

2016 AWARDS FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

QUEENSLAND

Citation

Award for Planning Excellence

CATEGORY

Cutting Edge Research & Teaching

PROJECT

**Mastering the Art of Planning:
100 Stories from Urban Planning Practice**

AWARDED TO

Robin King-Cullen, Planning Secrets

The judges were suitably impressed with the body of work presented in this nomination. They felt that the content and approach was highly original and innovative, and are not aware of a similar resource in Australia. The document, which provides accounts and experiences from 70 or so senior practitioners, is an invaluable resource which will help to give new planners perspective and reassurance in confronting challenges similar to those referenced in the book.

The body of work is particularly award worthy because it:

1. Addresses early career anxieties and challenges in a very accessible, thoughtful and constructive way;
2. Provides a sound approach to the age-old challenge of 'putting an old head on young shoulders' by consolidating important career advice into a single resource;
3. Helps reinforce to new planners the importance of their role in informing and influencing good planning decisions; and
4. Is a valuable reference for ethical, interpersonal and life challenges faced early in a career.

The attitudinal rather than technical approach that Robin has taken will not only help to build professional and personal resilience, but also provides a basis for creating a better reputation for the planning profession more generally.