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[Around the Traps](#)

Jon Dee, Founder of 'Do Something' & 2010 NSW Australian of the Year delivered the keynote address at the recent Qld Workshop promoting the "Go Tap Campaign" – an effort to reduce the amount of waste resulting from the production and consumption of bottled water. Jon also discussed his new book 'Sustainable Growth' which provides small and medium sized businesses practical information and tips on how to improve their bottom line while reducing their environmental impact. The FREE book was commissioned by Sensis. To order a copy of the book go to: www.about.sensis.com.au/Small-Business/Free-Sustainable-Growth-book/



Government Skills Australia (GSA) in collaboration with WSAA, AWA and WIOA will undertake a nationwide functional analysis of water operations employees across Australia's water industry. GSA seeks input to address our industry's limited representation within the ANZSCO codes and to raise awareness of the skills and qualifications held across the operations workforce. The initial stage of the project will involve nationwide workshops with the intention of gaining consensus on job titles and how the Water Training Package relates to each. The Workshops are open to Learning & Development, Human Resources and Water Operations Managers/Engineers. More information about this important project and workshop dates are available from: www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/documents/GSANationalWorkforceAnalysis-WaterOperations.pdf



The August edition of 'Operator' is currently being produced. Anyone wishing to provide content please send through any photos, articles, snippets to Cynthia@wioa.org.au by 20 July.



A resource at your fingertips: Members are reminded that all past WIOA conference papers are searchable on the WIOA website and can be used as a resource to assist in solving your operational issues. Past conference and workshop papers can be downloaded from www.wioa.org.au/conferences/PastPapers.htm



Congratulations to all the Award Winners from the recent Qld Workshop but in particular to Robyn Hoole and Col Kirkegaard, the inaugural recipients of the Qld Water Directorate sponsored "Young" and "Civil" "Operators of the Year". A full report on the Workshop will be included in the August edition of Operator.

[Training News:](#)

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

Wide Bay Institute of TAFE and Queensland Water Directorate are trialling the effectiveness of using educational point of view (EDUPOV) camera safety glasses to record evidence of practical application of skills in the workplace for assessment of competency in remote and regional areas where it is often very difficult for an assessor to be onsite. This 2010 Innovations project is funded by the Australian Flexible Learning Framework: <http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/content/e-learning-innovations-0>

[In the Spotlight – Looking back to some of our oldest Corporate Members](#)

This comment was contributed by Acromet Australia. “Acromet are exceptionally proud of our long association with WIOA. As a major sponsor of all 3 annual conferences over the last three years, we thoroughly enjoy a great affinity with the operators and engineers we have met over our 10 years as a corporate member. We have always found WIOA to be a progressive, well organised and highly respected organisation. This is most evident to us when attending the conferences and seminars around the country. The networking opportunities provide us with a valuable insight of the Water Industry we are all a part of. Mutual benefits include: keeping us up to date with industry trends and keeping the operators and engineers in touch with the latest technology. Acromet feels it is very important to have an industry association and we consider it an essential part of our business. We see our sponsorship as a way of thanking all of our customers, and look forward to a long association with WIOA and its members.”

[People:](#)

Corporate member Deps-Pumps is up for private sale. This is a great opportunity for a strategic buyer to implement this into their existing business or purchase as a standalone business. If you would like more information please contact Victor Little on Ph: 03 5941 2600 Email: victor@deps.com.au or Brett Dickinson Ph: 0409 772 205 Email: brett@infinitecapital.com.au

Gavin Snoxall has accepted a position as General Manager of Roto Pumps Australia based in Melbourne. Gavin joined Roto Pumps in March and will utilise his experience in the flow control and waste water market to provide quality solutions through Roto Pumps range of Helical Rotor Pumps and Universal spare parts. Contact Mobile 0407 307 323, Office 03 9794 5200, E-mail Gavin@rotopumps.com.au

Due to recent growth, Roto Pumps has expanded the team to include the appointment of Robert Lansdown in the position of Vic / Tas State Sales Manager. Robert brings 12 years pumping experience to the team. Robert can be contacted on Mobile 0434 218 352, Office 03 9794 5200, E-mail Robert@rotopumps.com.au

Corporate Member, Noel Southern from McBerns is an entrant in this year's 2010 "Great Endeavour Car Rally" from 13 - 22 July. Keep an eye out for car B633. The Endeavour Foundation makes a positive difference to the lives of more than 3,400 people with a disability throughout Queensland and in Sydney. If you would like to support Noel please contact him on 0411 745 458 or email to mail@mcbarns.com for donation details. You can also find out more about the rally and the Endeavour Foundation at www.greatendeavour.com.au

[Positions Vacant:](#)

New positions vacant recently posted to our website include: Engineers – Sewage Treatment in Qatar, Plant Operations Manager, Technical Sales & Service and more. For more info on any of these positions please visit wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm

[Coming Events/Dates:](#)

- 20 July 2010 – Closing date for Kwatye Prize applications
- 1 & 2 Sep 2010 – 73rd Annual Vic Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference, Bendigo
- 24 October 2010 - 12th Charity Golf day, Kilmore Golf Course

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