UWS Planning alumni win awards

Two UWS graduates figured prominently among the 2009 Planning Excellence Awards bestowed by the NSW Division of the Planning Institute of NSW.

Matthew Thompson, who is a Transport Planner with AECOM, received an award for his company AECOM. The company had gained a commendation in the Transport Planning category for its South West Sector Bus Servicing Plan. AECOM worked with the Department of Transport and Infrastructure to generate underlying principles for a sustainable plan to provide public transport services to 300,000 people of the South West Sydney Growth Centre.

Nazia Pokar is a member of the Mosman Council Urban Planning team which won an award for the Mosman Design Awards 2009 in the category of Media public/professional. This recognised Mosman’s bi-annual Urban Design awards program that acknowledges outstanding local contributions to design and heritage conservation. It involves a purpose-built in-house website that displays examples of local best practice by built environment professionals.

Both Matthew and Nazia were at the awards evening on 15 October 2009 to receive the awards on behalf of their organisations. Well done to Matt and Nazia!

More information can be found in the Planning Institute Awards e-book