

Project Award

Presented for the first time in 2016 the Project Award provides recognition of excellence not only in the delivery of a project but also the contribution of various parties to the final outcome. Members are invited to nominate projects primarily associated with addressing water, wastewater and/or stormwater issues that highlight the projects technical expertise and the service applicants have provided to its clients.

Background for Award

The Association Awards Committee has discussed options for the development of a new award to recognise excellence in the delivery of a project.

The award will emphasise not only the quality of the final product, but the contribution of the various parties that inevitably contribute to the outcome. The Association is aware that often awards ceremonies give recognition to the contractor responsible for building a project, and may not necessarily fully recognise the contribution of others. For example, there are currently no awards run by any of the contracting or engineering Associations that recognise excellence in the selection and provision of goods or services to the successful completion of a project.

Our Association is comprised of a diversity of members - clients, designers, consultants, suppliers of goods and services and manufacturers of specialised equipment. While the client is often a District or City Council, we rarely recognise the part played in the successful completion of a project by the broad “church” of members we represent.

To date the awards ceremony at our annual conference does not include a project award. That gap had previously been filled by companies entering suitable projects in the Engineering Excellence Awards (EEAs) run by the Engineering Leadership Forum. With the EEAs no longer occurring it is proposed that Water New Zealand establish a Project Award starting in 2016. The following covers some of the criteria for eligibility and how such an award might be judged.

Entry Requirements and Nominations

Visit www.waternzconference.org.nz for entry requirements and nomination details for the current year's Project Award.

Prize

The award winner would receive an engraved trophy with miniature trophies given to each party in the successful team.

Recognition of the winner of the prestigious Water New Zealand Project Award would occur annually at an awards ceremony during the Water New Zealand Annual Conference.

Conditions of Entry

- Projects must be primarily associated with addressing water, wastewater and/or stormwater issues
- Projects must have been undertaken by at least one member or members of Water New Zealand
- Members may enter more than one project – this shall be markedly different from any other they have submitted for the Project Award
- Projects must have been completed within three years from the date of application for the Award
- The client and/or owner of the project must consent to the submission of an entry and publication of material emanating from the submission – including media associated with any awards ceremony
- The project(s) may have won other awards in the Water New Zealand portfolio or in other jurisdictions.

Judges and Judging Criteria

All entries will be assessed by a panel of four judges. The judges will be appointed from time-to-time by the Board of Water New Zealand.

The judges reserve the right to not offer the award depending on the quality of entries. The judges' decision will be final.

Past Recipients of the Award:

Year	Recipient	Project
2016	MWH (now Stantec)	Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme