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AROUND THE TRAPS

Congratulations to **John Harris** from Wannon Water in Victoria for being announced as WIOA's eighth **Life Member** at the recent Bendigo conference. Congratulations also to **Ryan McGowan** from Goulburn Valley Water for being the 36th WIOA Member nationally to be Inducted as a Delegate of the Inextricably Obstructed Tap Society (for short IDIOTS). A full outline of both John and Ryan's substantial contributions to WIOA will be provided in the November edition of 'Operator'.



WIOA State Based Advisory Committees have been in place for many years. We encourage all interested Members who would like to be more involved with WIOA to nominate to be part of the Advisory Committee in their respective State. The workload is not huge (a couple of meetings each year), and it is a great opportunity to help us identify and deliver programs, events and services that are tailored to the needs of Members in each State. Nominations close on 12 October and we will advise the makeup of the Advisory Committee in each State by 2 November 2018. If you would like further information, contact Craig on 0457 846 008. Nominate online at: <https://wioa.org.au/membership/advisory-committees/>



The **81st Annual Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition** held recently in Bendigo attracted a record number of 1,513 attendees. Congratulations to all the award winners and a big thank you to our volunteers, exhibitors, delegates and visitors for making the event such a resounding success. A full report on the conference and all the award winners will appear in the November edition of 'Operator'. Photos from the event is now available from: <https://wioa.smugmug.com/Events/Victoria2018Conference/>



As part of their commitment to supporting the building of capacity in the water sector, **Water Research Australia** (WaterRA) currently has open a **call for Sponsored Student Projects**. The Call is for Members to sponsor a student scholarship package for PhD, Masters and Honours research projects. For more information on student projects, or to submit a student application form, please visit the WaterRA website at <http://www.waterra.com.au/education/sponsorship-information/>



A new **Water Quality Australia** website has recently been launched through the Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to help better manage and protect our precious water resources. The joint initiative between the Commonwealth, state, territory and New Zealand governments contains the revised Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (ANZG, 2018) and the updated National Water Quality Management Strategy. The website will be periodically updated as new material becomes available and stakeholders can register to receive email prompts for the updates. The new website is available at waterquality.gov.au

The **Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA)** has launched a Progress Report exploring the significant work over the past year by the Australian urban water industry on building industry capacity around the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Supported by nine case studies, the Report demonstrates the progress by the industry to support and promote the SDGs in partnership with other utilities, customers and stakeholders, and shows the industry's contribution to achieving national and global SDG commitment. The report is available at <https://tinyurl.com/yd3z2kxj>



Applications to participate in the **2019 Victorian Network Operator Development Program (NODP)** are currently being sought with applications closing on 20 November. We have received extremely positive feedback from the 2018 NODP participants and we look forward to having more Corporations and employers of network operators represented in 2019. More information and the application forms are available from <https://wioa.org.au/network-operator-development-program/>



The second **WIOA Victorian Main Tapping Competition**, sponsored by Reece Civil and Coliban Water was staged at the morning tea breaks of the Victorian Conference. Well done to the nine participating teams and our congratulations are extended to the winning team of Gino Russo and Jack Dobson from Goulburn Valley Water. They chose Buy-a-Bale (drought relief) as the recipient of the \$1000 charity donation.



With the recent conclusion of the last of our four WIOA Operations Conferences for 2018, it is timely to thank all our volunteers, hosts and sponsors of these events. Our appreciation is extended to all our sponsors whose support allows us to keep our events affordable for delegates and other exhibitors. If you would like information on sponsorship opportunities for our 2019 events, contact Craig or Ann at WIOA.



Well done to Lee Marshall from Central Highlands Water for winning the **WIOA AFL footy tipping competition** on 144, just pipping Manfred Glombowski on 143. In the **WIOA NRL footy tipping competition**, Barry Mealia 124 was a clear winner over Colin Haynes 120 and Shane Wholsen third on 117.

WIOA AWARDS 2018

WIOA is calling for nominations for the **2018 South Australian Operator of the Year Award**, sponsored by SA TAFE. Applications close on 1 November 2018. More information and an application form can be downloaded from the WIOA website at: <https://wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/sa-awards/>



Well done to the team at **Wannon Water** with the sample from Hamilton judged the winner of the **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria** competition at the Bendigo Conference. They were victorious over Coliban Water, Falls Creek Resort Management Board and North East Water in the grand final and can now brag that they have the best tasting water in Victoria, at least until next year. It was pleasing to receive a sample from the majority of Victoria's Water Corporations for the heats, and our thanks are extended to everyone who participated as a heat or grand final judge.



Also at the Bendigo Conference, **Adam Panozzo** from North East Water was announced as the winner of the **AWA Wal Whiteside Victorian Operator of the Year** award. The Institute of Water Administration (IWA Vic) announced **Tabatha James** from Melbourne Water as the **IWA Young Victorian Operator of the Year**. The **Networks Operator of the Year** was **Tim Kiddle** from Barwon Water. Our congratulations are extended to all these very worthy winners.

Applications are being accepted for the **Problem Accepted, Solution Supplied (PASS) Award**. The winner will receive an all-expenses paid opportunity to join the WIOA tour to NZ in May 2019 to the value of over \$2,500. Sponsored by Aqualift Project Delivery, applications close at the end of February 2019. Entry forms are on the website at <https://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/pass-award/>



WIOA conference dates for 2019. We are currently finalising arrangements for the **2019 conferences** but we are pleased to announce our major events will be held in **Orange NSW** from 3-4 April, **Queensland** from 5-6 June and **Bendigo VIC** from 4-5 September 2019.

EVENTS

The fifth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed by an optional **TRILITY sponsored Barefoot Bowls** afternoon will be held in Cairns on Friday 12 October 2018. We encourage all WIOA members in the FNQ region to get along to this event. The exciting and very diverse technical program for the day can be accessed at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/fnq-wid-bowls/> Any Corporate members wishing to sponsor the bowls day should contact George or Craig at the WIOA office ASAP.



The program and delegate registration form for the **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** to be held in Coburg (Melbourne) on 24 October is now available. The event is aimed at all water industry personnel involved in safety in the operation and maintenance of the urban, rural and industrial water industry. There will be safety related presentations from many Victorian Corporations, as well as a panel discussion on a hypothetical safety scenario. There is also an expo comprising companies that supply products or services related to safety in the water industry. The program and registration for is available from wioaconferences.org.au/wise2018/



The **Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia** competition will be held in Toowoomba on 17 October 2018. The community of Toowoomba will be invited to taste a sample from each of the State based Taste Test winners to help determine which one is Australia's Best. Good luck to each of the finalists including Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Port Macquarie (ACT/NSW), Livingstone Shire Council, Yeppoon (Qld), SA Water, Woolpunda (SA); Hobart, Bryn Estyn (Tas) & Wannon Water, Hamilton (Vic). The winner will then go on to represent Australia at the International Taste Test in the USA in February 2019.



After commencing way back in 1999, this year will be the 20th staging of the Victorian charity golf event. The **Prominent - WIOA Victorian Charity Golf Day** is being held on Sunday 21 October at the Garfield Golf Club. We are looking for a strong turnout of operational people to help make the day a success. The charity golf day is a great way to network with others in the water industry, stretch the legs and have some fun. It is only \$35 for members to participate which includes green fees, sausage sizzle lunch, a few drinks on course and an after golf BBQ. Corporate members wishing to sponsor the day, please contact Craig at the office. Get a car load together and register at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/victorian-charity-golf-day/>



The next **WIOA Talks webinar**, covering issues on **Research, Treatment to Tap** will be held online at 11:30am (AEST) on Friday 19 October 2018. The webinar is a collaborative effort between WIOA and WaterRA and will run for around 1 hour and showcase research projects that focus on protection of treated drinking water, from disinfection of treated water through to the customers tap. Register for the webinar at: <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/wioatalksresearch/>

The **Victorian, New South Wales, South Australian and Tasmanian Advisory Committees** all have Interest Days coming up in their respective States in the next couple of months. We encourage all WIOA members to support your State based committees and get along to these events. The dates are included in the calendar below and more information will be available from the WIOA website in due course.



The **Membrane Operators Association (MOA)** of Australia and New Zealand is holding its second national membranes conference at the Wauchope Water Treatment Plant, Port Macquarie, NSW from 22-24 October 2018. The conference includes multiple site visits, networking drinks and conference dinner with a corporate rate secured at Sails Port Macquarie by Rydges Resort. For more information on MOA and the conference program, visit their website at <http://www.moa.org.au/>



The **Australasian Corrosion Association (ACA)** will be hosting the largest corrosion conference and exhibition in the Southern Hemisphere, Corrosion & Prevention 2018 in Adelaide this November. The **Corrosion and Prevention 2018 (C&P2018) conference** will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 11-14 November 2018. For further information, to check out the event program or to register, please visit the web site: <https://conference.corrosion.com.au/>

TRAINING COURSES

The **International Water Centre (IWC)** announces that scholarship applications for their **2019 Master of Integrated Water Management program** are now open. The IWC Masters Scholarship includes up to 2 full tuition fee scholarships each valued at \$54,750 for full time (18 months) or part time/distance study (3 years). Scholarships applications close 30 September 2018. Find out more information on the scholarships and how to apply at <https://watercentre.formstack.com/forms/2019domesticsscholarships>



IWES is accepting early bird registrations for their programs in Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane. The Melbourne event in the week of 22-26 October will cover Recycled Water Management; QMRA for Water Safety Management; and Best Practice Drinking Water Quality Management. The **Perth event** in the week of 5-7 November will cover Corrosion & Odour Management in Sewers; Pond Design; and Process Modelling for Water Treatment Professionals. The **Brisbane event** in the week of 7-10 November will cover Odour Assessment and Management; and Contaminated Site Assessment and Remediation. For more information or to register visit <https://iwes.com.au/courses/>



The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT)** has a number of training related opportunities coming up including the Australian Groundwater School to be held in Brisbane from 5-8 November 2018 and an Introduction to Aquifer Pump test Analysis in Adelaide on 15-16 November. More on these and other NCGRT courses is available from www.groundwater.com.au/events/training



The **International Centre of Excellence in Water Resource Management (ICE WaRM)** is offering a range of free webinars through their Australian Water School along with a number of other short courses in September and October. The next webinar on 26 September is titled "Emerging Water Contaminants – Untangling the Science Debate". For more information or to register, visit their website at <https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/webinars/>



AMS Training & Solutions is offering **RO Specialist Level 2** hands-on training during October in TAS and WA; and **UF/MF Membrane Filtration** hands-on training in NSW. For more information or to register, send an email to training@amsts.com.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **TasWater** for recently completing the **24 glasses Regional Towns Water Supply Program** allowing all the PHAs (Boil Water Alerts and Do Not Consume Notices) to be removed from all TasWater connected water supplies. Information on the Program is available at <https://24glasses.com.au/>



Xylem Water Solutions are opening their Melbourne facilities at Unit 3, 1 Federation Way, Moorabbin Airport, VIC, 3194 to the industry for a training and open day on Friday 12th October (9am-2pm). Xylem will be hosting product and application presentations, facility tours and workshop exhibitions across the day. Lunch will be available with a 'gold coin donation' to Xylem Watermark, the company's corporate citizenship program. Xylem's experts will be on hand to discuss how they can assist in solving your water challenges. RSVP: Thursday 27 September, Nicole Frederic 03 8551 6800 - nicole.frederic@xylem.com

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

Current positions vacant include 11 positions across Australia including a number of jobs as Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators and Team Leaders, Treatment Technician and Engineering roles. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to sherryn@wioa.org.au

Work for WIOA WIOA has a newly created position for a Business Administration Trainee to work with our Admin team in our Shepparton office. For more information about this great opportunity, contact Craig at the WIOA office or refer potential candidates to Nerina Colussi (MAS National) on 03 8658 0082 or email mnerina.colussi@masexperience.com.au

COMING EVENTS

- 12 October - **Nominations close for WIOA Advisory Committee positions.**
- 12 October - **FNQ Operations Interest Day and optional Barefoot Bowls**, Cairns
- 17 October - **Grand Final - Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition**, Toowoomba
- 19 October - **WIOA Talks Webinar - Research, Treatment to Tap**, Online
- 21 October - **20th Annual Victorian Charity Golf Day**, Garfield Golf Club
- 24 October - **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)**, Coburg
- 30 October - **Water Interest Day** in conjunction with **CENTROC**, Parkes, NSW
- 1 November - **South Australian Operator of the Year**, Nominations close
- 14 November - **Wastewater Interest Day**, Ti Tree WWTP, Launceston, Tas (TBC)
- 21 November - **Wastewater Interest Day**, Western Treatment Plant, Werribee, Vic (TBC)
- 22 November - **Wastewater Interest Day**, Mount Barker, SA (TBC)



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