



# ***2007 NATIONAL AWARDS***

## **AWARD CRITERIA, RULES & ENTRY FORM**

for

Award for Excellence in  
**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT / INITIATIVES**

Award for Excellence in  
**STORMWATER RESEARCH**

Award for Excellence in  
**STORMWATER EDUCATION**

Award for Excellence in  
**SURFACE &/OR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT**

Award for Excellence in  
**STORMWATER HARVEST & REUSE**

The awards will be presented at the SIA National 2007 Awards Dinner  
being held in Melbourne on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007

The three finalists in each award category will make presentations at the Awards Dinner

**Entries close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2007**



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**The 2007 Awards are being hosted and managed by SIA Victoria Inc.**

All entries (complete with copy of completed Tax Invoice) and queries should be directed to:

**SIA National Awards c/o Rain Gardens Australia P/L 2 Highland Drive Frankston South VIC 3199  
Madeline Laurenson Tel 0410 712 824 Fax (03) 5978 0544 Email info@raingardens.com.au**

# STORMWATER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



## AWARD ENTRY FORM

Stormwater Industry Association is calling for entries for the 2007 Stormwater Excellence Awards. These national awards are open to all organisations and individuals irrespective of the size of the project or the qualifications of the individuals. The awards are judged for their originality, innovation, actual and/or potential benefits, cost effectiveness and contribution towards environmental sustainability in stormwater management. Five Awards are available.

- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT / INITIATIVES** Entry fee \$100\*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER RESEARCH** Entry fee \$100\*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER EDUCATION** Entry fee \$100\*
- **EXCELLENCE IN SURFACE &/OR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT** Entry fee \$100\*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER HARVEST & REUSE** Entry fee \$100\*

**The closing date for entries is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

All award applications are assessed by panels of judges drawn from the fields of Environmental Management, Engineering and Urban Planning.

**ENTRY - This entry is for the following category:** (tick one box)

- Stormwater Management / Initiatives
- Stormwater Research
- Stormwater Education
- Surface &/or Ground Water Management
- Stormwater Harvest & Reuse

I/we identify our entry as: (insert name of Project or name(s) of Entrant(s))

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### NOMINATOR

- I/we are members of SIA of: WA NSW QLD SA VIC NZ (Circle one)

### SUBMISSION

- I/we enclose material to demonstrate that the entry satisfies the Award Criteria

### VALIDATION

- I/we enclose two letters from recognised industry referees supporting this entry

### AWARD DINNER

- I/we will ensure that a representative of this entry attend the 2007 Awards Dinner and make a presentation\*\* if the entry is selected as one of the three finalists in the award category.

### UNDERTAKING

- I/we agree to abide by the published Rules for the 2007 National Awards

### CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON LODGING NOMINATION

Name .....

Organization .....

Address .....

Tel ..... Fax ..... Email .....

Signed

Date

\* A Tax Invoice form is available for payment of entry fees by cheque or direct deposit

\*\* The format of the Awards Dinner presentations will be published on our web pages prior to 1st November 2007

\*\*\* The Entry and Tax Invoice forms are also available on the SIA website: [www.stormwater.asn.au](http://www.stormwater.asn.au)



## AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

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### **National Award for Excellence in Stormwater Management / Initiatives**

This award recognises projects which can improve the efficiency of operation of urban stormwater systems serving one or more objectives compatible with Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) through attention to any of the areas or stages of endeavour necessary to reach the outcomes.

The award is open to any consultant, local or other government body, private organisation or individual.

**Entries should demonstrate:**

- Description on the organisational, public or private issues involved
- Improvement to one or more stormwater management outcomes compatible with WSUD
- Efficiencies achieved through inclusion of WSUD
- Achievement of project milestones and objectives
- Completion in a realistic time frame
- Effectiveness of reducing the impact of development on the total water cycle
- An ability to integrate, engage and move the community, organisation, and business
- Contributions to knowledge, methods, technology or regulations
- Efficiencies achieved with performance data on flows and water qualities
- Costs and benefits to all parties
- Benefits to the local community

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### **National Award for Excellence in Stormwater Research**

This award recognises research projects, including software development, that have produced data, knowledge and wisdom as related to stormwater and water systems. This category can include detailed quantification and review of existing works.

The award is open to any research organisation, consultant, government body, private organisation or individual.

**Entries should demonstrate:**

- Description of the nature of the problem to be overcome
- Contribution to knowledge, methods, technology or regulation In managing stormwater quantity, quality, drain design, or flood mitigation
- Improved stormwater design and rationalisation practice
- Presentation of the good and bad features of the project
- Benefits in terms of health, safety, convenience, aesthetics and quality of urban living

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### **National Award for Excellence in Stormwater Education**

This award recognises the provision of a public or private program, courses, lectures or manuscripts which enthuse, enlighten and advance awareness of urban living and stormwater flows that influence knowledge, attitudes and behaviour toward water within broad or particular groups.

The award is open to individuals, groups or organisations.

**Entries should demonstrate:**

- The communication of accurate information at a level of detail appropriate to the target audience
- Direct or potential benefits to one or more of water conservation, use, reuse, recycling, stormwater quality, flood mitigation, or water management efficiency
- Description of the target audience and the objectives of the program
- Structure of the program, mode of delivery, materials and aids
- Capital and operating costs of the program



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## **National Award for Excellence in Surface &/or Ground Water Management**

This award recognises structural measures that enhances the performance of a stormwater quality treatment train within a catchment and reduces unsustainable impacts on supporting ecosystems through specific attention to the incorporation and operation of appropriate design criteria.

The award is open to any consultant, government body, private organisation or individual.

### **Entries should demonstrate:**

- Innovative use of water sensitive urban design element/s
- Description of the project and its major performance objectives
- Key data relevant to the objectives
- Description of the design concepts and any innovations
- Simplicity in application, cost effectiveness and retrofitting
- Benefits to water conservation, water quality improvement, or flood mitigation
- Awareness of the impact of the development on the total water cycle
- Benefits in terms of capital cost, operating costs, health, safety, and convenience
- Rationalisation of performance, flow and water quality data
- Completion or near completion of project

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## **National Award for Excellence in Stormwater Harvest and Reuse**

This award recognises projects which demonstrate stormwater harvest and reuse which benefits the general community whilst contributing positively to the environment and sustainability.

### **Entries should demonstrate:**

- Description of the project and it's major performance objectives
- Benefits to the local and wider community
- Costs and benefits to all parties
- Contribution to sustainability
- Benefits to water conservation, water quality improvement, or flood mitigation
- Benefits in terms of capital cost, operating costs, health, safety, and convenience
- Completion or near completion of project

# STORMWATER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



## AWARD RULES

### 1. OBJECTIVES

- (i) The Stormwater Industry Association will present five Awards of Excellence.
- (ii) The Awards are designed to raise the profile and understanding of stormwater and water conservation and use while balancing development and maintaining our environment, to give recognition to the recipient, and to further the industry image through the marketing of the award including the nomination procedures, selection, award ceremony and publication of the achiever's work.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Nominations shall be from an Australian or New Zealand person, group or public or private organisation, which has made a contribution in Australasia as set out in "Award Categories & Criteria".
- (ii) Nominees need not be members of the Stormwater Industry Association, but the Nominator must be a current member of one of the affiliated Stormwater Industry Associations of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia or New Zealand.
- (iii) The nomination must be submitted on the Awards Entry/Nomination Form included in this document but will be rejected unless accompanied by:
  - the agreement/testimonial from the owner of any project and/or intellectual property associated with the project
  - the fees payable (a fee must be paid for each entry)
  - two letters from referees who are recognised as holding standing in the stormwater industry
  - documentation that demonstrates the merits of the nomination, to satisfy the Award Criteria
  - a list of the material accompanying the nomination
- (iv) The Nomination must be in triplicate on the official nomination form (original plus 2 copies of same is acceptable)

### 3. SELECTION CRITERIA

- (i) The criteria for entry and judging are listed in "Awards and Award Criteria".

### 4. PROCEDURES

- (i) The closing date for nominations is 5th October 2007.
- (ii) Nominations must be forwarded to: Stormwater Industry Association of Victoria Inc. at the address shown on the entry form.
- (iii) The decision of the panel of judges appointed by the Directors of the Stormwater Industry Association will be final.
- (iv) Any entries withdrawn after the closing date are not entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
- (v) If the standard of nominations within any Award category is considered to not be of an appropriate quality, then no Award will be made in that category.
- (vi) All materials submitted as part of the entry become the property of the SIA and will not be returned unless agreed in writing beforehand.
- (vii) If an entry is submitted in a category for which it does not qualify, the SIA reserves the right to move the entry to a more appropriate category, in consultation with the entrant.

### 5. PRESENTATION

- (i) Three (3) full sets of all material forming the entry must be submitted for forwarding to the judges.
- (ii) Material presented should only consist of information and visualization relevant to meeting the judging criteria. Repetition of material in different forms will detract from the judged score. Material of an advertising nature giving general unsupported views/information should not be included, except as adding to visualization. Photos should be of quality suitable for reproduction.
- (iii) All separate documents/material submitted should be clearly marked with the entry name, Award category and a cumulative serial number to assist collation. A list of all separate documents/material showing their serial numbers should be appended to the entry.
- (iv) CDs and DVDs will be accepted but should not be used as a means of avoiding the presentation of information in hardcopy, where that form of presentation is more appropriate.

### 6. DISQUALIFICATION

- (i) SIA reserves the right to disqualify an entry before, during or after the contest judging, if SIA determines that:
  - The entry or entrant breaches or otherwise fails to satisfy any of the previously stated eligibility or contest requirements
  - SIA considers false or misleading information is intentionally provided
  - Problems, conflicts or discrepancies have arisen between any of the entrants, clients or associated parties, which SIA considers cannot be amicably resolved within a reasonable time.
- (ii) In the case of disqualification after the Awards ceremony, the entrant will be required to return the Award and the SIA will reserve the right to make a public announcement stating the disqualification.

### 7. ADVERTISING

- (i) The recipients of the SIA Awards may advertise that they have won the Award, but may not advertise that the SIA endorses their company or their products. The recipients of the SIA Awards must indicate the category and year of Award whenever disclosing information or promoting itself or its entry for a period of 5 years after winning the Award.
- (ii) The SIA reserves the right to identify all winners on its websites. The SIA reserves the right to publish some or all of the material submitted with any nomination in connection with the promotion of the SIA or the SIA Awards, whether or not the nominee is the successful Award winner. The SIA will take every care in presenting this material, and the Award winner will indemnify the SIA against any misrepresentation made in error.
- (iii) The Sponsors of the Excellence Awards reserve the right to identify the award winners and finalists on their websites.