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AROUND THE TRAPS

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 7 June in Logan.



The Australian contingent of 17 Operators have just returned from the **NZ study tour** and the **WIOG Meeting Challenges conference** held in Palmerston North. It was a fantastic experience with the Kiwi operators showing off their sites and sharing their in-depth knowledge of water and wastewater issues. Our congratulations are extended to John Clemens and Mike Monaghan who were both awarded Life Membership of the Water Industry Operations Group, NZ at the conference.



A national campaign has been launched that encourages all individuals and organisations into making achievable change to increase gender equity in their workplace – and you can take part! **100 Days for Change** is a grassroots, action orientated initiative to empower as many people and companies as possible to make all kinds of large and small scale changes, across all industries and sectors. For more information visit www.100daysforchange.com.au #100daysforchange



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 <http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/>



In August 2016, there was a waterborne outbreak of gastroenteritis in Havelock North, New Zealand which caused a significant number of residents to become ill and it is possible that the outbreak contributed to three deaths. **Water New Zealand** has released a video of a very informative presentation discussing what happened, what caused the outbreak, and assessing the conduct of those responsible for providing safe drinking water to the town: www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=AF5-IMyN8UM

The **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia** invites you to attend their **Ask The Experts Webcast**. Join in an engaging panel discussion with leading health professionals on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm (AEST). Registration is essential: <http://www.pcfa.org.au/asktheexperts>



Water Research Australia has awarded the project 'Value of Operator Competency' to **WaterQPlus** led by Sallyanne Bartlett. This study aims to identify the key operator competencies required for, or that contribute to, the delivery of safe water and the treatment of wastewater to specification and the value gained from investing in programs to develop, support and continually grow operator competency. The value to the Water Industry will be demonstrated across typical corporate risk categories and considers the value to government / regulatory agencies and ultimately the benefit to customer and community wellbeing. It will examine current learning and development practices used by Australian water businesses and compare this to other industries with similar public health and/or environmental obligations and international water industry standards.



The US\$600,000 **Zayed Sustainability Prize for Water** has recently been introduced. Evolving from 10 years of success as the Zayed Future Energy Prize, the UAE's preeminent sustainability Prize undergoes a strategic refocus to become the Zayed Sustainability Prize. Recognising organisations that can demonstrate innovative, impactful and inspirational solutions in the areas of sustainable water, energy, food and health, the Zayed Sustainability Prize is open to submissions from innovators in the water sector. For more information go to www.ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com

WIOA AWARDS

A reminder to all Victorian Water Corporations that the **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria** competition 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

Time is running out to register for the **43rd WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Logan on 6 & 7 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: <http://wioaconferences.org.au/qld/qld-delegates/>



The call for papers has closed for the **81st 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

TRAINING COURSES

The **International WaterCentre** is conducting an Introduction to WASH for Development - 8-week course, commencing 4 June 2018. The online training course is designed to empower practitioners with an understanding of the fundamentals of the WASH sector, and introduces students to the core principles of planning, designing and implementing activities to improve sustainable and equitable access to domestic water supply and sanitation facilities, and improve hygiene behaviours.

ICE WaRM is conducting the 6th HEC-RAS Water Modelling 1D+2D course on 4 - 8 June in Sydney. Using the latest version, choose from 1D and 2D courses and gain access to select HEC-RAS experts who are BETA testers and work in the industry. Register on the ICE WaRM website <https://tinyurl.com/y73h32q9>



AMS Training & Solutions is offering their hands-on training in June 2018 with their RO Specialist Level 2 course being staged in Ipswich, Qld and their RO Specialist Level 3 course in Geelong, Vic. There is also an advanced High Purity Water Treatment Course in Sydney. For more information visit www.amsts.com.au.

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Congratulation to **Evoqua Water Technologies** for being named the Water Company of the Year by Global Water Intelligence as part of the Global Water Awards.



The **International WaterCentre** (IWC) has moved. IWC is now based at the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre (N78) at Griffith University Nathan Campus in Brisbane, Queensland.



MAK water is pleased to announce that Derek de Waal has joined their team in the role of Business Development Manager – Municipal. Derek can be contacted by email at derek.dewaal@makwater.com.au

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

Current positions vacant include an Engineering Manager, a number of Treatment Plant Operator roles, several Sales opportunities, a Wastewater Treatment Specialist, Project Engineer and more. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 24 May - **WIOA Talks Webinar** - Health Based Targets, Online
- 6 & 7 June - **43rd WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 26 June - **WIOA Talks Webinar** - Operator Certification, Online
- 5 July - **3rd Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner for the Prostate Cancer Foundation**, MCG Melbourne
- 25 July - **Water Interest Day & Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Tasmania**, Launceston
- 1 & 2 August - **1st WIOA South Australian Operations Conference & Expo**, Murray Bridge
- 14 August - **NSW Water Interest Day**, Wagga
- 5 & 6 September - **81st WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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