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AROUND THE TRAPS

WIOA Change of address - 24 New Dookie Road, Shepparton. WIOA has recently **purchased our own office** building in Shepparton. Redirecting some of our cash reserves into a property based investment provides immediate cash savings from not paying rent and the new building has ample office and storage space to meet our needs for many years to come. We invite all members to call in at any time to say hello.



After producing **WaterWorks** in collaboration with the Australian Water Association since 2001, AWA has just advised that they have changed their publications model and can no longer produce and distribute our Journal. WIOA will continue to produce WaterWorks in the future. We are investigating our options and plan to advise Members of new publication arrangements early in 2016. Anyone interested in advertising or contributing articles for future editions of WaterWorks should contact WIOA at info@wioa.org.au



In the October edition of Words, we advertised that a water business had a number of bags of excess Anthracite to give away. We received a number of enquiries and advise that Wannon Water in Warrnambool were the first to get in with an expression of interest and they have recently taken possession of their slightly early Xmas present.



Water Research Australia has recently released the **Good Practice Guide to the Operation of Drinking Water Supply Systems for the Management of Microbial Risk**. Written by Bruce Murray and WIOA's Technical Adviser, Peter Mosse, the guide is a concise reference document for both senior managers and operational staff. The free guide is available to anyone in the water industry and can be downloaded from, www.waterra.com.au/publications/latest-news/2015/good-practice-guide-advance-copies-at-ozwater/



The **National Water Package** materials have been provided to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) for endorsement. It is expected that the Package will be endorsed at AISC's meeting on 1 December which would mean that employees could be enrolled into the new qualifications before the end of the year. We'll keep members informed of any developments.



The Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) has announced the launch of the **Water Research Access Portal (WRAP)** at www.waterportal.com.au. WRAP is an online database of reputable Australian urban water research, with the aim of making this research readily accessible to the water industry. WRAP is a collaborative effort between a number of Australian research centres, government agencies, water utilities and industry, and is being hosted and managed by WSAA.



The Australian Water Association recently released the results of two surveys – the **State of the Water Sector Report** and also the **Australian Water Consumer Outlook 2015**. Anyone interested can download a copy of both reports from the AWA website at: www.awa.asn.au/State_of_the_Water_Sector_Survey/

Congratulations to Goulburn Valley Water in Victoria for winning the inaugural **Ixom, Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia** at the recent Interest Day in Gunnedah. The winners of each of the State based Taste Test competitions were pitted against one another with both Interest Day attendees and the general public invited to taste the samples and cast their vote. We encourage every water businesses to enter their State based competitions in 2016 and we look forward to adding even more States to next year's competition.



November annually signals the time for men to put away the razor and let the bristles on the top lip run free. The **Movember Foundation** is working tirelessly with an urgent goal in mind: accelerating breakthroughs in prostate cancer research that will benefit patients and their families. Movember is achieving this by the formation of the largest, global alliance of prostate cancer researchers and clinical specialists, who are tackling the toughest prostate cancer challenges. Based on past years, there are most likely a number of WIOA members participating and we say a hearty well done to you all. We'd love to receive a copy of your before and after photos to share with members.



CSIRO has recently released a comprehensive scientific assessment of long-term water availability in the Pilbara region, to guide responsible future resource management. It provides an overview of the effect of future climates and proposed developments on the region's surface water and groundwater resources. More at www.csiro.au/en/Research/LWF/Areas/Water-resources/Assessing-water-resources/Pilbara

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Individual Members are reminded that **annual fees for 2016** are due on 1st January and renewal invoices have been sent to all members. For those who have previously paid for multiple years, we will also send a confirmation that you are financial. Membership fees for 2016 are \$30 & \$242 (including GST) for Individual and Corporate members respectively. Please pay no later than 1 January 2016.



A reminder to all our **Utility Corporate Members** - your employee lists have been sent out and need updating (if you have not already done so). For those who are unfamiliar with this membership category, it is a combination of both Individual and Corporate Membership. Utilities that employ operators can sign up and pay for each of their nominated staff at the individual member rate. The Utility receives free corporate membership and a number of other benefits including discounted registration fees for WIOA events. There are already 61 organisations that have taken up this opportunity. More information on Utility Corporate membership is available at: www.wioa.org.au/membership/index.htm

Royce Water Technologies are once again putting up a fantastic \$1000 travel voucher for one lucky WIOA Individual Member. Ensure you are in the draw to win by paying your membership early for 2016.

EVENTS

The **2016 Queensland WIOA Conference and Exhibition** will be held at the University of Central Queensland's Campus in Rockhampton on 1-2 June 2016. The Call for Papers will be distributed shortly. Keep in mind that we can accept abstracts at any time, so please get busy working on your topics.



RESERVE THE DATE – The 2016 **WIOA AGM and Weekend Seminar** will be held at the Parkside Motel in Geelong on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February 2016. The event is free to the first 50 WIOA financial members who register. If the last few years are any indication, the weekend will include some great presentations and heaps of fun. You can register for this event via the website.

The **Water Industry Operations Group NZ conference** will be held in Auckland from 5-7th May 2016. As with previous years, there will be a tour of a number of water and wastewater treatment systems from around the 29th April to 7th May 2016 (dates and tour program being confirmed at present). If you or any of your staff are interested in being part of the tour, please let us know ASAP.



Exhibition sites for the **2016 NSW WIOA Conference and Exhibition in Newcastle** went on sale on Wednesday 11 November and all sites were sold out within 24 hours. There is now a waiting list of companies hoping to exhibit. A full list of all the exhibiting companies will be placed on the WIOA conference website shortly. The Platform Papers side of the technical program has been sorted but we are still looking for some more Operator Poster papers. If you have an idea for a poster, contact us in the office and we'll send you all the details. The Delegate registration forms will be available very soon.



The **Queensland Advisory Committee** is conducting an Interest Day on Wednesday 26th November at the Maleny Sewage Treatment Plant on the Sunshine Coast. The day will incorporate an overview of the Maleny STP by operators Glenn and Matt, presentations from Unitywater on innovation along with GE on their membranes and a tour of the STP. For more information and to register, visit the WIOA website at www.wioa.org.au/seminars/QldMaleney2015.htm



The International Water Association **World Water Congress and Exhibition** will be held next year in Brisbane from 9-13 October 2016. The due date for Australians submitting abstracts has been extended until: Friday 27th November 2015. This is an opportunity not to miss, with over 5,000 of the world's leading water professionals gathering to share know-how, best practices and leading technological developments. More information at: www.iwa-network.org/event/world-water-congress-exhibition-2016/

WIOA AWARDS 2016

A reminder to members that applications are being accepted for the **Problem Accepted, Solution Supplied (PASS) Award** with the annual winner receiving an all expenses paid spot on the WIOA tour to New Zealand in May to the value of \$2,000 courtesy of sponsor Aqualift Project Delivery. Applications close at the end of February 2016. Entry forms are on the website at www.wioa.org.au/awards/pass.htm

TRAINING COURSES In order to inform Members, WIOA lists any water industry training providers on the WIOA website. For more information visit the website: www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/TrainingCourses.htm

The next **IWES courses** will be held in Sydney from 15-19 February with 11 different courses on a variety of water and wastewater treatment topics. The next **UQRISK** training event will take place in Brisbane, throughout the week of November 30 - 4 December 2015, with a program of 5 short courses covering a range of risk based issues. The full program, including venue details and speaker profiles is available at <http://iwes.com.au/index.php>



The **Engineering Training Institute Australia** is offering training courses in Queensland in November covering topics including a Concrete Pipes & Pipeline Workshops. For more information about course topics and workshops OR to register online please visit their website: www.etia.net.au



The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT)** has a number of training related opportunities coming up including the Australian Groundwater School which will be held in Perth in December. More on all the NCGRT courses is available from www.groundwater.com.au/events/training

The **International WaterCentre (IWC)** will be offering a **partial scholarship** (\$7,000 towards the Master of Integrated Water Management or a \$2,000 towards the Graduate Certificate in Water Planning) to each self-funded student who commences studying in Semester 1, 2016. Partial scholarships aim to cover part of the program's tuition fees and are restricted to self-funded students who do not receive any full-tuition scholarship/grant or full-tuition funding from their employer. To receive a partial scholarship, you must apply for the program at the relevant partner university, receive an unconditional offer of admission, and successfully enroll in the program by 31 January 2016. For more information phone 07 3014 0200, or email admin@watercentre.org or visit the website at www.watercentre.org/iwc-scholarships



The **International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM)** is offering a range of professional development opportunities; closing the gap between water science, governance and management in the December-March period. Courses cover topics including water in mining school; River Modelling; Hydrology and Hydraulics for non-engineers and others. For more information or to register visit www.icewarm.com.au/short-courses/ or contact Trevor Pillar on 08 8236 5200.

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

The positions vacant section of our website currently has around 10 jobs advertised including **Treatment Plant Operators & some Engineering positions**. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **North East Water** in Victoria for being recognised as an Australian leader in public participation, winning the IAP2 Organisation of the Year (Australasia) at an awards ceremony in Perth. The prestigious award recognises the Corporation for its efforts in working with communities across the region.



Kaeser Compressors is currently celebrating its **25th anniversary in Australia**. From modest beginnings, the company boasts an extensive network of sales and service centres as well as dedicated partners providing comprehensive coverage to customers throughout Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Owned and operated by the Kaeser family, all compressors are manufactured in Germany and the company employs over 5,000 employees worldwide. For more information visit www.kaeser.com.au

COMING EVENTS

- 26th November - **Queensland Wastewater Interest Day**, Maleny STP, Sunshine Coast

2016 EVENTS

- 28th February - **PASS Award** applications close
- 27th & 28th February - **WIOA Weekend Seminar & AGM**, Geelong
- 6th & 7th April - **10th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Newcastle
- 1st & 2nd June - **41st WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Rockhampton
- 31st August & 1st September - **79th WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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