



The Armory Wharf Cafe (main picture) and precinct at Sydney Olympic Park have won major architectural awards.

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THE Armory Wharf precinct in Sydney Olympic Park has won a swag of architectural awards.

The precinct won one of the highest industry accolades after being named the winner of the Walter Burley Griffin Award for Urban Design at the recent Aus-

tralian Institute of Architects 2009 National Awards.

Judges said the precinct's reed-filled water feature running parallel with the river foreshore – as a habitat link for the green and gold bell frog – had been “particularly well handled”.

Hargreaves Associates, Lahz Nimmo and Lacoste + Stevenson Architects were honoured for their efforts in transforming the

former defence force munitions depot and riverside wharf into a public recreation area with a cafe, shade shelter, public toilets and a paved esplanade featuring barbecue and picnic areas, a children's play area, water features, trees and lighting.

“The Armory Wharf precinct is a remarkably attractive park precinct with much-enjoyed, well-designed public facilities. It is a

most agreeable place to visit, uncluttered, well-resolved, and in harmony with the natural and man-modified landscape,” jury chairman and award-winning architect Howard Tanner said.

Western Sydney Minister David Borger said more than 5000 people visit the Armory Wharf Precinct on a busy weekend.

The Armory Wharf Cafe recently won awards in urban de-

sign and commercial architecture for Lahz Nimmo at the NSW Chapter Awards 2009 for Architects. Fire destroyed the original cafe in January last year. It reopened in January this year.



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