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### Australian Water Association announces 2016 NSW Water Awards winners

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Innovative excellence, creative solutions and exceptional leadership are the consistent themes across the distinguished recipients of the 2016 NSW National Water Awards presented last night.

Announced at the annual NSW Heads of Water gala dinner, the Australian Water Association NSW Branch Awards recognised the outstanding work of individuals and organisations in the water industry across innovation, new technology, business and delivery of water projects.

Along with the prestige of being recognised as ‘the best in New South Wales’ winners of a number of the NSW Water Awards will automatically be entered into the equivalent Australian Water Awards category, which will be presented on 11 May at Ozwater’16 in Melbourne.

#### **Winner of the 2016 Water Professional of the Year – Dr Fang Chen, Data61 (based in Eveleigh, Sydney)**

Dr Fang Chen is a Research Group Manager of the Analytics group in Data 61. She has led the creations of pioneered data-driven analytic solutions for water asset management and risk analysis. Her work has led to long lasting improvement in water use efficiencies and benefits to wider communities and the environment.

Dr Fang Chen is from Sydney’s Eveleigh

#### **Other winners were:**

**Young Water Professional of the Year** – Kathryn Silvester, Sydney Water  
**Program Innovation Project** – Lake Macquarie Sports Field Improvement Program, Lake Macquarie City Council

**Infrastructure Innovation Project** – Treating high sugar wastewater – BioGill Operations Pty Ltd and Ferrero Australia

**Research Innovation Project** – Advanced Condition Assessment and Pipe Failure Prediction Project, Sydney Water

**Kamal Fernando Mentoring Award** – Rita Henderson, UNSW

**Interviews and photos available.**

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AWA represents over 6,000 water sector professionals across all disciplines. Our membership includes water utilities, consulting firms, research institutions, service providers, technology companies and other stakeholders, including government agencies.

AWA is independent and plays an essential role in supporting the Australian water sector in the delivery of effective and sustainable water management practices. Our mission is to foster knowledge, understanding and advancement in sustainable water management – its science, practice and policy –through information dissemination, professional development and the promotion of water capabilities both domestically and internationally.

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