

2022 INNOVATION IN IRRIGATION AWARD

A \$2,500 cash prize will be awarded for 'The Best Innovation, Discovery or Achievement that makes a positive contribution, impact or benefit to irrigation in New Zealand'.

This Award is to celebrate, encourage and promote innovation, and the positive things being undertaken in our communities with, and as a result of irrigation. It's about ordinary people doing extra ordinary things on – farms, schemes, in business or supporting service industries.

Download entry form [here](#)

SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU THINKING!

- Technical Innovation – farm, orchard, vineyard or scheme technical advances in irrigation that add value to the process of 'doing business'
- Irrigation Enhancing the Environment – projects and research that will lead to environmental improvements
- Resilient Communities – projects and research inclusive of people and society, cultural, economic and infrastructure benefits of irrigation

Take a look [here](#) at previous winners and finalists to get you thinking

ELIGIBILITY

- The prize can be awarded to an individual or team. Only one entry is permitted per person / team
- We encourage entries and nominations from irrigators, schemes, user groups, environmental groups, industry, and university students
- The innovation may be new or a reinvention or reapplication of an old technology
- The innovation must demonstrate a clear, recent (last 5 years) or potential impact to irrigation in New Zealand
- The individual or nominated team representative must be either a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand permanent resident
- For team entries one person must be nominated as the team representative. This person will be the public face for the innovation
- The winning entrant will be expected to attend the Awards dinner, receiving the award at the Irrigation New Zealand Awards Dinner and speaking with media
- The innovation must meet current ethical practice and have been carried out largely in New Zealand



SELECTION CRITERIA

The merit of each entry will be assessed by a judging panel and will be based on 'Innovation in Irrigation'

This is the potential for the new knowledge to have a positive impact on irrigation through technology development or in a manner that will enhance the economic, social, cultural or environmental aspects of irrigation.

For queries phone 04 595 6848 or e-mail admin@irrigationnz.co.nz

KEY DATES:

1st April Entries & Nominations open: Download entry form [here](#)

11th July Nominations close

31st July Entries close

4th August Entrants notified by email that entry has been received

8th – 12th August Judges meet and review entrants

View and determine any question (if any) of entrants

12th August Questions sent to entrants as appropriate

19th August Deadline for questions answered and returned for judging

22nd – 25th August Judging for shortlist

25th August Shortlisted entrants to go to poster stage notified

23rd September Poster summary supplied to Irrigation New Zealand in PDF format

30th September Panel judging completed

3rd October Notification of top three shortlisted candidates

October/November Editorial coordination with shortlisted candidates for IrrigationNZ News magazine content

November Poster display of shortlisted entries at the Irrigation New Zealand Awards Dinner

November Announcement of winner & presentation of award at Irrigation New Zealand Awards Dinner

REQUIREMENTS:

Entries - Up to 500 words maximum. Photos, pictures, diagrams are also encouraged however, the full entry should comprise of no more than 2 full A4 pages including the 500-word summary.

Short-listed Entries - Short-listed entries will be asked to submit a poster for further judging. The poster should successfully communicate the innovation to the wider community.

The origin of the images used must be acknowledged

- The work must be your own – any assistance must be acknowledged on the entry
- The poster is to arrive in PDF format and must be able to be printed as A1 (594mm x 840mm) for display at the conference



- Posters will be uploaded onto the competition webpage
- Judges will view the posters as A3

Finalists – The top 3 finalists will be invited to attend the Irrigation New Zealand Awards Dinner to be held in Wellington in November (date and location TBC); travel, accommodation and dinner costs will be covered up to the value of \$500

Winner - The winner must receive the award in person at the Irrigation New Zealand Awards Dinner to be held in Wellington in November (date and location TBC). The winner will also be invited to present their innovation with a five-minute presentation at the Awards Dinner (optional).

