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What are the Australian Water Awards?

AWA's National Water Awards program consists of 8 awards, honouring individuals and organisations for outstanding and innovative contributions to the Australian water industry. As well as showcasing the exceptional achievements of individuals and organisations, AWA awards also establish the water sector a desirable place to work through our student awards.

The current Australian Water Awards program consists of the following awards.

1. Water Professional of the Year Award
2. Young Water Professional of the Year Award
3. Infrastructure Project Innovation Award
4. Program Innovation Award
5. Research Innovation Award
6. Water Industry Safety Excellence Award*
7. Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize*
8. Student Water Prize (*formerly Undergraduate Water Prize*)

* National Award only

In addition to the Australian Water Awards, AWA runs State and Territory based awards that recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations within their region.

What is the difference between State and National awards?

To compete in the Australian Water Awards, entries will first be judged at the appropriate State Awards, with winners automatically entered as a finalist for the National awards.

In addition to the 8 national award categories, each state runs independently other award categories. These programs, like the national, recognise and reward individuals and organisations for innovation, commitment and leadership in the Australian water sector.

Who is eligible to enter?

All Awards, aside from the Student Water Prize and Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize, are open to **AWA members only**.

To enter, nominations must be submitted using the online forms. Please note when your relevant State award submissions close at www.awa.asn.au/awards/

How much does it cost?

There is no entry fee associated with the AWA Awards program.

Can I nominate myself?

Self nominations are only accepted for the organisational and student awards.

What is the difference between the Infrastructure Innovation Award and the Program Innovation Award?

The Infrastructure Innovation Award provides recognition for infrastructure related projects. The Program Innovation Award concentrates more on environmental or sustainability focused programs or initiatives which are not infrastructure related.

Can I nominate the same individual or project/program for more than one award?

Duplicate nominations are not permitted in the awards program. This means that you cannot nominate the same individual or project/program for more than one award in the same year. You can enter more than one award in the same year, as long as it is not with the same project or program.

When do entries close?

State	Awards Close	Winners Announced
QLD	29 July 2016	16 September 2016
WA	26 August 2016	21 October 2016
SA	23 September 2016	18 November 2016
TAS	29 September 2016	24 November 2016
VIC	6 October 2016	1 December 2016
ACT	13 October 2016	8 December 2016
NSW	2 November 2016	10 March 2017

Please visit www.awa.asn.au/awards to stay updated.

How do I submit my nomination?

All nominations must be submitted via the online nomination form.

Please check the relevant award category webpage to view the requirements to complete the nomination form. Details for entry can be viewed at www.awa.asn.au/awards.

How are the applications assessed?

State judging is coordinated by the State Manager and committee. Each state convenes a panel of experts to assess the applications.

National judging is coordinate by the Awards Manager. The panels of experts are approved by the Board of Directors to take part in the judging. Each panel includes at least three judges and is chaired by an AWA representative.

At both state and national levels, judges score each nominee based on how well they address the award criteria. The panel then meets to review the scoring and discuss the merits of all submissions. Final scoring and ranking is based on a majority vote from all eligible members of the judging panel.

All judges adhere to a code of conduct which includes a policy to prevent conflicts of interest. The judges' decision is final and no discussion about the merits of entries will be entered into with nominees.

How are the Awards presented?

Award finalists and winner of the State Awards will be announced at their relevant state or territory event.

Winners of the Australian Water Awards are presented at the Ozwater Gala Dinner, to be held in Sydney, Wednesday 17 May 2017 at the International Convention Centre.

Will AWA pay for me to attend the Awards Ceremony or the Ozwater Conference?

AWA will not cover the costs of your travel, accommodation or attendance at the Ozwater Conference unless specifically stipulated as part of the prize.

A complimentary Ozwater Gala Dinner ticket will be provided to national finalists who choose to sit on the reserved award tables.

Who do I contact for more information?

For information on AWA's State awards contact your local State Manager.

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For information on national awards contact the Australian Water Awards Manager, Katie Trevor, on 02 9436 0055 or email ktrevor@awa.asn.au