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AROUND THE TRAPS

Members are reminded that this is the last chance to pay your **annual fees for 2018 which were due on 1st January**. A reminder has been sent out recently and any member not financial will have their details removed from the member database and will not receive any further correspondence.



At the recent WIOA AGM and Weekend Seminar held in Ballarat **Adrian Rijnbeek** and **Heidi Josipovic** were both returned as President and Vice President respectively. After serving on the Committee continuously for 23 years, Stephen Wilson did not seek re-election this year and he was replaced by Glenn Alford from Calix. In another change, Darren Lord recently stood down as Chair of the Tasmanian Advisory Committee and he was replaced on the General Committee by the new Tasmanian Chair, Mark Abela.



The first technical webinar in the **WIOA Talks** series was held on 6 March covering issues related to **blue-green algae management**. In all there were 48 attendees from across Australia logged in and from feedback, the information presented was extremely useful. Our congratulations and thanks are extended to the presenters, Steven Newham, Greg Smith, Bianca Atley and Peta Thiel for doing such an amazing job. The next WIOA Talks webinar will be held on Tuesday 27 March covering Water in Antarctica. More information, the program and how to join in is available at wioa.org.au/event/water-in-antarctica-webinar



Congratulations to WIOA's Technical Operations Officer, Kathy Northcott, who has been awarded an honorary appointment as a **Fellow in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering** (Melbourne School of Engineering) at the University of Melbourne. The appointment is for a period of two years, through to April 2020, and is in recognition of her ongoing contribution and association with The University of Melbourne through collaboration in R&D and education within the department.



Winner of Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water in 2017, **Toowoomba Regional Council** was entered in the **International Water Tasting competition** held in the USA. The winner came from Clearbrook, British Columbia, Canada. To be in the running to represent Australia in 2019, make sure your water business enters a sample into one of the Ixom State based competition and who knows, just like the Goulburn Valley Water team in 2016, you could be recognised as having some of the best tasting water in the world.

WIOA AWARDS

For members in Queensland, applications are being sought for the **Operator of the Year** awarded by AWA and the **Young Operator of the Year** and **Operator of the Year Civil/All Rounder**, both sponsored by **qldwater**. Employers are encouraged to nominate staff you believe to be deserving of this recognition. More information and forms are available at: wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/queensland-awards

After extending the application period by a week due to low entry numbers, we were excited to receive 12 excellent entries for the **2018 PASS Award** generously sponsored by Aqualift Project Delivery. The prize for the best entry submitted is an all-expenses paid opportunity to join the WIOA contingent on the tour of NZ and to attend the WIOG operations conference in Palmerston North in May 2018. The winner will be announced at the WIOA NSW Conference in Tamworth. The most positive aspect of this award is being able to share and showcase the good ideas of members, with all entries received to be made into a booklet for distribution to members. It is never too early to start working on your entry for next year's Award.



Applications for the 2018 **Kwatye Award** will be accepted until 20 July 2018. The award, sponsored by Thermo Fisher Scientific gives members the opportunity to nominate to undertake a development activity, program or training course. The award recipient will receive \$6,000 in funding to undertake their activity or project. More information is available at wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/kwatye-award



NSW water utilities are invited to enter the annual **Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in NSW/ACT** competition. The heats, grand final judging and announcement of the winner will take place at the WIOA conference in Tamworth. The winning sample will then represent NSW against Queensland in the Water of Origin taste test to be held at the WIOA Qld Conference in Logan in June. Your sample may even win Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water in a competition to be conducted during Water Week in October 2018. For more information go to wioaconferences.org.au/nsw/nsw-water-taste-test

WIOA TIPPING COMPETITIONS

Members are invited to demonstrate their prowess over the AFL &/or the NRL season by entering the FREE WIOA tipping competitions. It is hoped that over the season we will be able to gather some corporate support for the competitions and have some great prizes to be won.

Join WIOA AFL Tipping Competition at: <https://tipping.afl.com.au>

Competition name is **WIOA** & the Competition code is: **J2D6JR2M**

Join WIOA NRL Tipping Competition at: <https://tipping.nrl.com>

Competition name is **WIOA** & the Competition code is: **RY53N6PE**

EVENTS

Last chance to register as a delegate for the **WIOA NSW Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Tamworth on 11 & 12 April 2018. There is an excellent mix of topics in both the platform and poster sections from a wide cross section of authors and the exhibition has 120 sites filled. Members and colleagues from Councils close to Tamworth are reminded that entry to the **exhibition at the NSW Conference is FREE**. Register now from the WIOA website at wioaconferences.org.au/nsw/nsw-delegates



We have filled the platform papers program but we are still looking for **more Operator poster papers** for the **WIOA Queensland Operations Conference and Exhibition** in Logan on 6 & 7 June. If you have an idea for a poster, please contact the office ASAP. Support for the exhibition in Logan has been phenomenal with all 112 sites selling out within just 35 minutes of being released.



To coincide with World Water Day, the Water Industry Alliance and ICE WaRM are staging **Adelaide's Smart Water Summit**. To be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 22-23 March, the summit is an opportunity for the water industry to get inspired, contribute ideas and make important connections. More information on the Summit is available from www.waterindustry.com.au/smartwatersummit

The May edition of **WaterWorks** is currently under development and is a great opportunity for our Corporate members to advertise and support the production of this important technical journal. This edition is widely distributed and will be included in the Queensland and Victorian conference satchels. Contact Nicole Grimm on 0432 217 216 or nicole.grimm@executivemedia.com.au



To better meet our member needs, WIOA is currently reviewing existing offerings and considering options to expand our range of products & services. To ensure our offerings are relevant to our members, in the coming week(s) we will be sending out a market survey. It will query awareness of current products, your experience with the products used, and any recommendations for new products and services.



Date Saver - The third **Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner** to raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will be held at the MCG, Melbourne on the evening of Thursday 5 July 2018. WIOA is again part of the event organising committee and will provide more information in the coming months.

TRAINING COURSES

The popular "**Monitoring and Optimisation of Activated Sludge and Nutrient Reduction**" course presented by A/Prof Helen Stratton and Peter Griffiths is being offered again this year through pH Water Consultants. The course will be held from 2-6 July 2018 on the Sunshine Coast. Regular presenters, Helen and Peter, have been delivering activated sludge training courses for the past 21 years. The course presents the latest research findings and developments in optimisation and trouble-shooting of activated sludge processes. Registration is now open at www.pHwater.com.au. Delegates who attend and successfully complete the assessment items can receive RPL towards their Cert III or IV.



The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) is running their **Field Methods Training: Groundwater and Aquifer Testing Techniques** in Adelaide from 9-11 April. Bookings are limited for this 3-day intensive field training course where participants will be provided with practical experience in designing and executing aquifer pumping tests, groundwater sampling campaigns and techniques to obtain groundwater samples for a range of routine and novel analyses. For more information, email enquiries@groundwater.com.au or visit <http://www.groundwater.com.au/events/72> for course details.



Join Clearwater and Monash Sustainable Development Institute to explore best practice in **Integrated Water Management (IWM)** and practical skills to build support and drive successful projects for your region. A 15% discount is offered to WIOA members who enrol in the Clearwater Masterclass Series 2018. The four unique masterclasses will each run in Benalla, Melbourne, Horsham, Ballarat, and Traralgon between February and June this year. The training is suitable for practitioners, senior officers, and managers, particularly those working in Strategic and statutory planning, Stormwater management, Sustainability and liveability, Urban design and landscape architecture, Environment / waterway management, and Water/wastewater infrastructure planning. More information, dates and to register at <https://www.clearwater.asn.au/events-and-training/clearwater-masterclass-series-2018.php>



AMS Training & Solutions is offering their RO Specialist hands-on training during March in WA and QLD; and UF/MF Membrane Filtration hands-on training in NSW at the Evoqua Manufacturing Facility (Windsor). Visit their website (www.amsts.com.au) for dates, venues and course specifics. Email them at warren@amsts.com.au to be put onto the waiting list for future events near you.

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

To better meet the sales and service needs of customers, **Grundfos Pumps** advises that they have moved their Queensland Office to brand new premises at 6 Aliciajay Circuit in Luscombe. The email address for sales enquiries is ausales@sales.grundfos.com and for service is auservice@grundfos.com



Air-Met announces the appointment of **Arnold Perez** as the National Service Manager replacing Gray Theobald who will be focusing his efforts in our Engineered Solutions department as the Engineered Solutions Manager. With a background in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Arnold joined Industrial Scientific Corporation for 12 years as the service manager firstly in Qatar followed by a move to the Australian office. He can be contacted on 0429 882 042 or by email at arnold.perez@airmet.com.au



Metaval announces their appointment as the exclusive Australian representative for UGSI Solutions, manufacturers of - Microclor® On-Site Hypochlorite Generation, Monoclor® Chloramine Management, Tank Shark® Disinfectant Injection and Mixing, PAX Tank Water Mixers/DBP Removal/Residual Control and Chemical Feed including Polymer Feed, Chemical Metering, Dry & Liquid Chemical Feed and Variable Area Flow Meters. Contact Andrew Garland on 03 9761 4000 or email andrew@metaval.com.au



Hydro Innovations recently celebrated 10 years as a supplier of Gorman-Rupp pumps and parts. Along the way, they have added select suppliers (EDUR, RamParts, Ragazzini, JS Propotec, and now Venturi-Aeration) who have increased their scope of supply and ability to serve customer needs more completely. They look forward to continuing to help their customers find the best and most cost effecting solutions to their pumping and aeration needs. For any queries call **02 9898 1800** or email sales@hydroinnovations.com.au



ADVANCE UV SYSTEMS Pty Ltd (www.advanceuv.com.au) offers high-quality spare parts for municipal open channel and closed vessel UV disinfection plants including replacements for Open Channel UV lamps, Quartz Modules, inserts, lamp connectors & lamp cables, wiper rings, wiper brushes, UV sensors, UV ballasts, etc. Contact: advance@advanceuv.com.au or call on 02 9896 1165.

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

Current positions vacant include positions for a Project Manager - Planning & Project Development, Engineering Technical Officer, Treatment Plant Supervisor and a Water Industry District Manager. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 27 March - **WIOA Talks Webinar** - Water in Antarctica, Online
- 11 & 12 April - **12th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Tamworth
- 27 April - **WIOA Talks Webinar** - Women in Water, Online
- 4 - 12 May - **WIOA Tour to New Zealand and WIOG conference**, Palmerston North
- 6 & 7 June - **43rd WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 20 July - **Kwatye Applications** close
- 5 & 6 September - **81st WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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