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## qldwater recognises outstanding contributions to Queensland's Urban Water and Sewerage industry

*qldwater*, the primary advisory and advocacy body for Queensland's urban water industry, has recognised two individuals for their exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in advancing the development and sustainability of water and sewerage services in Queensland.

Industry representatives gathered at Waters Edge Function Centre in Brisbane on Thursday 22 August to celebrate their industry colleagues at the *qldwater* 2024 Annual Forum Awards Dinner.

The recipient of the *qldwater* Government Stakeholder Contribution Award is Ted Aldred, Manager Water Supply Regulation – Water Operations and Systems, at the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water. This award recognises a government representative who has played a pivotal role in advancing the industry through their support, engagement, and forward-thinking initiatives.

Ted is a seasoned professional with a background in environmental and public health protection, particularly in safeguarding drinking water safety. With a strong commitment to protecting the health of communities, especially vulnerable populations, he has led various public health programs and actively mentors young professionals. Currently, Ted oversees projects aimed at auditing and enhancing drinking water treatment infrastructure, demonstrating his leadership in ensuring the highest standards of public health protection.

The *qldwater* Industry Recognition Award was presented to Steve Martin, Assets and Projects Manager at Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. This award acknowledges an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the water and sewerage industry in Queensland.

Steve Martin is a highly experienced water industry professional with significant contributions to Queensland's water sector. He has held key roles at the Townsville Regional Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, focusing on improving water operations, capacity building, and water quality for Indigenous communities. He demonstrated strong leadership during the Townsville Floods of 2019 and has supported the *qldwater* Strategic Priorities Group in addressing water supply challenges. Steve is dedicated to improving water management practices and ensuring access to clean water for all communities.

Dr. Georgina Davis, CEO of *qldwater*, expressed her admiration for the recipients, stating, "In a constantly evolving industry, it is essential to recognise those who demonstrate unwavering dedication, innovative thinking, and exemplary leadership. The recipients of the 2024 awards embody these qualities and more, driving positive change and shaping the future of our industry."

Further information about the award recipients can be found at: <https://qldwater.com.au/qldwater-blog>

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### About the *qldwater* Industry Contribution Awards

These awards recognise individuals who have shown exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in supporting the development and sustainability of water and sewerage services in Queensland. The recipients of these awards demonstrate a strong commitment to collaboration, knowledge sharing, and best practice implementation within the industry.

### About *qldwater*

As the central advisory and advocacy body within Queensland's urban water industry, *qldwater* is a collaborative hub, working with its members to provide safe, secure and sustainable urban water services to Queensland communities. *qldwater* members are all registered urban water service providers in Queensland including local government service providers, local government-owned statutory authorities, and state government-owned corporations. *qldwater* also offers Affiliate Memberships to other industry partners, consultants and service providers located in and outside Queensland.