

2023 Leith Bouilly Award

The winner of the inaugural Leith Bouilly Award is Eric Vanweydeveld.



Eric's work and contribution in relation to closing the water gap for First Nations communities has contributed to a step change ripple effect across the water sector in all its forms and across an extensive range of stakeholders nationally (including all levels of Government, Utilities, private sector, NGO's, universities and more). Over the last 12 months, one of the obvious outputs from this work is the release of the 'Closing the Water for People and Communities Gap' with the Water Services Association of Australia.

Eric's commitment to this cause has been unwavering for some time and has been grounded by work on country, with Indigenous communities, and supported with clear insights to science, governance and technology.

He also drives impact and change behind the scenes, often where people may not be watching or aren't able to see.

He upholds a strong commitment to purpose, has an incredible drive for the greater good, and operates with integrity grounded in his values.

This Award acknowledges Eric's work and impact so far. And importantly it is a vote of confidence in his capacity to drive change, to seek solutions to complex problems, and to stay the course.

Congratulations.