

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MOUNT BARKER COUNCIL'S MEGAN BONEHILL IS AN EMERGING LEADER

Mount Barker Council engineer, Megan Bonehill, is South Australian engineering's joint emerging leader of the year.

Ms Bonehill and engineer Simon Keith from Light Regional Council were named joint emerging leaders at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) South Australian Excellence Awards.

Ms Bonehill, Chair of Young IPWEA (SA), has been recognised for her commitment to the motivation of graduates and undergraduates into the public works profession.

Ms Bonehill said it was important to encourage young professionals, irrespective of gender or cultural background, to seek opportunities that will help them develop their skills and knowledge despite any discouragement of their chosen career.

"Winning this award as a working mother in an industry with a gender imbalance is both rewarding personally and a positive reflection on the industry," Ms Bonehill 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 Megan Bonehill," 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
- Public Works Professional: Rod Ellis, Principal Engineer of Tonkin Consulting & Program Manager of Regional Local Government
- 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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