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AROUND THE TRAPS

Welcome to 2012. The Committee and Staff of WIOA trust that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday period with plenty of fun and hopefully with some time for reflection.



WIOA Awards 2012

PASS Award applications will be accepted until Wednesday 29 February 2012 with the winner announced at the NSW Conference in Tamworth. The prize for the winner is an all-expenses paid trip to join the WIOA contingent on the tour of NZ and to attend the WIOG operations conference in May 2012. More details can be obtained from www.wioa.org.au/awards/PASS.htm.

The **Kwatye Prize** is also now open for 2012 and Members are urged to consider submitting an application. The prize is \$6,000 to spend on any project that will be of benefit to the water industry. For more information visit: www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm.

Nominations for the **2012 NSW Operator of the Year** close on 2 March 2012. This prestigious award sponsored by NSW Water Directorate recognises commitment to the job, safety, innovation, initiative and achievements. If you know someone within the NSW water industry that fits the bill then nominate them today. www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/downloads/NSW_WD_Op_Year_Application_2012.pdf



GSA advises the project to develop a **National Certification Framework for Potable Water Operators** has moved into its second phase. Using feedback from the consultation workshops held in Oct/Nov 2011, a draft Certification Framework will be available from the GSA website from 21 January. A second round of consultation meetings will be undertaken in Jan/Feb to receive comments on the draft framework. A list of meeting dates and a nomination form is available from www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/index.htm

WIOA encourages as many organisations as possible to participate in the meetings and provide feedback on this very important initiative.



Following on from the successful Pump Workshop & Tour of KSB Australia, WIOA's Queensland Advisory Committee has organised a **Field Visit to Murrumba Downs STP** (sponsored by Unitywater) on Thurs 23rd Feb, 2012. More information and register at: www.wioa.org.au/seminars/QldMurrumbaDowns2012.htm

MEMBER INFORMATION

Members are reminded that **annual fees for 2012 were due on 1st January** and those who have paid should have received their receipt. If you haven't paid your fee, please do so as soon as possible (if you have not received your receipt please contact the office).

EVENTS

The **2012 Weekend Seminar and AGM** will be held on 3 & 4 March at the Parklake Motel in Shepparton, Victoria. All financial members are welcome to attend but spaces are limited to the first 50 who register. You can register online at: www.wioa.org.au/seminars/WeekendSeminar.htm



The program for the **WIOA NSW Engineers and Operators Conference** in Tamworth from 28-29 March has been set. There is an excellent mix of topics in both the platform and poster sections from a wide cross section of authors and the trade expo is filling fast. Delegate registration forms are also now available and copies can be downloaded from www.wioa.org.au/2012conferences/nsw.htm



Two new one day technical seminars are in the final stages of planning and are proposed to be delivered as a trial in Victoria in 2012. The topics are **UV Disinfection Operation and Pitfalls** and **Calibration and Operation of On-line Turbidity Meters for Reliable Process Monitoring**. More information on both these seminars, including a program and cost, will be available shortly.

TRAINING COURSES - For information on courses visit www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/TrainingCourses.htm

Upcoming courses with the Smart Water Research Centre:

Communicating Water Science and Technology Course - 12-14 March 2012, Brisbane Nathan

Activated Sludge and Biological Nutrient Reduction Course - 4-8 June 2012, Brisbane Nathan

For more information visit www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

MJK have been working on a new online platform to improve access information you need on MJK's product line at the click of a button. Check out their new website www.mjk.com

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

Over 100 positions vacant were published on the WIOA website during 2011. **New positions vacant** recently posted to our website include: Water Treatment Operations Works Co-Ordinator, Treatment Operations Officer, Senior Reservoir Officers, Reservoir Officers and more.

COMING EVENTS

- 17 February – **Call for Papers and Posters for Queensland WIOA Workshop** closes.
- 23 February – **Field Trip to Murrumba Downs STP (Unitywater)** Murrumba Downs, Queensland
- 1 March – **PASS Award** applications close.
- 3 & 4 March – **WIOA AGM and Weekend Seminar** – Shepparton
- 28 & 29 March – **6th Annual WIOA NSW Engineers & Operators Conference**, Tamworth, NSW.
- 19 April - **Distribution Systems Seminar** – Darwin, NT
- 27 April – **UV Disinfection Operation and Pitfalls Seminar**, Victoria - venue and date TBC
- 6 & 7 June – **37th Annual Qld Water Industry Operations Workshop**, Parklands, Gold Coast, Qld
- 14 June – **Calibration and Operation of On-line Turbidity Meters for Reliable Process Monitoring Seminar**, Victoria - venue and date TBC
- 21 July – **Kwatye Applications** close.
- 23 May – **Call for Papers and Posters for Victorian WIOA Conference** closes.
- 5 & 6 September – **75th Annual Victorian Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference**, Bendigo.



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