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Crawley graduate reaches finals of national science award

A graduate from Crawley, Western Australia, has reached the finals of a prestigious national science award for his research on reducing stream salinity in the Warren River Recovery Catchment.

Samuel Cleary, a former undergraduate at the University of Western Australia, will compete for the Australian Water Association's National Undergraduate Water Prize at the forthcoming Ozwater conference in Brisbane next month. Samuel will present the findings of his investigation into the impact of tree planting to reduce stream salinity.

If he wins, Samuel's paper will be published in the Water Journal and he will receive three years membership to the AWA's Young Water Professional network.

The National Undergraduate Water Prize is an opportunity for undergraduate university students to showcase innovative projects related to the water sector. The award aims to encourage and attract young scientists into the water industry.

For more information about the National Undergraduate Water Prize go to www.awa.asn.au/awards.

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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.