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Irrigation NZ Rewards Innovation in Irrigation

INZ wants to hear from people doing exceptional things with their irrigation – individuals, groups or companies who are making a positive contribution, impact or benefit to irrigation in New Zealand... no matter how small or large!

Irrigation NZ's Innovation in Irrigation Award

in association with



This Award is to celebrate, encourage and promote innovation and the positive initiatives being undertaken in our communities with irrigation, and as a result of irrigation.

The irrigation sector often feels frustrated at the lack of good news stories in the media! Many in the wider community want to see irrigators striving to be efficient with water and considerate of the environment.

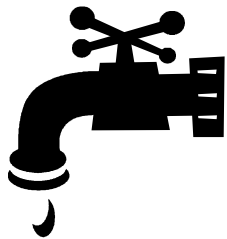
NOW HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED AND HIGHLIGHT THE INNOVATION THAT IS HAPPENING AND ENCOURAGE MORE OF IT!

Merit of an entry will be judged by a judging panel and will be based on ...
'Innovation in Irrigation'.

This is the potential for new knowledge to have a positive impact on irrigation through technology or in a manner that will enhance the economic, social, cultural or environmental aspects of irrigation.

The inaugural award '***Irrigation NZ Innovation in Irrigation Award***' is proudly sponsored by **WaterForce**.

Short listed applicants will be provided with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work. The overall winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500 and the honour of being the inaugural winner of this prestigious Irrigation NZ award.



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Irrigation NZ invites nominations/applications from irrigators, schemes, water user groups, environmental groups, industry, university students and researchers.

Application/nomination requirements:

- Applicants need not hold a professional qualification
- Nominations must be received by INZ no later than 5pm Thursday February 25
- Applications must be received by INZ no later than 5pm Monday March 1
- All applicants will be required to submit an abstract – **up to a maximum of 500 words – together with photographs/graphics the abstract must be presented in no more than both sides of an A4 size page**
- Applicants short listed into the final will be required to submit a poster summary entry for display at the April 2010 conference
- The winner will be announced prior to the conference and will be invited to receive their award at the conference dinner where they will have the opportunity to deliver a 5-10 minute presentation on their poster summary and innovation. Winners must be available for the evening of Tuesday April 27, 2010.

How to nominate or enter:

Nomination:

1. Go to www.irrigationnz.co.nz fill in the nomination form
2. INZ will follow up this nomination for confirmation of entry
3. Please note the nominator's name will be used in communication with the nominee

Entry:

1. Go to www.irrigationnz.co.nz and fill in the entry form
2. All applicants will be required to submit an abstract – **up to a maximum of 500 words – together with photographs/graphics the abstract must be presented in no more than both sides of an A4 size page**

Here are some ideas to get you thinking!

- *Technical innovation – on-farm/orchard/vineyard through to scheme technical advances in irrigation that add value to the process of 'doing business'*
- *Irrigation enhancing the environment – projects and research that will lead to environmental improvements*
- *Community/Society – projects and research inclusive of people and society, cultural, economic and infrastructure benefits of irrigation*

For more details please go to www.irrigationnz.co.nz