

## Award recognises operators making a difference to the lives of Tasmanians

TasWater operators from the state's north and south have been recognised in this year's Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) Excellence in Operations awards.

TasWater's Dean Edsall, a Water Services Operator based out of Launceston took out this year's Young Operator of the Year award for Tasmania.

Dean was nominated by his peers due to his positive attitude, his commitment to safety and his willingness to assist in other areas, which is demonstrated through his work at water treatment plants and on service interruptions.

"It was a real surprise to win the award," Dean said.

"The award is really a representation of the work that our whole team does on a day-to-day basis, not just my work.

"We have a great diverse team who all demonstrate leadership and work together

to deliver essential services to Northern Tasmanians."

Dean has been working at TasWater for almost three years.

The Operator of the Year award was taken out by Rex Townsend, a Water Services Operator based out of the Derwent Valley and Central Highlands areas.

These awards recognise the hard work our staff are undertaking to deliver essential services to Tasmanians, while also highlighting TasWater's ongoing commitment to training and career opportunities in local communities.

As part of their prize, the pair will travel to New Zealand next year, border restrictions permitting, to see how water treatment plants operate in another country.

**2021 Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year  
Dean Edsall.**

