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Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve

Byron Bay Council was awarded the Highly Commended Award in the Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater category for its “Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve” project at the IPWEA NSW Division Excellence Awards on Monday 23rd May 2005 in Sydney.

The Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve is a 104-hectare community facility that is unique and represents the culmination of an extended community consultation and participation process that has turned aspirations into reality.

The Byron Bay community has a strong desire to protect the environment and enhance the natural beauty of this coastal area. The concept of the project was to create a community resource that not only produced high quality reclaimed water but also achieved a innovative and integrated range of environmental and social objectives.

Innovative features of the reserve include:

- 24 hectare Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration area.
- 20 hectare Constructed Wetland.
- Managed threatened species habitat area.
- Wetland interpretive centre.
- Active community wildlife and conservation groups.
- Collaborative partnership with scientific and educational institutions.
- Major upgrade of the water reclamation plant.
- Use of innovative technology throughout

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The Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve has already achieved some outstanding results and with the passage of time the potential of this site for the human and ecological communities of Byron Bay continues to grow.