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RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT SOCIETY  
**AWARDS  
NIGHT**

**Award Nomination  
Information Guide**

**2017 River Basin Management Society  
(RBMS) Awards Night**

**Friday 27 October 2017**  
Fenix Richmond

## INFORMATION ON THE NOMINATION PROCESS

This information guide is to help you prepare your award nomination(s) for the 2017 River Basin Management Society (RBMS) Awards Night.

**Please note this is not the nomination form.** The award nomination form is available online at **[www.rbms.com.au](http://www.rbms.com.au)**.

All entrants are required to follow the nomination process as described in this information guide. Any nominations departing from this process may be disregarded.

If you have any questions about completing your award nomination form, please contact us at **[info@rbms.com.au](mailto:info@rbms.com.au)** or call Alison Miler (RBMS President) on 0400 265 771

## AWARD JUDGING PROCESS

Nominations will be judged by a panel of between 3 – 5 members. Judging panel members will have strong waterway and catchment management experience and will collectively demonstrate a broad breadth of knowledge, experience and understanding of the many facets of waterway management.

All nominations aligning with the nomination process will be assessed. The assessment is based on the key judging criteria and the panel decision will be final. The award recipient will be announced on the night of the awards.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an award:

- The award nomination must be received by the closing date of **5pm Friday 15 September 2017**.
- The majority of the project, partnership or tool being nominated for an award must have been undertaken since
  - July 2015, for the 'Outstanding Waterway Management Project', 'Innovation in Waterway Management', 'Involving Community in Waterway Management', 'Technical Excellence in Waterway Management' and 'Building Knowledge in Waterway Management' awards
  - July 2014, for the, 'Progression of Public Policy for Waterway Management' and 'Advancing Waterway Management through Graduate Research' awards.
- The nomination must be submitted by (an) entrant/s with a lead role in the

project.

- The nomination must acknowledge all key partnerships and any support from additional individuals and organisations.
- To support our vision for an Awards Night that provides positive networking opportunities, at least one representative for the entrant must be registered to attend the Awards Night.
- All of the key judging criteria must be addressed.
- A project, partnership or tool may only be nominated for one award e.g. a single project could not be nominated for both the 'Innovation in waterway management' and 'Technical excellence in waterway management' awards.

Please note, all nominations submitted for the 2013 and 2015 RBMS Awards Nights are ineligible for submission for the 2017 RBMS Awards Night.

## **NOMINATION FORM FIELDS**

The award nomination form is available online at [www.rbms.com.au](http://www.rbms.com.au).

To mitigate the risk of losing work on your nomination, we **strongly** recommended that your nomination response is prepared in a separate document and then copy/pasted into our online award nomination form via [www.rbms.com.au](http://www.rbms.com.au) prior to submission.

Below are the fields of the online award nomination form where information is required. A description of each award and their specific eligibility criteria are outlined in the pages that follow.

### **A. WHICH AWARD ARE YOU APPLYING FOR**

1. Outstanding waterway management project
2. Innovation in waterway management
3. Technical excellence in waterway management
4. Involving community in waterway management
5. Building knowledge in waterway management
6. Progression of public policy for waterway management
7. Advancing waterway management through graduate research

### **B. PROJECT TITLE**

### **C. KEY CONTACT FOR NOMINATION**

- Name
- Job title
- Email
- Phone

### **D. NOMINATING ORGANISATION / BUSINESS**

- Organisation name
- Address

### **E. LIST ANY PROJECT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

### **F. NOMINATION REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE NIGHT**

### **G. DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATING ORGANISATION**

(For use in the Awards Night program; maximum 100 words)

### **H. DESCRIPTION OF AWARD NOMINATION**

(For use in the Awards Night program and to provide context to the judging panel; maximum 500 words)

### **I. RESPONSE TO JUDGING CRITERIA**

(For use in award judging process; maximum 500 words per criteria)

Word limits must be strictly adhered to, as judges reserve the right to limit their review to the first 500 words per criteria.

### **J. UPLOADS**

It is required that all nominations include a set of high-resolution images to represent the nomination.

You may also wish to provide further supporting documentation for your award nomination (e.g. newspaper articles, letters of reference) or multimedia (e.g. videos) that is additional to this set of images. The judges will review this information at their own discretion (i.e. it does not form part of the formal response) so we recommend that a clear statement is provided on how/why each piece of supporting documentation would be of interest to the judging panel.

These attachments should all be sent to [info@rbms.com.au](mailto:info@rbms.com.au), with a clear statement indicating the nomination they relate to.

All uploads must be provided by the closing date of 5pm Friday 15 September 2017.

## **K. MARKETING**

The RBMS aims to maximise the uptake and learning of great work across our sector. We would like to provide a short summary of finalist nominations (i.e. title, brief description, organisation, contact details) on the RBMS website and social media streams. Please indicate in the nomination form whether you would be willing for the RBMS to use your nomination information in this way, should it be a finalist at the awards night.

## 1. OUTSTANDING WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PROJECT

*Recognition of a project that demonstrates exceptional project management that has led to outstanding outcomes on the ground.*

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that:

1. Project objectives and outputs strongly align with the strategic direction of the industry and key stakeholders.
2. Best practice in project management has been implemented, including planning, delivery and monitoring and evaluation; health and safety; timeframes; and budgets.
3. Sustainable environmental, social and economic outcomes have been achieved.

## 2. INNOVATION IN WATERWAY MANAGEMENT

*Implementation of a new technology, process, business model or partnership that demonstrates outstanding innovation and tangibly contributes to the advancement of the industry*

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that the nominated new technology, process, business model or partnership is:

1. Innovative within the industry.
2. Contributing to the sustainable management of waterways.
3. Helping to advance the industry.

### **3. TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE IN WATERWAY MANAGEMENT**

*Recognition of a project, partnership or tool that demonstrates outstanding technical excellence and leads to positive change within the industry.*

#### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that the nominated project:

1. Has an original and unique contribution to the industry.
2. Surpasses industry best practice in its technical area of application, by overcoming previous technical difficulties or limitations.
3. Can be applied to other sites to overcome similar or different waterway management issues.

## 4. INVOLVING COMMUNITY IN WATERWAY MANAGEMENT

*Recognition of an industry project or partnership that demonstrates outstanding community engagement to enhance project or partnership outcomes.*

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate the:

1. Breadth of confidence, trust and ongoing support built in the community as a result of the nominated project or partnership.
2. Engagement and contribution of the community, which has significantly enhanced the project or partnership outcomes.
3. Consideration of a wide range of values and perspectives as part of the community engagement approach.

## **5. BUILDING KNOWLEDGE IN WATERWAY MANAGEMENT**

*Recognition of an academic or knowledge transfer project (closely aligned with waterway management) that clearly builds and shares knowledge to advance the industry*

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that:

1. The nominated project can contribute to the sustainable management of waterways.
2. The nominated project can be widely applied to advance the industry.
3. The nominated project has been collaborative and sought consultation with key stakeholders to respond to the existing knowledge gaps and skillsets within the industry.

## **6. PROGRESSION OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR WATERWAY MANAGEMENT**

*Recognition of a project, partnership or entity that has advanced legislation or policy governing waterway management.*

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that the nominated initiative is:

1. Directly responsible for influencing industry legislation or policy in a positive way.
2. Strongly aligned with the strategic direction of the industry and key stakeholders.
3. Able to balance environmental, social and economic outcomes.

## **7. ADVANCING WATERWAY MANAGEMENT THROUGH GRADUATE RESEARCH**

*Recognition of graduate research leading to, or achieving, advances in waterway management.*

### **SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS AWARD:**

In addition to the general eligibility requirements for all awards, to be eligible for this award the applicant must have completed the research as part of a Doctor of Philosophy, Masters by research or Honours degree.

### **KEY JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Award entrants must be able to demonstrate that:

1. The research has been, or can be, applied to advance the industry in Australia.
2. The research strongly aligns with the strategic direction of the industry and key stakeholders.
3. The research has been, or will be, disseminated within the industry.