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## AROUND THE TRAPS

The **2014 WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Orange** in early April was a great success with well over 600 people in attendance. Our thanks are extended to the team at Orange City Council for supporting the event so magnificently and our congratulations are extended to the various award winners. These include NSW Water Directorate Operator of the year – Todd Pattison from Wyong Shire Council, the Iwaki and Ecolab Prizes for Best Paper Overall and Best Paper by an Operator – Danny Roberts from Port Macquarie Hastings Council and the WIOA Prize for Best Poster – Darren Sutherland from Kempsey Shire Council. The WME Award for Best Exhibition Site was awarded to SFI Australia Valvemax.



Each year, in support of United Nations World Environment Day (June 5), the United Nations Association of Australia recognises innovative and outstanding environmental initiatives and projects from across Australia through the **World Environment Day Awards**. The Awards invite nominations from individuals, organisations and businesses that have taken positive steps towards sustainability and demonstrated environmental excellence in their homes, schools, communities and workplaces. There is a wide range of award categories available with entries closing at 5pm, Thursday 17 April. For more information about the Awards visit [www.unaavictoria.org.au](http://www.unaavictoria.org.au)



There are 10 WIOA members, including award winners from Victoria, NSW, Tasmania & Queensland who are off to New Zealand in early May for the annual **Operators Tour and WIOG NZ Operations Conference**. This year's tour travels through parts of the North Island before attending the conference in Wairakei.

## WIOA AWARDS 2014

Congratulations to **Lester Little** from TasWater, winner of the **2014 PASS Award** also announced at the Orange conference. Lester's application covered the installation of a diffused air injection system into a wastewater pump station and the savings in time, effort and cost that has eventuated. Lester will join the NZ tour courtesy of prize sponsor, Aqualift Pacific. A copy of all six applications received for judging in 2014 will be made into booklet format and will be sent out to all Members in the near future.



Nominations for the **2014 Queensland Operator of the Year** are now being accepted. This prestigious award sponsored by AWA Qld Branch recognises commitment to the job, safety, innovation, initiative and achievements. The prize for the winner includes an invitation to attend Qwater and an all expenses paid spot on the WIOA operators tour to New Zealand in 2015. An application form is available at [www.awa.asn.au/QLD\\_Operator\\_of\\_the\\_Yearqld.aspx](http://www.awa.asn.au/QLD_Operator_of_the_Yearqld.aspx)

Similarly, the Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) is accepting nominations for the **Young Operator of the Year** as well as for the **Operator of the Year – (Civil/All-rounder)**. The prize for both awards is a fully funded spot on WIOA's 2015 New Zealand tour. If you know someone within the Queensland water industry that fits the bill for either of these awards, make sure you nominate them today. Forms are available from the *qldwater* website: [www.qldwater.com.au/qldwaterAwards](http://www.qldwater.com.au/qldwaterAwards)



Congratulations to the team from Bega Valley Council and staff for winning the **2014 Orica New South Wales Water Taste Test** conducted at the WIOA conference in Orange, with the sample taken from Kalaru.



Applications for the **2014 Kwatye Prize** will be accepted until 20 July and Members are urged to consider submitting an entry. The prize is \$6,000 to spend on any project that will be of benefit to the water industry. More information at: [www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm)



Congratulations to **Clinton Szelag** from Banana Shire Council in Queensland who was drawn out of the barrel as the winner of the **2014 WIOA Member Prize** at the Orange conference. Clinton wins travel vouchers to the value of \$1,000 kindly donated by prize sponsor Royce Water Technologies.

## EVENTS

The platform paper program for the **WIOA Queensland Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Logan on 4 & 5 June has now been set. A registration form containing the program can be downloaded from the WIOA website at [www.wioa.org.au/2014conferences/qld\\_delegates.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/2014conferences/qld_delegates.htm). There is an excellent mix of topics in both the platform and poster sections from a wide cross section of authors. The exhibition is sold out with all 112 exhibition sites filled and we now have a waiting list of companies hoping to exhibit.



We are still looking for a couple more **poster papers** from operators for the **WIOA Queensland conference**. If you have something to contribute, please contact us at the office ASAP.



With the support of Orica and both the NSW and Queensland Water Directorates, a second "Water of Origin Taste Test" will be held at the WIOA conference in Logan in June. The winner of the NSW Taste Test (Bega Valley Shire Council) will be pitted against the 2014 Qld winner with judging to be undertaken in a blind tasting format by conference attendees. The water of origin winner will be announced at the Awards Dinner on the Thursday night.

## TRAINING COURSES

**ICE WaRM** together with **eWater** are offering the 6<sup>th</sup> **Australian Water School** in Melbourne from 2-4 June. It is an intensive 3-day professional short course that provides an excellent overview of the current technical, economic, environmental and legislative issues associated with water resources management. The School uses highly regarded water professionals who work daily in science, policy, technical and industry areas as presenters.

Also on offer through ICE WaRM is the 7<sup>th</sup> **Hydrology and Hydraulics for Non-Engineers** from 14-16 May on the Gold Coast. Additionally, a range of short courses are available in 2014 covering a variety of topics related to water management. More information on the courses is available from the ICE WaRM section of [www.wioa.org.au/operator\\_resources/TrainingCourses.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/TrainingCourses.htm), by contacting Joel or Trevor on 08 8236 5208 or email to [training@icewarm.com.au](mailto:training@icewarm.com.au)

The **Smart Water Research Centre** is building on their original university accredited **Activated Sludge Course** which has been running for over 10 years, and is now working towards delivering a suite of short courses that will eventually fulfil identified training gaps in the water industry and additional certification requirements. The next Activated Sludge and Biological Nutrient Reduction Course will be held from 7-11 July 2014 at Mooloolaba (Sunshine Coast) Queensland. For further details on these courses, please visit [www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com/education-and-training](http://www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com/education-and-training) or email Helen Stratton: [h.stratton@griffith.edu.au](mailto:h.stratton@griffith.edu.au)



**IWES** is running at the Gold Coast throughout the week of 14-18 July 2014. There is an extensive program of courses in water, wastewater and environmental management. IWES is the largest and most successful continuing education program for professionals responsible for industry environmental performance in Australia. For detailed course information, and to download the event brochure and registration form, visit the website [www.iwes.com.au](http://www.iwes.com.au) or alternatively, contact [info@iwes.com.au](mailto:info@iwes.com.au) or call 1800 000 404.

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

WIOA Corporate Member, **Emerson** has recently been awarded a \$15M contract to modernise controls at Colorado's second largest power plant. An Ovation system at each of the three coal-fired Craig Station units will monitor and control the boiler and turbine. Unifying boiler and turbine operations under a single, common automation platform will provide improved unit stability, responsiveness and thermal efficiencies; tighter overall control of plant operations; and a more concise view of key plant and turbine parameters. More information at [www2.emersonprocess.com/en-US/news/pr/Pages/1404-Tristate.aspx](http://www2.emersonprocess.com/en-US/news/pr/Pages/1404-Tristate.aspx)



A number of new companies have recently joined WIOA as Corporate Members. Details on companies including Biogill Operations, The Shotton Group and Grate Engineering to name a few, are available from the WIOA website.

**POSITIONS VACANT** - For information on these positions visit [www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm)

**Current positions vacant** include a Project Surveillance Officer, IT Systems Analyst, Instrumentation Tradesperson and a plumber (volunteer position in East Timor). To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## COMING EVENTS

- 2-10 May **Operator Tour of NZ plants and WIOG NZ Conference**, Wairakei, Taupo
- 22 May **Lagoon System Operation**, Woorabinda Qld (organised through Qld DLGCRR)
- 4 & 5 June **39th WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 20 July **Kwatye Applications** close
- 21 May **Call for Papers and Posters** for WIOA Victorian Conference closes
- 3 & 4 September **77th WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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