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Winners of the 2010 Student Landscape Design Competition announced

Scott Masson and Marike Fick won the top prizes at the 2010 Green Goal Mouille Point Student Landscape Design Competition at the Cape Town Hotel School in Mouille Point yesterday.

Masson, in his final year of the Masters Landscape Design programme at UCT, submitted a compelling conceptual design which would transform the site into a dynamic people-friendly facility, integrated with the 2010 Urban Park on Green Point Common.

"Currently the site is really quite boring," Masson stated after receiving his prize. "It is underutilised and needs to be revitalised to attract people. I included a wetland feature to restore part of the area to its original form and suggested a strong connectivity with the Urban Park and the rest of the coast line."

Fick, a final year design student at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), submitted a design of an amphitheatre, which she felt would be an important feature to attract a variety of persons to the area.

Executive Director in charge of the City's 2010 World Cup project, Mike Marsden, convened the panel of judges and paid tribute to the students. "We were pleasantly surprised at the high standard of submissions," Marsden said in his address at the awards ceremony. "I am delighted that the urban design profession is obviously in a healthy state, which is important to the City."

Marsden also emphasised the importance of the competition to the 2010 World Cup project. "The competition is the first tangible Green Goal deliverable of Cape Town's 2010 World Cup programme," he said.

"German Landscape Architect graduate, Kamal Pezeshki, developed the design competition during his internship last year with the City of Cape Town," Stephen Granger, convenor of the 2010 Host City Cape Town's Environmental Workstream, explained.

"As the incorporation of environmental principles was a key criterion of the competition, we integrated his work into the 2010 Green Goal Business Plan, which will give effect to a significant environmental legacy through the staging of the FIFA World Cup™ competition".

Landscape design and architectural students from UCT and CPUT (Cape Peninsula University of Technology) were invited to submit entries on how the Mouille Point promenade and beachfront area could be suitably transformed prior to the 2010 World Cup event.

The Mouille Point beachfront and promenade is an integral part of the Green Point Urban Park, the biggest urban space project in Cape Town. The Urban Park will form the setting for the new 2010 FIFA World Cup™ stadium.

The design brief required students to respond to the City's vision for the Green Point Common, which is to create a safe, spacious and aesthetic inner city park and recreation area providing a diversity of uses for its citizens.

The inclusion of 2010 "Green Goal" Principles such as biodiversity, 'green building', mobility, water use and waste minimisation and recycling, was a stated requirement of the designs.

For the UCT division there was a clear winner however it was very difficult to decide on a second and third position. Therefore a number of students were awarded a runners-up prize.

The students awarded first prizes in both the UCT and CPUT divisions will receive a helicopter trip across the Green Point Common and the Stadium, a colourful Green Point Stadium overall, a Gerald Hoberman book of Cape Town signed by the Executive Mayor and a painted kelp vuvuzela.

In addition to these prizes, every effort will be made to involve the winners of the competition in the actual design and development of the Mouille Point Beachfront and Promenade, once the professional team to undertake this work has been appointed."

WINNERS:

The first prize in the UCT division:
Scott Masson

The runners up in the UCT division:
Amy Rosenthal
Caleb Toroitich
Adrian Jackson and Suné Horn

CPUT division:
First prize: Marika Fick
Second prize: Inge Toerien
Third prize: Leanne Starke

The judging panel included Johan van Papendorp of OvP Associates Landscape Architects, Jake de Villiers HOD Architectural Technology from CPUT, City of Cape Town Councillors Marian Nieuwoudt, Ian Neilson and JP Smith, Mike Marsden, the City`s Executive Director : Service Delivery Integration and Andrew Borrairie, CEO of the Cape Town Partnership.

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Photographs and Mike Marsden`s speech are available from Stephen Granger.