

ITEM 3.1. INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR STREET FURNITURE DESIGN**FILE NO: S051491****MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR**To Council:

The City's commitment to high quality design has again been internationally recognised, this time by the highly regarded Red Dot Awards for Product Design.

The City's stylish new street furniture, comprising a range of nine pieces, has received the Red Dot Award for Product Design in the Urban Design and Public Spaces category. The Red Dot Awards for Product Design, awarded since 1954, recognise excellence in design across 31 product categories, including interior design and categories covering consumer goods, household products, office equipment, furniture and fashion.

Participants from 57 nations submitted 5,200 products and innovations across the 31 award categories. The awards are selected by an independent 41 person jury of expert designers and architects, many of whom have also won prestigious design awards. The panel assessed each entry on criteria which included innovation, formal quality, functionality and ecological compatibility.

The award winning furniture was designed by Sydney architectural firm Tzannes in collaboration with Australian Built Urban Designs (ABUD) and City of Sydney staff. Fabrication was by ABUD at their Kurnell factory. Alec Tzannes has said that the objective was to "create a family of elements reflecting Sydney's unique cultural and urban context inspired by, among other things, the city's waterfront industrial heritage, the Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Opera House, and our outdoor lifestyle and culture."

The nine pieces in the collection comprise a seat with arm rests, pedestrian light pole, three bollards, bubbler, tree guard, tree grate and a bin. They will be installed throughout Sydney, with new trees planted at rest areas for shade. Pieces from the collection have already been installed at Barangaroo and Green Square. The furniture will also feature along the transformed George Street pedestrian boulevard and the revitalised Darling Harbour precinct.

A budget of \$300,000 a year over for the next 10 years has been allocated for the street furniture installations. These installations will coincide with ongoing street upgrades and other major projects throughout inner-Sydney, creating a more pleasant, interesting and accessible outdoor environment for residents, workers, visitors and tourists.

Councillors, this brings the number of national and international awards the City has won since 2004, for design excellence or sustainability, to over 95.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that Council congratulate Alec Tzannes and his architectural firm, ABUD (Australian Built Urban Designs) and City of Sydney staff on the City's stylish new street furniture receiving the internationally prestigious Red Dot Award for Product Design in the Urban Design and Public Spaces category.

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Lord Mayor