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## **GREEN GARDENER WINS NATIONAL WATER AWARD**

West Australian sustainability advocate Josh Byrne was announced as the National Young Water Professional of the Year at the annual Australian Water Association (AWA) awards event held in Adelaide last week. The award recognizes young water professionals who have had outstanding career achievements to date and who have the potential to play a large and influential role in the water industry.

Josh is best known for his work on ABC TV's Gardening Australia program where over the past nine years he has demonstrated practical ways to create productive and water efficient gardens to a national audience.

As the 2010 WA Young Water Professional of the year, Josh went into the running with the winners from each state and territory to compete for the national title, gaining national recognition from across the Australian water industry. According to the judges, Josh was awarded the top prize "for his passion and effectiveness in raising community awareness of the importance of water conservation through his extensive media, research and consultancy work".

In addition to his TV, radio and print media work, Josh is also an Adjunct Lecturer with the School of Environmental Science at Murdoch University where he gives regular lectures on water conservation and sustainable urban landscapes. He has used his strong public profile to support important community and industry initiatives as ambassador for the West Australian Government's Living Smart sustainability program and the national Smart Approved WaterMark program. He is also Patron of the Conservation Council of Western Australia.

Josh is the Director and Principal Consultant of Josh Byrne & Associates (JBA), an environmental and landscape design and communications company, based in Fremantle WA. In this capacity, Josh is at the forefront of innovative landscape and civil projects in Western Australia incorporating leading water sensitive and productive landscaping elements. Two recent flagship projects include the design of the Perth Cultural Centre roof top Urban Orchard and the co-design of The Grove Library and Community Centre's integrated water systems with colleagues from Murdoch University. The Grove sets several precedents in Perth as the first public building in a serviced area to use rainwater as a potable water supply, as well as to treat and reuse wastewater on-site for landscape irrigation. The project also has a unique on-site urine and reuse diversion system where urine is stored prior to reinjection into the irrigation system for fertigation which is a national first.

For more information on Josh and his projects, visit [www.joshbyrne.com.au](http://www.joshbyrne.com.au) and download a copy of the JBA Capacity Statement.

Availability: Interviews can be arranged and photos supplied if required

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