

# WIOA QUEENSLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT



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The WIOA Queensland Advisory Committee will be conducting an open meeting in the papers room on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.40am. All conference delegates and exhibitors are invited to sit in and help formulate the direction of the group for the next 12 months. If you have any ideas on how you think WIOA and the Advisory Committee can be of assistance to anyone in the water industry, please attend this meeting to discuss your ideas.

## **ABOUT THE COMMITTEE**

Following on from the successful implementation of the Tasmanian Advisory Committee, a similar Advisory Committee was formed in 2011 to support the development of WIOA and all members in Queensland.

This committee was established at a meeting held at the SMEC offices in Brisbane in September 2011, where representatives from a wide cross section of the state were present and fully supported the implementation of a Queensland advisory committee.

Jason Krzciuk, who was employed with Seqwater at the time was appointed as the first Chairman of the Advisory Committee. He has since moved to Origin Energy. Marcus Boyd from Toowoomba Regional Council took over the role from Jason in September 2012 and is the current Chairperson. His term will conclude in September 2013 where the position will again be open for the next appointment. The only criteria to be on the Advisory Committee is to be a WIOA Member and be employed within Queensland.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The WIOA Queensland Advisory Committee and its associated actions are conducted in accordance with the WIOA strategic and business plan. A key driver is the desire to facilitate improvement, and to strive for best practice, in all operational aspects of the water industry in Queensland.

The WIOA Queensland Advisory Committee advises the WIOA General Committee on issues and actions relating to the provision of services, events, training, and opportunities to recognise achievements all for the benefit of those in the operational sector of the Queensland water industry.

The WIOA Queensland Advisory Committee assists WIOA to undertake a range of functions including but not limited to:

- Identifying the types, range and scope of services and events considered appropriate for Queensland water industry operations staff;
- Assisting with the organisation, promotion and staging of events;
- Providing Queensland based information for inclusion in WIOA publications;
- Encouraging participation and knowledge sharing with water industry related personnel employed in the private sector;
- Informing WIOA of training issues specific to Queensland operational staff.

## **EVENTS**

Since being established, the Queensland Advisory Committee has conducted, organised or assisted in the organisation and staging of a number of events including:

### **15 March 2013 - WIOA Charity Bowls Day Yandina Bowls Club**

The Inaugural WIOA Queensland Charity Bowls Day was conducted at the Yandina Lawn Bowls Club on the Sunshine Coast in March 2013. The team representing McBerns came out on top and won the “Tradies Cup” available to the sponsoring companies. This was the first social, networking day that included the opportunity to meet, greet and network amongst water industry professionals and was well supported by members and corporate supporters of the Association.

### **27 September 2012 - Water Industry Interest Day, Toowoomba**

Around 40 water operators and industry representatives attended an interesting and informative Water Industry Interest Day at the Wetalla Reclamation Facility in Toowoomba. The day included a presentation on Sewage Pumping Stations ERA 63 (3) and Toowoomba Regional Council development of SBMP’s. There were also discussions on small chemical dosing pumps, on-line measurement of disinfection parameters and a report on the operation of the Wetalla biosolids solar drying hall. The attendees enjoyed a networking lunch prior to undertaking a tour of the facility.

### **6 & 7 June 2012 - 37th WIOA Queensland Water Industry Conference and Exhibition**

The Conference and Exhibition was well supported by the Queensland advisory committee and other Queensland representatives who took on a variety of roles and assisted run the event. Although the number of registered delegates for this event was down slightly on previous years, the visitor and exhibitor numbers ensured we had an amazing 25.6% increase on the total attendance at this event compared to the 2011 conference. The involvement and ownership of the event by the Advisory Committee members was integral in making it such a success.

### **26 April 2012 - Issues in the water Industry and site tour of the Bundamba Advanced Water Treatment Plant**

An overview of the South East Queensland Western Corridor and the 3 advanced water treatment plants operated by Seqwater kicked off the day held at Bundamba. Dr Aaran Canning provided a briefing on the current Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and the quality management tools adopted by Seqwater. His presentation included a history lesson identifying some interesting facts regarding the history of manmade sewers. Water quality management plans, risk assessments and HACCP controls that are currently used by Seqwater were all discussed. The day finished with plant tour of the Advanced Water Treatment Plant located at Bundamba.

### **23 February 2012 - Half day field visit to the Murrumba Downs Sewage Treatment Plant**

The group was taken through an overview of Unitywater’s Treatment Plants and the technologies used. Rain prevented the tour of the Sewerage Plant from going ahead however attendees participated in a tour of the John Holland - Advanced Water Treatment Plant (all undercover).