

13th International Riversymposium



Riverprize finalists announced!

The world's most significant prizes in river management, the prestigious International Thies Riverprize and National (Australian) Riverprize are awarded by International RiverFoundation. Riverprize provides recognition, reward and support to those who have developed and implemented the most outstanding, visionary and sustainable programs in river management.

In 2010, the prize pool is valued at AUD \$550 000 with the International Thies Riverprize valued at AUD \$350 000 and the National (Australian) Riverprize valued at AUD \$200 000 (funded by the Australian Government's *Water for the Future* initiative).

Judging panels for both the International Thies Riverprize and National Riverprize have identified the 2010 finalists from a record number of entrants.



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Congratulations to the International Thies Riverprize Finalists

Hattah Lakes, Australia: Reviving the drought-ravaged Hattah Lakes in Australia has been a visionary project led by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority as part of a sustained effort to restore better health to a system of semi-permanent freshwater lakes within Australia's Murray Darling Basin.

River Thames, England: Pollution of the UK's second longest river left it biologically dead in the 1950s, but since then many organisations, and a currently driven by the Environment Agency, have helped transform the river into a thriving ecosystem teeming with fish, and with a returning salmon and otter population. *Submitted by Environment Agency*

Smirnykh Rivers Partnership, Russia: With Sakhalin Environment Watch as one of the lead agencies, the Smirnykh Rivers Partnership, a long-term, broad-based public-private partnership, has achieved lasting and substantial gains in protecting and restoring the ecological health of the eastern (Okhotsk Sea) coast of Smirnykh District of the Sakhalin Region in the Russian Far East.

Yellow River, China: China's Yellow river faces many extreme challenges from water shortage, serious water pollution, to serve and frequent flooding. In 1999 the Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC) was empowered to manage the entire river. Within 10 years, YRCC has made remarkable progress in balancing water allocation and availability with social, economic and ecological developments.

Congratulations to the National Riverprize Finalists

Cooks River, New South Wales: The Cooks River Foreshores Working Group is facilitating a collaborative program to resuscitate one of Australia's most polluted, yet iconic, river systems - the Cooks River in Sydney's inner southwest.

Derwent Estuary, Tasmania: The Derwent Estuary Program (DEP) is a regional partnership between the Tasmanian Government, six councils, five businesses, scientists and the community to address the issues of heavy metal contamination, nutrient enrichment, introduced species and habitat loss in the Derwent estuary.

Hattah Lakes, Victoria: The Mallee Catchment Management Authority is reviving the Hattah Lakes along with the threatened plants and animals they support, in Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, 60 kilometres south of Mildura, Victoria.

Lake Illawarra, New South Wales: Since 1988, the Lake Illawarra Authority has been restoring Lake Illawarra, focussing on addressing water quality issues, along with improving seagrass beds and saltmarsh meadows.

Riverprize Gala Dinner | Tuesday 12 October | 7pm – 11:00pm

Gourmet dining, live entertainment and visual presentations of the *Riverprize* finalist projects will excite *Riversymposium* delegates and invited guests at the *Riverprize* Gala Dinner. The enjoyable atmosphere of the evening will be heightened by the announcement of the winners of the International Thiess *Riverprize* and National (Australian) *Riverprize*.



The *Riverprize* Gala Dinner is always a highlight of the *Riversymposium*. We encourage you to dress up beyond your usual conference attire and if you feel so inclined, wear traditional dress of your country for the awarding of this prestigious prize.

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