



2021 ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE
OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

MERIT AWARDS

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

The EIANZ Merit Awards recognise members and practitioners who have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute and the environment profession. Congratulations and thank you to this year's winners!



FIONA GAINSFORD
FEIANZ, CENVP
(IA PLUS REAP)

Simon Molesworth Award

This is highest award bestowed by the Institute and recognises outstanding service to the Institute at an Institute level by an EIANZ member.

Fiona has made a significant and long-standing contribution at the Institute level. She has been a driving force behind the NSW Government accrediting the Certified Environmental Practitioner Scheme, meaning CENVP Impact Assessment specialists can now be recognised as Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioners. She has also been a key figure in re-establishing the Learning to Adapt climate change professional development program and facilitating its delivery as an online course. Fiona has been active in various roles in the NSW Division since 2008 and became the NSW Division President in 2014. She was the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Council.

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MARIA PEDICINI
MEIANZ, CEnvP

Mary Lou Morris Award

This award recognises an EIANZ member who has provided outstanding service to the Institute at a Divisional, Chapter, SIS or Committee level.

Maria has been the mainstay of the South Australian Division for 15 years. She has been President for much of this time and organised many events and activities for the Division. In 2019-20 she took on the role of organising the successful Institute Conference in Adelaide which had positive financial and technical outcomes. She is continuing her involvement at the Division level as Treasurer. She is a respected environmental practitioner as Principal in her own consultancy with involvement in environmental impact assessment of major projects and auditing of significant industrial facilities.



ALEX PRIDEAUX
MEIANZ

Tor Hundloe Award

This award recognises outstanding contributions to the environment profession by a young professional EIANZ member.

Alex is a future leader of the environmental sector in QLD. He is an inspiration as Chair of the EIANZ-wide SECC, a mentor to students, an encouraging peer of early career practitioners and is respected by senior professionals in the industry. Alex is dedicated to the development of upcoming environmental practitioners and his work with QLD Government is shaping the environmental future of the State. Alex is an outstanding member and very worthy recipient of this Award.



LUKE AMIES
MEIANZ, CEnvP (SC)

Excellence in Environmental Practice Award

This award recognises outstanding practice by an individual EIANZ member or non-member and is intended to be an exemplar for all environmental practitioners.

Luke exemplifies a modern environmental practitioner. He works across multiple disciplines, maintains the highest ethical standards and demonstrates a strong technical understanding that is grounded in experience. As a leader in his field, Luke is well respected by his peers, clients and regulators, making improvements to the industry that results in better environmental outcomes.



DAN LIM
MEIANZ, CEnvP

Resilience Award

This award recognises resilience and adaptability by an EIANZ member towards the undertaking or continuation of environmental practice during COVID lockdown or restrictions.

Dan has demonstrated a strong commitment to and innovative delivery of his professional and EIANZ voluntary functions, despite significant challenges with Covid. This allowed Dan to continue to perform his ecological work and still contribute to regular Board or committee functions, often in parallel when he was in the field. Dan has provided an excellent example for others on how to adapt to changes and still being able to maintain our environmental practice.

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GILLIAN AINSWORTH

Eric Anderson Award

This award is for the best article published in the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management during the year and is decided by the Journal editors.

The winners of this award are Gillian Barbara Ainsworth and Georgette Leah Burns for their article 'Although I use science, It's an emotional thing: conservation practitioners use of positive affect to frame messages about threatened birds', Vol 27 No 4, pp 351-377. This article is very significant, bringing conservation management into the realm of public communication. The results should be relevant internationally. They have the potential of influencing conservation efforts worldwide. This is a breakthrough paper, one that brings conservation science into the larger political world of effective communication strategies. The article will resonate with lots of Australians and given the declines in bird numbers, is important research.



GEORGETTE LEAH BURNS



OLIVIA WOOSNAM
CEnvP

CEnvP Service Award

This award recognises contribution to the Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Scheme and is decided by the Certification Board.

Olivia has been a CEnvP since March 2015, has volunteered as a convener for Panel Assessment interviews in QLD and has been a Registrar for the Ecology Specialist certification since 2017.

Her contribution as a Registrar has been crucial to the success of the Ecology Specialist certification and she has always demonstrated high levels of commitment, work ethic, competency and great leadership attributes. Olivia is also a passionate advocate for the CEnvP Scheme and her commitment to excellence makes her a worthy candidate for this award.



MACLAREN NORTH
MEIANZ, CEnvP (Heritage)

Mac is a wonderful asset to the CEnvP Scheme and the Heritage specialist certification in particular. He has volunteered many hours of his time for the Heritage Specialist Environmental Advisory Committee with a positive, engaging attitude which has actively shaped and promoted the Heritage certification. MacLaren has shown dedication and commitment to the scheme and to the growth of the certification through always being available and ready to respond to questions, participate in panel assessments and presentations, and the continuous improvement of the certification process.