



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WATER NEW ZEALAND AWARDS

Water New Zealand is now calling for nominations for Awards for presentation at the Annual Conference being held this year in Christchurch 22 - 24 September. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates for those Awards. Non-members of Water New Zealand are eligible for some of these Awards. Criteria, nomination processes and timelines are set out below.

The following Awards are available this year:

Ronald Hicks Memorial Award (nomination required)
Manukau Water Ltd Trainee of the Year 2010 (nomination required)
CH2M Beca Young Water Professional of the Year (nomination required)
Hynds Paper of the Year Award
Best Poster Award

RONALD HICKS MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award will be made to the author(s) of an article or paper considered significant in solving or clarifying sewage treatment or water pollution problems in New Zealand. Awards may take the form of cash, books, equipment etc. as seen appropriate to the Trustees in each case.

Applications or submissions for consideration should be addressed to the Chairman of the Memorial Trust:

Ian Gunn
PO Box 17 368
Greenlane
AUCKLAND 1546
Phone 09 579 2327
ian.gunn@xtra.co.nz

The closing date for applications or submissions is **Wednesday the 14 July 2010**.

Any queries regarding this Award should be made to the Chairman in the first instance. Applicants or submitters should include a copy of the article or paper together with the name(s) and address(es) of the author(s) and a brief justification of the significance of the contents. Where the submission is by a third party, their name and address should also be provided. Non - members of Water New Zealand are also eligible.

Water New Zealand acknowledges the services of the Trustees, namely Chairman Ian Gunn, David Ray from Environmental Management Services Ltd. in Hamilton, and Dr Mark Milke, from the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering at the University of Canterbury. The Trustees comprise the judging panel.

MANUKAU WATER LTD TRAINEE OF THE YEAR 2010

Purpose

This award is intended to recognise hard work, aptitude and a keen desire to advance a career in the water industry.

Eligibility

An employer can nominate a trainee who is currently involved in an NZQA approved course applicable to any aspect of the water industry.

Nomination

The nominator is to forward a Word file containing the following information:

- the nominator's name, organisation and contact details;
- the nominated trainee's name, organisation and contact details; and
- a maximum of 250 words explaining why the trainee is an appropriate recipient of the award.

All entries must be received by **5.00pm Friday 20 August 2010**.

Judging

Judging of the award will be carried out by a panel comprising a Water New Zealand Board member, a representative of Manukau Water Ltd, and the Manager Advocacy and Learning. The judges' decision is final.

Prize

(To Be Confirmed)

All entries or inquiries are to be directed to Water New Zealand's Manager of Advocacy and Learning, Peter Whitehouse on peter.whitehouse@waternz.org.nz DDI: 04 495 0895

Water New Zealand acknowledges the generosity of Manukau Water Ltd. in sponsoring this Award.

CH2M BECA YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

The *CH2M Beca Young Water Professional of the Year* launched last year is available again.

The award will acknowledge and reward one young water professional who has made a significant contribution to the water industry and the general community, and has demonstrated exceptional achievement in the early stages of their career.

This award recognises that the water industry encompasses a wide field of disciplines, including but not limited to; research, policy development, law, education, engineering, consulting, construction and community initiatives.

The Young Water Professional of the Year will receive a suitable trophy along with cash or in kind goods or services to the total value of \$2500 plus GST from the sponsor. The successful candidate will be endorsed by the Technical Committee of Water New Zealand prior to announcement at the Conference.

Conditions of Entry

The CH2M Beca Young Water Professional of the Year is open to individual members who are under 35 years of age with between 12 months and 10 years work or research experience in the water industry. Non-members may also apply if they have submitted an individual membership form with payment to Water New Zealand prior to, or at the same time as their nomination form. There are no entry fees.

The closing date for applications is **30 July each year**.

Entry Requirements

The completed and signed nomination form (available at www.waternz.org.nz/annualconference_awards.html) shall be sent with accompanying documentation to the Chairman of the Judging Panel:

Clive Rundle
CH2M Beca
PO Box 6345
Wellesley Street
Auckland 1141
clive.rundle@beca.com
phone 09 300 9300

1. Curriculum vitae (including photographs) as evidence of achieving:

- a high level of academic achievement;
 - at least 12 months work or research experience;
 - exceptional achievement in his or her career;
 - outstanding communication skills; and
 - commitment to volunteer activities.
2. Two supporting statements of no more than 500 words written by peers of the candidate who work in the water industry. The statements must include telephone and email contact details of each of the referees. Ideally, one statement will be from the employer of the nominee. The second statement could be from a mentor, colleague, a Water New Zealand Board member or client.
 3. A personal statement written by the candidate addressing each of the issues outlined below in the context of their working environment. This should be no more than 500 words:
 - an understanding of the role and purpose of the water profession within society;
 - importance of good communication skills;
 - the future of the water industry.
 4. Supporting documentation (optional) may include: articles, media, conferences presented at and relevant websites. This is limited to a maximum of five pages.

Judges And Judging Criteria

All entries will be assessed by a panel of three judges. The judging panel will consist of one young water professional as nominated by the Chair of the Technical Committee, one Water New Zealand representative as nominated by the President; and one industry representative nominated by Water New Zealand's premier sponsors (from an organisation without a nominee for this award). The judges reserve the right to not offer the award or offer an additional certificate of achievement, depending on the quality of entries. The judges' decision will be final.

Water New Zealand thanks CH2M Beca for its generous sponsorship of this new Award.

HYNDS PAPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Abstracts for paper presentations at the Annual Conference have now been considered by the Conference Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Dukessa Blackburn – Huettner of Rodney District Council. Authors have been notified of the Committee's decisions. Provided submitted manuscripts have met the guidelines and deadlines, the Committee will be marking papers they reviewed and accepted, making all such papers delivered at the Conference eligible for the Hynds Paper of the Year Award, (with the exception of the IWA Science stream, where papers are selected by the local IWA committee and the Modelling stream, where papers are selected by the Modelling committee, and not subject to Technical Committee purview).

As with previous years invited papers will not be marked, or included for prizes. Any papers that do not meet the specified deadlines shall not ordinarily be considered for any prizes.

The closing date for submission of final manuscripts is Tuesday 3 August. As with the abstract process, each paper will then be marked on content using five criteria. These are:

- technical aspect;
- practical content;
- future use of information;
- clarity and logic; and
- originality.

The written content is worth 60% of the total mark. The quality of the presentation at the Conference is worth 40% of the remaining mark using four criteria, namely:

- visual aids - clarity, legibility, catches interest;

- delivery - title, introduction, etc, logical flow;
- answering questions - confidence, completeness of answers and audience response;
- content.

First, second, and third paper awards will be presented at the Hynds Delegates' Lunch on Friday the 24 September.

Water New Zealand acknowledges the generosity of Hynds in sponsoring this Award and the commitment and dedication of the Technical Committee in marking the papers.

POSTER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility and Timelines

Entries are now sought for the Poster of the Year competition. Entries are welcome on any topic of relevance to the water industry, with entries from students particularly encouraged. Poster abstracts are due on Friday 23 of July and should be sent to:

Bronwyn Carson
 C/- Avenues Event Management
 PO Box 10-612
 Wellington
 Phone 04 473 8044
bronwyn@avenues.co.nz

Criteria

The Poster of the Year Award provides an avenue for presentation of information on initial findings of work that has been commenced, as well as from work from completed projects. The Award affords a unique opportunity for authors wanting to share their knowledge or experiences through the medium of displayed posters. As with in the previous year time has been set aside for conference attendees to discuss the poster with the various authors, providing further opportunity for them to share their experiences. Posters will be marked by the Technical Committee on the following criteria:

- content;
- visuals and graphics; and
- originality and applicability.

The Poster of the Year presentation will be made at the Hynds Delegates' Lunch on Friday 24 September.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The technical success of the Annual Conference is largely determined by the Technical Committee, a group of volunteers who labour mightily behind the scenes to ensure that a high quality programme is put in place. Water New Zealand acknowledges the following members of the 2010 Committee and their contribution to the Association and excellence within the water industry:

Dukessa Blackburn – Huettner
 (Chair)
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