



As New Zealand’s largest water company, we pride ourselves on being industry leaders, demonstrating excellence and innovation across many areas in the water and infrastructure industry. Below are some of the awards our people have received in 2018/19.

Award	Winners
Engineering New Zealand’s Auckland Branch Centennial Awards	Brendon Harkness was recognised with a highly commended award for his excellence in humanitarian service.
Water New Zealand Awards	<p>Laurence Jenner and Lupe Suniula won the Paper of the Year Award – for their paper on “Innovative energy opportunities for water utilities”.</p> <p>Olivia Philpott won Young Author of the Year for her paper on “Responding to challenges facing the delivery of water and wastewater due to climate change”.</p> <p>Sven Harlos won Project Award of the Year for the expansion of the Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant.</p> <p>Sharon Danks won Operations Excellence of the Year award for Triangle Road Pump Station Commissioning.</p> <p>Octavio Perez Garcia won Presentation of the Year Award for his paper titled “A Utilities Guide to Starting up Anammox”.</p> <p>Health & Safety Innovation Award was won by the Maintenance Services Network team for their technical training centre at Māngere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richie Rameka • Tony Higgins • Mike Grindlay • Chris Kinley
Project Management Institute NZ Awards	<p>Project of the Year – Watercare for Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion</p> <p>Sven Harlos, project manager</p>
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) Business Awards	Roseline Klein was recognised for her leadership in energy efficiency and emissions reductions by EECA.
Procurement Excellence Awards	Anna Mogridge, Stuart Bird and Kelvin Stuart won the award for Successful Procurement Change of the Year.
Public Relations Institute of NZ (PRINZ) Awards - Special Project/Short-Term campaign	Communications team (Rachel Hughes, Brent Evans, Maxine Clayton, Anusha Vishnampet, Janie Smith and Mel Verran) won the PRINZ Award for “Save 20” campaign during the Tasman Tempest weather event.
Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ) Excellence Awards	<p>The Wairau Road Rising Wastewater Main project (medium category award for projects costing more than \$5million): Mahinda Attanayake, project manager.</p> <p>The Waikato Water Treatment Plant expansion won the Large Category award for projects costing less than \$20 million: Axel Dumont, project manager.</p> <p>The biological nutrient removal (BNR) facility at the Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant won the Large Category award for projects costing more than \$20m: Sven Harlos, project manager.</p>
Australasian Reporting Awards	<p>Our 2018 Annual Report, managed by Julian Stewart, Anusha Vishnampet and Roseline Klein, won the Best Sustainability Reporting Award (Public and NFP Sector).</p> <p>Watercare also won its 14th consecutive Gold Award at the Australasian Reporting Awards.</p>
Copyright Education Licensing Awards – Finalist	Sally Smith was a finalist in the 2018 Education Awards – Best Primary Resource for her excellent illustrated book “Sam and Flo’s Amazing Watery Adventure”.
Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Excellence Awards (IPWEA)	The BNR expansion project managed by Sven Harlos won the award for Best Public Works of more than \$5 million at the IPWEA Awards.
Sustainable Business Network Awards	Olivia Philpott received a commendation for the ‘Millennial on a mission’ award at the Sustainable Business Network Awards for her work on climate change mitigation.
Project Excellence Awards 2018 sponsored by Auckland Council	<p>Four awards won by the BNR upgrades/Sven Harlos:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical Works Award 2. Project Excellence Supreme Awards 3. Project of the Year “Collaboration” Award 4. People Leader Award for Sven Harlos
New Zealand Trade & Industrial Waters Forum Bob McWilliams Memorial Award for excellence and passion	Annette Hemingway




Integrated approach delivers effective infrastructure and industry recognition

The \$140 million biological nutrient removal (BNR) upgrades to our Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant have been recognised with thirteen industry awards, including the ones listed in the previous page, for excellence in project management, sustainability, innovation and risk management.

The upgrades were the largest wastewater works in Australasia at that time and are a great example of an integrated approach to delivering effective infrastructure.

The process design and layout of the plant was led by Watercare and our design partners while the geotechnical and structural design was driven by our contractors. This hybrid approach proved to be successful, delivering cost efficiencies and reliable, safe-to-operate infrastructure.



 The BNR upgrades to our Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant allow it to treat the wastewater of another 250,000 Aucklanders.