



Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) 2012 NSW Conference Summary & Awards Winners

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Key facts

- Water industry awards
- NSW Operator of the year won by Erwin Balsar from the Shoalhaven City Council
- Attendance of over 660
- 112 Trade exhibitors – Xylem wins Best Trade Site
- \$2500 donated to charity - Salvation Army NSW Flood Appeal

MEDIA RELEASE

WIOA recently staged its 6th Annual NSW Water Industry Engineers and Operators Conference and Exhibition at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre (TRECC) which included keynote presentations from the 2010 NSW Australian of the Year Mr Jon Dee, founder of Do Something, whose topic was the Go Tap Campaign. Representatives from the James Cook University presented a thought provoking demonstration of their real-time, 3D, scenario-based training platform which was well received.

The conference also saw WIOA present \$2,500 to the Salvation Army NSW Flood Appeal, this charity was selected by the event host the Water Directorate, NSW.

The event culminated in the official awards ceremony that saw Erwin Balsar from the Shoalhaven City Council (Nowra) win the major award the NSW Operator of the Year that is sponsored by the Water Directorate, NSW. Other finalists in the 2012 NSW Operator of the Year were:

- Greg Hickson from the Wyong Shire Council
- Graeme Parkin from Coffs Harbour Water
- Stephen Sullivan from the Tamworth Regional Council

Over 660 people attended the conference which included a technical program designed to benefit personnel involved in the operation and maintenance of urban, rural and industrial water related infrastructure for the management, conveyance, treatment, discharge and reuse of water and trade waste. A trade exhibition with over 100 companies was held in conjunction with the Conference and is one of the largest annual water and wastewater trade exhibitions in Australia.

AWARD WINNERS

Award	Sponsor	Winner	Company
Best Operator Poster Paper	WIOA	Warren Nazzari	Coffs Harbour City Council
Best Paper by an Operator	Ecolab	Micheal Summerell	June Shire
Best Paper Overall	Iwaki Pumps Australia	Micheal Summerell	June Shire
NSW Operator of the Year	Water Directorate	Erwin Balsar	Shoalhaven City Council
Best Trade Site	WME Media		Xylem

ABOUT WIOA

The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) is a national Association with a primary role of facilitating the collection, development and exchange of quality information between people undertaking operational roles in the water industry.

Photos available on request or from:

http://wioa.smugmug.com/Events/2012-NSW-Conference-Tamworth/22228512_HBkC8D#!i=1775341292&k=xJqNWSB