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Encouraging excellence in public administration

The President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia NSW Division, Mr Peter Achterstraat, recently presented two prestigious awards for excellence in public administration.

Mr Achterstraat presented the FA Bland Prize for 2011 to Richard Beecham, a senior hydrologist with the NSW Office of Water.

The FA Bland Prize is awarded in memory of Professor Francis Bland, who was the co-founder of IPAA NSW Division, to the student with the highest aggregate marks in Strategic Administration at the Graduate School of Government, The University of Sydney.

Jill Morris is a Senior Project Officer at the Centre for Health Advancement, NSW Ministry of Health. Mr Achterstraat presented Jill with the PSMP prize as the highest achieving graduate in the nationally recognised Public Sector Management Program (PSMP), an intensive year-long Graduate Certificate course for experienced public servants.

The Institute is the national professional association for people interested in strategic public sector issues, government policy, reform and innovation.

“Encouraging excellence in public administration is an important role for the Institute, and one way we do this is by making academic awards to outstanding students in universities across New South Wales”, said Mr Achterstraat.

Each prize includes a Certificate of Achievement, a cash award and complimentary 12 month Membership of IPAA NSW.

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