




**AUSTRALIAN  
WATER**  
ASSOCIATION

# Year in Review 2021-22



*The Australian Water Association acknowledges the Traditional Custodians across Australia, where we live, work and play, for their deep connection to our precious waters and land. We pay our respect to Elders past and present, and the ancestors who have cared, protected and nurtured Country for many thousands of years.*

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# Strategic Goals and Focus Areas

As part of Strategy'22, we have three overall strategic goals and 12 focus areas. Throughout this year in review, we have linked our initiatives and projects to these focus areas at the bottom of each page.

## Strategic Goal 1 Partnerships

### Focus Areas

#### 1. Technology Partnerships

Technology partnerships to enhance engagement between staff, volunteers and members, including a new CRM to increase effectiveness.

#### 2. Governments & Stakeholders

Consolidate our partnerships with Commonwealth and State Governments and industry allies (member organisations, universities and community groups) on programs, information and activities.

#### 3. Sustainable Development Goals

Facilitate partnerships to deliver projects on the Sustainable Development Goals in Australia, SE Asia, and the Pacific.

#### 4. Asia-Pacific

Strengthen our partnerships across the Asia-Pacific Region for trade and promoting Australian water expertise.

## Strategic Goal 2 Extending Our Reach

### Focus Areas

#### 5. Community Engagement

Develop a two-way conversation with the community to enhance water literacy and positive community engagement through our digital platforms, publications, Branches, Specialist Networks, events, and other activities.

#### 6. Model to Extend Reach

Review our model of membership, Branches, and Specialist Networks to enable the extension of our reach.

#### 7. Urban, Remote & Rural

Understand the needs of our urban, remote and rural members to better engage with them through our digital platforms, events and other activities.

#### 8. Other Industry Sectors

Engage with other industry sectors with a strong connection with water through our Branches, Specialist Networks, events, and other activities.

## Strategic Goal 3 Diversity & Inclusion

### Focus Areas

#### 9. Indigenous Water

Develop activities to improve understanding of our Indigenous water culture, including the facilitation of an Association Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan.

#### 10. Innovation

Promote innovations in management, projects, and outcomes achieved by our members and by leveraging our Specialist Networks.

#### 11. Channeling Change

Broaden our Channeling Change Program to incorporate a new range of activities to promote diversity and inclusion.

#### 12. Young Water Professionals

Review and enhance our YWP activities to encourage greater involvement of YWPs from across the water sector.



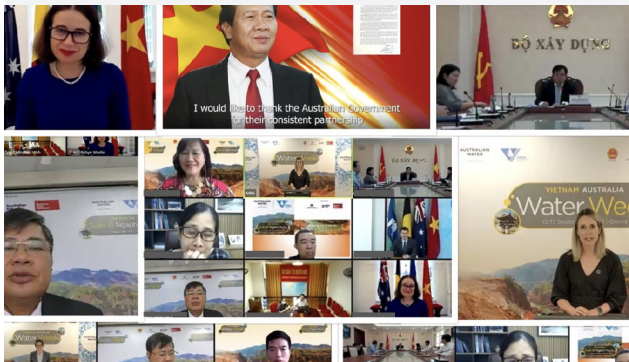
# Strengthening Partnerships

*Developing technology partnerships, our partnerships with Government and stakeholders, and in the Asia-Pacific.*

# International Development Program

With support from the Australian Government, we create opportunities for our members to contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals in South East Asia and the Pacific. Our work in 2022 focused mainly on Cambodia, Vietnam, Fiji and Indonesia. Our highlights were:

## Vietnam Australia Water Week



- Brought together water professionals from over 28 countries
- Attendance of 1,407 individuals
- Representatives from 25 government agencies and international organisations
- Featured in 25 newspapers
- More than 50 articles
- 2 TV channels' news broadcasts.

## Transfer of knowledge & skills to enable the identification of Covid-19 in Wastewater



The adaption and transfer of Australian sampling and analysis techniques to:

- Vietnam
- Fiji
- Cambodia
- Thailand

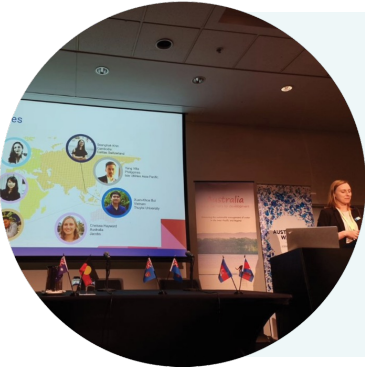
## Cambodia Water Policy Forum – held in Penh, Cambodia



- Officially opened by the Australian Embassy, the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Cambodian Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Information
- Brought together over 80 Australian and Cambodian representatives
- Representatives from ministries, non-government organisations, and water sector specialists

# International Development Program Highlights

All projects are funded by the Australian Government and underpinned by the expertise and generosity of our members.



## Fostering international emerging young water leaders

Connected over

**30**

Emerging Water Leaders throughout Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal and the Philippines

Designed

**4**

Programs for young professionals



## Water for Development Stream at Ozwater'22

Ozwater Program co-designed with the Australian Water Partnership (AWP)

**125**

Delegates in attendance

**15**

Featured international guest speakers

**Cambodia  
Vietnam  
& Indonesia**

Represented with senior delegations

**4**

Languages simultaneously interpreted (a first for Ozwater)

**125**

Delegates in attendance



## Improving water security and reliability through capacity building

This project paired Australian utilities with in-country utilities to facilitate partnerships between:

**3 Australian**

**+**

**3 Vietnamese**

Water utilities that improved water supply services for approximately **107,624** customers living in rural areas in Vietnam

**3 Australian**

**+**

**3 Indonesian**

Water utilities that improved the quality of water supply and wastewater management service delivery to over **4.8 million** customers in Surabaya, Jakarta & Bali



# International Trade Program

We create opportunities to connect our members with markets overseas and facilitate access to Australian Government assistance where available. With strict travel restrictions due to Covid still making outbound trade delegations impossible, we provided virtual opportunities to achieve this.



**Vietnam-Australia Water Innovation Online Trade Platform** – in partnership with the Vietnam Water Supply and Sewerage Association (VWSA)

**30**

Showcased exhibitors.  
19 Australian and 11  
Vietnamese companies

**3,621**

Total visits to the  
Homepage

**2,942**

Total files downloaded

**1,140**

Total views of  
exhibitors' individual  
pages

**550**

Total views of  
exhibitors' videos

**60%**

Of exhibitors reported  
that they had made  
promising business  
leads/expected export  
sales or revenue

**80%**

of exhibitors were interested  
in staying on as an exhibitor

## NSW Going Global Export Program

in partnership with Investment NSW's Going Global Export Program – we supported NSW water businesses exploring opportunities to expand into Vietnam.

**2**

online product pitch sessions with the  
support of the in-country water  
association – Vietnam Water Supply  
and Sewerage Association

**200**

attendees across the  
two sessions

**7**

countries with  
representatives in  
attendance

Our International Trade Program will recommence outbound trade delegations in FY2023, starting with Vietwater in November 2022.

# Australia & New Zealand Biosolids Partnership

Australia and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership (ANZBP) provides a platform to bring together utilities, consultants, academics and government agencies to progress and champion the sustainable management of biosolids. Driven by this purpose, in 2022, ANZBP achieved the following:

## 4 Lunch & Learn

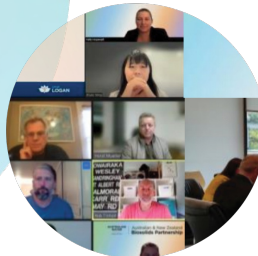
sessions with 9 presentations and 200+ attendees

## Collaborative Relationships with

- ARC Training Centre
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- North East Biosolids & Residual Association (NEBRA)
- European Federation for Agricultural Recycling (EFAR)



## Major Project: Production and End-Use Survey for Australia & New Zealand



## 6 Lunch & Learn

presentations across 2 online sessions



## 5 Newsletters

highlighting biosolids news and regulations, research developments & publications

ANZBP is an AWA Industry Partnership Program funded through ANZBP member organisation contributions and guided by the expert knowledge of the ANZBP Steering Committee.

**FOCUS AREAS:** Government and Stakeholders | Community Engagement | Urban, Remote & Rural | Other Industry Sectors

# Extending Our Reach

*Building engagement with the community, with urban, remote and rural areas, and with other industry sectors.*



# Ozwater'22

Ozwater'22 was held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. With over 4,000 participants, it was a huge success and tremendous to see everyone once again after two years of lockdowns and travel restrictions.



International Water for Development stream with simultaneous interpretation in four languages



Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) artwork display from 13 of our Principal members



Digital Australian Water Awards program booklet



32% of the streams at Ozwater had over 200 delegates in attendance

## 4,012

Participants

### 1,551

In-person delegates

### 34 + 2

Individuals Online delegates Hubs

### 76

Workshop/ Panel only

### 845

Exhibitor Staff

### 1,375

Trade Visitors

### 310

YWP Attendees

↑  
**32%**  
From 2021

## 218

Presentations

### 2

Accent Speakers

### 6

Keynote Speakers

### 76

Poster Pitches

### 139

Case studies/ technical papers

### 297

Total Presentations  
(+15 INT +19 WSAA)

## 139

Workshop/Panel Presenters

### 17

Workshop/Panels

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### 219

Exhibitors

↑ 59

### 461

Welcome Reception Attendees

↑ 16

### 1,066

Gala Dinner Attendees

↑ 166

### 114

More delegates than last Ozwater in Brisbane

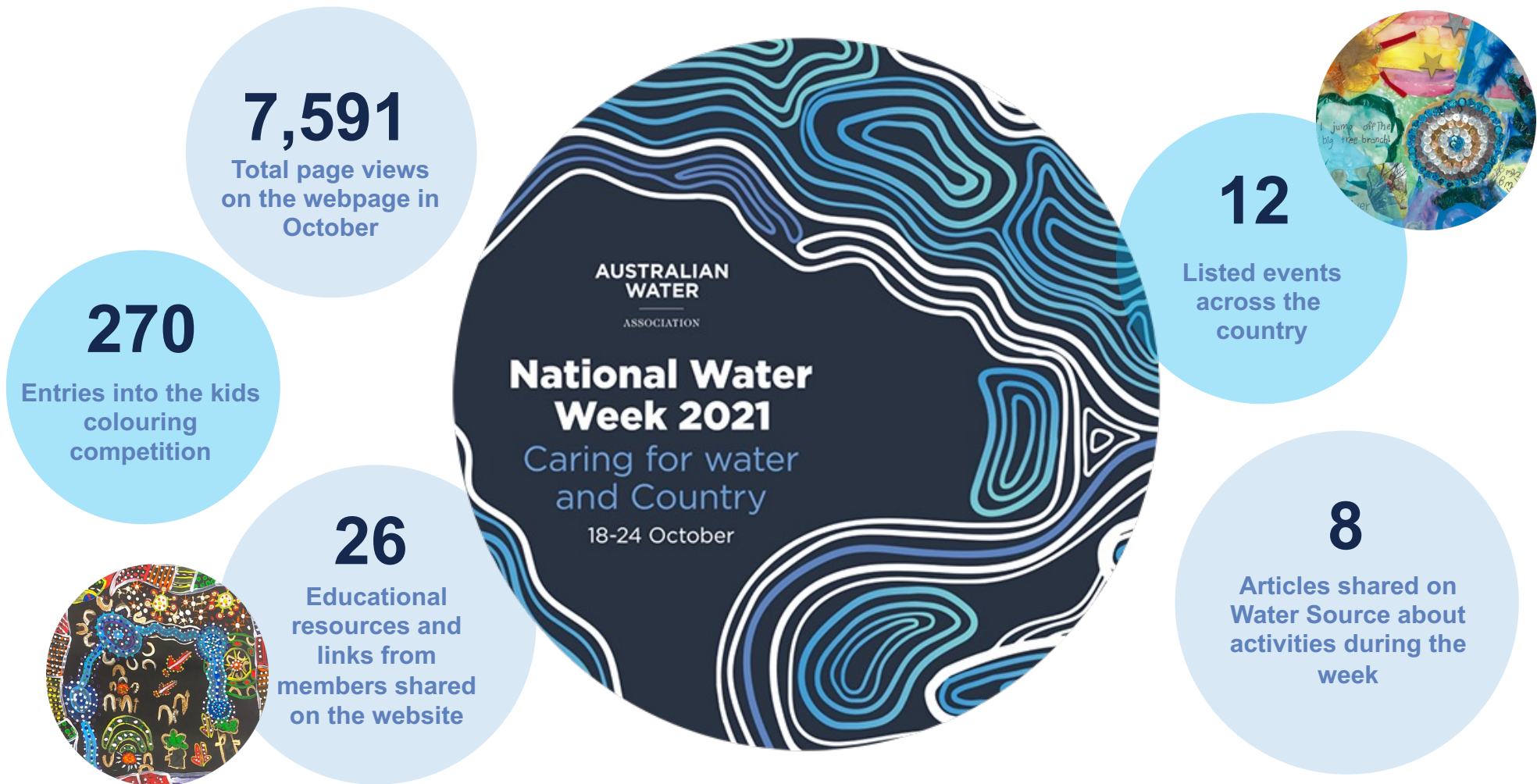
\*all increases are compared to 2021 in Adelaide, where numbers are lower than East Coast States

**FOCUS AREAS:** Technology Partnerships | Government and Stakeholders | Model to Extend Reach | Urban, Remote & Rural | Indigenous Water | Channeling Change

# National Water Week 2021

National Water Week is held in the third week of October each year and provides a national focus and effort to raise awareness and get all Australians involved in the sustainable management of water.

The theme for National Water Week 2021 was '**Caring for water and Country**' which was an invitation for our members and the community to think more deeply about our local environment, how First Nations peoples care for Country and precious water resources, and the role water plays in our local communities.



**FOCUS AREAS:** Government and Stakeholders | Sustainable Development Goals | Community Engagement | Model to Extend Reach

# Specialist Networks

Our 11 Specialist Networks provide a platform for members to share expertise across water management specialisations. The networks are overseen by volunteer committees of water professionals and practitioners committed to sharing information. Members can opt in to be part of any of the Specialist Networks.



**Asset Management**



**Catchment Management**



**Desalination**



**Industrial Water & Trade Waste**



**Operations**



**Regional, Rural & Remote Water**



**Water Efficiency**



**Water for All**



**Water Quality**



**Water Literacy & Education**



**Water Recycling**

**132**

Committee members across 11 Specialist Networks Australia wide

**19**

Specialist Network Member Circles delivered to an audience of **1,111 members**

**3 articles**

Published in Water Source

**73 technical resources**

Available on AWA website

**2 Ozwater'22 Workshops**

**Water Recycling Workshop**

"Avoiding Day Zero"

**Collaborations**

NSW YWPs collaborated with 4 networks – RRR, WRSN, Catchment Management and Water Quality on our Water 101 Webinar



# AWA Events and Conferences

With 100 events ranging from national and international conferences to webinars and awards dinners, there were plenty of opportunities for members and non-members to share, connect and inspire. This year we saw high attendance numbers at all in-person events. We continued to offer hybrid events, allowing more members to connect.



**FOCUS AREAS:** Government and Stakeholders | Model to Extend Reach | Urban, Remote & Rural | Channeling Change | Young Water Professionals

# Member Experience Through Our Digital Stories & Content

The year saw strong engagement across all our digital communications, including a 9% increase in followers across our social media platforms.

## AWA Website

**207,023**

Site Users

**584,000**

Page Views

### Top 3 most popular Water Source stories

1. Shark feasts on waste in Sydney wharf
2. Dubbo shores up water security with non-potable water pipeline
3. New research explores water demands for hydrogen production



**2,055** Podcasts Downloads

**289** Downloads of the most popular Podcast, detailing how water businesses can harness their digital environment to enable predictive operations and efficiencies

## Source Newsletter

**8,741**  
Newsletter recipients

**25.89%**  
Average open rate (members)

**24.07%**  
Average open rate (non-members)



**21,944**  
Followers

(up from 18,482)



**6,208**  
Followers

(up from 6,078)



**4,850**  
Page Likes

(up from 4,469)



**598**  
Followers

(up from 506)



**904**  
Followers

(up from 757)



## Branch Achievements

### Industry Breakfast



- Held slightly later than usual, in March 2022, due to Covid, this was then the largest ever annual breakfast with 200 people in attendance.
- Along with the event in Brisbane, there were four regional hubs across Queensland.
- Panel discussion on policy direction for the Queensland water sector.
- Speakers came from the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, the Department of Environment and Science, and the Local Government Association of Queensland.



### Gala Dinner & Awards Night 2021



- 20 Award Finalists were celebrated on the night.
- The judging panel had two rigorous full days of face-to-face interviews and presentations to choose the Finalists and Winners.
- Victor Cantone won the Premier's Medal – Water Professional of the Year.
- 271 attendees celebrated the Award Winners.
- The night included an address from the SA Minister for Environment and Water Hon. David Speirs.



### YWP Site Visit



- In June we held a YWP site visit and social function where we visited two of our member sites.
- The two sites were a TasWater Pump station and Hudson Civil concrete plant.
- It was a very well attended event.
- Discussions during the sites and at the following social function were varied and it was unique to have an event which touched so many areas of the water sector - from engineering to construction.



**FOCUS AREAS:** Government and Stakeholders | Technology Partnerships | Model to Extend Reach | Other Industry Sectors



## Branch Achievements

### Water Matters Conference 2022



- The ACT Branch delivered the Water Matters Conference that focused on “Managing Water in an Uncertain Future”.
- The conference included a full day program of engaging speakers that focused on being climate ready, dealing with extremes and learning from the past.



### Legends of Water 2021



- The NSW Legends of Water is a key event on the state's calendar where our members celebrate individuals who have made a major contribution to the water sector.
- This year we celebrated Lisa Currie from Aurecon, Dave Kirby from Brewarrina Council and Wayne Beatty from Orange Council.
- We also honoured Karen Eldridge with the Roger Pettitt Award for outstanding service to the AWA NSW Branch.



### Water In the Bush 2021



- The 32<sup>nd</sup> Water in the Bush Conference focused on Water Security Through Resilience.
- It included 20 speakers presenting to an audience of over 130 delegates.

A technical site tour took place at the Leanyer/Sanderson Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The NT Water Awards were presented, with Charlie Fairfield, CDU, winning Water Professional of the Year and Jocelyn Ellero, SMEC, winning Young Water Professional of the Year.



**FOCUS AREAS:** Government and Stakeholders | Technology Partnerships | Model to Extend Reach | Other Industry Sectors

## Branch Achievements

### VIC Branch Awards



- The VIC Branch Awards were held in February 2022.
- They were successful in bringing the water industry back together again after Covid.
- 500 members reunited at this event after many years of lockdown.



### YWP Trivia Night



- Our YWP Subcommittee held their first trivia night at Mt Eliza House in Kings Park to see in the end of a busy year.
- Over 45 of the state's young water professionals were in attendance to network and test their water knowledge.
- This event prompted the start of many YWP social gatherings to come.
- We were proud to see Elkia Szczecinski from Curtin University, WA Student Water Prize winner, go on to win the National Student Water Prize at Ozwater'22.



### Achievement



- The 7<sup>th</sup> AWA / IWA Australia-New Zealand Conference was held in Sydney with 224 participants
- A workshop was delivered at Ozwater'22, Amplifying the Indigenous Voice in Water Management, with international and Australian speakers
- Delivered Emerging Indigenous Leaders Scholarship in partnership with Water Corporation





# Promoting Diversity & Inclusion

*Improve understanding of our Indigenous water culture,  
promote innovations, broaden our Channeling Change  
Program and support our Young Water Professionals.*



# Diversity and Inclusion

We continue to show our support for the LGBTIQ+ community and our support of Pride in Water. Pride in Water presented at Ozwater'22 in the Theatrette, and we had two teams participate in the Pride in Water end-of-year trivia night on 10 December.

In Indigenous engagement, all significant events included a Welcome to Country. We developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and showcased the artwork of the RAPs of many of our members near the Exhibition Hall at Ozwater'22. National Water Week was themed around *Caring for water and Country*, acknowledging the importance of understanding Indigenous culture and knowledge in water management.

In gender equity, we continued to champion women's equality, with our CEO Corinne Cheeseman co-hosting with WSAA Executive Director Adam Lovell an International Women's Day online panel in partnership with WSAA. The panellists included our President and then-Urban Utilities CEO Louise Dudley, John Holland GM, Water and Optimisation Margaret Riley, and Westernport Water Managing Director Dona Tantirimudalige. Our VIC Branch also co-hosted a virtual International Women's Day event with Melbourne Water for the fifth year.

Paralympian Karni Liddell was a keynote speaker at Ozwater as we build our outreach to people with disabilities. We will continue to explore opportunities for inclusion and engagement with diverse groups of people.



## 44%

### female

speakers and  
panellists

## 24

### Indigenous

speakers and papers at  
AWA events

## 48%

### female

Water Source  
articles

## 12%

Water Source  
articles with

### Indigenous content



**FOCUS AREAS:** Indigenous Water | Channeling Change

# Young Water Professionals (YWPs)

The YWP Program attracts, engages and empowers young water professionals and emerging leaders and is supported by the YWP National Taskforce and all Branches. YWP initiatives engage all professionals across the water sector in Australia, although the activities focus on professionals below the age of 35 or with less than 10 years of experience.

This year, the AWA/IWA Australia-New Zealand YWP Conference was held in Sydney once again, and was a tremendous success with a large attendance from YWPs across the country. These emerging water leaders continue to contribute to AWA and the water sector more broadly.



## 310

Delegates at  
Ozwater'22

## 28

YWP events  
across Australia



## 150

Mentoring Pairs  
across Australia



## 224

Delegates at the  
AWA/IWA  
Australia-New  
Zealand YWP  
Conference



## 8

Article  
contributions to  
Water Source

## 5

Australian YWPs  
participating in  
AWA's  
international  
activities



# 2022 Australian Water Awards

Our annual Australian Water Awards aim to recognise and promote our members' outstanding achievements and contributions to the water sector and the broader community. ~~Below are the winners.~~



## **Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize**

### **Why Silver Might Not be Gold in Water**

Julia Cummins, PLC Sydney



## **Student Water Prize**

### **Formation and Detection of Bromophenols and Their Contribution to Plastic Taste in Drinking Water**

Elkia Szczecinski, Curtin University



## **Young Water Professional of the Year Award**

### **Michael Carter**

Principal Process Engineer, Hunter H2O



## **Water Professional of the Year Award**

### **Eamonn Kelly**

General Manager, Major Program Delivery (MPD), Melbourne Water

**2022**  
**AUSTRALIAN**  
**WATER**  
**AWARDS**  
**WINNERS**



# AUSTRALIAN WATER AWARDS WINNERS



**R&D Excellence Award**  
**Goyder Institute for Water Research - Second Term Research Program (2015-2020)**  
 The Department for Environment and Water, CSIRO, Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and The University of South Australia



**Organisational Excellence Award**  
**Aboriginal Employment and Retention Strategy**  
 Barwon Water



**Infrastructure Project Innovation Award (Regional)**  
**Mer (Murray) Island Water Network Management Program**  
 Torres Strait Island Regional Council



**Water Industry Safety Excellence Award**  
**Lock It In: An Innovation for Safer Network Isolations**  
 Logan Water, Downer and Mass Products



**Customer Experience Award**  
**Our Customers Program**  
 SA Water

**Best Water E-Journal Paper - In Honour of Guy Parker Winner**  
**A Strategy to Go Beyond Zero Carbon**  
 Simon Prunster, Glenn Wilson, Francis Pamminger



**Infrastructure Project Innovation Award (Metro)**  
**SA Water's Zero Cost Energy Future Program**  
 SA Water, KBR and Aurecon

## 184 Award submissions received

# Publications

Our print and digital publications are channels to showcase what our members are doing across the water sector. Current magazine has featured stories on Indigenous topics, water sector mentoring partnerships and international outreach. The Water e-Journal continues to publish case studies and research on a variety of water issues.



Current Magazine was published in April 2022. This edition won the 2022 DigiDay Content Marketing Award in the category Best Brand Publication (Print and/or Digital).



1 Mentoring pair feature



1 International focus story



1 Indigenous focus story

## 47 papers published

Including 28 papers in our first ever student edition

Most read paper: *Using human centred design to improve Cambodian communities' understanding of water*





# Our Members

*Our members are fundamental to our purpose to share,  
connect and inspire across the water sector.*



## Water Leaders Forum

Each year, we bring senior leaders from our Principal and Platinum members together at Ozwater. This year, they gathered in Brisbane to hear from a panel that incorporated various perspectives on some of the most critical issues facing water and water users.

Led by a presentation from CSIRO Senior Principal Scientist – Strategy and Foresight Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, the panel considered everything from cyber-attacks to post-pandemic shifts in settlement patterns to climate change and infrastructure resilience.



The Water Leaders Forum heard from panellists including:

Healthy Land and Water CEO Julie McLellan

Founder of the Miriam Rose Foundation  
Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann

Irrigation Australia CEO Bryan Ward

Rio Tinto Global Water Leader Scott Diggles

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## Directors Forum

The Directors Forum at Ozwater'22 was held with the topic Climate Governance & Cyber Security. Hosted by AWA President Louise Dudley and Regional Solutions Director – Water Infrastructure, APAC, Jacobs Mary Kanavoutsos, participants heard from several leaders on various essential topics.

Some of these topics included the Australian Climate Governance Study findings, the commitment to Net Zero, the current cyber security threat landscape, and the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act reforms and cyber obligations.



The Directors Forum heard from panellists including:

David McElrea, Australian Institute of Company Directors

Craig Clifton, Jacobs

Tracey Slatter, Barwon Water

Paul Francis, APAC

Tania Fryer, Greater Western Water

Greg Ryan, WSAA

Sim Goh, APME

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## A Year of Membership Growth

At the conclusion of FY22 we have 557 Corporate Members (+17 on FY21) and 4,531 Individual Members (+353 on FY21). In September 2021 we updated our individual member categories to better reflect our current and future members. The Water Supporter category was removed and the Student category was replaced by a Concession category offering highly discounted membership for full-time students, those under the age of 25, retirees or anyone currently unemployed. Professional members can now also take advantage of a parental hold on their membership for 12 months which supports our diversity and inclusion goals.

### New Corporate Members

<b>1</b> Platinum	<b>4</b> Gold	
<b>39</b> Silver	<b>19</b> Bronze	<b>1</b> University

### Total Individual Members

<b>910</b> Professional Members	<b>148</b> Concession Members	<b>2,486</b> Nominated Members
<b>605</b> Nominated Students	<b>349</b> Discounted Members	<b>33</b> Life Members

### Membership Upgrades

Platinum to Principal



Gold to Platinum



### New Government Members Welcomed

We are delighted to have welcomed 5 new government members.

Federal Government



Australian Government  
Productivity Commission

Local Government



Torres Strait Island  
REGIONAL COUNCIL



Nominated Members (Corporate Member Inclusion), Nominated Students (Education Member Inclusion), Discounted Members (Employees of Gold or above Corporate Members)



# All Member Survey Key Findings

AWA conducted an All Member Survey in February 2022. 477 responses were received with the following key findings:

## 1. People belong to AWA for knowledge and networking

Almost all members indicated that they belong to AWA to gain and share knowledge, to build on their network, and/or to belong to Australia's largest water community, with some members directly attributing their association with AWA to their career success.

## 2. Customer service is good, but members do not always feel we understand their needs

Members felt that even though we provide good customer service and engage well with our members, we may not always understand the needs of our members.

## 3. Trust in and satisfaction with resources is high, but members want easier access

Members appreciate the resources available and agree that information provided by AWA keeps them up to date with issues in water management. Readership of AWA publications is high, and event attendance very strong. However, members want resources to be easier to access, search and find – particularly papers presented at Ozwater.

## 4. AWA reputation and trust is strong

Members believe that AWA has a strong reputation in the water sector, known for promoting effective water management and, as such, have a lot of trust in the information and services provided by AWA.

## 5. Build knowledge and skills and help build talent in the sector

Many members indicated that they would like to see AWA provide more training and development opportunities targeted at specific technical needs and issues to help address the current skills gap.

## 6. Promote water literacy in the wider community

Most members indicate that they would like AWA to play a more active role in promoting the value and benefits of water to the wider community, both to increase general water literacy, and overall interest in working in water.

## Our Principal Members

We would like to thank all of our members for their ongoing support. In particular, we thank our Principal Members, who provide the highest level of membership support to the Association





















# Finance

*Review of 2021-22*



# Financial Performance Overview

- We have had another successful year and a surplus of \$1.1M, including \$0.3M from the NSW Government JobSaver subsidy payment.
- The favourable outcome is primarily driven by an exceptional Ozwater'22 conference held face-to-face in Brisbane. The demand for face-to-face events was strong after another year of Covid impacts.
- **Financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2022 was:**

**Operating Surplus:**

**\$1,100K**

Down 33% on 2020/21

**Total Revenue:**

**\$9,292K**

Up 22% on 2020/21

**Total Expenses:**

**\$8,192K**

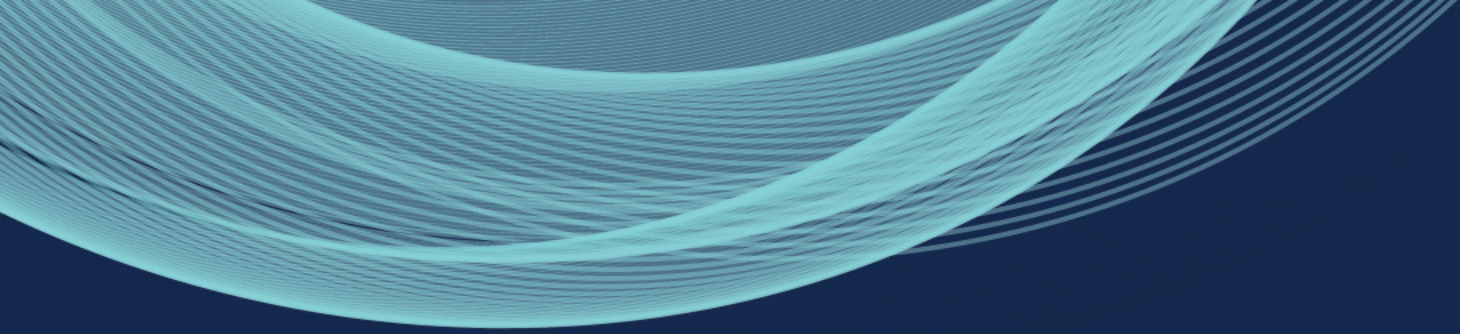
Up 36% on 2020/21

Our five year performance summary is outlined below:

\$'000	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
<b>Revenue</b>	\$8,050	\$8,507	\$5,317	\$7,638	\$9,292
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$7,418	\$7,792	\$6,332	\$6,006	\$8,192
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	\$632	\$715	\$(1,015)	\$1,632	\$1,100

Our financial position continues to grow, and the operating surplus generated has brought our net assets to \$6.5M for the year ended 30 June 2022. Our primary sources of revenue were membership subscriptions, international programs, revenue generated through our events, ticket and exhibition sales and sponsorship income. The overall revenue was up by 22%, mainly contributed by the outstanding results from the Ozwater'22 conference and the uplift in International Programs' income due to the deferred milestone revenue from the prior year caused by Covid. Expenses were also up by 36%, driven by increased event-related costs and IT expenses as we enhanced our IT infrastructure.

Full details of AWA's FY22 financial performance are available in our Annual Report.



The Association wishes to thank all of our committed volunteers and staff for their contribution to a year of enormous success.



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