

WRIQ celebrates outstanding achievements in Queensland’s waste and resource recovery industry

Queensland’s premier industry association for waste management and resource recovery, WRIQ has recognised those whose work behind the scenes are absolutely vital to achieving a sustainable future for Queensland.

More than 220 industry representatives gathered at the Star Brisbane on Friday 11 October to celebrate their industry colleagues at the WRIQ Industry Awards Gala Dinner. Winners were announced across ten award categories. Guest of honour for the awards was Sam O’Connor MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef.

WRIQ CEO, Alison Price, expressed her pride in the achievements of the finalists and winners, highlighting their unwavering dedication and commitment to sustainability and excellence in the industry.

Ms Price remarked, “The Industry Awards Gala Dinner was a truly inspiring celebration of the talent and hard work that drives our industry forward. We congratulate all the finalists for their valuable contributions and extend our heartfelt congratulations to the deserving winners for their exceptional accomplishments.”

The awards program and event were held with the support of Hastings Deering, Pure Environmental, Re.Group and Kennedy’s Timber.

A winner’s book and photographs will be available following the event at: <https://www.wriq.au/>.

2024 WRIQ Industry Awards Highly Commended and Winners

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES

	WINNER	HIGHLY COMMENDED
Driver of the Year	> Geoff Davis REMONDIS Australia	> Jimmie Burgess Stiller's Recycling > Alex Ward Cleanaway
Administrator of the Year	> Victoria Norman JJ's Waste & Recycling	> Shannon Eden Sims Metal > Sophea Monaghan ARRG Waste
Maintenance Employee of the Year	> Chris Heggie REMONDIS Australia	> Andrew Blacker BMI Resource Recovery > Jared Hunt Rino Recycling

Resource Recovery Employee of the Year	> Scott Hall Rino Recycling	> Ryan Watson BMI Resource Recovery > Wayne Wilson Stiller's Recycling
Plant and Equipment Operator of the Year	JOINT WINNERS > Troy Daniels Stiller's Recycling > Troy Jacobs REMONDIS Australia	> Jenaya Brunt Rino Recycling
Trainee or Apprentice of the Year	> Chris Sims Phoenix Power Recyclers	> Hayden Dean REMONDIS Australia > Izaya Walker Pure Environmental
COMPANIES		
	WINNER	HIGHLY COMMENDED
Best Recycled Product	> Flinders Calcium Silicate Jackal Renewables t/a Flinders Agriculture	> Remix Premix Sand and Soil Stiller's Recycling > Pure NV Compost Pure Environmental
Environmental Innovation of the Year	> Rino Recycling Multi-Waste Stream Recycling Facility Rino Recycling	> Leading Edge Utility Scale Battery Bunya Landfill Power Project LGI > Getting it Sorted - Australia's Smartest MRF at Nambour Re.Group
Safety Innovation of the Year	> Critical Control Poster Boards Pure Environmental ▪	> Procedure: Visual Inspection and handling of non-conforming waste Bingo Industries
Industry Collaboration of the Year	> Carinity School Stiller's Recycling	> Expanding the range of Containers for Change Container Exchange > Rino Recycling Waterfront Brisbane Demolition Project Rino Recycling

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About the WRIQ Industry Awards

The WRIQ Industry Awards are an ongoing program that recognizes outstanding individuals and projects contributing to Queensland's essential waste management and resource recovery infrastructure and services.

The awards exist to celebrate the often 'unsung heroes' who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to championing the cause through their leadership, mentoring, advocacy, knowledge sharing and action. They inspire us through their achievements and motivate us to make our own contribution to Queensland's waste management and resource recovery industry.

Through the WRIQ Industry Awards, we aim to showcase excellence in individuals and companies who are making a difference in the field of waste management and resource recovery. The awards provide a unique opportunity to shine a spotlight on the innovative projects, initiatives, and partnerships that are helping to build a more sustainable future for Queensland.