

# AUSTRALIAN WATER

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### Record breaking Ozwater'21 brings over 2500 water professionals together in Adelaide

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The Australian Water Association (AWA) is proud to bring Ozwater'21 to Adelaide this week, with record breaking numbers face-to-face to 'Reimagine our Water Future'. While COVID-19 could have impacted the event, the AWA Team working with the Adelaide Convention Centre have ensured a COVIDSafe conference for over 2500 water professionals across the country – the biggest water conference in the world for 2021.

The water sector has had a very challenging couple of years with droughts, fires, floods and COVID-19. This Ozwater'21 reflects on this challenging time and the resilience the sector has had to achieve. After 2020 took Ozwater online, this year's hybrid Ozwater'21 event offers both the benefits and flexibility of coming together face-to-face as well as connecting virtually.

AWA's full conference program features over 130 technical presentations and 80 pitch presentations across three days, as well as inspiring interactive Workshop and Panel sessions. Ozwater'21 brings an amazing lineup of Keynote Speakers, including:

- Gitanjali Rao, Scientist, Inventor and Time Magazine's First ever "Kid of the Year"
- Michael Fox, CEO Fable Food Co
- Simon Griffiths, Co-founder and CEO, Who Gives a Crap
- Tim Jarvis AM, Climate Change Expert, Environmental Scientist and International Explorer
- Professor Veena Sahajwalla, Materials Scientist, Engineer and Inventor
- Tanya Hosch, 2021 South Australian of the Year and AFL Executive

The Ozwater'21 Online Program is a curated selection of the program, including the Plenary session, a stream of technical papers and a panel session. This Program has attracted over 60 attendees, which has been particularly valuable for international members across New Zealand, Europe and South East Asia.

AWA's Chief Executive, Corinne Cheeseman said "We look forward to welcoming everyone to Ozwater'21 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, where we will once again engage and share knowledge, expertise and experience, as the sector works together towards a sustainable water future."

"The Australian Water Awards have been running for over 20 years to recognise the work our members do for their customers, the economy and the industry. It's fantastic to see that despite travel restrictions, this year's Ozwater is our largest in Adelaide and will be the biggest water event in the world since COVID began." Cheeseman said.

"After several years of turbulent and challenging times for the water sector, it's great to be coming together to reimagine our water future - bringing the lessons we've learnt over the last few years and turn them into opportunities." Cheeseman said.

For Ozwater'21 updates and more information go to [www.ozwater.org](http://www.ozwater.org)

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