



**WATER
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Attention Young Water Professionals

Ozwater Conference Award 2025

What is the Ozwater Conference Award?

The aim of this award is to promote professionals with less than 7 years work experience in the NSW local government water and sewer industry. The Water Directorate established this award in 2004 in conjunction with the Australian Water Association.

What is the prize?

The winner of the Ozwater Conference Award will attend Ozwater'25 in Adelaide on 20-22 May 2025. The Australian Water Association provides one full registration gratis to the successful applicant valued at up to \$2,275 and the Water Directorate covers the cost of travel and accommodation up to the value of \$2,275 (excl GST). In addition, the Water Directorate covers the cost of attending the AWA Young Water Professionals Workshop and Breakfast.

Please note that copies of receipts for travel and accommodation must be submitted to the Water Directorate for reimbursement. Any costs above \$2,275 will need to be paid by the winner or his/her employer.

What is Ozwater'25?

Ozwater is an event like no other, organised by the water industry, where issues that drive the water industry are discussed and future directions decided.

The Ozwater'25 Conference will feature inspirational international and national keynote speakers, numerous invited speakers, scientific and technical papers, case studies, workshops and poster sessions.

Ozwater'25 is being held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 20-22 May 2025. Visit www.ozwater.org for more information.

Who is eligible for this award?

To be eligible, nominees must be working for a Water Directorate member council in a water and sewerage section of council and have less than 7 years professional experience in the water industry. Nominations from final year graduates that are planning to work in the local government water and sewer industry are also welcome.

How do I nominate?

This nomination form should be completed by the applicant and signed by his/her manager and emailed to:

brendan.guiney@waterdirectorate.asn.au

Attendance must be in accordance with the normal procedures for leave at the applicant's council. Nominations are due by Monday 7 April. The winner will be notified by Friday 11 April.

What is required from the winner?

The successful applicant is expected to attend Young Water Professionals networking events as listed on the conference program.

A brief report (max 500 words) on the benefits received from attending Ozwater'25 should be submitted to the Water Directorate Executive Committee by 30 June 2025.

How will the nominations be judged?

All nominations are judged by the Executive Officer and the Chair of the Water Directorate's Executive Committee. Judging criteria is based on the engineering and environmental benefits to council as well as the professional benefits that are received from attending Ozwater'25.

ANY QUERIES?

Please contact Water Directorate Executive Officer Brendan Guiney on 0498 765 055 or email brendan.guiney@waterdirectorate.asn.au

Nomination Form

Ozwater Conference Award 2025

NAME		
<input type="text"/>		
POSITION	COUNCIL	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
PHONE	EMAIL	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
QUALIFICATIONS		
<input type="text"/>		
UNIVERSITY	GRADUATED	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Please outline the following benefits that will derive from you attending Ozwater'25:

Engineering benefits to council:
<input type="text"/>
Environmental benefits to council:
<input type="text"/>
Personal benefits:
<input type="text"/>

Approval by Manager/Supervisor:

I, <input type="text"/>	approve the nomination of <input type="text"/>	
SIGNED	EMAIL	DATE
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

THIS NOMINATION FORM IS DUE BY COB Friday 4 April

EMAIL to Water Directorate Executive Officer Brendan Guiney:

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