



# HEALTHY WATERWAYS AWARDS 2013

Recognising and rewarding  
waterway health achievements



*Win*

a share of  
\$25,000 prize  
money



*Enter Now*

Entries Close 5pm Wednesday 13 March

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# Entries Now Open

The 13th Annual Healthy Waterways Awards have been launched with an exciting new look, including a revised suite of Award categories and revamped Gala Dinner at a magnificent five star venue.

The Healthy Waterways Awards honour the efforts of individuals, groups and organisations who are actively helping to protect and improve South East Queensland's waterways. There are many projects and initiatives being undertaken throughout the region that are making a positive difference to the waterways and aquatic wildlife. The Awards aim to raise the profile of current waterway health issues, recognise those making a difference and inspire others to take action.

There are 14 Award categories open to individuals, community groups and organisations. Each entrant has the chance to win a share in **\$25,000 prize money**.

Entries are judged by an independent panel of experts. Winners will be announced at the highly anticipated Healthy Waterways Awards Gala Dinner on 31 May 2013.

## Enter Now

For the first time, Healthy Waterways is accepting nominations for each Award category. To enter the Awards or nominate a person/project you think deserves recognition, visit [www.healthywaterwaysawards.org](http://www.healthywaterwaysawards.org)  
**Entries close 5pm Wednesday 13 March 2013.**

## Reasons to enter:

- Be recognised as a waterway champion
- Increase awareness and support of your work
- Celebrate your achievements
- Boost your reputation as a leader in the industry
- Network with key community, industry and government groups
- Provide an example of environmental excellence for your community
- Recognise the work of your volunteers, staff or students.

## People's Choice Award

### Vote for your favourite!

The People's Choice Award will open for voting on 17 April 2013. The community will choose from the list of finalists who they believe is the most outstanding. All of the category finalists will be eligible for the Award and a cash prize of \$1,000.

Be sure to vote and spread the word to support your favourite!

Follow Healthy Waterways on facebook to keep-up-to-date.  
The People's Choice Award is proudly supported by Channel 7.

## Conditions of Entry

- Entries, including images and supporting documents, must be received by 5pm Wednesday 13 March 2013.
- The project must have been conducted in South East Queensland which includes the area from the Queensland-New South Wales border, north to Noosa and west to the Great Dividing Range.
- The project must have produced major results between 1 January and 31 December 2012, except for the Waterways Champion Award, which must show a sustained contribution over the past three years.
- Information and images contained in the application or supplied as video may be reproduced in Healthy Waterways' promotion and publicity materials.
- Entries and all supporting documents will not be returned to entrants.
- Entries are judged by an independent panel of industry experts and their decision is final.
- Entries for 'Individual' categories (i.e. the Waterways Champion Award) will not be eligible for the Minister's Grand Prize.
- All finalists determined by the judging panel will be eligible for the People's Choice Award.
- A project may be entered in multiple categories but it will only be recognised as a finalist in one category.

# Award Categories

Each category winner receives a cash prize of \$1,000. All organisation and group winners will have the chance to win the **Minister's Grand Prize, worth \$10,000**. All finalists will be eligible to win the **People's Choice Award** worth \$1,000.

## Individual & Lifestyle Group

### Waterways Champion Award

Open to individuals over 30 years of age who have made major and sustained contributions to improving waterway health.

### Volunteer of the Year Award

Open to individuals whose volunteer work has made a major contribution to improving waterway health over the past 12 months.

### Waterways Mentor Award

Open to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership which has increased the motivation and participation of individuals and groups actively protecting and improving waterway health.

### Young Adult Encouragement Award Supported by BMT WBM

Open to individuals aged between 18 and 29 years of age who are actively contributing to the protection and improvement of waterway health.

## School & Education Group

### Water Warrior Award (Primary)

Open to individual primary school students who are undertaking activities that improve the health of our waterways and make a positive difference in our local communities.

### Water Warrior Award (Secondary)

Open to individual secondary school students who are undertaking activities that improve the health of our waterways and make a positive difference in our local communities.

### Sustainable Education Award Supported by BP

Open to schools and environmental education centres that are promoting environmental awareness and establishing green practices. This includes classroom projects, education programs and youth based environmental activities.

## Industry & Business Group

### Responsible Tourism Award

Open to tourism operators and destinations with inspiring approaches to responsible tourism that protect and improve waterway health.

### Rural and Agriculture Award

Open to local government, catchment and landcare groups, primary producers, landowners and farmers who have implemented rural projects or initiatives that protect and improve waterway health.

### Sustainable Development Award Supported by Unitywater

Open to organisations and professionals including engineers, urban designers and local government that have implemented projects which demonstrate best practice sustainable water management and environmental practices.

### Product and Manufacturing Award

Open to organisations that have successfully implemented solutions designed to reduce the impact of their operations, products and packaging on waterways.

## Community Group

### Community Award Supported by Brisbane Airport Corporation

Open to individuals, organisations and groups for initiatives which have resulted from community action or demonstrate a high level of community participation.

### Indigenous Award Supported by Veolia Water Australia

Open to Indigenous groups and individuals who are actively working to protect our waterways through community consultation and by reinstating cultural, historical and environmental values within the community.

### Clean Up Award

Open to community groups and individuals for efforts that address the issue of waterway litter.

## Minister's Grand Prize

Supported by the Department of Environment & Heritage Protection

Awarded to the most innovative and outstanding group or organisation category winner.

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\$10,000

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## Key Dates

Entries close:  
**5pm Wednesday 13 March**

Finalists announced:  
**Wednesday 17 April**

People's Choice voting opens:  
**Wednesday 17 April**

People's Choice voting closes:  
**Monday 20 May**

Awards Gala Dinner  
**Friday 31 May**

## Awards Gala Dinner

Tickets now available

Join us at the 'new look' Healthy Waterways Awards Gala Dinner for a fantastic evening in the magnificent five star surrounds of the Sofitel Hotel's Ballroom le Grand.

**When:** Friday 31 May 2013

**Where:** Sofitel Hotel  
249 Turbot Street, Brisbane

**Time:** 6:00pm – 10:30pm (approx)

**Dress:** Cocktail/Dinner Suit

**Ticket Cost:** \$132 pp

**Early Bird:** \$115.50 pp (book by 24 April)

Cost includes a two course dinner, drinks and entertainment.

This is a wonderful opportunity to network and honour our waterway champions.

Tickets are available for purchase until 24 May at [www.healthywaterwaysawards.org](http://www.healthywaterwaysawards.org)

Seating is limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

### Reasons to attend

- Fantastic networking opportunity
- Celebrate local waterway health achievements
- Learn more about the passionate people and projects helping to protect our waterways
- Raise awareness of your own initiatives and projects
- Be part of a movement of people who are passionate about our waterways
- Enjoy a fabulous evening.

## 2012 Minister's Grand Prize Winner

'One of the finest ways to recognise the wonderful effort of the many volunteers who make our projects a success was being awarded the Minister's Grand Prize in 2012. Winning this award has provided us with valuable recognition and highlights the benefits of collaboration between community, industry and government when taking action on environmental issues.'

The award money received enabled us to engage disadvantaged youth in environmental activities and it helps to support our ongoing programs. If you want to reward the efforts of your volunteers show them off to the world by applying for the Healthy Waterways Awards.'

**Simon Baltais**  
President, Wildlife Queensland



Pictured: Wildlife Queensland Bayside Branch accepting the Minister's Grand Prize at the 2012 Healthy Waterways Awards Gala Dinner.

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