



2023 VIC Water Awards Finalists

Winners will be announced at the [VIC Gala Dinner & Awards Night](#) on Thursday 26 October 2023.

Organisational Excellence Award [Sponsored by Fulton Hogan]

- Environmental Sensitivity Map - *South East Water*
- GHD STEM Pathways Program – *GHD*
- Great Tasting Water Program – *Wannon Water and GHD*
- Independent Aboriginal Board Delegate – *North East Water*
- Yarrowee River Rehabilitation Project – *Central Highlands Water with Contributing Organisations*

R&D Excellence Award [Sponsored by Water Research Australia]

- Biochar to Batteries – *Barwon Water, South East Water and The Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action with Contributing Organisations*
- Fate and transport of Microplastics at Australian Water Recycling Plants – *South East Water and RMIT University*
- Yarra Valley Water Habitat Restoration Project – *Yarra Valley Water, Melbourne Water, Jacobs and Spiire with Contributing Organisations*

Infrastructure Project Innovation Award (Regional and Metro)

- Ballarat Sewer Build – *Central Highlands Water*
- Beechworth Sewer Upgrade – An Innovative Solution – *North East Water with Contributing Organisations*
- Creating a water sensitive city in Fishermans Bend – *South East Water, Melbourne Water and GHD with Contributing Organisations*
- Eastern Treatment Plant Biogas Handling System Stage 1 Upgrade – *Melbourne Water and John Holland-KBR Joint Venture*
- Elster Creek Sewer Upgrade Project – *Zinfra | Jaydo Constructions | WSP Joint Venture and South East Water*
- Romsey Recycled Water Plant Ultrafiltration Package Plant Trial – *Greater Western Water, Amiad and Aquavoda*

Student Water Prize [Sponsored by Eurofins]

- Heavy metals recovery and biochar production from biosolids via integrated mild acid pre-treatment and pyrolysis processes – *Ibrahim Hakeem, RMIT University*
- Specially wettable membranes for wastewater treatment and desalination: Materials and Mechanisms – *Ray Ni, Deakin University*

Young Water Professional [Sponsored by Xylem]

- Bill Robinson, Senior Civil Engineer and Digital Water Lead, Arup
- Brendan Moore, Manager Recycled Water Planning and Compliance, Yarra Valley Water
- Georgina Catto-Smith, Senior Process Engineer, Jacobs
- Marzieh Lotfollahi, Sewer Planning Engineer, South East Water
- Samuel Skinner, Lead Process Engineer, Water, Aurecon

Water Professional

- Jason McGregor, Emergency Management Specialist - Risk & Governance, Central Highlands Water
- Niru Gosavi, General Manager, Major Capital Delivery, Melbourne Water