

# Marion Park Masterplan by Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl Wins Bronze in A' Architecture Awards

*Innovative Canberra Landmark  
Recognized for Sustainable Design and  
Diverse Housing Options in Prestigious  
International Competition*

COMO, CO, ITALY, September 19, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' Design Award, a highly respected recognition in the field of [architecture](#) and design, has announced the Marion Park Masterplan by [Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl](#) as a Bronze winner in the Architecture, Building and Structure Design category. This prestigious accolade highlights the significance of the project within the industry, acknowledging its innovative approach to sustainable design and diverse housing options.



Marion Park Masterplan

The Marion Park Masterplan holds great relevance for the architecture industry and potential residents, as it embodies top-tier environmental, social, and governance standards. By offering a range of housing options, including affordable units designed with sustainability and liveability in mind, the project aligns with current trends and needs within the sector. The masterplan's practical benefits, such as its use of Passiv Haus principles and onsite renewable energy generation, demonstrate its potential to advance industry practices and enhance the lives of its occupants.

Drawing inspiration from the indigenous landscapes of Ngunnawal country, the Marion Park Masterplan features organic buildings that mirror the local terrain. Each structure has evolved with a topographical form reminiscent of the hillside landscapes, while Knowles Place has been envisioned as an urban park emulating Lake Burley Griffin and the Molonglo River as they flow through the Parliamentary Triangle. This unique design approach sets the project apart, offering

a park-like setting enhanced through First Nations' design contributions and diverse spaces for the community to enjoy.

The recognition bestowed by the A' Architecture, Building and Structure Design Award serves as motivation for the Contreras Earl Architecture team to continue striving for excellence and innovation in their future projects. The award highlights the potential for the Marion Park Masterplan to inspire further exploration of sustainable design practices and diverse housing options within the industry. As an iconic architectural landmark in Canberra, the project has the opportunity to influence industry standards and contribute to the evolution of the urban fabric.

### Team Members

The Marion Park Masterplan was designed by a talented team led by Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl. Cesar Gonzalez, Zhiwei Jiang, and Tim Jensen played key roles in the project's development, while Dwayne Liu provided valuable input. The project also benefited from the collaboration of the Willemsen Group as the client, with sustainability expertise from ARUP and landscape architecture by URBIS.

Interested parties may learn more about the award-winning Marion Park Masterplan by visiting its dedicated page on the A' Design Award website:

<https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=161537>

### About Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl

Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl are the founding partners of Contreras Earl Architecture (CEA), a firm dedicated to designing original, inventive, and ground-breaking buildings that contribute to the evolution of architecture and the betterment of communities and cities. With a focus on biologically informed and digitally engineered designs, CEA creates buildings, spaces, masterplans, and objects that push the boundaries of traditional architecture. The firm's portfolio spans mid-sized commercial buildings, mixed-use developments, high-end apartments, and bespoke objects, showcasing their ability to deliver innovative solutions regardless of project scale.

### About Contreras Earl Architecture

Contreras Earl Architecture, founded by Rafael Contreras and Monica Earl, is a forward-thinking firm that challenges old conventions and contributes new ideas to the field of architecture. By embracing advanced technology, such as software, robotics, materials, and construction processes, CEA is able to explore more creative and avant-garde design solutions. The firm's design process is driven by careful analysis of contemporary life and the desire to create buildings that coexist harmoniously with the built and natural environment. Notable projects by Contreras Earl Architecture include the world's first Living Coral Biobank in Port Douglas, Australia, and Skyportz-Australia's First Air Taxi Vertiport.

### About Bronze A' Design Award

The Bronze A' Design Award recognizes architectural designs that demonstrate a high level of

creativity, practicality, and potential to positively influence industry standards. Winners of this prestigious award are acknowledged for their professional execution and innovative use of materials and technology, showcasing their ability to effectively blend form and function. The Bronze A' Design Award is bestowed upon designs that excel in criteria such as innovative use of space, structural integrity, aesthetic appeal, environmental impact, functional efficiency, material selection, technological integration, social relevance, cultural sensitivity, and economic viability.

#### About A' Design Award

The A' Architecture, Building and Structure Design Award is a prestigious international competition that recognizes exceptional architectural designs from a diverse range of participants, including renowned architects, engineering firms, construction companies, and influential brands. By taking part in this competition, entrants have the opportunity to showcase their design vision, gain global recognition, and be celebrated for their outstanding architecture and structure design skills. The A' Design Award, now in its 16th year, is driven by a philanthropic mission to enhance society through the power of good design, motivating designers and brands to develop superior products and projects that positively impact the global community. Interested individuals can learn more about the A' [Design Awards](#), explore the esteemed jury members, view past laureates, and submit their own projects by visiting:

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