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The **floods in Qld and NSW** have impacted on many of our Members in those States. We have heard from some Members who are safe, but in the midst of a big clean-up and we wish them all the best. WIOA has limited resources that can be utilised in an emergency. Any Members in need just need to contact us.



The **'Southern Man' tour** of the South Island of **New Zealand** occurred last month. From all reports the scenery was 'awesome' especially for the drought affected Victorians who were amazed to see so much green grass and running water. The passion of the NZ Operators was evident at the WIOG 'Exciting Times' Conference. The August edition of 'Operator' will contain a full report on the tour.



Only days to go for the **Water Quality and Distribution Systems Seminar** – Issues for Operators, which will be held in Caloundra on the 16th June. A registration form can be downloaded from:

http://www.wioa.org.au/seminars/Distribution_Qld.htm



Only one week to go before the **34th Qld Operations Workshop & Exhibition** commences in Caloundra on the 17th and 18th of June. If you have not sent your delegate registration forms in please do so now and we look forward to seeing you at the Workshop. A registration form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.wioa.org.au/queensland/2009/index.htm>



For those who missed the ABC's **New Inventors** in the last week of May there was an invention which may be of interest to some of our Members involved in O&M. The **Pipe Boss** cuts and bevels the pipe in one pass. This unit is designed specifically for PVC, PE, UPVC and various other non metallic pipes. It makes pipe cutting much quicker and safer. For more information about Pipe Boss, contact the following:

<http://www.ckcequipment.com.au/pcb/pipe-boss.php>



The **72nd Victorian Engineers and Operators Conference** exhibition booths went on sale in the last week of May. After being on sale for just over a week, 135 of the 179 sites have been allocated. Any companies intending to exhibit should submit a Trade Rego form ASAP as the remaining sites are likely to fill quickly.



Applications for the **2009 Kwatye (Water) Prize** are being accepted until the 20th July. Don't wonder what it's all about, read about our previous winners' ideas and start planning your submission, there is still plenty of time to apply. More information can be obtained from: <http://www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm>

The Call for Platform papers for Bendigo has closed with 40 or so abstracts submitted for the 20 speaking spots. There is still room for three more Operator Poster Papers so give us a call ASAP if you are interested.



Bowel Cancer Awareness Week (7 to 13 June) is a Bowel Cancer Australia initiative to raise awareness of a disease that claims the lives of 45 men every week. It is the second most common cancer to affect men after prostate cancer. The Week has a positive message - saving lives through early detection - as around 90% of bowel cancers are curable if found early. Men are encouraged to talk to their GP about appropriate screening for bowel cancer, particularly if they are aged 50 & over; or experiencing symptoms; or have a personal/family history of the disease. More details: www.bowelcanceraustralia.org, phone: 02 9926 5014 or email to info@bowelcanceraustralia.org

Corporate Member in the Spotlight:

WIOA welcomes new corporate member: **Smart Water** is a consortium of three universities and six industry/government departments. SmartWater is dedicated to water research and scientific services with a wide range of multi disciplinary capabilities, provided through our University members and participant industry expertise. This is complemented by a global network of expertise ensuring appropriate skills can be applied to the most arduous challenges facing the water industry. To find out more go to <http://www.wioa.org.au/membership/SmartWater.htm>

People:

KSB Australia Pty Ltd is pleased to introduce Alf Salonga who has joined our Victorian Sales Department as a Water Sales Engineer. Alf has over 18 years of experience in the Pump industry and will be looking after the water authorities, water boards, consultants and contractors around Victoria. Alf has a wide range of pumping experience and will add tremendous value to KSB. Alf can be contacted on email alf.salonga@ksbajax.com.au or on phone 0439 570 353.

Positions Vacant:

New position vacant which has recently been posted to our website is a Sewage Treatment Plant Operator (NSW). If interested in this position, please visit <http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm>

Positions Wanted:

No new positions are being sought this month. If you are looking for a position please visit <http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm> to find out more.

Coming events/dates:

- 16 June 2009 – **Distribution System Optimisation Seminar**, Caloundra
- 16 – 18 June 2009 – **34th Qld Water Industry Operations Workshop**, Caloundra
- 20 July 2009 – Applications for **2009 Kwatye Prize** closes
- 1 – 3 September 2009 – **72nd Annual Vic Water Industry Engineers and Operators Conference**, Bendigo

A reminder to all Members to keep your **contact details** up to date. If your phone number, address or email address has changed recently please send an email to Sherryn with your new details (sherryn@wioa.org.au) or call the office on 03 5821 6744.