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Lara leads the way

East Gippsland Water's Lara Caplygin has scooped a prestigious leadership award, recognising her potential as a future leader in the water industry.



Lara, an engineer and manager with responsibility for water and sewerage services at East Gippsland Water, has received the Laurie Gleeson Award from prominent Victorian water industry body, the Institute of Water Administration. This award is granted annually to support the career development of emerging leaders in the industry.

Lara receives a \$5,000 grant to undertake a professional development project and this will enable her to undertake a four week study tour in the UK next year to investigate some innovative operational and infrastructure programs.

Said Lara: "I'm honoured and very grateful to receive the Laurie Gleeson Award. I'm excited about the opportunity this provides to learn more about water businesses in the UK, particularly their work in the area of operational and energy efficiency, and how this compares with back home."

East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond, said: "It's great to see Lara's dedication, commitment and leadership potential rewarded in this way. I'm sure she will return from the UK with a lot of valuable information to share with her colleagues here in Australia.

"This latest award bears testimony to the high calibre of staff we have at East Gippsland Water and how well our workforce is regarded by others in the Victorian water industry."

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