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## AROUND THE TRAPS

The **2015 WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Orange** in early April was a great success with 620 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 Water Directorate **NSW Operator of the Year - Glenn Clifford** from Dubbo City Council, the Iwaki Award for the **Best paper overall went to Kate Smith** from ACTEW Water and first place in the Ecolab Prizes for **Best Paper by an Operator was won by Kim Sheree** from Veolia Water. The Utility Magazine Award for Best Exhibition Site was awarded to **CleanTeQ Aromatrix**.



Following on from the very successful seminar by Steve Hrudehy which WIOA hosted in Melbourne, another of our very popular one day interactive seminars on **Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management** has been programmed in Melbourne on 21 April. This seminar is limited to the first 40 attendees who register, so make sure that you or your staff don't miss out. Registrations can be made at [www.wioa.org.au/seminars/DistributionMelbourne2015.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/seminars/DistributionMelbourne2015.htm)



WIOA has joined the organising committee for the inaugural **The Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner 2015**. Organised through the Victorian Institute of Water Administration and with the support of numerous organisations on the committee and as sponsors, the dinner will be held at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne on Thursday 25 June. The event is timed to celebrate Men's Health Week and pay tribute to the late Victorian water industry stalwart Laurie Gleeson. The event will include numerous guest speakers, a charity auction and raffles with all profits to the Australian Prostate Cancer Foundation. More details on the WIOA website or contact Ben by email at [ben.brennan@vicwater.org.au](mailto:ben.brennan@vicwater.org.au) for bookings.



The **Monash University Science Faculty** are seeking hosts as part of their Student Industry Placement Program that provides students with opportunities to engage in various activities (including research and development) with a partner organisation, on a project for a maximum of 80 hours. Industry partners will obtain the benefit of enthusiastic and talented undergraduate students who are fully covered by the university's insurance policy and who are willing to undertake positions in the water industry! Further information is available at: [www.monash.edu/science/current/undergraduate/getting-the-most/sipp-main](http://www.monash.edu/science/current/undergraduate/getting-the-most/sipp-main)



The **Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE)** is concerned that Australia's water reform campaign has ground to a halt and now needs to be regenerated to optimise the nation's true liquid asset. Australian governments need to develop a new national water strategy to tackle the necessary next generation of water reforms. This and other issues are outlined in the April Edition (189) of ATSE Focus, which can be downloaded from the publications section of [www.atse.org.au/atse/home](http://www.atse.org.au/atse/home)

There are 12 WIOA members, including award winners from Victoria, New South Wales & 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 South Island before attending the conference in Blenheim.

## WIOA AWARDS 2015

Congratulations to the team at **Orange City Council** for winning the **2015 IXOM New South Wales Water Taste Test** conducted at the WIOA conference in Orange, with the sample taken from their Icely Rd WTP.



Congratulations to **Frank Rinaldo** from North East Water, winner of the **2015 PASS Award** also announced at the Orange conference. Frank's solution has reduced the time to remove the top of a sluice valve to access the packing to install new rubber cones to seal any leaks. Frank will join the NZ tour courtesy of prize sponsor, Aqualift Project Delivery. A copy of all applications received for judging will be made into a booklet and will be sent out to all Members in the near future.



Nominations for the **2015 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 operator tour to New Zealand in 2016. 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 Young Operator of the Year will also receive a fully funded spot on WIOA's 2016 New Zealand tour. The Civil/All Rounder will receive "up to" \$1500 towards professional development. This could be used for opportunities such as attendance at conferences, *qldwater* training or for funding expenses for exchange opportunities at neighbouring councils. 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)



Applications for the **2015 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)

## EVENTS

The platform paper program for the **WIOA Queensland Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Toowoomba on 17 & 18 June has now been set. A registration form containing the program can be downloaded from the WIOA website at [www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld\\_delegates.htm](http://www.wioaconferences.org.au/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 102 sites filled and we have a waiting list of companies hoping to exhibit.



With the support of IXOM and both the NSW and Queensland Water Directorates, a **Water of Origin Taste Test** will be held at the WIOA conference in Toowoomba in June. The winner of the NSW Taste Test (Orange City Council) will be pitted against the 2014 Queensland winner (Richmond Regional Council) 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 is accepting registrations for a number of short courses:

- **Australian Water School** Gold Coast, 6-8 May.  
[www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/6AWS/register](http://www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/6AWS/register)
- **Hydrology and Hydraulics for Non-Engineers** Melbourne, 3-5 June  
[www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/8HHNE/register](http://www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/8HHNE/register)
- **Groundwater Essentials** Sydney, 2-3 July  
[www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/5GWE/register](http://www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/courses/5GWE/register)



The National Centre of Excellence in Desalination (**NCEDA**) is offering **Hands-on training for RO operators**. The training is targeted at RO plant operators and maintenance personnel; staff involved with the procurement of membrane water treatment plants; people involved in policy and planning of desalination facilities; research staff and academics involved in desalination projects involving RO; and people needing to understand what an RO plant can and can't do. Places are strictly limited to ten (10) participants for all hands-on training. Visit [www.desalination.edu.au/services/ros/](http://www.desalination.edu.au/services/ros/) or call 08 9360 7177 for more information.



The **Smart Water Research Centre** is a strategic partnership that builds, shares and applies new knowledge to improve water cycle management. Our Education and Training Program is being further developed, building on our original **Activated Sludge Course** which has been running for over 10 years and is university accredited. We are now working towards delivering a suite of short courses that will eventually fulfil identified training gaps in the water industry and additional certification requirements. Our next course will be the Activated Sludge and Biological Nutrient Reduction Course to be held from 6-10 July 2015 at Mooloolaba Mantra Hotel, Sunshine Coast Qld. Further details at [www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com](http://www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com) or email [swrc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:swrc@griffith.edu.au). Please note the Early Bird Discount has been extended to 6 May 2015.



Last chance to register for the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (**NCGR**) **Modelling Groundwater with Source** 3 day course in Adelaide from 21-23 April 2015. This three-day course will introduce participants to the groundwater modelling capabilities in eWater Source, Australia's National Hydrological Modelling Platform. As part of the National Water Initiative, Source is being implemented at a state and commonwealth level to provide a nationally consistent approach to water resource planning. More information and registration details for this and other courses at: [www.groundwater.com.au/training](http://www.groundwater.com.au/training)



The **Smart Water Research Centre** is also offering a course in **Wastewater Treatment Pond Design** presented by renowned international expert on waste stabilisation ponds Duncan Mara, Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering Leeds University, UK. The course is being held from 4-6 May 2015 at the Smart Water Research Centre, Edmund Rice Drive, Southport. It is aimed at people working in the wastewater industry as operators, engineers, scientists or managers, who wish to have a working knowledge of process optimisation of wastewater treatment ponds. Further details can be obtained by email from [swrc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:swrc@griffith.edu.au) or by phoning Jennifer Dickson on 07 5552 7269.

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

**MJK** has recently released their nConnect, a brand new simple, but advanced, 2 pump controller. It controls smaller waste water pump stations, potable water and raw water pump stations, and suits applications that do not need control based on more advanced functions or remote control. More information is available at [www.mjk.com/mjk-product-line/rtu-and-controllers/nconnect](http://www.mjk.com/mjk-product-line/rtu-and-controllers/nconnect)

**Monadelphous** has acquired the contracts and net assets of the design, build and maintain businesses of Water Infrastructure Group (WIG). WIG has been integrated into the Monadelphous business and is known as Monadelphous Water Infrastructure. For more information visit: [www.monadelphous.com.au](http://www.monadelphous.com.au) or contact Peter Everist, Manager - Strategy and Growth at [PEverist@monadel.com.au](mailto:PEverist@monadel.com.au)



**Rob Bates** has joined **Evoqua Water Technologies** as Manager - Order Execution Projects and Service. Rob comes to Evoqua from 10 years at MWH where he has performed a number of key roles including Technical Manager on the Priority Sewerage Program Alliance and Engineering Manager on the SewerFix Alliance for Sydney Water. Most recently Rob was the NSW Water Group manager for MWH. He is located at their Sydney office and can be contacted on 02 8873 9518 or by email: [robert.bates@evoqua.com](mailto:robert.bates@evoqua.com)



**Hydramet** has been appointed as a National **Grundfos Service Partner** for dosing applications in the water utility and mining sectors. Grundfos and Hydramet are working to provide sustainable and innovative service solutions focussing on quality, reliability and high customer satisfaction. As a National Grundfos Service Partner, Hydramet will offer service support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including in-warranty servicing, installation, preventative maintenance and commissioning throughout Australia. State based contacts are available from [www.hydramet.com.au/maintenance-services/grundfos-service-partner](http://www.hydramet.com.au/maintenance-services/grundfos-service-partner).



A number of new companies have recently joined WIOA as Corporate Members. Details on companies including Netzsch Australia, Acron, Merrett Plumbing, Taggle Systems, Wears Australia, J&P Richardson Industries, UV-Guard Australia, ACS Equip, Gemm Chemical & Coating Solutions, Renold Australia and Drainchem 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 Water Treatment Operator and a Records Coordinator. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## COMING EVENTS

- 21 April **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Melbourne
- 1-9 May **Operator Tour of NZ plants and WIOG NZ Conference**, Blenheim
- 13 May **Call for Papers and Posters** for WIOA Victorian Conference closes
- 27 May Victorian Advisory Committee **Water Interest Day**, Ballarat
- 28 May Tasmanian Advisory Committee **Water Interest Day**, Campbell Town
- 17 & 18 June **40th WIOA Qld Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Toowoomba
- 25 June Inagural **The Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner**, Etihad Stadium, Melbourne
- 20 July **Kwatye Applications** close
- 2 & 3 September **78th WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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