



## Media Release

- What** The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) will stage the **75th Annual Victorian Water Industry Engineers and Operators Conference** on 5 & 6 September 2012. This event is expected to attract more than 1200 water professionals to the region for the two days and includes the inaugural **Orica Victorian Water Taste Test** where Victorian Water Businesses have been invited to compete with one another to find the **Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria for 2012**.
- The winner of the Orica Victorian Taste Test and other conference Awards will be presented at the Awards dinner on the Thursday evening will include the announcement of the prestigious **Victorian Operator of the Year** and the **Young Operator of the Year**.
- When** **WIOA Conference** - 5 & 6 September 2012 (9am to 3pm)  
**Orica Victorian Water Taste Test Grand Final** - 6 September 2012 (12.30pm)
- Where** Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Holmes Road, Bendigo
- Why** The main focus of the conference will be to provide access and share the latest in ideas, equipment and technology available to operators of water and wastewater systems. This conference will bring many regional and metropolitan employees together to discuss education and training, preservation of clean waterways and protection of public health and the environment accumulation and distribution of technological information. The knowledge gained at the event will be utilised to implement better quality, more efficient and more reliable operational systems for all areas of the state.
- The conference includes keynote presentations from two international speakers Spain's Mr Domingo Zarzo (Valoriza Agua) and Israel's Remy Blanc (Practical Process Consulting) who will present "different solutions of water treatment by membranes" and "moving bed biofilm reactors in water and wastewater treatment".
- Over thirty presentations will be delivered over the two days by engineers, water and wastewater treatment plant operators, scientists and staff from product suppliers discussing a wide range of issues.
- A comprehensive exhibition with over 150 trade sites will see companies exhibit the latest in equipment, services and process technologies available to the water, wastewater and liquid conveyancing industries.
- This conference is being hosted by Gippsland Water and East Gippsland Water with major sponsorship provided by the Automation Group, Acromet Australia, Peerless Epigen and Xylem.
- Entry to the exhibition is free to the general public and persons who may have an interest in the Trade Displays are invited to attend between 10am - 3pm on Wednesday and Thursday.
- This annual conference ensures that staff employed in the water industry operations in Victoria are kept up-to-date with the latest processes, equipment and technology to allow them to deliver quality services to the customer in an efficient manner.
- How** To confirm your attendance for the Taste Test or to arrange for conference media passes, please email [craig@wioa.org.au](mailto:craig@wioa.org.au)
- Further details can be obtained from the WIOA website [www.wioa.org.au](http://www.wioa.org.au).
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