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COUNCILS HONOURED FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN PUBLIC WORKS

The achievements and contributions of councils across the State have been celebrated through the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA – NSW) Engineering Excellence Awards.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock congratulated the winners of the annual awards which recognise excellence in local government and public works projects across the State including road safety, recycling, water supply, wastewater, asset management, and workplace health and safety.

Mrs Hancock said all councils recognised as winners or highly commended demonstrated outstanding commitment and innovation in their public works for the benefit of their local communities.

“The scope and innovation present in all these projects are simply outstanding and a real credit to the staff for bringing them to life, from initial blueprint and floorplan to the final stroke of the paintbrush,” Mrs Hancock said.

Mrs Hancock singled out Wollongong City Council for winning the Design and Construction of a Local Government Project Award in response to its project enabling flood-reliable access to residential areas in West Dapto.

“The timing of this project, brought to life with Resilience NSW, is remarkable given the current storms and floods that have wrought havoc,” Mrs Hancock said.

“West Dapto is one of the fastest-growing areas in the State outside Greater Sydney, but historically flood-prone, and I am delighted that Wollongong City Council’s prescient project has been recognised in the awards.”

The \$71 million project connects West Dapto with Dapto Town Centre, the Princes Highway and M1 Princes Motorway, and involved the construction of a four-lane road, two bridges, key intersection upgrades, and relocation of power, gas and communications services.

Shoalhaven City Council was recognised through the Minister for Local Government Award for Innovation for the creation of the Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre.

“This multipurpose facility can cater for basketball, netball, futsal, and badminton and 600 spectators cheering their teams on,” Mrs Hancock said.

“Given its proximity to Bomaderry High School and the inclusion of a creche, the sports centre is also a boon for students and parents in the area, as well as the broader community, which has welcomed the facility with open arms.”

For more information on the award-winning and highly commended projects, visit www.ipweansw.org.

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Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA – NSW) Engineering Excellence Awards Winners and Highly Commended

Award	Council	Project
Minister for Local Government Award for Innovation in Local Government Engineering	Winner - Shoalhaven City Council	Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre
Design and Construction of a Local Government/Public Works Project - Projects less than \$500,000	Winner - Gwydir Shire Council	Warialda All Abilities Park
	Highly Commended - Northern Beaches Council	Little Manly Tidal Pool Renewal
	Highly Commended - Nambucca Valley Council	Nambucca Jetty Walk
Design and Construction of a Local Government/Public Works Project - Projects greater than \$500,000 and less than \$5 million	Winner - Maitland City Council	Abbot Street Reconstruction
	Highly Commended - Sutherland Shire Council	Bonna Point Reserve - Playground
	Highly Commended - City of Parramatta Council	West Epping Park - Sporting Pavilion and Maintenance Facility
	Highly Commended - Forbes Shire Council	Central West Livestock Exchange Expansion
Design and Construction of a Local Government/Public Works Project - Projects greater than \$5 million	Winner - Wollongong City Council	Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive Bridge Link (Karrara Bridge)
	Highly Commended - Central Coast Council	Somersby Industrial Estate
	Highly Commended - Forbes Shire Council	Forbes Homemaker Centre
New or Improved Techniques including; Innovation and/ or Introduction of Techniques or Outstanding Management Initiatives or Outstanding Achievement in Asset Management	Winner - City of Canterbury Bankstown	Leisure and Aquatics Strategic Plan
	Highly Commended - Campbelltown City Council	Introducing Innovative Pavement Preservation Treatments
	Highly Commended - MidCoast Council	Jimmys Beach Sand Replenishment Infrastructure
Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater	Winner - Kyogle Council	Kyogle Water Supply Augmentation
	Highly Commended - Riverina Water County Council	Willans Hill Water Supply Reservoir
Workplace Health and Safety	Winner - Blacktown City Council	Making Blacktown City's Stormwater System Safer: Headwall Risk

		Mitigation
Excellence in Road Safety Engineering	Winner - Tweed Shire Council	Kyogle Rd, Uki, Road Safety Upgrade
	Highly Commended - Central Coast Council	Road Safety Awareness - Local Government
Environmental Enhancement Project or Initiative including Recovering, Recycling and Reusing	Winner - Shoalhaven City Council	REMS 1B Works
	Highly Commended - City of Canada Bay	Circular Economy - Majors Bay Reserve Synthetic Sports Field
Local Government Excellence in Road Safety	Winner - Blacktown City Council	Changing Attitudes to Child Car Seat Use in a Low-income Community
	Highly Commended - Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan councils	NOT A STATISTIC! Youth Driver Education Program
The David Abbott Award (under 35)	Winner - Public Works Advisory	Dion Dissanayake, Department of Regional NSW
	Highly Commended - MidCoast Council	Claire Shultz
Public Works Leader of the Year	Winner - Central Coast Council	Parissa Ghanem, Team Leader, Floodplain Management
Heritage Award - Metropolitan Area	Winner - Sutherland Shire Council	Old Ferry Road Reserve Upgrade
Heritage Award - Regional Area	Winner - Maitland City Council	Banks Street Heritage Kerb and Gutter Renewal
Community Precinct Award	Winner - City of Parramatta Council	Carmen Drive Neighbourhood Centre and Reserve Upgrade