

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ROAD PIONEER ROD ELLIS TAKES OUT TOP AWARD

Rod Ellis, Program Manager for Regional Local Government and Principal Engineer at Tonkin Consulting, has been named best 'Public Works Professional' in the State.

Mr Ellis received the honour at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) annual South Australian Excellence Awards for his research into asphalt sustainability.

The project pioneered by Mr Ellis aims to deliver longer life road surfaces resulting in savings for the community in the greater Adelaide area.

Mr Ellis said that it was an honour to be acknowledged by his fellow engineers at IPWEA.

"It is a privilege to be recognised by your peers and to receive accolades for many years of service in the industry," Mr Ellis said.

IPWEA SA President Andrew Craig said the annual IPWEA Excellence Awards recognise talent at the peak of the engineering industry.

"IPWEA encourages excellence in engineering and recognises the best engineers in South Australia, which, in this instance, is Rod Ellis," said Mr Craig.

IPWEA is the professional association for engineers who deliver public works, engineering services and contracts, such as roads, bridges, public buildings, flood management and waste management to communities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Other winners of IPWEA SA Excellence Awards 2014 are:

- Asset Management Projects: Campbelltown City Council
- Excellence in Road Safety: City of Salisbury
- Community Engagement: Port Pirie Regional Council
- Emerging Leader: Megan Bonehill of Mount Barker District Council & Simon Keith of Light Regional Council
- Design and/or Construction of a Public Works Project - Water: FMG Engineering & City of Marion
- Design and/or Construction of a Public Works Project – Civil: Peter Tan & Bill Zissopoulos
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