



Water innovation recognised at industry awards

TRIALS in Mount Gambier and Coonawarra contributed to an Adelaide Hills-based company Ecovortek gaining recognition at the recent Water Industry Alliance Awards.

Ecovortek is a water treatment business that is working with several South East businesses to combat hard water scale.

Ecovortek won the "climate ready award" for developing a product and service that is energy efficient and reduces the embedded energy of

materials.

Company director Ian Hobbs said Ecovortek treated water in an eco-friendly way that uses no power as it develops its own, uses no chemicals and needs no maintenance.

"The technology, based on scientific principles, is able to soften water in a way that produces many different results," Mr Hobbs said.

"Coonawarra winery Brands asked Ecovortek to come up with a solution for their increasing odour

problem.

"The system installed was less than half the cost of a traditional aeration tank and reduced the odour by more than 90pc within 24 hours."

Local grazier Nic Kentish used the treatment system on his stock irrigation lines.

When he ran out of rainwater, Mr Kentish was thankful he had his bore line fitted with an Ecovortek unit, which he attributes to a significant improvement in water quality to the house.

Mr Hobbs said house-

holders had also installed Ecovortek units to improve water quality in the home and garden.

"Our customers have told us that the water washes clothes and dishes more effectively, shower alcoves are easier to clean and garden plants grow better with less water," he said.

"It costs less than a traditional salt water softener and no salt or ongoing maintenance is needed."



Ecovortek director Ian Hobbs (left), inventor Andrew Shore and Brian Dempsey hold their water industry award.