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# Parramatta River project wins major Aussie award

**A STUNNING new community centre on the Parramatta River foreshore was been presented with a major Australian design award this week.**

The \$21 million Connection building on the foreshore at Rhodes won the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) NSW Award which was jointly presented to the City of Canada Bay and Urbis and Crone Architects.

City of Canada Bay Mayor Angelo Tsirekas described The Connection as the jewel in the crown of the From Plan To Place project, which was designed to open up the Rhodes foreshore to residents and visitors.

"The From Plan to Place project was the culmination of 10 years of integrated planning and placemaking to create a multi-purpose precinct to service the needs of a rapidly growing Rhodes population," Mayor Tsirekas said.

It is one of several awards related to work along the Parramatta River foreshore.

"The City of Canada Bay and the Inner West Council also jointly won an annual CILTA (Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport) award in the 'Moving People' category," he said.

"This award acknowledged the excellent work on the 'Guided Electric Vehicle Project', which included a sub-

mission of a solution to Parramatta Road's transport issues.

"Council also received highly commended for issues management for how staff handled the Pokemon Go issue in Rhodes last year at the recent Public Relations Institute of Australia industry awards.

"As part of our efforts to clean up the Parramatta River, The City of Canada Bay joined forces with the NSW Environment Protection

Authority (EPA), Department of Planning and Environment and 10 other councils for the 'Get the Site Right' blitz.

"This project - which is an initiative of the Parramatta River Catchment Group) - won a Highly Commended Award at the Local Government NSW 2017 Natural Environment Awards in the category of Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works."



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*An artist's impression of The Connection on the foreshore of the Parramatta River at Rhodes.*