

Award for Public Architecture by local business

Local business Michael Fox Architects (MFA) has won the Award for Public Architecture for his design of the new Tuncurry Museum and Golf Facility off the Northern Parkway in Tuncurry. This is one of 16 awards given by the annual 2022 Newcastle Architecture Awards.

“The Newcastle Architecture Awards include architecture throughout Newcastle, and the Central Coast region and are an important fixture in the Australian Institute of Architects Awards (AIA) program. These awards help to promote and recognise architects and architecture outside of major capital cities. It provides a platform for public and peer recognition of the outstanding and innovative works ranging from small to large-scale projects,” said Phoebe Glanville, Co-Chair of the Regional Division Committee.

Michael Fox’s winning design is described as: - “A public building beautifully detailed. [It]



Above: Local architect Michael Fox.

The scale has been carefully considered to ensure it does not dominate the landscape but rather resides peacefully within it. ESD [Environmental Sustainable Design] principles have been incorporated through a structure-free floor plate with minimal embodied energy

sensitively provides a relationship between the new Clubhouse and an enduring typology respecting the heritage contents. The planning has a direct relationship to vistas in the landscape and the building form is articulated to relate directly to the internal program.

to minimise structural complexity. Low embodied energy of materials was a core driver in the design process and has clearly influenced the building’s tectonics.

Through the use of recycled materials, the building has integrated a chronological narrative that speaks throughout the fabric and connection to its natural environment.”



Above: Design of the new Tuncurry Gold Club wins Public Architecture Award.

Michael Fox said, "MFA thanks the NSW government for supporting the project and trusts this AIA Award recognition will further benefit our community."