

2018 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. Any previous Rural Water Award nominations, regional level winners or state-level runners ups are able to nominate again for consideration in the 2018 Rural Water Awards. However, they must address the below judging criteria and it must be new augmentation that is being judged.
4. Entries are FREE and open to ongoing customers of Southern Rural Water, Lower Murray Water or Goulburn-Murray Water; OR rural water customers of Coliban Water or Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water.
5. 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.
6. Either handwritten or typed applications will be accepted.
7. Applications will be accepted via mail, email or fax. Please refer to contact details below.
8. All applications received will receive confirmation of receipt from the Project Coordinator.
9. All submitted nominations and support material 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).
10. All members of the judging panel sign a confidentiality agreement to ensure integrity of the awards process and protection of your information.
11. Not all participating water corporations will be offering entry into all five of the awards categories. Contact the Project Coordinator to determine what awards categories are available for your local water corporation.
12. Each water corporation participating in an award category will select one finalist, they will be considered the regional winner.
13. All regional winners will automatically be entered in State level judging and will be expected to attend the presentation lunch.
14. At the State level judging, one winner and one runner-up will be selected for each category.
15. The state level winner and runner-up in each category will be announced at the presentation lunch.
16. Selection of the state level winner and runner-up is at the discretion of the judges and is based on the information provided in the application form and feedback from the site visit and how that goes to addressing the judging assessment criteria (see below).
17. The judges' decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
18. All nominees must agree to be involved in any local or state marketing and media publicity.

Judging assessment criteria

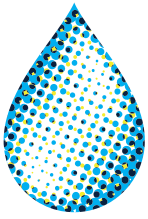
Judging of the awards will be based on the following:

- 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 in September 2018. 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.
- Directors and staff of official sponsors, participating water businesses and official partners are ineligible to enter.
- Any previous state-level category winners from the 2012 Rural Water Innovation Awards or the 2014 Rural Water Awards or 2016 Rural Water Awards are ineligible to apply for these awards.
- Nominations received after 5.00pm, Friday 31 August 2018 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 business



Official sponsor



Official partner

