



## **Media release**

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### **SEQ water management program wins national water award for innovation**

A practical approach that supports the implementation of sustainable urban water management in South East Queensland has been awarded the Australian Water Association's national award for program innovation.

The AWA Program Innovation Award was this week presented to Healthy Waterways in recognition of its Water by Design program. Over the past two years the program has established itself as the leading initiative of its kind in Australia, providing products and services to advance urban water management in the state.

Awarded the prize at the Ozwater'11 conference and exhibition this week, Sarah Jones, Water by Design Project Manager at Healthy Waterways, said: "I am delighted that the success of the program has been recognised by this prestigious award. Over the past two years the program has provided an important leadership role and is a trusted source of information and guidance for sustainable urban water management. It has helped to produce outcomes such as reduced consumption of potable water supplies and improved waterway health."

Tom Mollenkopf, CEO of the Australian Water Association, said: "The AWA Program Innovation Award recognises significant and innovative environmental or sustainability programs within the water industry. The Water by Design program is a worthy recipient of this award. The program has established a reputation for working collaboratively with stakeholders and for delivering high quality products and services to advance sustainable urban water management in the South East Queensland Region."

The annual AWA national awards celebrate and promote the outstanding work achieved by individuals and organisations in the water sector. The AWA Program Innovation award is sponsored by ALS Environmental.



For more information about the AWA national awards program go to [www.awa.asn.au/awards](http://www.awa.asn.au/awards).

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### **Notes to Editors**

- AWA is Australia's leading membership association for water professionals and organisations. Independent and not for profit AWA is the peak body supporting the Australian water sector in the delivery of effective and sustainable water management practices.