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### Queensland Water Award winners announced 24 September 2015

Water literacy, reconfiguring Queensland's sewage systems, and the roll out of a comprehensive business wide innovation program – these are the projects being run by the winners of the Australian Water Association's 2015 Queensland Water Awards.

Announced at a special gala dinner attended by 430 people held last Friday, the awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations in the Queensland water sector.

They also identify those who have displayed conspicuous service to the profession and exceptional performance in the practice of water management.

Australian Water Association Chief Executive, Jonathan McKeown, said the calibre of this year's Queensland award winners were second-to-none, and that as an industry, it was critical for us to continue to recognise those water professionals that are working to secure the water future and drive efficiency of service delivery for Queenslanders.

"The awards are an acknowledgement of the significant achievements and contributions that these water leaders and their organisations have made to the water industry around Queensland. The recipients are involved in some very important and innovative projects, and I am thrilled we are able to highlight the work they do and continue to do for the sector," Mr McKeown said.

The winners will now go on to represent Queensland in the National Water Awards at Australia's largest international water conference and exhibition, Ozwater, which will be held in Melbourne in May 2016.

The Australian Water Association would like to congratulate and recognise all finalists and the following winners:

- **Water Professional of the Year:** David Brooker - Mackay Regional Council
- **Young Water Professional of the Year:** Tim Wong - SMEC Australia
- **Undergraduate Water Prize:** Scott Roy - SMEC Australia
- **Research Innovation Award:** Water Literacy in Australia - The University of Queensland and Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities
- **Program Innovation Award:** Queensland Urban Utilities Innovation Program - Queensland Urban Utilities
- **Infrastructure Project Innovation Award:** Suncoast-Coolum-Maroochydore Sewage Treatment Plant Reconfiguration – Unitywater
- **Queensland Regional Service Award:** Rob Saunders – GHD
- **Queensland Distinguished Service Award:** Associate Professor Helen Stratton - Griffith University

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