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### **Innovative East Gipplands Water program wins Victoria water award**

East Gippsland Water has been recognised at the Australian Water Association’s annual Victoria Water Industry Awards, held this week in Melbourne. The water utility was awarded the Infrastructure Project Innovation Award for major initiatives undertaken at Woodglen.

A new Water Treatment Plant treating up to 20 million litres of drinking water per day is benefitting 24,000 people and delivering an effective water security solution to the area. A highly successful procurement strategy enabled the delivery of this project, an associated aquifer storage and recovery system as well as a new 715 ML off-river water storage.

Receiving the award Les Mathieson, MD of East Gippsland Regional Water Corporation, said, “Against the backdrop of the fires and floods we had in East Gippsland three years ago a \$67 million package of initiatives was initiated across the region. A number of projects were brought forward to ensure long-term water security and reduce the need for water restrictions. We successfully delivered our Woodglen initiatives ahead of schedule and under budget,” he said.

The annual AWA Victoria Water Industry Awards celebrate and promote the outstanding work achieved by individuals and organisations in the water sector in Victoria. For more information go to [www.awa.asn.au/awards](http://www.awa.asn.au/awards).

The AWA Victoria Water Industry Awards took place during National Water Week (17-23 October). National Water Week raises public awareness and improves understanding of water issues in Australia.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- The Australian Water Association (AWA) is Australia's leading water sector body, representing over 10,000 water professionals around the country and across all water disciplines.
- AWA provides leadership in the water sector on a wide range of issues, including skills shortages, climate change and water reuse and recycling.
- AWA works to enhance the skills and knowledge of water professionals and promote and disseminate best practice through an extensive range of technical seminars, courses and events.