

The GA-LEME team received an award at the GA AGM late last year. The award was “Highly Commended in the Influence category”. The nomination, supported by BRS, was:

Team: Ken Lawrie, Colin Pain, Ross Brodie, Heike Apps, Jon Clarke, KP Tan, Vanessa Wong, Janine Luckman, David Gibson, Larysa Halas, John Wilford

Responding to the needs of clients (BRS)

Right from the beginning of this project in 2006 team members have met, worked with and travelled with BRS staff to ensure they have a full understanding of the project requirements. The team has met deadlines imposed by BRS, frequently at very short notice. In spite of the tight deadlines, the products have always been on time, and in most cases were of an enhanced quality that satisfied not only the client, but also the team’s high scientific standards. Inversions of the AEM relative to the floodplain slope were an innovation that allowed better interpretation of AEM anomalies.

Reaching a broader range of stakeholders

In the early stages of the project team members travelled to Catchment Management Authority offices in Victoria and NSW to discuss the project with CMA staff, and to be sure that the product design took account of CMA questions. Team members also take part in discussions with other stakeholders who are represented on the Technical Working Group, thus getting a wide appreciation of the practical results required. This contact with stakeholders has continued throughout the project.

Positively influencing the actions and/or decisions of our clients and stakeholders

Products from the team have been used by BRS to support successful applications for further funding of this kind of work. The work also has the full support of the CMAs, the major stakeholders in the project. It is clear that the work of the team has influenced both clients and stakeholders to the point where they see geoscience as a fundamental part of the largely NRM activity with which they are concerned.

Increasing awareness or promotion of Geoscience Australia and/or promotion of our work.

As a direct result of the work of the team, GA is now seen as the pre-eminent provider of work and advice on the use of geoscience and AEM in Natural Resource Management. This has been directly applicable to work elsewhere along the Murray River, but is also important for NRM work in upland areas in NSW and Victoria, and in general advice to the National Committee on Soil and Terrain. GA has considerable influence at all levels from CMAs to national agencies.