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Bundaberg Regional Council wins public works engineering award

Bundaberg Regional Council and AECOM has won the asset management project award at the [Institute of Public Works Australasia Queensland \(IPWEAQ\)](#) excellence awards announced at their annual conference in Cairns last week.

Leigh Cunningham, CEO of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland (IPWEAQ), said the peak body's annual excellence awards recognised the success of infrastructure and engineering projects and the people who deliver them across the state.

"These awards highlight how public works engineering projects and professionals are improving our communities and growing our economies through every aspect of our lives, from transportation and water supply to road safety and recycling, to recreation," Ms Cunningham said.

"Public works engineering professionals work on infrastructure projects that will contribute an estimated \$32 billion a year to the Queensland economy every year for the next five years.

"With the state's continuing growth and the lead-up to the 2032 Olympics, Queensland's public works engineering sector will be taking a leading role over the coming decade."

Bundaberg Regional Council took out the award for best asset management project for the Bundaberg Regional Council Stormwater Management Strategy.

The collaborative project between Bundaberg Regional Council and AECOM creates an overarching Stormwater Management Strategy. It provides an essential framework for best practice asset management that caters for future growth while maintaining and improving existing stormwater infrastructure. The strategy defines a clear level of service for the community that employs risk-based decision making to inform long-term investment.

The IPWEAQ asset management excellence award recognised how well the Bundaberg Regional Council's stormwater management strategy was executed, bringing a holistic vision for stormwater management in the region by increasing awareness and education within the community, capturing social and environmental values, and identifying critical infrastructure needs. The Strategy will see the Bundaberg region transition to an integrated, water sensitive city over time and will see the development of an integrated catchment management plan which considers the water cycle as a whole.

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