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TasWater professionals recognised for professional excellence

Two TasWater professionals have been recognised by the Australian Water Association (AWA) at its national awards presentation in Melbourne.

TasWater Senior Water Quality Scientist Stephen Westgate and Engineer Matthew Robertson's paper *A New approach to Assessing Water Quality Risk* was judged by the Water e-Journal Editorial Committee as the best e-Journal published during 2018.

Each year the award is presented by the AWA at its annual conference Ozwater. This award aims to encourage high standard technical papers and recognise authors for the quality of their professional and scientific writing.

Congratulating Stephen and Matthew, TasWater CEO Michael Brewster said the award speaks to the talent and dedication of TasWater employees.

"It's really pleasing to see our people recognised by external bodies for their work."

The award winning paper documents the methodology Matthew and Stephen developed to assess the infrastructure and operational systems to manage risks in the water supply system from the catchment to the customer's tap.

The paper presents a new approach to identifying, measuring and addressing the risk of microbial contamination of water supplies.

"This has provided a valuable tool for TasWater to optimise water services to customers and maximise the benefit of spending on maintenance and infrastructure development", Mr Brewster said.

"It's been a particularly exciting year for Matthew, with the announcement that he has also been awarded Australian Young Water Professional of the year."

Stephen and Matthew received their awards at the Ozwater '19 conference in Melbourne last night.

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