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AROUND THE TRAPS

The **2018 WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Logan** in early June was a great success with just over 800 participants. Our thanks are extended to our event sponsors, all the attendees and in particular, our army of helpers who did a brilliant job helping to run the event. Our congratulations are extended to the various award winners:

- Brian Davis Memorial Award, sponsored by Iwaki, for **Best paper overall - Claire McInnes and Kelly Newton**, WaterRA and SA Water
- Actizyme Award for **Best Paper by an Operator - Glenn Twite**, Townsville City Council
- Ron Bergmeier Award, sponsored by Utility magazine for **Best Exhibition Site - Control Logic**
- **Ixom 2018 Water of Origin Taste Test** was **New South Wales** for the sample from Port Macquarie Hastings Council
- Queensland **Main Tapping Competition** won by the **Tapping Tubbies**, Gold Coast Water & Waste
- AWA sponsored **Leon Henry Memorial, Queensland Operator of the Year Award - Tony Cover**, Goondiwindi Regional Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Young Queensland Operator of the Year - Andrew Hanifin**, Unitywater
- **qldwater** sponsored **Queensland Operator of the Year (Civil/All Rounder) - Brad Milfull**, Logan City Council.

For more information on the winners, or the conference itself visit - wioaconferences.org.au/qld/



The **Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)** are holding several interactive webinars in June on some of their products and services that can help inform your business and policy decisions. These include:

- Accounting for Australia's water resources: how to measure, monitor and account for water stores, flows, water rights and water use
- Water forecasting: shows the variety of water forecasting products offered by the Bureau, and how to access and use them
- Get near real-time soil moisture estimates for your location or catchment: discusses ways to obtain data and information for climatological, agricultural and flood modelling, water resources assessment, bushfire risk management and education
- Making groundwater visible: shows you how the Bureau's Groundwater Information Suite improves the visibility of this vital resource using comprehensive, nationally consistent groundwater information from across Australia.

For further information on the webinars, please email communication@bom.gov.au or visit tinyurl.com/ya49rxej for a FAQ's sheet.

Australian Industry Standards advises that a draft of the **Diploma of Water Industry Operations** is now available for review and comment via their website at: tinyurl.com/y9pouaod. Feedback on the draft qualification and units of competency should be submitted by **Wednesday 4 July 2018**.

The Water Industry Reference Committee (IRC) will meet again in August to discuss the updated Diploma along with the development of Skill Sets and the planned reviews of the Certificate II in Water Industry Operations, Certificate III in Water Industry Operations and Certificate III in Water Industry Treatment. The intention is for the review to be completed by mid-2019 for release in October 2019. WIOA holds a position on the Water IRC and will be involved in the review of the qualifications and units.

Australian Industry Standards will also be hosting skills forums across the country to identify workforce skills priorities for training packages. WIOA will attend and provide information on behalf of the water industry but the forums are open to any interested parties. Places will be limited so please register your interest online at www.australianindustrystandards.org.au/industry-skills-forum-2018/



The **Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011) (ADWG)** undergoes a rolling revision to ensure it represents the latest scientific evidence on good quality drinking water. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is seeking public comment on a draft revised Chapter 5 on Microbial Quality of Drinking Water and accompanying technical appendix. The draft incorporates a microbial **Health Based Target (HBT)** developed by the NHMRC Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC) using the World Health Organisation's Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA) framework.

The consultation is open for 60 days until Friday 29 June 2018 5pm (AEST) and stakeholders are invited to make a submission to NHMRC about the proposed changes. The draft amendments and information on making submissions is on the NHMRC public consultation website at consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/

WIOA AWARDS 2018

The Victorian Branch of AWA will shortly call for nominations for the 2018 **Wal Whiteside Memorial, Victorian Operator of the Year Award** and the Institute of Water Administration, Victoria will also be calling for nominations for the **Young Victorian Operator of the Year Award**. We encourage as many organisations as possible to nominate your operational staff for consideration for these prestigious awards.



At our recent Queensland conference, the **Ixom Water of Origin Taste Test** was won by the sample from **Port Macquarie Hastings Council** representing NSW/ACT over the Livingstone Regional Council from Queensland. This closes the gap with Queensland currently ahead four wins to two in the head to head Water of Origin challenge. A select panel of judges, including celebrity judge Peter "Spida" Everitt sampled the product supplied by both councils. Amid plenty of sledging and trash talk, the real winners were the operators who look after the systems and supply such fantastic water to their customers daily.

EVENTS

Expressions of interest (Eoi) for presentations at the inaugural **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** to be held in Coburg Victoria on 24 October 2018 are currently being accepted. Share your story with other water industry professionals and , expressions of interest to present close on 29 June.

wioaconferences.org.au/wise2018/wise-presentations-eoi/

Sponsorship opportunities for the inaugural **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** are currently available and exhibition sites will go on sale on Wednesday 11 July 2018. Further information is available on the WISE website wioaconferences.org.au/wise2018/wise-exhibitors/

The next **WIOA Talks webinar** covering issues on **Operator Certification** will be held online at 11:30am (AEST) on Tuesday 26 June 2018. The webinar will run for around 1 hour and provide operators and their employers an opportunity to learn more about the National Certification Frameworks and the WIOA Operator Certification Scheme. The webinar will also explain the benefits and opportunities related to operator certification and for undertaking ongoing CPD. The webinar is aimed at: Operators working towards achieving certification; Certified Operators; HR staff who support Certified Operators; Individuals with an interest in certification. Register at wioa.org.au/nevent/wioatalkscertification/



The first ever WIOA **South Australian Operations Conference and Expo** is being held on 1 & 2 August 2018 in Murray Bridge. The conference runs from lunch time Wednesday until lunch time Thursday with a dinner on the Wednesday evening. The technical program has been finalised and will include a Keynote Address each day as well as 10 operationally focussed papers. The event will also include the **2018 Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia** competition on the Wednesday. We invite all our South Australian members and supporters to come along as a delegate or visitor and bring along a sample of your water for the Taste Test. The full program and further information is available at: wioaconferences.org.au/sa/



Last chance to purchase a ticket for the **3rd Biggest Ever Laurie Gleeson Dinner** to be held during Men's Health Week, with proceeds directed to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. This year's event will be held at the prestigious **Members Dining Room** at the **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** on **Thursday 5 July 2018**. Tables of 10 (\$2,500) or individual tickets (\$250 each) can be obtained via the IWA Victoria website at iwa.org.au/events/the-biggest-ever-laurie-gleeson-dinner-2018



The technical paper and poster program has been set for the **81st Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** and delegate registrations are now being accepted. All 203 exhibition sites have been sold and preparations are under way for another great event. To see the full list of exhibiting companies, the papers program or to register, visit the conference home page at: wioaconferences.org.au/vic/



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **2018 Ixom Victorian Best Tasting Tap Water competition** to be held as part of the Victorian conference in September. We know organisations will be keen to knock off the reigning title holder, Goulburn Valley Water to win bragging rights as having the best tasting tap water in Victoria. Check out the WIOA website for more information.



The Tasmanian Advisory Committee will be holding an **Operations Interest Day and Ixom Tasmanian Best Tasting Tap Water Competition** on Wednesday 25 July 2018 at the Mowbray Race Club in Launceston. The full program and further information will be released shortly.



The Victorian Advisory Committee is providing everyone a heads up that the **20th WIOA Victorian Charity Golf Day** will be held at the Garfield Golf Club, on Sunday 21 October. We are looking for a strong turnout of operational people to help make the day a success and sponsorship opportunities exist for companies that would like a chance to win the Tradies Cup. Place the date into your diary now.

TRAINING COURSES

The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) is staging the **Australian Groundwater Modelling School 2018** in Adelaide commencing on 16 July. The intensive 4 day course will introduce attendees to the art and science of groundwater modelling.

It will include a brief discussion of groundwater flow before examining the details of the process of modelling. Each step in the process will be thoroughly examined with practical applications as the focus. Extensive tutorials will allow attendees the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with using MODFLOW, the industry-standard groundwater modelling code. For more information or to register, visit groundwater.com.au/events/77



The next **IWES 2018** training courses will take place on the Gold Coast throughout the week of 9-13 July. The program incorporates a wide range and number of course offerings for professionals to choose from. Courses on offer include Principles of Wastewater Treatment; Biological Nutrient Removal; Membranes; Drinking Water Treatment; Asset Planning; Anaerobic Digestion as well as a number of others. For more information or to register, visit the IWES website at <https://iwes.com.au/events/iwes-gold-coast-2018/>

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Exclusively for Australian customers only, **ALVI Technologies** proudly announces the launch of their eStore for Signal Isolators and Converters. Visit the eStore at shop.alvi.com.au where they have showcased the BasicLine isolators – pick the right Isolator for your application, with an added advantage of free shipping and a promotional discount on your first purchase. Contact ALVI Technologies to find out more.



Kaeser Compressors Australia is proud to announce that it has recently been accredited as an Australian Trusted Trader (ATT) by the Australian Border Force. Amongst a number of benefits, this will expedite the customs clearance process for compressed air equipment arriving in Australia from Kaeser's production facility in Germany. For the end user this will mean reduced delivery times. For more information visit kaeser.com.au or phone 1800 640 611.

POSITIONS VACANT - For information on these positions visit <https://wioa.org.au/positions-vacant/>

15 current positions are listed on the website including: Treatment Operator, Water Services Operators, Water Operator Plumber, Electrician and some sales and field service technician positions. There are also 2 members looking for a new position with some details on their experience provided. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 26 June - **WIOA Talks Webinar** - Operator Certification, Online 11:30am (AEST)
- 5 July - **3rd Biggest Ever Laurie Gleeson Dinner for the Prostate Cancer Foundation**, Melbourne
- 25 July - **Water Interest Day & Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Tasmania competition**, Launceston
- 1 & 2 August - **1st WIOA South Australian Operations Conference & Expo**, Murray Bridge
- 1 August - **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia competition**, Murray Bridge
- 14 August - **NSW Water Interest Day**, Wagga Wagga
- 5 & 6 September - **81st WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 5 September - **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria competition**, Bendigo
- 17 October - **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition**, Toowoomba
- 21 October - **Victorian Charity Golf Day**, Garfield Golf Club
- 24 October - **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)**, Coburg



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