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## AROUND THE TRAPS

**OPPORTUNITY READVERTISED** - WIOA has created a full time staff position and we are looking to employ a competent, passionate and energetic individual to provide technical input and expertise across a range of the Association's activities. The right person will become part of a small but cohesive, creative, innovative and committed team who are passionate about making a difference in the operational sector of the water industry. More information on the role, including the Position Description and Conditions of Employment are available on the website at [www.wioa.org.au/positions/wioa\\_technical\\_operations\\_officer.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/wioa_technical_operations_officer.htm)



We look forward with interest to the announcement of the AWA sponsored **Leon Henry Memorial, Queensland Operator of the Year Award** the *qldwater* sponsored **Young Queensland Operator of the Year Award** and the **Queensland Operator of the Year (Civil/All Rounder) Awards**. The winners will be announced at the WIOA Conference and Exhibition Awards Dinner on Thursday 8 June in Logan.



The Government Inquiry into the **Havelock North (NZ)** water quality incident has recently released its Stage 1 report. In August 2016, an outbreak of gastroenteritis caused an estimated 5,500 of the town's 14,000 residents to have become ill with campylobacteriosis. Some 45 were subsequently hospitalised. It is possible that the outbreak contributed to three deaths, and an unknown number of residents continue to suffer health complications. The Inquiry has proceeded in two stages. The Stage 1 report focuses on identifying what happened, what caused the outbreak, and assessing the conduct of those responsible for providing safe drinking water to Havelock North. Stage 2 of the Inquiry will address lessons learned for the future and steps to be implemented to reduce the likelihood of such an outbreak occurring again. For a copy of the report, visit [www.dia.govt.nz/Government-Inquiry-into-Havelock-North-Drinking-Water](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Government-Inquiry-into-Havelock-North-Drinking-Water)



The Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) has recently endorsed the structure and membership of the **Water Industry Reference Committee (Water IRC)**. The Water IRC is responsible for managing the national water training Package (NWP) and the IRC membership provides strong industry coverage and expertise to support the training package development. The list of organisations represented on the Water IRC is available at [www.aisc.net.au/content/water-industry-reference-committee](http://www.aisc.net.au/content/water-industry-reference-committee)



The third **WaterRA Research Symposium**, 'Water Industry Research – Collaborating Today for Tomorrow's Solutions', will be held on 19 & 20 July, in Melbourne. This year's Research Symposium showcases a number of WaterRA projects in key areas of smart monitoring beneficial to water utilities including understanding the use of smart monitoring in wastewater treatment solutions, remote monitoring, processing performance, and, decentralised water treatment. For more information on the program or to register, visit [www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/149-1](http://www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/149-1)

Our contingent of 15 Operators attended the **NZ study tour** and the WIOG conference in Queenstown in early May. As usual, it was a fantastic experience with the Kiwi operators showing off their plants and sharing in-depth knowledge of water and wastewater issues. Congratulations to Martyn Simpson and Graeme Thacker for being awarded Life Membership of the Water Industry Operations Group of NZ.



The International Water Centre (IWC) advises that applications for the **IWC Master of Integrated Water Management Scholarships (Intl.)** opened on 1 May 2017. The IWC Masters Scholarships are a prestigious award granted annually to high calibre candidates who clearly demonstrate potential as future water leaders. Three international scholarships are available to study the Master of Integrated Water Management in 2018. To find out more visit [www.watercentre.org/education/programs/scholarships/iwc-masters-scholarships-international](http://www.watercentre.org/education/programs/scholarships/iwc-masters-scholarships-international)

## WIOA AWARDS 2017

Applications for the **2017 Kwatye Prize** will be accepted until 20 July and members are urged to consider submitting an entry. The focus of the Award has been amended to promote a professional development activity, project or opportunity. The Award funding of up to \$6,600 is available for undertaking the development activity and can be spent on:

- Course or program fees
- Texts or resource materials required
- Travel, accommodation and living expenses
- Other costs associated with the opportunity

Applications will be accepted from individuals or teams, provided all members of a team are individual WIOA members. More information at: [www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm)



A reminder to all Victorian Water Corporations that the **IXOM 2017 Victorian Water Taste Test** will be held again at the WIOA conference in September. We encourage all water businesses in the state to submit a sample for the chance to have bragging rights to the best tasting water in Victoria.

## EVENTS

The call for papers has closed for the **80<sup>th</sup> Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** but we are still looking for **a few more Operator Posters**. If you have an idea or topic that could be presented, please contact George in the WIOA office ASAP: [george@wioa.org.au](mailto:george@wioa.org.au)



Time is running out to register for the **42nd WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Logan on 7 & 8 June. If you intend on coming along as a delegate, please send through your registration form ASAP.

We understand that not everyone can attend as a delegate, so please keep in mind that entry to the exhibition is FREE. We'd encourage everyone to get a carload of people together and come and have a look through the exhibition, even for just an hour or so. For more information including the papers program and updates on the event please visit: [www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm](http://www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm)

**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 WIOA Technical Operations Officer, Plumber, Electrician, Technical Officers, Reticulation Attendant, Pump Station Attendant, Process Controller and more. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## TRAINING COURSES

A limited number of **\$4,000 scholarships** are available to leaders in the Energy and Utilities Sector to support the nationwide launch of Executive Ready – ASAM’s new flagship development program for mid-level leaders. Informed by the experiences of hundreds of talented and respected leaders across all industries, Executive Ready is a career accelerator designed to stretch existing leaders and propel them towards executive level performance, behaviours and mindsets. Developed by one of Australia’s leading authorities on the career development of high performing leaders, Executive Ready has been designed for existing leaders who really want to uncover their full potential. To view the course Prospectus, visit [www.asam.edu.au/programs/ER/ASAM-Executive-Ready-EDM.pdf](http://www.asam.edu.au/programs/ER/ASAM-Executive-Ready-EDM.pdf)



The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) is staging the **Australian Groundwater Modelling School 2017** in Adelaide commencing on 17 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. Other codes will be introduced and discussed. For more information or to register, visit [www.groundwater.com.au/events/77](http://www.groundwater.com.au/events/77)

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

The **WSAA Sydney** office has **relocated to Level 9, 420 George Street, Sydney**. Karen Campisano has joined the WSAA team as the Manager, Research and Innovation. Karen has extensive experience in the water industry, most recently in the role of Water Security Program Manager at Seqwater.



**AWMA** has formed a strategic partnership with the global organisation Ham Baker Group to deliver industry proven water and waste water processing equipment. AWMA will utilise existing in-house capabilities to locally manufacture an extended range of products for WWTP Inlet Works including Screens, Screenings Handling Equipment and Grit Removal. For further information including AWMA's Process Equipment Product Catalogue visit their website at [www.awmawatercontrol.com.au](http://www.awmawatercontrol.com.au)



**Air-Met Scientific** along with their supplier Industrial Scientific are running a roadshow event on innovations in portable and area gas monitoring that would be of interest to members. They have a special guest coming out from America to present at the roadshow in June. More details on this free event can be obtained from [www.airmet.com.au/events/innovate-2017-gas-detection-roadshow](http://www.airmet.com.au/events/innovate-2017-gas-detection-roadshow)



As of 1 May 2017, **Flowservices** are moving to a new office. The office address is 8/26 Commerce Drive, Robina QLD AUSTRALIA 4226. The postal address is PO Box 1085, Robina QLD AUSTRALIA 4226



**CST Wastewater Solutions** is adding a dedicated full-time Service Division to the company, to complement its wastewater treatment, fine screening and grit removal technologies. Managing Director, Michael Bambridge says the new service will particularly benefit municipal and industrial users of wastewater and water recycling technologies that do not always have optimal engineering services available in-house. For further information, contact Michael Bambridge on +61 2 9417 3611 or email: [info@cstwastewater.com](mailto:info@cstwastewater.com)

**Ixom Operations** (RTO 41586) is offering the following two Nationally Accredited Courses on 5-6 June 2017 at the Ixom Brisbane Training Room - Murarrie. NWPTRT013 Operate and control liquefied chlorine disinfection & NWPTRT052 Operate and control hypochlorite disinfection processes. Morning tea and lunch will be provided during the day long courses. Students who successfully complete the assessment modules will receive a Statement of Attainment and RPL towards their Certificate II or III. Additional information and registration is available at [training@ixom.com](mailto:training@ixom.com)

## COMING EVENTS

- 7 & 8 June – **42<sup>nd</sup> WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 13 July – **Operations Interest Day & Ixom South Australian Water Taste Test**, Adelaide
- 2 August – **Water Interest Day & Ixom Tasmanian Water Taste Test**, Launceston
- 6 & 7 Sept – **80th WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 1 Sept – **Ixom 2017 Victorian Water Taste Test**, Bendigo



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