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Rural Young Scientist cracks Water Prize shortlist

The Science Teachers Association NSW and the Australian Water Association congratulate Emma Serisier on being shortlisted for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

Ms Emma Serisier, from Coffs Harbour, a budding, young, female scientist has juggled school work, bushfires and an impressive science project to compete on the international stage.

“Very simply, my research, Crack for the Future, shows that the redirection of eggshell from landfill to soil can attract and soak up phosphates from fertilisers and manures and retain them in the soil, that would otherwise run off and pollute waterways. Says Ms Serisier

“For the first time in history, the Stockholm Junior Water Prize is being complemented by a People’s Choice Award. We’re extremely proud to get behind Emma and support her on this exciting journey. Emma follows in the footsteps of many clever young water scientists. With Australia winning the 2019 competition, Emma’s entry this year continues to showcase Australia’s excellence in water science on an international stage,” says Ms Corinne Cheesman, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Water Association.

“Emma is a rising female star of science in Australia and a role model for young emerging scientists across the country, especially in rural areas,” says Ms Margaret Shepherd, President of the Science Teachers Association NSW.

“Show your support for Emma by voting in the People’s Choice Awards. Every vote promotes the hidden talent in every student to solve the world’s problems through science, technology, engineering and mathematics- it was through the NSW HSC Science Extension subject, Emma had the opportunity to feed her curiosity and passion delving deep into new advances for sustainable water management.”

“I cannot believe that an unassuming farm girl could be in the realm of international young scientists. I envision a more sustainable future and hope to inspire others like me to create and implement local solutions for global problems; history has shown that global change is achieved through action on a local scale,” Ms Serisier said.

“The Australian Water Association and the global and Australian competition sponsor Xylem has been proud to support the Stockholm Junior Water Prize for many years, a prize which recognises students for their innovative water-related projects,” says Ms Cheeseman.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize People's Choice voting is open August 1 - August 10 via this link <https://www.watertank.se/engage/peoples-choice-award/>

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