

2016 Rural Water Awards - *Terms and conditions*

Terms, conditions or rules of entry

1. Entry is restricted to those persons or businesses that hold groundwater, surface water or irrigator licences in the state of Victoria.
2. It is possible to nominate in more than one category; however a separate nomination and entry form must be received.
3. Entries are FREE and open to ongoing customers of Southern Rural Water, Lower Murray Water or Goulburn - Murray Water; OR Entries are FREE and open to rural water customers of Coliban Water or Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water.
4. Additional supporting information of up to 4 pages can be supplied with the application and will be considered accordingly. Any further supporting information can be shown, if required at the site visit to your property.
5. Either handwritten or typed applications will be accepted.
6. Applications will be accepted via mail, email or fax. Please refer to contact details below.
7. All applications received will receive confirmation of receipt from the Project Coordinator.
8. All submitted nominations and support materials will be destroyed at the conclusion of the judging process and will not be returned. Please do not send original copies of any information (letters, certificates, photos).
9. All members of the judging panel sign a confidentiality agreement to ensure integrity of the awards process and protection of your information.
10. Not all participating water corporations will be offering entry into all four of the awards categories. Contact the Project Coordinator to determine what awards categories are available for your local water corporation.
11. Each water corporation participating in an award category will select one finalist, they will be considered the regional winner.
12. All regional winners will automatically be entered in State level judging.
13. At the State level judging, one winner and one runner-up will be selected for each category.
14. If successful, the nominee (or a representative) for each state level category winner will be required to attend the presentation lunch. You will be notified in due time for this to be arranged.
15. Awards are presented at the discretion of the judges, based on the information provided in the application form and feedback from the site visit.
16. The judges' decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
17. All nominations must agree to be involved in any local or state marketing and media publicity.

Judging

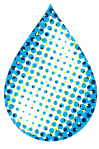
Judging of the awards will be based on the following:

- New and innovative methods or use of technology
- Ability to demonstrate a tangible benefit (eg water volume savings, increased water efficiency, reduced workload, better quality of life, economic benefit to community region or a combination)
- Methods must have capacity for wider adoption

Please ensure that you address each of the points above in your application.

Site Visits

- A site visit to your property may form part of the judging process, to verify information and claims contained within the submission.
- If applicable, the site visit will be a pre-arranged visit at a mutually convenient time. Please advise the Project Coordinator, if there are any specific times that you are not available. Every effort will be made to accommodate your requests.



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Feedback

- Feedback will be provided to the nominee after the site tour has taken place.
- The judges will not be responsible for any comments or views, whether express or implied, relating to the quality of the submission.

Award ineligibility

- Licence holders who have been subject to compliance action are ineligible to enter.
- If at any time following entry of the submission the individual or business goes into administration, voluntary receivership, liquidation or bankruptcy, the entrant is required to advise the Project Coordinator and accepts that the submission will be deemed ineligible for these awards.
- Board Members and staff of supporting sponsors are ineligible to enter.
- Board Members and staff of participating water businesses are ineligible to enter.
- Any previous category winners (not runners up) in the 2010 Southern Rural Water Waterwise Awards, or the 2012 Rural Water Innovation Awards or the 2014 Rural Water Awards, are ineligible to apply for these awards.
- Nominations received after 5.00pm, Sunday 31 August 2016 will be deemed ineligible.

Compliance with Terms and Conditions

By signing the application form you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions as listed above and are agreeing to not bring any claim against any judge or local water corporation in relation to the feedback received or the decisions made.

Rural Water Awards contact

If you require assistance in completing your submission, wish to forward supporting materials/correspondence or any other matters, please contact the Project Coordinator:

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Participating businesses



Official sponsors



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