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Tweed River a finalist in the 2008 National Thiess Riverprize

The groundbreaking river management project initiated by the Tweed Shire Council has been announced as a finalist in the prestigious \$150,000 National Thiess Riverprize – the largest award in its field and presented in partnership by International Riverfoundation (IRF) and Riverfestival.

A collaborative government and community group from Northern New South Wales has received recognition for their work on the sustainability of the Tweed River.

Riverprize Judging Panel Chair, Professor Paul Greenfield, said those involved in delivering the project should feel proud their efforts have been recognised as a finalist in the award.

“The inspirational outcomes of this project were made possible through the co-operation of scientists, community groups, industry members and government agencies and exemplifies the spirit of the National Thiess Riverprize,” Professor Greenfield said.

“A large number of regions across Australia are facing a water crisis. This year’s finalists have demonstrated how collaboration between private, government and community groups can make extraordinary changes,” Professor Greenfield said.

“Now more than ever it is important to reward and promote projects addressing river and water issues through science, public policy and community action.”

Three other Australian finalists competing for the prestigious prize are the Swan Canning River System in Western Australia, the Derwent Estuary in Tasmania and Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.

The winner will be announced at the Thiess Riverprize Presentation Dinner on Monday 1 September 2008 at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Queensland during the 11th International Riversymposium (1 – 4 September 2008). This year also marks the 10th anniversary of the award.

The Thiess Riverprize is a joint partnership between IRF and Riverfestival - a dynamic ten day event in celebration of Brisbane’s river, people, culture and environment held from 29 August to 7 September 2008.

For further information on the 2008 International Thiess Riverprize and its finalists visit www.riversymposium.com.

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