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2016 UNAA World Environment Day Award WINNERS

A viewing platform making Victoria's Phillip Island Penguin parade even more spectacular has been awarded a 2016 UN Association World Environment Day Award.

The new Penguins Plus viewing platform has been named winner of the 2016 Infrastructure Innovation Award. The platform – a joint venture between the Phillip Island Nature Park and the RACV - has been designed to mirror the coves of the coastline and offer unprecedented, up-close viewing of the penguin parade.

The Phillip Island Nature Park is one of 12 Australian organisations and individuals named as winners of the national World Environment Day Awards, which are designed to celebrate the innovation and creativity of Australian organisations and individuals and encourage others to take positive action.

Running since 2000, more than 40 schools, journalists, local councils, environmental organisations and individuals were finalists in this year's awards.

The United Nations Association of Australia is one of 100 associations around the world which promote the ideals and work of the UN in local communities.

Other winners include:

Biodiversity Award (sponsored by Wetland and Wildlife PL)

WINNER: Big Scrub Landcare: Lowland Rainforest Restoration Program (NSW)

Business Award (sponsored by the Carbon Reduction Institute)

WINNER: Natura Pacific (QLD)

Clean Energy Award (sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources)

WINNER: Alternative Technology Association (ATA): Village Lighting Scheme, East Timor (VIC)

Community Award

WINNER: Kimberley Toad Busters Inc: 10 years of community effort fighting an alien invasion (WA)

Special Commendation: Y Water Centre Association Inc: Y Water Discovery Centre (VIC)

Excellence in Water Management Award

WINNER: Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the South East Natural Resources Management Board: Accounting for and managing the water resource impacts of plantation forestry in the Lower Limestone Coast Region of SA (SA)

Environmental Education Award

WINNER: KU Ourimbah Preschool and Children's Centre (NSW)

Environmental School Award

WINNER: St Louis De Montforts Aspendale: From Little Things Big Things Grow (VIC)

Individual Award

WINNER: Gio Fitzpatrick, Youth Wildlife Ambassador (VIC)

Infrastructure Innovation Award

WINNER: Phillip Island Nature Park: Penguin Plus Viewing Experience (VIC)

Local Government Award

WINNER: Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (Lead Council - Boroondara): Biodiversity Monitoring in Melbourne's East (VIC)

Media Award for Environmental Reporting

WINNER: Adam Morton, Penny Stephens and Marija Ercegovac, *The Age*: The Vanishing Island (VIC)

Organisation Leadership Award

WINNER: Australian Dairy Industry Council, Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework (VIC)

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