

Media Release

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National 2009 savewater! awards® finalists announced

A judging panel consisting of 21 water industry experts from all over the world has today announced the 31 finalists for the national 2009 savewater! awards®.

The prestigious savewater! awards® has emerged as the leading water sustainability awards in Australia and are a way in which water saving stars can be recognised and rewarded for their achievements.

The 2009 program attracted over 700 entries, with a number of eligible entries received from the UK, USA, Africa, Canada and New Zealand in our first international category – Product Innovations.

Mr Nigel Finney, CEO of the savewater!® Alliance Inc. was extremely delighted with the high calibre of entries received in this year's program.

"I would like to congratulate all of this year's award finalists, who have undertaken some outstanding projects to help save our precious water resources," said Mr Finney.

The independent judging process was headed by environmental consultant, Mr Rob Gell and saw an expert panel come together to determine this year's winners and finalists.

"It is truly inspiring to see so many innovative initiatives being undertaken and it's a credit to the various individuals, community groups, organisations and local governments.

Each of this year's finalists has demonstrated some significant environmental outcomes, which we as judges want to recognise" said Mr Gell.

Winners will be announced at the awards Gala Ceremony on Friday 9 October 2009.

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Please note: The finalists for the Photographic Award will be announced in the coming days.

Finalists for all categories are listed in alphabetical order

| Award Category | Finalists |
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| Built Environment and Gardens | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dugine Native Plant Nursery Jerry Coleby-Williams |
| Business Award | <p>Small Business (<50 staff)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dugine Native Plant Nursery Geelong Racing Club <p>Large Business (>50 staff)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Armstrong World Industries (Australia) Pty Ltd - Braeside Plant Henkel Australia Pty Ltd Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Manheim Fowles Pty Ltd Monash University |
| Community Action | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Croydon Tennis Club / Joseph Gauci Mercy Mission Dawah Inc Mount Eliza Bowling Club Inc. |
| Educational Institutions | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bentleigh West Primary School Ecolinc Science and Technology Innovations Centre Bacchus Marsh Wesley College, Glen Waverley Campus |
| Government | <p>Water Corporations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MidCoast Water Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Western Water <p>Other Utilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Resource Management and Geography, University of Melbourne |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Melbourne Market Authority 3. Nillumbik Shire Council 4. Victorian Police Department |
| International Product Innovations Award | Australian Product <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caroma Dorf 2. Davey Water Products 3. FodderTech International Product <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dry Planet Ltd (UK) 2. Fisher & Paykel Appliances (NZ) 3. Rehbein Environmental Solutions Inc - RESI (U.S) |
| Young Achiever | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clare Lombardi - City West Water 2. Leon Harvey - Melbourne Water 3. Michaela Sargeant - Goulburn Valley Water |

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