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Moreton Bay Regional Council wins public works engineering award

Moreton Bay Regional Council has won project award in the \$5 million to \$10 million category 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."

Moreton Bay Regional Council took out the award for best project for the Mill at Moreton Bay water park and place space in the \$5 million to \$10 million category.

The Mill is a custom designed adventure and water play spaces which reflects the historic industrial nature of the site located at the northern bank of the Pine River at the new Sunshine Coast University Campus (USC) at Petrie. The spaces have been designed to include universal access zones, non-prescribed junior play, and multiple level adventure exploration, providing a unique opportunity for children to play.

The IPWEAQ projects \$5 million to \$10 million excellence award recognised how well Moreton Bay Regional Council's water park and place space was upgraded, with the site originally established in 1957 as the Petrie Paper Mill. The success of the project is not only reflected in this award but also the massive park patronage and positive community sentiment it has received since opening.

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