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Ken Halstead OAM awarded IPWEA Keith H Wood Medal

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia's most prestigious award has been won by Ken Halstead.

Halstead is former Mayor of Wingecarribee Shire Council where he still serves as a councillor, and a former IPWEA Australasia Board Member.

The IPWEA Australasia Keith H Wood Medal is nominated by industry peers, with Halstead's win announced at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Individual Awards ceremony on 28 August in Hobart.

"It is with humility that I accept the IPWEA 2019 Keith H Wood Medal," said Halstead.

"I am honoured to have been nominated, let alone awarded this highly respected Medal. I am indebted to my fellow local government engineers and in particular members of IPWEA."

Halstead entered local government in 1965 and worked as a civil engineer until 1994 when he entered academia at UTS to further his strong interest in teaching local government engineering for 24 years.

"My aim was to emphasise the practical aspects of, and the law affecting, local government engineers," he said.

"IPWEA is the epitome of local government engineering in my opinion. It is second to none in providing professional support and services to local government engineers."

Halstead's medal recognises an outstanding engineer in public works who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership and contribution to both the industry and IPWEA over a significant period of time.

The award honours Keith H Wood AM, a founder of the Australian Local Government Engineer's Association, which later became the Institute of Municipal Engineering Australia, and is now the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA).

Judges awarding the 2019 medal noted Halstead's broad-ranging, strong and consistent contribution to public works and community. He was described as, "an exemplary professional who still continues his long service for community benefit."

The awards event took place as part of the biennial IPWEA International Public Works Conference in Hobart, which was attended by 500 national and overseas public works and engineering professionals.

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