

Winners are Grinners at South Gippsland Water

South Gippsland Water is proud to provide a number of employment opportunities and traineeships to school leavers across the region.

Last week the benefit of this approach was confirmed when Will Egan, Lance Creek Water Treatment Plant Operator, was presented with the Young Victorian Operator of the Year award for 2016.

Starting with South Gippsland Water as a Trainee Treatment Plant Operator in 2014, Will has completed Certificate II and III in Water Industry Operations. With the Corporation's assistance, he is now planning to commence a Bachelor of Applied Science (Chemistry) degree in 2017.

Upon completion of his traineeship Will gained a permanent position with South Gippsland Water and is now plant operator for South Gippsland Water's largest water supply system, Lance Creek. Will at times is also required to operate multiple water treatment plants, manage treatment plant alarms and respond to relevant customer complaints.

Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said, "The Corporation aims to employ a range of staff that support the key principles of excellence, respect, equity and diversity. The success of this strategy is evident with Will receiving recognition for his hard work."

The Young Victorian Operator of the Year award was presented by the Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA) at their annual industry event held in Bendigo each September. The award is designed to provide encouragement to young water industry employees by recognising excellent performance, initiative and all round attention to detail.

Mr du Plessis concluded by saying, "Well done to Will and to all the supporting staff who have helped him along the way. South Gippsland Water is the second smallest water Corporation in Victoria. Awards such as these are recognition for the commitment and strong staff ethos that enable a smaller organisation to continually punch above its weight and to be highly regarded within the industry".

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Caption - Will Egan, Lance Creek Water Treatment Plant Operator, the Victorian water industry's 2016 Young Victorian Operator of the Year. (Photo attached)