



MEDIA RELEASE

Leading Australian Water Experts Recognised

15 May 2012

Leaders in the Australian water industry were recognised at the National Water Awards, hosted by the Australian Water Association during Ozwater, Australia's leading water conference and exhibition.

The Awards were presented at a Gala Dinner, attended by over a thousand guests to help recognise excellence in the sector.

Australian Water Association CEO, Tom Mollenkopf, commended the high standard of entries for this year's awards and stated that the genuine commitment shown by the finalists in water leadership and management is acknowledged by their nomination to the Awards.

"The AWA National Water Awards recognise the important work done by organisations and individuals to ensure Australia's water industry continues to lead globally in skills, expertise, innovation and knowledge.

"The AWA Awards program is now in its 50th year and from the calibre of nominations received this year, it is no doubt getting better with age. This year's outstanding nominations and winners are evidence of the talent and the important and exciting achievements in our sector.

"These individuals and organisations demonstrate the innovation, courage, leadership and outstanding achievement that is needed to meet our nation's water needs in the decades to come. Australia has an outstanding reputation for its capability in sustainable water management and the winners are proof that this reputation is well deserved," said Mr. Mollenkopf.

All nominees were subject to a rigorous process by a panel of experts before the final winners were decided. A full list of winners can be found on the following page.

For more information visit www.awa.asn.au/awards

Editors Notes:

- Further information on any of the winners is available upon request.
- Photographs of winners are available on request.

AWA NATIONAL WATER AWARDS 2012 FINALISTS AND WINNERS

STUDENT AWARDS

Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Winner: **I-Ji Jung**, Queensland Academy of Health Sciences

Finalists:

- **Felix Beck-Swindale**, Don College
- **Jeff Barrett**, Keebra Park State High School
- **I-Ji Jung**, Queensland Academy of Health Sciences

National Sponsor: Xylem

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AWA Undergraduate Water Prize

Winner: **Ronnie Ling, Augusta Lane, Ian Usher, Catriona Murphy**, University of Adelaide

Finalists:

- **Mathew Dimoski**, University of Wollongong
- **Joshua Putnam**, University of New South Wales
- **Ronnie Ling, Augusta Lane, Ian Usher, Catriona Murphy**, University of Adelaide
- **Ana Martins**, RMIT University
- **Raphael Flavigny**, Murdoch University

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

AWA Water Professional of the Year Award

Winner: **Bruce Anderson**, Goulburn Valley Water

Finalists:

- **Greg Taylor**, John Holland Group
- **Ian Cameron**, Logan Water Alliance
- **Bruce Anderson**, Goulburn Valley Water
- **John Colwill**, John Colwill Plantsman

Sponsored by SMEC

AWA Water Industry Woman of the Year

Winner: **Dr Deborah Pritchard**, Curtin University

Finalists:

- **Dr Deborah Pritchard**, Curtin University
- **Dr Tracey Wohlsen**, Unitywater

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AWA Young Water Professional of the Year

Highly Commended: **Julien Lepetit**, AECOM

Winner: **Kelly O'Halloran**, Allconnex Water

Finalists:

- **Julien Lepetit**, AECOM
- **Karl Johnson**, MWH Australia
- **Kelly O'Halloran**, Allconnex Water

- **Todd Lowe**, SA Water
- **Stefan Davidov**, Water Corporation

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ORGANISATIONAL AWARDS

AWA Program Innovation Award

Highly Commended: **Water Corporation/Department of Water/ICLEI**, Waterwise Council Program

Winner: **City West Water**, Steam System Efficiency Program

Finalists:

- **Actew Corporation**, Cotter Dam Education Program
- **Water Directorate & Local Government and Shires Association**, Water Loss Management Program for Regional NSW Water Utilities
- **Unitywater**, Detection of E.coli and Thermotolerant Coliform Bacteria in Sewage and Saline Waters Through Use of Chromogenic Agar CM1046 and Membrane Filtration
- **City West Water**, Steam System Efficiency Program
- **Water Corporation/Department of Water/ICLEI**, Waterwise Council Program

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AWA Infrastructure Project Innovation Award

Highly Commended: **Aqua Guardian Group, AquaArmour™**, Deployment - Evaporation and Algal Control

Winner: **Water Corporation**, Calcite for pH and Alkalinity Correction

Finalists:

- **Bulk Water Alliance**, Googong Dam Spillway Remediation
- **AquaNet Sydney, a Division of Jemena Group**, Rosehill Recycled Water Scheme
- **Logan Water Alliance**, Logan Water Alliance
- **Department for Water**, Upper South East Dryland Salinity and Flood Management Program
- **Aqua Guardian Group, AquaArmour™**, Deployment - Evaporation and Algal Control
- **Water Corporation**, Calcite for pH and Alkalinity Correction

Water Industry Safety Excellence Award

Winner: **Water Infrastructure Group**, Rehabilitation of the Bondi Ocean Outfall Sewer

Finalists:

- **Hunter Treatment Alliance**, Burwood Beach Wastewater Treatment Works – ABF Tower Upgrade
- **Water Infrastructure Group**, Rehabilitation of the Bondi Ocean Outfall Sewer
- **Sydney Water**, Electrical Blocks Mains to Meter

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BEST OZWATER PRESENTATIONS

AWA Award for Best Ozwater '12 Paper

Highly Commended: **Matthew Ferguson**, A 12-Month Rainwater Tank Water Savings and Energy Use Study for 52 Real Life Installations

Winner: **Lynne Powell**, Indigenous Partnerships - Opportunities and Obstacles

AWA Award for Best Ozwater'12 Poster

Winner: **Peter Haylock**, Advanced Water Treatment Plant for Midcoast Water

