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Around the Traps



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope your celebrations were a blast.
We wish all our Members a safe and
prosperous 2010.

The trade exhibition booths for the **4th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Engineers and Operators Conference** at Bathurst in April 2010 are now on sale. Spaces are limited so if you intend to exhibit in Bathurst, please register ASAP with WIOA. There are still a limited number of sponsorship opportunities available. Those interested in taking up some rare opportunities should contact WIOA today.



Membership renewal was due on 1 January 2010 and **fees are NOW OVERDUE**. Invoices were posted to all Individual and Corporate members in December. To reduce time staff spend chasing slow payers, any Members who have not paid within 30 days of the invoice will be deemed non-financial members and will cease receiving WIOA notices & news. Non-financial members will be sent one reminder only. Should payment not be made by the end of January, that member will be removed from our member database. To avoid extra paperwork we request that all members forward your payment today! Remember, only individual financial members will be eligible to be entered into the Royce Water Technologies Weber Family BBQ draw.



Health Stream Issue 56 – December 2009, is now available via the web site of Water Quality Research Australia www.wqra.com.au. An interesting article in this edition is the summary of the report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, regarding the March 2008 Salmonella outbreak in the town of Alamosa. The investigation concluded that the most likely cause of the outbreak was ingress of faecal contamination from small animals through holes and cracks in a ground level water reservoir. The outbreak is believed to have caused as many as 1,300 cases of illness and one death. The full article can be found at www.wqra.com.au – 'Report on Colorado Outbreak.'



Remember to be SunSmart: **Know the Skin you are in....** Any new or unusual freckles, moles, sores or sunspots on your skin may be cancerous. Early detection of all forms of skin cancer leads to a cure in 95% of cases. People of all ages, but particularly those over fifty years, should check their skin regularly. By regularly checking your skin you will recognise what spots are normal as well as notice any changes. See your doctor as soon as you notice anything new or unusual. For more information go to:

www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/SunSmart.htm

WIOA would like to thank **Professor Stephen Gray** of Victoria University who graciously stepped in (with only a moments notice due to illness of the programmed presenter) to deliver a presentation on membrane technology and operational issues to the attendees at the tour of the Carrum facility last November. Thanks are also extended to the team at **Water Infrastructure Group** who opened their doors and hosted the tour.



The **conference papers from the 73rd Annual Victorian Water Industry Conference** held in Bendigo in September 2009 have now been posted on our website. To view the conference papers go to:

www.wioa.org.au/conference_papers/2009_vic.html

Corporate Member in the Spotlight:

Time for a change in this segment for the new decade. Rather than highlighting new members of the association, we decided to wind back the clock and re-discover some of our oldest corporate members. The inaugural corporate member of the then AWWOA was the **Water Industry Training Centre** who joined in 1994. It was a state owned enterprise, based in Werribee at the State Research Farm and delivered its own State accredited Certificate in Water Operations. Records show that 29 certificates were awarded in 1994 including a wastewater treatment certificate to one Mr George Wall! The Water Industry Training Centre is now located at Deakin University, Geelong and delivers training from the Water Training Package. It is now run by two "IDIOTS" and in 2009 awarded 93 qualifications. Visit them at www.wioa.org.au/membership/WaterIndustryTrainingCentre.htm



People:

Jill Busch has joined Aqualift Potable Diving P/L as a water quality and condition assessment specialist. Jill will work with the Aqualift team and provide additional guidance and consultancy on water quality and risk management issues, along with training and further development of the ASAM reporting system. Jill's contact details are Mob: 0417399198 Email: jill@asam.com.au

Positions Vacant:

New positions vacant recently posted to our website include: Distribution Systems Operations officer, Water Treatment Plant Operator, trades people and more. For more info on any of these positions please visit www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm. Remember, Positions Wanted can also be posted for WIOA members.

Coming Events/Dates:

- 31 Jan 2010 – **Cut-off date for payment of WIOA 2010 Membership fees**
- 3 March 2010 – **Chemical Dosing Seminar**, Melbourne
- 20 & 21 March 2010 – **Weekend Seminar and 2010 AGM** – Lady Bay Resort Warrnambool
- 21 & 22 April 2010 – **4th WIOA NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference**, Bathurst
- 12-14 May 2010 – **WIOG NZ Operations Conference**, Hamilton
- 23 & 24 June 2010 – **35th Qld Water Industry Operations Workshop**, Central Qld Uni, Rockhampton
- 1 & 2 Sep 2010 – **73rd Annual Vic Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference**, Bendigo

KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE. If your phone number, mailing address or email address has changed please send an email to Sherryn with your new details (sherryn@wioa.org.au) or call the office on 03 5821 6744.