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Minister for Local Government

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN PUBLIC WORKS**

The achievements and contributions of engineers from across the State was celebrated at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA - NSW) Engineering Excellence Awards this evening.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock joined this year's winners at an awards ceremony in the Hunter Valley to celebrate their accomplishments.

"This year's award winners are pioneers and emerging leaders who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and innovation in public works," Mrs Hancock said.

Among the recipients of awards include Eurobodalla Shire Council for innovation in water supply and wastewater, City of Canada Bay Council for its 5 Senses Garden and Shellharbour City Council for its new civic centre.

"Our council's punch well above their weight to deliver infrastructure for local communities and it's never been more important to celebrate the significant contribution public works engineers make to our great State.

"With NSW in the midst of a major infrastructure boom, we need more talented people like tonight's award winners working in engineering jobs to cement our State as a leading destination to live and work.

"I thank outgoing IPWEA CEO John Roydhouse for his dedication to the Institute and for his commitment to developing and fostering the talent of the next generation of engineers."

IPWEA's annual Engineering Excellence Awards recognise excellence of local government and public works projects across the State.

For more information, visit [www.ipweansw.org](http://www.ipweansw.org)

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## **Winners of the 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards**

### **Category 1**

Design and Construction of a Local Government/Public Works Project

#### **Category 1A**

Projects less than \$500,000

Winner - Blacktown City Council – Riverstone Cemetery

#### **Category 1B**

Partnered by Office of Emergency Management

Projects greater than \$500,000 but less than \$5 million

Winner: Eurobodalla Shire Council – Moruya Regional Airport runway strengthening

Highly Commended 1: Clarence Valley Council - McLean Riverside Precinct Plan

Highly Commended 2: Randwick City Council – Coastal Walkway

Highly Commended 3: City of Parramatta Council - Peter Parade Flood Levee Remediation

#### **Category 1C**

Projects greater than \$5 million

Winner: Lake Macquarie- Pasterfield Sports Complex

Highly Commended 1: Dubbo Regional Council - Airport General Aviation Expansion & Aeromedical Facility

Highly Commended 2: Blacktown City Council – Federation Forest Reserve

### **Category 2**

New or Improved Techniques including: Innovation and/or Introduction of Techniques or Outstanding Management Initiatives or Outstanding Achievement in Asset Management

Winner: Campbelltown City Council – Asset Renewal Backlog Strategy

Highly Commended 1 - Clarence Valley Council – Bookable

Highly Commended 2 - Eurobodalla Shire Council – Growing Our Future Workforce

### **Category 3**

Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater

Winner: Eurobodalla Shire Council – Cullendulla Sewer Rising Main Construction

### **Category 5**

Excellence in Road Safety Engineering

Winner: Eurobodalla Shire Council – Kings Highway Partnering to Engineer Safer Highways

Highly Commended 1: Hilltops Council – Young Sporting Field Pathway Linkage Project

### **Category 6**

Environmental Enhancement Project or Initiative including Recovering, Recycling and Reusing

Winner: Shellharbour City Council - Dunmore Resource Recovery Centre

Highly Commended 1: Berrigan Shire Council - Waste Transfer Strategy

Highly Commended 2: Lake Macquarie City Council - Winding Creek Glendale Stormwater Quality Improvement Device

### **Category 7**

Local Government Excellence in Road Safety

Winner: Eurobodalla Shire Council - Driving Safer Rural Roads

Highly Commended 1: Port Stephens Council – Motorcycling the Hunter

### **Category 8**

Multi-Disciplinary Project Management

Winner: Blacktown City Council – Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre

Highly Commended 1: Ryde City Council-Meadowbank Outdoor Youth Space

### **Category 9**

The David Abbott Award

Winner: Megan Schlotjes: Northern Beaches Council

Highly Commended 1: Tim Polo - Nambucca Shire Council

Highly Commended 2: Josh Devitt - Charles Sturt University

### **Category 10**

Public Works Leader of the Year

Winner: John Anderson Public Works Advisory

### **Special Community Award**

City of Canada Bay Council – Rhodes 5 Senses Garden

### **The Minister of Local Government's Award for Innovation in Local Government Engineering**

Endorsed by the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelley Hancock MP

Winner: Shellharbour Council - Shellharbour Civic Centre