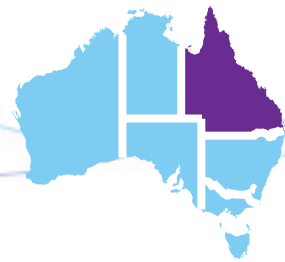




QLD Water Awards

2011



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Invitation from the QLD Branch President



The Australian Water Association (AWA) is the leading independent national water association of individuals and organisations interested in all aspects of the water industry. The AWA's mission is to promote sustainable management of water.

The AWA Queensland Water Awards were established to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions related to water in Queensland.

The water industry in Queensland is in a state of transition after the large infrastructure program in SE Queensland; as we move from drought to flood, and as many new and merged organisations consolidate. We know that many organisations are recovering from one of our toughest challenges in recent history. However, it's particularly important this year that we still find the time to seek out the outstanding contributions to our industry and document their achievements so they can be recognised.

The aims of the AWA Awards Program are to:

- Provide recognition and celebration of excellence of achievement in the Qld Water industry.
- Raise the profile of the Queensland water industry and the Australian Water Association (AWA) through marketing of the awards including the nomination procedures, selection and award ceremony.
- Acknowledge each winner at an award ceremony by the issue of either an Award (certificate and trophy) or Commendation (certificate) and by AWA newsletter publicity.

Nominees need not be members of AWA.

Nominations can come from Queensland institutions, organisations or private individuals. Nominees should have made a contribution to the water industry in Queensland, nationally or internationally. Alternatively, institutions, organisations or private individuals outside of Queensland may also be nominated for contributions to the water industry in Queensland. A strong field of applicants in each award category provides added competition, value and prestige for these important water industry awards.

I warmly encourage you to review what you or your organisation is doing that may be a good fit with one or more of the award categories and nominate for this year's honours.

Garth Bellingham
QLD Branch President

QLD Water Awards

The Queensland Water Awards are an annual part of the Queensland Branch's program and have been developed to recognise and promote the outstanding work achieved by individuals and organisations in the water sector. This year, the QLD Water Awards presentation will be held at our premium event, the Annual Gala Dinner, on 22 July 2011.

Winners of the Queensland Water Awards will automatically be entered into the equivalent 2012 Australian Water Association National Award category* to be presented at Ozwater'12.

For further information and to download forms, please go to the Australian Water Association website www.awa.asn.au
Nominations close Friday, 27 May 2011.

Branch Award Winners Qualifying for the 2012 AWA National Water Awards

The following QLD Water Award winners will automatically qualify as finalists and represent Queensland in the AWA National Water Awards:

Infrastructure Project Innovation Award
Program Innovation Award
Water Professional of the Year
Water Industry Woman of the Year
Young Water Professional of the Year
Undergraduate Water Prize

QLD Infrastructure Project Innovation Award*

This award recognises significant and innovative infrastructure projects and initiatives within the water industry.

Eligibility: Open to all organisations within the water industry.

Criteria:

- Innovative, unique or other outstanding features of the initiative which sets it apart from common practice among comparable enterprises.
- Relevance to the Australian water industry and how it will bring innovation and new solutions to the sector.
- Demonstrated or strongly anticipated environmental and/or water resource benefits as a result of the nominated initiative.
- Demonstrated or strongly anticipated social benefits as a result of the nominated initiative.
- Demonstrated and/or anticipated sustainable (social, economic, environmental) outcomes.
- Evidence that the initiative was carried out or came to fruition during the two years preceding the nomination date.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Program Innovation Award* (In honour of Peter Hughes)

This award recognises significant and innovative environment or sustainability programs within the water industry.

Eligibility: Open to all organisations within the water industry.

Criteria:

- Innovative, unique or other outstanding features of the initiative which sets it apart from common practice among comparable programs.
- Relevance to the Australian water industry.
- Demonstrated or strongly anticipated environmental and/or water resource benefits as a result of the nominated initiative.
- Demonstrated or strongly anticipated social benefits as a result of the nominated initiative.
- Demonstrated and/or anticipated sustainable (social, economic, environmental) outcomes.
- Evidence that the initiative was carried out or came to fruition during the two years preceding the nomination date.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Water Professional of the Year* (In honour of Chris Davis)

This award honours individuals who have displayed a sustained passion and continued commitment to the water industry, and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and influence in the water sector.

Eligibility: Open to all individuals working in, or recently retired from the water industry.

Criteria:

- Individuals will be respected for both their personal and professional contribution to the Australian and International water sector.
- Individuals must be recognised for their leadership and influence amongst their colleagues and peers within the water sector.
- Individuals must be recognised for raising the profile of careers in the water industry.
- Individuals must be held in high esteem for the mentoring roles they play to junior water industry professionals.
- Individuals must be recognised for their contribution to water awareness in the community.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Water Industry Woman of the Year Award* (In honour of Nancy Millis)

This award recognises significant projects, products, initiatives, achievements and/or services of women within the water industry.

Eligibility: Open to all women working in the water industry.

Criteria:

- Demonstrates champion qualities that benefit others in the water industry.
- Recognised and sustained efforts towards advancing the profile of all women in the water industry.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Young Water Professional of The Year Award*

This award recognises young water professionals who have had outstanding career achievement to date and who have the potential to play a large and influential role in the water industry.

Winners from each state and territory will compete for the national title, gaining national recognition from across the Australian water industry.

Eligibility: This award is open to all individual AWA members under 35 years of age.

Criteria:

- Demonstrates champion qualities that benefit others in the water industry.
- Nominees must have contributed to the water industry.
- Nominees must have raised the profile of careers in the water industry.
- Nominees must have raised water awareness in the community.
- Nominees must be recognised as a leader, communicator and/or educator amongst their colleagues, peers and the broader community.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Distinguished Service Award

This award recognises an individual member of AWA for their exceptional service to the Queensland Branch of the Association. The achievement may include administrative, organisational or leadership activity.

Eligibility: Individual AWA Members who have served for a minimum of ten years on a Branch Committee and /or sub-committee.

Criteria:

The Distinguished Service Award will be made to an individual who has demonstrated significant contribution to the water industry, in at least two of the following areas:

- Contribution to AWA at a high level of activity on a committee (not necessarily the Branch Committee).
- Raising the profile of careers in the water industry.
- Raising water awareness in the community.
- Recognition as a leader, communicator and/ or educator amongst your colleagues, peers and the broader community.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Regional Service Award

Awarded to an individual member of AWA in recognition of their exceptional service to the Queensland regional activities of the Association. The achievement may include sustained administrative, organisational or leadership activity.

Eligibility: Individual AWA Members who have served for a minimum of 10 years as an AWA Member and have demonstrated sustained commitment to Queensland Regional members.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated exceptional service to the Queensland Regional AWA Membership (Demonstrated valuable contribution towards vision, leadership, knowledge and persistence within the Association and in regional areas that are not directly serviced by a Branch office.
- The service of the individual has resulted in positive (and demonstrable) changes in AWA services in the Queensland Regional membership.
- A substantial and commendable personal input to AWA activities.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Operator of the Year Award (In honour of Leon Henry)

To recognise an individual operator for their exceptional team work, initiative, attitude, reliability, environmental stewardship and safety awareness. The Award will be presented at the 36th Queensland Water Industry Operations Workshop – Toowoomba – 1-2 June 2011.

Eligibility: Queensland Employers/Employees (Water Authorities, Councils, private water industry) are invited to nominate operators from their organisations. Nominees can be nominated from all operations staff with work duties related to the operational area of water and waste water and related areas. Previous winners are eligible to be nominated.

Criteria:

- Overall plant management, performance and presentation.
- Knowledge and input into plant process.
- Understanding of, whilst showing diligence with, environmental issues.
- The demonstration of initiative and innovation in process operation.
- Showing due diligence and leadership in workplace health and safety.
- Being an active team member and giving encouragement
- Education achievements.

Closing date: Friday, 29 April 2011

QLD Water Research Merit Award

This Award aims to encourage innovation, constant environmental improvement and sustainable management of Australia's water resources. Specifically, this award provides recognition for an environmentally significant research project and/or initiative undertaken in Queensland. Sustainable use of Australia's (not exclusively but particularly Queensland's) water resources is at the heart of this Award.

Eligibility: Open to any Australian institution, organisation, private individual or company that has made a contribution in Queensland water research. The outcomes of the research must add to the conservation or better use of water resources, knowledge of water technology, sociology, economics or culture aspects.

Criteria:

The detailed criteria will be based on the nature of each nomination, since the range of possibilities is wide, but the overall attributes sought will include the following:

- Significant contribution to water research that improves the use or management of water or furthers our knowledge of water in any discipline
- Demonstrated achievement in water research (such as awards, honours, accolades)
- Demonstrated commitment to communicating research widely to enhance the water professions' knowledge of water or to improve the use or management of water (such as being published in journals, presentation at conferences, coverage in mainstream media)
- Evidence of industry acceptance, recognition or other factors, which indicate the project exemplifies superior practice or performance.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

QLD Undergraduate Water Prize*

This award aims to encourage and reward students for excellence in the field of water studies and research, and provides a forum for students to display their academic excellence and research findings to future employees, clients and the water industry.

Eligibility: Open to students enrolled or recently graduated (within last twelve months) in a university or tertiary institute within Australia whose final year project is on a water industry related topic.

Criteria:

TA panel of industry experts will select the winner based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the project to the water industry
- Quality of technical content
- Innovation and originality
- Paper and presentation

Prize:

1st place: Three years membership to YWP Network.

2nd place: Two years membership to YWP network.

3rd place: One year membership to YWP Network.

Winners from each Branch will be provided with flights, accommodation and registration to Ozwater where they will present their papers as part of the conference program. The national winner's paper will be published on AWA's website and in AWA's Water Journal.

Closing date: Friday, 27 May 2011

How to Nominate

Nomination forms and criteria are available for download on the Australian Water Association website www.awa.asn.au under the Awards Tab.

Winners of the AWA QLD Water Awards 2010

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QLD Young Water Professional of The Year Award

Winner: Matthew Brannock

Finalists: Ryan Solter; Dale Young



QLD Water Industry Woman of the Year Award

Winner: Anna West



QLD Distinguished Service Award

Winner: Colin Lewis



QLD Program Innovation Award

Winner: SEQ Healthy Waterways Partnership
Water By Design Capacity Building Program



QLD Infrastructure Project Innovation Award

Winner: AECOM
On behalf of the Toowoomba Pipeline Project -
Including Linkwater, Clough & WDS

Finalist: Unitywater

