

Sumitomo Forestry Group awarded its first Australian Good Design Award, Gold Winner

~For the design and construction of a park in Sydney inspired by origami~

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Toshiro Mitsuyoshi; headquarters: Tokyo; hereinafter, Sumitomo Forestry) is pleased to announce that its Australian landscaping subsidiary Regal Innovations Pty Ltd (hereinafter, Regal) has been awarded the Australian Good Design Award*1, Gold Winner, for the design and construction of The Drying Green, an urban park in Sydney. This is the first time a Sumitomo Forestry Group company has been selected as a Good Design Award Gold Winner in Australia. In addition to the park's origami-inspired design, the award recognized the environmentally conscious use of technology, design proposal and construction skills.

The Australian Good Design Award is an international design award celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. It evaluates and recognizes outstanding designs of projects, products, fashion and other in 11 design disciplines and 30 design categories. The Drying Green was selected as a Gold Winner in the Architectural Place Design discipline. The Council of the City of Sydney, the design company McGregor Coxall (hereinafter, McGregor) and Regal were joint winners of the award.

■The Drying Green overview

The Drying Green is a 6,200 m² urban park located in Sydney in the heart of Green Square's urban regeneration zone. Since its opening in October 2022, more people relax and enjoy in Green Square, one of Australia's fastest growing communities. McGregor was contracted by the City of Sydney for the planning and basic design, and Regal was contracted for the design and construction.



The entire site has a three-dimensional topography of mountains and valleys that create folds like origami. This design blocks views and noise from outside the park while capturing warm winter sunlight into the grassy areas. In addition, green walls set off large areas to create comfortable green spaces. The park utilizes Regal's expertise and experience in green construction, including technologies that supply adequate oxygen to plant roots, and innovations in efficient construction and maintenance.

The park also features environmentally conscious renewable energy, namely solar panels installed on the shade structure of the barbeque area to fuel the artistic lighting. In addition, there are waterways to protect against flood damage. They temporarily store rainwater that overflows from rivers and sewers due to urbanization, where ground surface is increasingly being covered with concrete. This water is filtered in the waterways and underground and re-circulated throughout the site.



3D origami-like topography



Barrier-free pathways



Water-circulating waterways

The park site was originally a large marshland, but with the growth of the economy, it was reclaimed and used as land for the wool industry. The water cycle system is intended to recreate the natural environment of the former wetlands and symbolize the ecological restoration of the City of Sydney and Green Square.

■Regal Innovations

Established in 1971, Regal is a leading landscaping firm that designs and constructs commercial and public exteriors, green belts and parks, mainly in Sydney. Regal became a member of the Sumitomo Forestry Group in May 2022.*2 With extensive experience in large-scale projects, such as the redevelopment of Sydney's CBD, Regal has been recognized with numerous awards from international external evaluation organizations. Regal is able to handle all aspects of landscaping projects, from design and construction management to post-completion maintenance.

Going forward, Regal will enhance its collaborative ties with Sumitomo Forestry Landscaping Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Yutaka Kamiya; headquarters: Tokyo), which conducts landscaping operations in Japan, and share know-how on biodiversity-conscious greening proposals and construction methods. By promoting environmentally conscious infrastructure developments in Japan and overseas, Sumitomo Forestry Group will contribute to the creating of a sustainable society.

Sumitomo Forestry Group is engaged in a broad range of global businesses centered on wood, including forestry management, the manufacture and distribution of wood building materials, the contracting of single-family homes and medium- to large-scale wooden buildings, real estate development, and wood biomass power generation. One of our business policies in our long-term vision, Mission TREEING 2030, is advancing globalization, and towards this aim, we will continue to promote real estate development both in Japan and overseas to strengthen our revenue base and realize our long-term vision.

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*1 Australian Good Design Award website: <https://good-design.org/>
 Information about The Drying Green: <https://good-design.org/projects/the-drying-green/>
 *2 Press release for reference: https://sfc.jp/english/news/pdf/20220517_01.pdf

■Property overview

Location	Green Square, Zetland NSW 2017 Australia
Site area	6,200 m ²
Planning, basic design	McGregor Coxall Australia Pty Ltd
Design, construction	Regal Innovations Pty Ltd
Start of construction	May 2020
Completion	October 2022

■Regal Innovations Pty Ltd

Headquarters	Mulgrave, New South Wales, Australia
Representative	Robert Stanton (Managing Director)
Establishment	1971
Business description	Landscaping business, primarily in New South Wales
Employees	86 (as of September 2023)

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Sumitomo Forestry Group's operations in Australia

Sumitomo Forestry Group has been building houses in major cities in Australia since 2009. As of October 2023, three of our subsidiaries -- Henley Properties Group, Wisdom Properties Group and Scott Park Group – construct single-family homes in Australia. As a group, Sumitomo Forestry Group supplied 2,787 units in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, equivalent to the third highest number of units in Australia.* Recent projects include residential land development projects and a 15-story wooden office building development in Melbourne. With a business model that harnesses the synergies of Regal's design and construction capabilities and our existing businesses, we are promoting environmentally conscious development.

*Our survey of total single-family homes started of three companies (Henley Properties Group, Wisdom Properties Group and Scott Park Group) based on a Housing Industry Association (HIA) ranking of new homes starts by home builder.

