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Around the Traps

Life after a conference: An interesting request from the University of NSW was received by our office last month. “Could we please have permission to use the paper presented in Victoria in 2005 “*A New Information System for Operational and Laboratory Data*” by Jason Whittaker as part of the course ATAX0002 – Computer Information Systems..... part of our Bachelor of Taxation program.....”. Jason’s paper follows the Systems Approach and it is being referenced as a positive example to students of an Australian organisation using this method. Well done to Jason & Goulburn Valley Water and it shows how important papers at our event are.



AWA, on behalf of the Water Industry Skills Taskforce, has developed the **Draft National Water Skills Strategy Business Plan** to operationalise the COAG National Water Skills Strategy. The Strategy, endorsed by COAG in December last year, outlines specific items to be undertaken which will enable better utilisation of existing Government programs to assist the water sector in bridging projected skills gaps. The Draft Business Plan includes a framework for implementation of the Strategy, as well as details of specific actions and projects to be undertaken to reduce skills shortages in the sector.

Whilst the Draft Business Plan has been developed in consultation with governments, input from the water sector and related education sector is critical to its successful implementation. **Feedback is now being sought.** Please visit the website www.awa.asn.au/skillsbusinessplan.aspx to view the Draft Business Plan, related documents and for details on how to make a submission. **Submissions close 31 August 2010.**

Training News:

Looking for an operationally focussed course? www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/TrainingCourses.htm

Wide Bay Institute of TAFE advise Certificate III in Water Operations NWP30107 is now classified as a **Priority One** which means that there are no restrictions on QLD clients enrolling into this qualification under User Choice (i.e under a Traineeship). Therefore all persons enrolling into this qualification as a trainee from 1 July 2010 will be eligible to be funded 100% under User Choice - the only fees payable will be the student contribution fee. Online qualifications start from \$522.00. Phone 1300 656 188 for more details.



The **Water Industry Training Centre** has recently developed a 1-day Australian Drinking Water Guidelines - Risk Assessment course to meet the requirements of the Victorian Framework for Water Treatment Operator Competencies developed by the Department of Health (Vic) and the Victorian Water Industry Association. WITC intend to schedule this course based on demand in the last quarter of 2010. Contact Greg Creek (03 5244 0800) if you have any queries regarding the content or you can download the brochure from www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/documents/WITC-ADWG-RiskAssessment.pdf.

In the Spotlight – Looking back to some of our oldest Corporate Members

This poem was contributed by Shane Jordan-Hill from **Merck**

A Conference with WIOA – A Reps Perspective

As another year draws to a close
There's one more conference where everyone goes
Tradies and Delegates get in real early,
cos if ya miss this event ya toes might go curly.
WIOA's chucken on another shindig
Not a single operator would miss it for quids
As Bendigo fills its beds up for sale,
The town starts to buzz -they're gonna sell a few ales.
For the privileged tradies, sponsoring the show
The networking starts early, as the President knows.

The conference opens with a big bang,
folks come from all over this flamin' big land.
Information and ideas are thrown in the ring
Every bloke and bird are willing to share their
unique thing.

The tradies work hard to show off their gear,
and around half six we're sharin' our first beer.
The tucker, the spread, is put on for all,
the nights are where folks like us work hardest of all.

There's something about WIOA events
that in a few words are hard to explain,
but we know year after year
we'll all be back again!

People & Corporate News:

KSB Australia is pleased to introduce Martin O Connor who has joined the company as Victoria & Tasmania State Sales Manager. Previously Martin was employed by Weir Engineering as Regional Sales Manager- Major Projects and Applications Manager for Industrial Pumps. Martin has over 17 years experience in water and waste water sector in UK, South Africa & Australia. With 17 years of Pump industry experience Martin will add tremendous value to the KSB brand. He can be contacted on email Martin.Oconnor@ksb.com.au or on phone 0418 699 154.

Sealing Solutions has moved premises. The new address is 8 Sahra Grove, Carrum Downs, Vic. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2444, Seaford, 3198. The new contact numbers are; Ph: 03 9770 8797 Sales Fax: 03 9770 8343. Please update your records.

Positions Vacant:

New positions vacant recently posted to our website include: Operator Water Process, Operator Sewer Process, Drafter Electrical, Senior Engineers - Water Treatment & Field Operations and more. For more info on any of these positions please visit wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm

Coming Events/Dates:

- 24 Aug – **Distribution Systems Seminar** - Shepparton
- 1 & 2 Sep – **73rd Annual Vic Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference**, Bendigo
- 21 Sep – **Distribution Systems Seminar** – Tasmania (TBC)
- 24 October - **12th Charity Golf day**, Kilmore Golf Course

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