

# YWP Conference Attendance Award 2016

## Water New Zealand – Gold Shovel Members

### Background for Award

This Award has been made possible by personal donations from members of Water New Zealand, who have received the honour of being presented a Gold Shovel as a symbol of recognition for their services to Water New Zealand and the wider New Zealand water industry. These members are also known as the 5S Society. Water New Zealand has also contributed to the Award by providing a complimentary registration fee for the award recipient to attend the selected conference.

This Award has been developed to further foster the Young Water Professionals Group of Water New Zealand. This Group is made up of young water industry professionals. The aim of Young Water Professionals is to facilitate the exchange of interests and ideas on water management in New Zealand. The Young Water Professionals's objectives are to provide regionally based interaction between young water professionals and encourage younger water professionals and students to become more involved in the water industry.

This Award has been initiated to give the opportunity for recent graduates to attend the Water New Zealand Annual Conference or the Water New Zealand International Stormwater Conference, in order that they may broaden their knowledge and gain greater appreciation of the water environment, water management, water engineering and the water industry at large. The objective of providing this opportunity to the recipient is that they will be better informed and motivated to advance their career in the wider water field and water industry.

### Who Should Apply for this Award?

Those eligible to enter include:

- recent tertiary qualified personnel who are within their first two years of graduating and are working in the water environment, water engineering and water management fields or in water related research; and
- students who have obtained an undergraduate degree from a New Zealand tertiary institution in a water related field and who are studying for a post graduate qualification

For the purpose of this Award, water includes fresh and marine waters and water engineering includes water supply, wastewater, storm water, irrigation, hydro-electric power and related topics.

### Conditions of Entry and Application Information

Visit [www.waternzconference.org.nz](http://www.waternzconference.org.nz) for entry requirements and nomination details for the current year's YWP Conference Attendance Award.

### Prize

The Award winner for each year will receive:

- travel and accommodation to Water New Zealand's Annual Conference or Annual International Storm water Conference sponsored by the holders of the Gold Shovel Award; and
- a full registration to the Annual Conference, or the International Storm water Conference including the Conference Dinner, provided by Water New Zealand.

## Judges and Judging Criteria

The Judging Panel shall consist of the Chair of Water New Zealand's Awards Committee, John Pfahlert and three Gold Shovel recipients, Graham McBride, Graeme Thacker and Jan Gregor.

The judging criteria shall be based on:

- University or Technical Course being studied, the Course level/stage and Academic Record to date
- experience in the water sector to date
- career aspirations
- the water related topic to be covered in the presentation to a local Water New Zealand Young Water Professionals meeting
- reason for applying for this Award.

The Judges reserve the right to not offer the award or offer more than one Award per year depending on the quality of entrants. The Judges' decision will be final.

## Past Recipients of the Award:

Year	Recipient
<b>2016</b>	Michaela Aspell, Tonkin & Taylor