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AROUND THE TRAPS

After serving the Association well for nearly 10 years, the current WIOA corporate website is being retired with a new mobile and tablet device friendly site being released during August. Keep an eye out for the changeover and please provide any feedback or items that are not working. We'd also like to hear your thoughts on the new look and feel so please let us know via craig@wioa.org.au. We will be implementing more changes to our online presence in the months to come.



Congratulations to the team from **Fenton – New Norfolk** for winning the **Ixom 2017 Tasmanian Water Taste Test**. The Tasmanian Advisory Committee organised and conducted a great day in Launceston on 2 August that included a keynote presentation by Dean Barnett about the Intelligent Water Network plus numerous informative technical presentations by Ixom, Hydramet, Australian Water Quality Centre and TasWater staff.



The annual **qldwater Urban Water Forum** will be held on 6 & 7 September in Brisbane. The Forum will include sessions on the Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program, DEWS and DEHP targeted sessions, innovative projects, a vendor pitch session and the Best of the Best Taste Test final. A number of tours are included in the program for the morning of 6 September. Please register by 25 August to ensure your place and avoid a late fee. The program and registration form is available from:

<https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/annual-forum-2017/annual-forum>



The newly formed **Membrane Operators Association (MOA)** of Australia and New Zealand is holding its inaugural national membranes conference at the Bray Park Water Treatment Plant in Murwillumbah, NSW from 24-27 October 2017. For more information on MOA and the conference program, visit their website at www.moa.org.au

WIOA AWARDS 2017

The **Kwatye Prize** (sponsored by the Thermo Fisher Scientific), the Inaugural **Victorian Networks Operator of the Year** (sponsored by Water Training Australia), the **Victorian Operator of the Year Award** (sponsored by AWA Victoria) and the **Young Victorian Operator of the Year Award** (sponsored by IWA Victoria) will all be announced at the WIOA Victorian Conference in September.

EVENTS

The delegate registration form and updated program for the **80th Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition** is available from the website: www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic.htm There will be a host of important and informative platform and poster papers presented. Staff from the Victorian Department of Health will present information on some real operational issues, followed by an interactive workshop on the Thursday afternoon, a session not to be missed by WTP operators.

WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **Ixom 2017 Victorian Water Taste Test** to find the **Best Tasting Water in Victoria**. The heats, grand final judging and the announcement of the winner will be undertaken at the Victorian conference. We know many organisations will be keen to knock off the reigning champions North East Water for their Myrtleford supply. More information is available on the WIOA website www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic_tastetest.htm



The **Victorian Mains Tapping Competition** will be held at the Victorian conference in Bendigo. Supported by Reece Civil & Coliban Water, we have places for up to 16 teams of 2. They will compete for the coveted trophy, along with the opportunity for \$1000 to be donated to the winners' charity of choice. More information is available on the WIOA website: www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic_mainstapping.htm



The **Ixom 2017 Best Tap Water in Australia Competition** will be held in Launceston, Tasmania on 18 October during National Water Week. The winners from each of the state based taste test competitions are invited to enter the National competition, where we will determine who has the **Best Tap Water in Australia**. More information is available on the WIOA website: www.wioa.org.au/australian tastetest.htm



The **19th Victorian WIOA Charity Golf Day** will be held on Sunday 22 October at the Hill Top Golf Club in Tatura. We are looking for a strong turnout of members and invite all our corporate supporters to take up a sponsorship option for this event in support of some very worthy charities: www.wioa.org.au/GolfDay.htm

TRAINING COURSES To keep Members informed, WIOA lists any water industry training providers on the WIOA website. For more information visit the website: www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/TrainingCourses.htm

Last Chance to register: There are only a couple of spots left for the **WIOA Water Quality and Distribution System Management Seminars** to be held at the Wauchope, Water Treatment Plant, NSW on Tuesday 22 August and Wednesday 23 August 2017. Register quickly to secure your place. More information is available on the WIOA website at www.wioa.org.au/seminars/DistributionWauchope2017.htm

A third **Water Quality and Distribution System Management Seminar** will be held in Cowra, NSW on Thursday 14 September in conjunction with the team from CENTROC. Again, attendance is limited to the first 40 who register. More information at www.wioa.org.au/seminars/DistributionCowra2017.htm



IWES is accepting registrations for their 3-day **Principles of Hydraulic Engineering and Open Channel Flow** course which will be held from 8-10 November, 2017 at the University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus. More information or to register at http://cdn-au.mailssnd.com/56335/CFVFI nac9ankBgES_BthJQsNWaYdJ-Yn0gMpcgU5AHo/2482813.pdf



AMS Training Solutions is providing a **UF/MF Membrane Short Course**, to be presented by Dr Graeme Pearce of Membrane Consultancy Associates, UK on 11-15 September, in Melbourne. The seminar has two modules, each taking place over two days, offering training at an Intermediate and Advanced level. Each module of the course has a standard syllabus with detailed content annually updated to ensure it reflects the latest developments and remains current. Attend the Showcase to hear industry representatives from Australia's leading companies. Visit the AMS website for more information and to register – www.amsts.com.au – or email enquiries to training@amsts.com.au.

Last chance to register for the **International Water Centre (IWC) Water Reforms and Governance** on line training course. The six-week online training course is designed to explore how policy reform and water governance can improve water management systems. Taking lessons from Australia and the world, this course is for those wanting to understand and influence water reform and governance models through collaborative understanding and information sharing. The course commences 23 August and further information is available on the IWC website: www.watercentre.org or contact the IWC on 07 3028 7600.



The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) is staging their **Australian Groundwater Schools 2017** in Canberra from 6-9 November and Perth from 4-7 December. The schools provide participants with a broad but rigorous introduction to groundwater. Introducing hydrogeology, assessment methods, modelling, managed aquifer recharge, management, governance and more, it covers the fundamentals of groundwater. Scientific, policy and management personnel who want to gain a solid grounding in groundwater should consider attending this course. More details at www.groundwater.com.au/events/1

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Metasphere are delighted to announce that **Neil Partis** has joined their team and is based in Perth supporting their expanding WA business. Neil has 20 years telemetry experience working for Serck Controls, Schneider Electric, Logica, Radlink Communications and Water Corporation and is an RTU and SCADA expert. Contact Neil by email: neil.partis@metasphere.net.au if you would like to discuss Metasphere's telemetry equipment.



WIOA Vice President **Heidi Josipovic** has recently joined Xylem as External Sales rep for Northern Victoria and Southern NSW. She can be contacted on 0429 701 237 or by email at Heidi.josipovic@Xylem.com



Air-Met is delighted to announce the appointment of Emma Shaw as Air-Met's new territory manager. Emma has strong interest in health and safety, environmental management and sustainability and will now oversee all sales enquiries for Victoria and Tasmania. Emma is replacing Peter Benacchio who has been promoted to Territory Manager - Fixed Systems. Contact sales@airmet.com.au or call the office on 1800 000 744.

POSITIONS VACANT - For information on these positions visit www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm

Current positions vacant include 14 positions in NSW, Qld and Victoria including a number of Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators as well as various Manager roles. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 22 August - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Wauchope (NSW)
- 23 August - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Wauchope (NSW)
- 6-7 September - **80th WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 6-7 September – **qldwater Annual Forum “no pain, no gain”**, Brisbane
- 6 September - **Ixom 2017 Victorian Water Taste Test**, Bendigo
- 14 September - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Cowra (NSW)
- 18 October - **Ixom 2017 Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water**, Launceston
- 22 October - **Victorian - Dial Before You Dig - Charity Golf Day**, Hill Top Golf & Country Club, Tatura



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