

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday 31st March, 2009

2.00 – 4.00 pm Tour - Calala WTP and Australian Equine & Livestock Centre

5.00 – 6.30 pm Registration and Welcome Reception - ***Sponsored by Bürkert Fluid Control Systems***

Wednesday 1st April, 2009

8.15 am Registration Desk and Trade Exhibits Open

9.00 am Conference Opening -
Welcome by:
Cr James Treloar,
Mayor of Tamworth Regional Council

9.20 am **Opening Address by:**
Mr Chris Davis, *Commissioner – National Water Commission,*
- *“The Challenge of Skills for Water Operations Across Australia”*

9.40 am **Keynote Address by:**
Mr David Sheehan, *Program Manager-Drinking Water Regulation, DHS Vic*
- *“Development of Competency-Based Standards for Water Treatment Operators”*

10.00 am Mr George Wall, *Executive Officer WIOA,*
- *“Towards Operator Certification”*

10.15 am **Trade Exhibition Opening:**
Mr Ron Bergmeier, *WIOA*

10.20 am Trade Exhibition Viewing, Competition & Morning Tea

11.20 am **Technical Paper Session 1:**

1. **WIOA Report:** Ms Cynthia Lim, (*WIOA Operations Manager*)
2. Mr Des Grevell (Storm Plastics)
- *“Reactive Soils can be Vicious”*
3. Mr John Day (Goulburn Valley Water)
- *“Be Careful What You Wish For - Implementing A Filter Inspection Program”*

- 12.20 pm Lunch
- 1.20 pm **Technical Paper Session 2:**
1. Mr Robert Kelso (Australian Metering Solutions Pty Ltd)
- *“Water Management in Real Time – Know Exactly the “When, Where and Why” of Your Water Consumption”*
 2. Mr Craig Griggs (Kingborough Council, Tas)
- *“Case Study Bio-Augmentation of Dru Point Wastewater Lagoon at Margate”*
 3. Mr Chris McLaughlan (BioRemedy)
- *“Septicity Occurrence & Mitigation Within Wastewater Transfer Systems”*
- 2.20 pm Trade Exhibition Viewing and Competition
- 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
- 4.00 pm **Technical Paper Session 3:**
1. Mr Chris Keogh (Armidale Dumaresq CC)
- *“Dealing with Taste & Odour Problems Arising from Algal Blooms in a Raw Water Reservoir”*
 2. Mr Paul Thompson (Hunter Water Australia)
- *“Investigations into Alternative Methods of Treating an Algae Contaminated Water Supply”*
 3. Mr Andrew Boeren (Bricon Pty Ltd)
- *“Design and Construction of an Ozonation Facility at an Existing Water Treatment Plant”*
- 5.00 pm **End Paper Sessions – Day 1**
- 6.30 pm Pre Dinner Savouries and Drinks - *Sponsored by ABS Wastewater Technology*
- 7.30 pm Meet the Trade Dinner - *Sponsored by Acromet Australia*
- Meet the Trade Dinner Refreshments - *Sponsored by Peerless Industrial Systems*
- Entertainment by *Mr Ronnie Burns* - *Sponsored by DMI Australia*
- 10.30 pm **End Day One**

Thursday 2nd April, 2009

8.45 am Registration Desk Opens

9.00 am Exhibition Opens

9.00 am **Technical Paper Session 4:**

1. Mr Gordon King (B2P Australia)
- *“Practical Issues in Commissioning a Simple Storm Water Harvesting System for Water Quality”*
2. Mr Steve Weatherstone (Streamline Learning)
- *“CCTV Inspection of Sewers and Stormwater Drains, Training of Operators and Managers and the Conduit Inspection Reporting Code of Australia”*
3. Mr Sam Magill (Aqualift Pacific)
- *“Condition Assessment Techniques for Water Storage Tanks”*

10.00 am **Trade Display Inspections, Competition** including demonstrations of equipment/products

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.20 pm **Technical Paper Session 5:**

1. Mr Peter Outrim (Riverina Water County Council)
- *“Tarcutta WTP Iron & Manganese Removal”*
2. Mr Adrian Cameron (Tamworth Regional Council)
- *“Well, Well Well; Drift Well Recommissioning: An Operators Perspective”*

12.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm **Technical Paper Session 6: *Special Session Dedicated to Training Issues***

1. Ms Prue Madsen (Government Skills Australia)
- *“Water Training Package Highlights of 2008-2009”*
2. Mr Wayne Morling (Government Skills Australia)
- *“National Learning Resources for the Water Industry”*

3. Open Discussion Forum/Q&A on Training Issues

- 2.30 pm **Trade Display Inspections, Competition** plus Afternoon Tea
 including demonstrations of equipment / products
- 4.00 pm **Technical Paper Session 7:**
1. Mr Lindsay Walsh (MidCoast Water)
 - “*Denitrification Problems After Upgrade of the Old Bar STP*”
 2. Mr Rex Humphreys (North East Water, Vic)
 - “*Implementation of Temporary Water Filtration at Bright*”
 - **Winner of Best Operator Paper – Vic 2008**
 3. Mr Carey Reynolds (Tomorrow Today Strategic Engineering)
 - “*Pressure Sewerage Systems - An Operators Perspective*”
- 5.00 pm **Close of Paper Sessions**
- 6.30 pm Pre Dinner Savouries and Drinks - ***Sponsored by Odour Control Systems (Australia)***
- Announcement of all trade competition winners in meals area
- 7.30 pm **Conference Awards Dinner** - ***Sponsored by ITT Water and Wastewater***
- ◆ Presentation of the Actizyme Prize for “Best Paper by eligible Operators”
 - ◆ Presentation of the Iwaki Pumps Australia Prize for “Best Paper Overall”
 - ◆ Presentation of Water Directorate - “NSW Operator of the Year” Award.
- Conference Dinner Refreshments - ***Sponsored by Transpacific Industries Group***
- Entertainment – ***Ms Rachel Berger*** - ***Sponsored by Environmental Group Limited***
- 11.30 pm **End of Conference**