour and is seen as the epitome of "Excellence" and entrants are celebrated for superiority in their field.

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Companies are honoured by entry into the Hall of Fame if they have been awarded Large Firm of the Year, Medium Firm of the Year or Small Firm of the Year for a period of three (3) consecutive years. Entrance in the Hall of Fame is for a two (2) year period.

**Large Firm of the Year** - Aurecon has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Large Firm of the Year.

Full media release for the Firm of the Year Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Champions of Change – Female Leadership Award winner has been announced as Tiina Ratamo, KBR.***

A career of championing positive change in business, industry and the community has been recognised with a major award for KBR Infrastructure Services (IS) Australia's Chief Engineer Tiina Ratamo, being named Consult Australia's Champion of Change Award Winner 2021. This award recognises a mid or senior level female professional who has demonstrated leadership capabilities and/or is championing change within her firm or in the industry more broadly.

**Winner**  
**Tiina Ratamo**  
**KBR**

Consult Australia has also recognised Candice Lam - KBR, Olivia Oliver - Tonkin, and Lara Kruk – Jacobs, as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Champions of Change – Female Leadership.

**Highly Commended**  
**Candice Lam**  
**KBR**

**Highly Commended**  
**Olivia Oliver**  
**Tonkin**

**Highly Commended**  
**Lara Kruk**  
**Jacobs**

Full media release for the Champions of Change – Female Leadership Award [here](#)

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***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Client Service Excellence Award winner has been announced as Arup.***

Arup has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Client Service Excellence Award Winners for their Metropolitan Greenspace Programme (MGP) Spatial Framework. The award recognised member firms who have delivered exemplary customer service throughout the course of a client engagement or project. Entry in this category requires member firms to be either nominated or endorsed by the client.

**Winner**

**Arup**

**The Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP) Spatial Framework**

Consult Australia has also recognised Aurecon for the new Powerhouse Parramatta, and Cardno and Springfield City Group for Greater Springfield, as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Client Service Excellence.

**Highly Commended**

**Aurecon**

**The new Powerhouse Parramatta**

**Highly Commended**

**Cardno and Springfield City Group**

**Greater Springfield**

Full media release for the Client Service Excellence Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Innovative Design Award winners have been announced as Tonkin and Aurecon.***

This year's Consult Australia 2021 Awards for Excellence Innovative Design Award has been won by 2 outstanding companies, Tonkin for their Parramatta Escarpment Boardwalk project and Aurecon for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) – Infrastructure Australia. The award recognises firms who have demonstrated outstanding innovation in any aspect of the design process.

**Winner**

**Aurecon**

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## **Square Kilometre Array (SKA) – Infrastructure Australia**

**Winner**  
**Tonkin**  
**Parramatta Escarpment Boardwalk**

Consult Australia has also recognised Arup for Challenging Convention with Innovative Design, as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Innovative Design.

**Highly Commended**  
**Arup**  
**Challenging Convention with Innovative Design**

Full media release for the Innovative Design Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Collaboration for Project Excellence Award winners have been announced as SMEC Australia, McIlwain Civil Engineering, Department of Transport and Main Roads.***

This year's Consult Australia 2021 Awards for Excellence Collaboration for Project Excellence Award winner has been announced as SMEC Australia, McIlwain Civil Engineering, Department of Transport and Main Roads for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – Event 20A – Binna Burra Road. This award recognises collaboration initiatives between project participants and the client, which contributed to project excellence.

**Winner**  
**SMEC Australia, McIlwain Civil Engineering, Department of Transport and Main Roads**  
**Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – Event 20A – Binna Burra Road**

Consult Australia has also recognised Aurecon for their Square Kilometre Array (SKA) – Infrastructure Australia project and Tonkin for Greening the Desert both as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Collaboration for Project Excellence.

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**Highly Commended**

**Aurecon**

**Square Kilometre Array (SKA) – Infrastructure Australia**

**Highly Commended**

**Tonkin**

**Greening the Desert**

Full media release for the Collaboration for Project Excellence Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence People First Award winner has been announced as DesignInc Sydney for Organisational Policies and Initiatives.***

DesignInc Sydney has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 People First Award Winners for Organisational Policies and Initiatives. This Award recognises firms that have implemented and delivered outstanding initiatives that benefit their people.

**Winner**

**DesignInc**

**Organisational Policies and Initiatives**

Consult Australia has also recognised Cardno for People First as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of People First.

**Highly Commended**

**Cardno**

**People First**

Full media release for the People First Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Technological Innovation Award winner has been announced as Mace Australia for Digital Command Centre (DCC).***

Mace Australia has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Technological Innovation Award Winners for Digital Command Centre (DCC). This award recognises firms who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the innovative application of new or existing technology.

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**Winner**  
**Mace Australia**  
**Digital Command Centre (DCC)**

Consult Australia has also recognised Arup for Science Gallery Melbourne, Digital Bricks, and GHD and Sydney Water for Geospatial Water Planning Tool as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Technological Innovation.

**Highly Commended**  
**GHD Digital and Sydney Water**  
**Geospatial Water Planning Tool**

**Highly Commended**  
**Arup**  
**Science Gallery Melbourne, Digital Bricks**

Full media release for the Technological Innovation Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Small Business Excellence Award winner has been announced as Porter Consulting Engineers for Industry representation.***

Porter Consulting Engineers has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Small Business Excellence Award Winners for Industry Representation. The Small Business Excellence Award recognises firms with less than 20 FTE who have demonstrated innovation in the conduct of their business either through process, people or use of technology.

**Winner**  
**Porter Consulting Engineers**  
**Industry Representation**

Full media release for the Small Business Excellence Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Future Leader Award winner has been announced as James Leiper.***

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James Leiper from Pritchard Francis has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Future Leader Award Winner. This award acknowledges professional staff of firms aged 35 years and under who have made a significant contribution to their firm and added value in a demonstrable way.

**Winner**  
**James Leiper**  
**Pritchard Francis**

Consult Australia has also recognised Sam Linke and Amy Clark as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Future Leader.

**Highly Commended**  
**Sam Linke**  
**Aurecon**

**Highly Commended**  
**Amy Clark**  
**Aurecon**

Full media release for the Future Leader Award [here](#)

***The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Superior Sustainability Award winner has been announced as Arup for Melbourne Connect.***

This year's Consult Australia 2021 Awards for Excellence Superior Sustainability Award winner has been announced as Arup for Melbourne Connect. This award recognises the achievement of sustainable outcomes on an internal or external project that go above and beyond expectations in the application of the firm's services (e.g. through design, advice, and/or the application of sustainable materials and principles etc.).

**Winner**  
**Arup**  
**Melbourne Connect**

Consult Australia has also recognised Aurecon for Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design, Cardno Ltd and WSP Australia for Cedar Grove Environmental Centre, and Digital Twinning Australia for Renewable Energy System Digital Twin as an Educational Tool as Highly Commended 2021 Awards for Excellence in the category of Collaboration for Project Excellence.

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**Highly Commended**

**Aurecon**

**Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design**

**Highly Commended**

**Cardno Ltd and WSP Australia**

**Cedar Grove Environmental Centre**

**Highly Commended**

**Digital Twinning Australia**

**Renewable Energy System Digital Twin as an Educational Tool**

Full media release for the Superior Sustainability Award [here](#)

Congratulations to all our 2021 Awards for Excellence Award Winners.

Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting businesses in design, advisory and engineering, an industry comprised of over 58,600 businesses across Australia. This includes some of Australia's top 500 companies and many small businesses (97%). Our members provide solutions for individual consumers through to major companies in the private sector and across all tiers of government. Our industry directly employs over 285,000 people in architectural, engineering, and technical services, and many more in advisory and business support. It is also a job creator for the Australian economy, the services we provide unlock many more jobs across the construction industry and the broader community.

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

### 1. About Consult Australia

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### 2. About Nicola Grayson

Nicola Grayson is the Chief Executive of Consult Australia. Nicola is responsible for implementing the organisation's strategy, building ongoing external relationships, and for leading Consult Australia's advocacy and government relations agenda on behalf of members.

Nicola is a member of and former chair of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Risk, Liability, and Quality Committee. In Australia she chairs the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council's Urban Resilience Task Group and sits on numerous government forums representing the Consult Australia membership. Nicola is the Convenor for Consult Australia's Champions of Change leadership group for gender diversity and inclusion, a member of the Champions of Change Coalition.

Nicola is a government relations specialist, and has represented industry associations in the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Australia. Nicola has worked across a range of sectors including general insurance, consumer finance, alcohol, and education, in addition to consulting engineering. She has an Honours Degree in Law from the United Kingdom and is a member of the Australia Institute of Company Directors.

### 3. For interview

For more information and to arrange an interview, please contact Nicola Grayson directly on +61499 878 839 or email [nicola@consultaustalia.com.au](mailto:nicola@consultaustalia.com.au).