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## AROUND THE TRAPS

WIOA is again part of the organising committee for **The Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner 2016**.

Organised through the Victorian Institute of Water Administration (IWA) and with the support of numerous organisations on the committee and as sponsors, the dinner will be held at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne on Thursday 23 June. The event is timed to celebrate Men's Health Week and pay tribute to the late Victorian water industry stalwart Laurie Gleeson. It will include numerous guest speakers, a charity auction and raffles with all profits going to the Australian Prostate Cancer Foundation. Bookings for either full tables or for individual attendees can be made from the IWA website <https://iwa.org.au/events/the-biggest-ever-laurie-gleeson-dinner-2016>



The **2016 WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Rockhampton** in early June was a great success. Our thanks are extended to the team at Fitzroy River Water for hosting and supporting the event, and our congratulations are extended to the various award winners.

- Brian Davis Memorial Award, sponsored by Iwaki, for **Best paper overall - Gary Fenwick**, Queensland Urban Utilities
- Nalco Prize for **Best Paper by an Operator - Gary Fenwick**, Queensland Urban Utilities
- WIOA prize for **Best Operator Poster - Scott Nicholls**, Toowoomba Regional Council.
- Utility magazine award for **Best Exhibition Site - Glacier Filtration**
- Winner of the **Ixom 2016 Water of Origin Taste Test** was **Queensland** for the Barcardine sample
- AWA sponsored **Leon Henry Memorial, Queensland Operator of the Year Award - Vern Atkinson**, Cairns Regional Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Young Queensland Operator of the Year - Ben Pennell**, City of Gold Coast
- **qldwater** sponsored **Queensland Operator of the Year (Civil/All Rounder) –** Jointly awarded to **Kent Weeden** from City of Gold Coast and **Matthew (Tractor) Weeks** from Banana Shire Council.

For more information on the winners or the conference itself visit - [www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm](http://www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm)



To continue to widely disseminate information about health and wellbeing, the **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia** (PCFA) is holding a webcast series of "Ask the experts". The first free **Webcast** was held on Wednesday 15 June covering **Prostate Cancer – Diet, Supplements & Lifestyle**. The webcast aims to promote greater awareness of Prostate Cancer and information, with a focus on reaching people in regional & remote areas. Anyone can register & view the webcast at [www.webcasts.com.au/pcfa020316/](http://www.webcasts.com.au/pcfa020316/) We encourage all WIOA members to participate.

On behalf of Women & Leadership Australia (WLA), there are a number of leadership development scholarships currently available. Fee support scholarships for women must be awarded prior to the end of this financial year. Fee support is available under two distinct streams.

**Stream 1 - \$6,000 Fee Support for Senior Female Leaders**

Senior and executive level managers are invited to apply for fee support of up to \$6,000 to support their participation in Australia's most prestigious executive women's program, the Advanced Leadership Program.

**Stream 2 - \$3,000 Fee Support for High Potential and Mid-Level Female Leaders**

High potential and mid-level managers are invited to apply for fee support of up to \$3,000 to support their participation in the Accelerated Leadership Performance Program, a unique 18 week program designed to fast track leadership capacity and accelerate career potential.

Should you wish to make an expression of interest in either stream, you must complete an EOI form and return it by 30 June. View the Expression of Interest form at [www.wla.edu.au/programs/ALP/ALP-Prospectus-2016V06.pdf](http://www.wla.edu.au/programs/ALP/ALP-Prospectus-2016V06.pdf). Anyone wishing to discuss this opportunity prior to submitting an EOI, please contact Women and Leadership Australia on (03) 9270 9016 or via [admissions@wla.edu.au](mailto:admissions@wla.edu.au)



A project titled '**Management of potential contamination risks from pipeline repair or renewal**' has been awarded recently to Atom Consulting by the WaterRA Board. The project aims to develop a control strategy framework for pipeline repair and renewal management practices. Engagement with industry is essential and will include industry workshops, case study assessments and an industry-wide survey. If your utility would like to participate, please register your interest in being involved by providing contact details (utility, name, role, phone and email) to Natalie Crawford from Atom Consulting. WIOA has a strong interest in this project and encourage as many utilities as possible to participate. More on the project at: [www.waterra.com.au/publications/latest-news/2016/pipe-bursts-rfp-awarded-to-atom-consulting/](http://www.waterra.com.au/publications/latest-news/2016/pipe-bursts-rfp-awarded-to-atom-consulting/)



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Both *WaterWorks* and Utility magazine will be in the delegate bags at our Victorian conference in Bendigo.



Delegates at this year's WIOA conferences have an added opportunity to win by entering the **Show Us Ya Bag** competition. We invite everyone to take a photo incorporating this year's conference bag. The best, most original entry will be selected to win the prize which is an iPad (valued at over \$800) kindly donated by our bag sponsor Automation Group. To give the Victorian conference goers time to organise a photo and enter, the competition will close on 30 November. Entries can be emailed to [craig@wioa.org.au](mailto:craig@wioa.org.au). We will add all appropriate entries to the WIOA Show Us Ya Bag gallery as they come in:

[wioa.smugmug.com/National-Awards/ShowUsYaBag/](http://wioa.smugmug.com/National-Awards/ShowUsYaBag/)

## **WIOA AWARDS 2016**

The Victorian Branch of AWA will shortly call for nominations for the 2016 **Wal Whiteside Memorial, Victorian Operator of the Year Award** and the Institute of Water Administration Vic will also be calling for nominations for the **Young Victorian Operator of the Year Award**. We encourage as many organisations as possible to nominate your operational staff for consideration for these prestigious awards.

After ten years as a project and innovations based award, from 2016 the **Kwatye Award** has been amended to one which encourages water industry operational practitioners to undertake a professional development activity, project or opportunity. **Thermo Fisher Scientific**, as the Award sponsor, will provide up to \$6,600 allowing the winning applicant to undertake the development activity. The funding can be spent on course or program fees; texts or resource materials; travel, accommodation and living expenses; or other costs associated with the activity, project or opportunity. Applications will be accepted from individuals or teams, provided all members of a team are individual WIOA members. An independent judging panel will review the applications and determine the Award winner annually. Applications will be accepted until 20 July and more information is available at: [www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/awards/kwatye.htm)



At our recent Queensland conference, the **Ixom Water of Origin Water Taste Test** was won by the sample from **Barcaldine Shire Council** over Nambucca Shire Council. This puts Queensland ahead three wins to one in the head to head Water of Origin challenge. Delegates conducted a blind test of the samples supplied by both councils. Amid plenty of trash talk, the real winners were the operators who look after the systems and supply such fantastic water to their customers on a daily basis.

## EVENTS

The technical paper and poster program has been finalised for the **79<sup>th</sup> Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** and delegate registrations are now being accepted. All 194 exhibition sites have been sold and preparations are under way for another great event. To see the full list of exhibiting companies or to register, visit the conference home page at: [www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic.htm](http://www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic.htm)



The NSW Advisory Committee is conducting a **Water Interest Day** in conjunction with MidCoast Water on Wednesday 27 July at the Tea Gardens WTP in Hawks Nest. The program for the day, further information and a link to register your attendance is available on the WIOA website: [www.wioa.org.au/seminars/NSWTeaGardens2016.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/seminars/NSWTeaGardens2016.htm)



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **2016 Ixom Victorian Water Taste Test** to be held as part of the Victorian conference in September. We know organisations will be keen to knock off the reigning title holder Goulburn Valley Water and win bragging rights as having the best tasting tap water in Victoria. Check out the WIOA website for more information.



The **qldwater** North Queensland Conference (supported by WIOA) is being held in Townsville on 20 July. Registrations close on 4 July for the full day conference featuring many excellent and informative presentations from 9.30am until 5.00pm. There is an optional conference dinner being held the same evening. The registration form is available at [www.qldwater.com.au/2016\\_NQ\\_Conference\\_Townsville](http://www.qldwater.com.au/2016_NQ_Conference_Townsville)

The conference is being held in conjunction with the **Australian Water Association's North Queensland Conference** in Townsville which runs from 21-22 July. More information on AWA's NQ conference is available from the events section of the AWA website at [www.awa.asn.au/](http://www.awa.asn.au/)



The Victorian Advisory Committee is providing everyone a heads up that the **18<sup>th</sup> WIOA Victorian Charity Golf Day** will be held at the picturesque Camperdown Golf Club, on Sunday 23 October. We are looking for a strong turnout of operational people to help make the day a success and sponsorship opportunities exist for companies that would like a chance to win the Tradies Cup. Get the date into your diary now.

The South Australian Advisory Committee will be holding an **Operations Interest Day and Ixom South Australian Water Taste Test** on Wednesday 6 July 2016 at the TAFE SA Tonsley Campus. We invite all our South Australian members and supporters to come along. The full program and further information is available at [www.wioa.org.au/seminars/SATonsley2016.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/seminars/SATonsley2016.htm)



The Tasmanian Advisory Committee will be holding a **Water Interest Day and Ixom Tasmanian Water Taste Test** on Wednesday 3 August 2016 at the Boathouse venue in Launceston. The full program and further information will be released shortly.

## TRAINING COURSES

The next **IWES 2016** event will take place on the Gold Coast throughout the week of 11-15 July. The program incorporates a wide range and number of course offerings for professionals to choose from. Courses on offer include Principles of Wastewater Treatment; Biological Nutrient Removal; Membranes; Drinking Water Treatment; Asset Planning; Anaerobic Digestion as well as a number of others. For more information or to register, visit the IWES website at [www.iwes.com.au/index.php](http://www.iwes.com.au/index.php)



The **Smart Water Research Centre** is conducting a 5 Day **Activated Sludge and Biological Nutrient Reduction Course** on 27 June to 1 July 2016. This University accredited course is designed to provide fundamental knowledge of the interaction between biochemical, microbiological, engineering design and operational aspects of the BNR process. Laboratory sessions will be held at the University of the Sunshine Coast, a member of the Smart Water Research Centre. For more information including price and registration, go to: [www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com](http://www.smartwaterresearchcentre.com) or email [swrc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:swrc@griffith.edu.au).

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

**Aeramix** has welcomed **Jim Barraza** as the new National Business Development Manager. To contact Jim email him at: [jimb@eramix.com.au](mailto:jimb@eramix.com.au) or phone: 0455 116 639.

**POSITIONS VACANT** - For information on these positions visit [www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm](http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm)

**Current positions vacant** include a Manager Water Regulation, Plant Manager, Graduate Engineer and a number of Treatment Operators. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## COMING EVENTS

- 23 June – **Biggest Ever (Laurie Gleeson) Dinner**, Melbourne, Etihad Stadium
- 6 July – **Operations Interest Day & Ixom South Australian Water Taste Test**, Adelaide
- 20 July – Joint conference with *qldwater*, Townsville
- 27 July – **NSW Water Interest Day**, Tea Gardens WTP
- 3 August – **Water Interest Day & Ixom Tasmanian Water Taste Test**, Launceston
- 31 Aug & 1 Sept – **79<sup>th</sup> WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 1 Sept – **Ixom 2016 Victorian Water Taste Test**, Bendigo
- 23 October – **Victorian Charity Golf Day**, Camperdown
- 30 November – **Show Us Ya Bag** photo competition closes



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