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Time running out for Riverprize nominations

Time is running out for organisations to nominate for two prestigious awards dubbed the 'Nobel Prize for saving rivers'.

Nominations for the National and International Thiess Riverprizes, worth a total of \$300,000, close on Friday March 30.

Winners will be given their prize during a special ceremony at the 10th International Riversymposium and Environmental Flows Conference from 3 – 6 September 2007. The Thiess Riverprize is funded by the International Riverfoundation and administered by Riverfestival, an annual 10 day celebration of Brisbane's river, people, culture and environment.

Riversymposium Chair, Professor Paul Greenfield, said the \$75,000 National Thiess Riverprize and the \$225,000 International Thiess Riverprize offers organisations committed to water sustainability a unique opportunity to put their river rescue ideas into action.

"The prizes recognise best practice in the restoration and preservation of waterways in both Australia and overseas with past entries coming from Australia, U.S.A, China, Canada and Europe," Professor Greenfield said.

"Like many countries, Australia is in the grip of a water crisis and now more than ever it is encouraging to see projects both here and overseas combining science, public policy and community action to address river and global warming issues."

"The extraordinary achievements by individuals and groups who are passionate about good water management never cease to amaze the judging panel."

Previous National Thiess Riverprize winner, Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (B4C), has put the prize to good use.

"The National Thiess Riverprize enabled B4C to develop a community nursery producing local seed stock and to also purchase an environmentally sustainable home. The 'Southside Sustainability Centre' offers hands on advice to the community about eco-friendly practices to assist our waterways," said Wayne Cameron, President of B4C.

"River bank restoration, native plant propagation, best practice water usage, recycling, energy efficiency, waste management and design tips are just some areas in which people can be re-educated at the Southside Sustainability Centre."

Since the first Thiess Riverprize winner was announced at Riverfestival in 1999, the award has evolved into one of the most highly regarded and richest international water management awards.

Information and nomination guidelines for Riverprize can be found at www.riversymposium.com.

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