

## Shepparton Irrigation Region Awards and Recognition since 1990

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This list will be corrected and updated periodically as information becomes available, including the 'reference clues' following the list.

The first 10 years review (until 2001) provides much of the information for that period. The categories were sometimes ambiguous.

Most awards also have a one-pager or case study written, accompanied by images. These have been partly compiled within the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's internal documentation system.

Year	Project/ entity	Awarding organisation	Award	Section/ Category	Awarded	Ref	Comments
2020	Carl Walters	Australian Water Association	Water Professional of the Year		Finalist	21	GBCMA's Carl is the SIR People and Planning Integration Committee Executive Officer. <a href="https://www.awa.asn.au/documents/VIC_Award_Finalists_List_For_Web_December_2020.pdf">https://www.awa.asn.au/documents/VIC_Award_Finalists_List_For_Web_December_2020.pdf</a>
2019	Irrigation Energy Calculator (Goulburn Broken-led consortium)	International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage	Best conference paper		Won	20	Conference in Indonesia; developed with AgVic
2019	Woka Walla Crew (Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation)	Victorian Landcare	Indigenous Land Management		Won	20	
2017	Farm Water Program	International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage	Innovation & Technology	WatSave	Won	19	International recognition - awarded in Mexico City. <i>This was the first time the award had gone to an Australian project.</i>
2017	Woka Walla Crew (Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation)	Victorian Landcare	Indigenous Land Management		Highly commended	19	
2017	John Dainton	Australia Day Honours	Member of the Order of Australia (AM)	General	Awarded		<i>For significant service to conservation and the environment through natural resource management, and to the dairy industry.</i> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Australia_Day_Honours">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Australia_Day_Honours</a>

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2015	Farm Water Program	Banksia Foundation	Sustainable Water Management		Finalist	18	
2015	Fruit Industry Employment Program	Premier (Premier's Sustainability Awards)	Sustainability	Community	Finalist	18	<a href="https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/premiers-sustainability-awards-finalists-announced/">https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/premiers-sustainability-awards-finalists-announced/</a>
2015	Farm Water Program (Goulburn Broken CMA consortium)	Australian Water Awards	Program Innovation	Australia	Won	17	<i>in front of over 950 delegates in Adelaide The win is a great credit to the region's irrigators and the considerable efforts undertaken by them to complete projects over the past five years. The ultimate winner is the regional environment and community as the works undertaken by irrigators increase regional resilience and prosperity.</i>
2014	Farm Water Program (Goulburn Broken CMA consortium)	Australian Water Awards	Program Innovation	Victoria	Won	17	
2011	Karen Brisbane	Landcare Victoria	Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship		Awarded	16	<i>for her work in Landcare and will use the Fellowship to travel to Thailand to help develop Landcare by creating whole farm plans that address sustainable agriculture challenges such as salinity</i>
2010	Ken Sampson	Irrigation Australia Limited	Maclean-Iedema	(presented every 2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	Awarded	15	<i>Posthumously... ..for his very significant contribution over an extended period to the irrigation industry</i>
2010	RiverConnect	Parks Victoria	Regional Achievement and Community	Environment and Sustainability	Won	14	<i>initiated by Goulburn Broken CMA in 2005 and now led by Greater Shepparton City Council</i>
2010	Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network	Parks Victoria	Regional Achievement and Community	Environment and Sustainability	Finalist	14	
2009	Farm Program staff	Department of Primary Industries (Victoria)	Farm Services	Customer Service	Won	13	<i>The award was presented for the work that the team had carried out in undertaking the Farm Irrigation Assessment Program.</i>
2009	GBCMA	Australasian Reporting Awards			Silver	12	<i>the highest level awarded to a natural resource management organisation</i>
2008	Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network	Parks Victoria	Regional Achievement and Community	Environment and Sustainability	Finalist	11	

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2008	RiverConnect	Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority	Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning	Partner	Won	10	Also at: <a href="http://riverconnect.com.au/assets/files/newsletters/RiverConnect_Newsletter_No_03_-_September_2008.PDF">http://riverconnect.com.au/assets/files/newsletters/RiverConnect_Newsletter_No_03_-_September_2008.PDF</a>
2008	Vision for the Broken Basin	Banksia Foundation		Water	Won	10	
2006	Environment Program staff	Department of Primary Industries (Victoria)	Primary Elements	Sustainability Initiative	Won	9	2007
2004 or 2005	Ross and Keith Nicoll	Australian National Conference on Irrigation and Drainage		Innovation	Awarded	8	Whole Farm Plan and the installation of a state-of-the-art automatic irrigation system on their farm
2003	John Dainton	Banksia Foundation	Prime Minister's Award	Environmental ist of the Year	Finalist		<a href="https://www.soe-townsville.org/awards/banksia/finalists_03.html">https://www.soe-townsville.org/awards/banksia/finalists_03.html</a>
2003	John Laing	Landcare Victoria	National Landcare Award	Individual	Won	7	Not clear whether this is for Victoria or all of Australia – might be easiest to check via John! <a href="https://www.landcarevic.org.au/assets/Uploads/Issue-29-Spring-2003.pdf#page=23">https://www.landcarevic.org.au/assets/Uploads/Issue-29-Spring-2003.pdf#page=23</a>
2002	Rehabilitation of the Broken, Boosey Nine Mile Creek system	Banksia Foundation	Bush, Land and Waterways		Finalist	5, 6	And <a href="https://banksiafdn.com/2002-winners/">https://banksiafdn.com/2002-winners/</a>
2002	Rehabilitation of the Broken, Boosey Nine Mile Creek system	Banksia Foundation	Prime Minister's	Environmental ist of the Year	Finalist	5, 6	
2001	Waterways Management Program (Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority)	International River Foundation	(Thiess) National Riverprize		Won	1	In 1997 the rivers in the Goulburn Broken catchment experienced declines in water quality, native vegetation and biodiversity. Working in partnership with landholders, Landcare groups, the wider community, research organisations, the Victorian and Australian Governments and their agencies, the GBCMA has achieved significant improvements in water quality and river health. Watch video here
2000	Waterways Management Program (Goulburn Broken	International River Foundation	International Riverprize		Short listed	1	Ref 5 says it was 1999!

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	Catchment Management Authority)						
2000	SIR IC	Prime Minister's awards	Community Leadership in Environmental Achievement		Highly commended	1, 1b, 5	
2000	Muckatah Project	Banksia Foundation	Land, Bush & Waterways		Won	1, 3	Trophy (3) states organisation (Banksia Environmental Foundation) and complete category; Won by Goulburn-Murray Water, Sinclair Knight Merz & GB CMA; Sponsored by Bushcare (a program of the Natural Heritage Trust); Doesn't state actual name of project though!! Ref 5 calls in banks rather than bush!
2000	Muckatah Project	Banksia Foundation	??		Finalist	1	Community group category perhaps?
2000	Muckatah Project	Banksia Foundation	Innovation		Finalist	1	Innovation category in ref 5 (looks like "innovation" used incorrectly in ref 1)
2000	SIRIC	Victorian Landcare	Catchment		Finalist	5	
2000	SIRIC Waterways Working Group	Victorian Landcare	Rivercare		Finalist	1, 5	Was it Community section??
2000	Surface Drainage Working Group	Victorian Landcare		??	Finalist	1	Was it Community section??
2001	Cornella Local Area Plan	Landcare Victoria	(Telstra) Catchment		Won	5, 6	
2001	Nanneella Local Area Plan	Landcare Victoria	(Telstra) Catchment		Finalist	5	
2001	Salinity Implementation Team	Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Diversity		??	5	
1999	Muckatah Catchment Strategy	Institute of Engineers of Australia	Environmental Excellence	Victoria	Won	1, 1b, 2, 5	<i>"a unique integrated surface water management system with innovative wetland rehabilitation and environmental enhancement features"</i> Environmentally sensitive design; Ref 2 says it was "Muckatah Surface Water Management Strategy"
1999	Shepparton Irrigation Region Implementation Committee	Banksia Foundation	National	Community group	Finalist	1,2	
1999	Superb Parrot Project	Banksia Foundation	National	Community group	Won	4a, 4b	<a href="https://banksiafdn.com/1999-winners/">https://banksiafdn.com/1999-winners/</a>

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1999	??	Victorian Landcare	Victorian Landcare and Farm Management?	??	Finalist	1	<a href="#">click here</a>
1997 or 1998	Geoff Witten and Peter Witten	Victorian Landcare	Harold J Hanslow	Regional	Won	2b	
1998	SIRCS DNRE staff	Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Daniel McAlpine Award	Scientific excellence in agriculture resource protection	Runners up	1, 2	
1995	Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Salinity Management Plan	Landcare Victoria	(BP) Catchment	Victoria	Won	21, 1, 2, 5,	And in Sampson, Canobie Norman paper <a href="#">(internal GBCMA link)</a> Ref 5 says the winner was SIRIC.
1995	Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Salinity Management Plan	Landcare Australia	(BP) Catchment	National	Nominated	21	
1993	Municipalities Against Salinity in Northern Victoria	Landcare Australia	(Telecom) Local Government		Highly commended	1	

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