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Media release

Allconnex cleans up at AWA awards

Allconnex Water has cleaned up at the 2011 Australian Water Association's (AWA) Queensland Water Awards taking out three of the six awards.

Allconnex Water CEO Kim Wood said he was proud that the organisation took out half of the awards available across Queensland, including Young Water Professional of the Year, Water Professional of the Year and Infrastructure Project Innovation.

"We have been working tirelessly over the last year to deliver quality water and wastewater services. I am delighted to see that our people and programs have been recognised by our industry peers," he said.

"It is our people who make the real difference. Their continued commitment and dedication is what allows us to get on with the job of delivering first class water and wastewater services to customers in the Gold Coast, Logan and Redlands."

The awards were announced at a gala dinner in Brisbane on Friday 22 July.

Allconnex Water engineer Kelly O'Halloran, Manager for Process Engineering, took out the award for Queensland's Young Water Professional of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the industry.

Kelly works to continually improve wastewater treatment plant processes and provides technical support to infrastructure planning, product quality and testing and other areas of Allconnex Water.

Besides her busy schedule at work, running a team and publishing papers in a wide variety of journals and magazines, Kelly is a volunteer scientist at St Michael's college on the Gold Coast where she hopes she has influenced some students into pursuing a career in the water industry.

"I love my job. I'm excited about going to work and have been fortunate with the opportunities that have presented themselves to me," Kelly said.

"I appreciate the recognition of the hard work I have put in over the years," Kelly said. "It is humbling to receive the award because of the quality of the other finalists."

Impressively, all three finalists for the Young Water Professional of the Year Award were Allconnex Water representatives and are up-and-coming women in the water industry in Queensland.



The other two finalists were scientist Anna Hollingsworth, Manager, Sustainable Planning, Allconnex Water based at Nerang, and water planning engineer and project manager Liliana Castro Araoz, currently working at Allconnex's Logan Water Alliance based at Logan.

Ian Cameron, Design Manager (Parsons Brinckerhoff) for Allconnex Water's Logan Water Alliance took out the Queensland Water Professional of the Year Award, which honours individuals who have displayed a sustained passion and continued commitment to the water industry.

Allconnex's Logan Water Alliance also took out the Infrastructure Project Innovation Award that recognises significant and innovative infrastructure projects within the water industry.

All three award winners will now represent Queensland at the national AWA Awards, which will be presented at the 2012 AWA Ozwater Conference in Sydney May 2012, when the AWA celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Further information and images of the winners are available.

Attached image: Left to right, the three Allconnex Water finalists in the Young Water Professional the Year Award, from left, Liliana Castro Araoz, Kelly O'Halloran (winner) and Anna Hollingsworth.

More images, and at higher resolutions, are available upon request.

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