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AROUND THE TRAPS

The Water Industry Reference Committee (IRC) has commenced the review and development of the **Diploma in Water Industry Operations** (NWP50715) qualification, including 25 associated units of competency. To support this project, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be established. More information on the project is available at www.australianindustrystandards.org.au/projects/nwp-national-water-training-package-project/. If anyone has questions about the project, or would like to nominate for the TAC, please contact Klausch Schmidt by email at Klausch.Schmidt@australianindustrystandards.org.au



The third **WaterRA Research Symposium**, 'Water Industry Research – Collaborating Today for Tomorrow's Solutions', will be held on the 19 & 20 July, in Melbourne. This year's Research Symposium showcases a number of WaterRA projects in key areas of smart monitoring beneficial to water utilities including understanding the use of smart monitoring in wastewater treatment solutions, remote monitoring, processing performance, and, decentralised water treatment. For more information on the program or to register, visit www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/149-1



The **2017 WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Logan** in early June was a great success with a record number of attendees. Our thanks are extended to the team at Seqwater for hosting the event, along with all our other sponsors and our army of helpers who did a brilliant job. Our congratulations are extended to the various award winners:

- Brian Davis Memorial Award, sponsored by Iwaki, for **Best paper overall - Marcus Boyd**, Toowoomba Regional Council
- Nalco Award for **Best Paper by an Operator - Marcus Boyd**, Toowoomba Regional Council
- Utility magazine award for **Best Exhibition Site - Cadia**
- **Ixom 2017 Water of Origin Taste Test was Queensland** for the Toowoomba Regional Council sample
- Queensland **Mains Tapping Competition** won by the **Tapping Tubbies**, Gold Coast Water & Waste
- AWA sponsored **Leon Henry Memorial, Queensland Operator of the Year Award - John Holmes**, Whitsunday Regional Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Young Queensland Operator of the Year - Harry Coleman**, Toowoomba Regional Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Queensland Operator of the Year (Civil/All Rounder) - Glenn Cook**, Gladstone Regional Council.

For more information on the winners, or the conference itself visit - www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm

We're aware that utilities (and others!) often have to field **queries relating to fluoride** in drinking water. The team at WaterRA has alerted us to a blog which was published on 1 June 2017 in Science Update, by the Royal Institution of Australia (RIAus). The article might be a useful addition to a Utility's resources on fluoride and can be accessed at www.australiascience.tv/science-update-fluoride/

WIOA AWARDS 2017

The Victorian Branch of AWA will shortly call for nominations for the 2017 **Wal Whiteside Memorial, Victorian Operator of the Year Award** and the Institute of Water Administration, Victoria 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.



The **Kwatye Award** is designed to encourage water industry operational practitioners to undertake a professional development activity, project or opportunity. **Thermo Fisher Scientific**, as Award sponsor, will provide up to \$6,600 allowing the winning applicant to undertake their nominated 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



At our recent Queensland conference, the **Ixom Water of Origin Water Taste Test** was won by the sample from **Toowoomba Regional Council** over Icon Water representing NSW/ACT. This puts Queensland ahead four wins to one in the head to head Water of Origin challenge. A select panel of judges sampled the product supplied by both councils. Amid plenty of sledging and 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 set for the **80th Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** and delegate registrations are now being accepted. All 204 exhibition sites have been sold and preparations are under way for another great event. To see the full list of exhibiting companies, the papers program or to register, visit the conference home page at: www.wioaconferences.org.au/vic.htm



The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training**, in conjunction with a number of other water industry organisations is staging the biennial **Australasian Groundwater Conference** in Sydney from the 11-13 July 2017. The theme for this Conference is Groundwater Futures: Science to Practice. Delegates can examine the multi-dimensional challenges affecting the sustainable development of the regions groundwater resources. They can also participate in interactive panels, informative presentations, exhibitions and networking opportunities. To see the event program, obtain more information or to register, visit <https://groundwater.arlo.co/au/courses/1116-australasian-groundwater-conference-2017>



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **2017 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 North East Water and win bragging rights as having the best tasting tap water in Victoria. Check out the WIOA website for more information.

The Victorian Advisory Committee is providing everyone a heads up that the **19th WIOA Victorian Charity Golf Day** will be held at the Hill Top Golf Club in Tatura, on Sunday 22 October. Don't get turned off by the course name it is an easy walking course. 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. Place 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 Thursday 13 July 2017 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/SATonsley2017.htm



The Tasmanian Advisory Committee will be holding an **Operations Interest Day and Ixom Tasmanian Water Taste Test** on Wednesday 2 August 2017 at the Boathouse venue in Launceston. The full program and further information will be released shortly.

TRAINING COURSES

The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) is staging the **Australian Groundwater Modelling School 2017** in Adelaide commencing on 17 July. The intensive 4 day course will introduce attendees to the art and science of groundwater modelling. It will include a brief discussion of groundwater flow before examining the details of the process of modelling. Each step in the process will be thoroughly examined with practical applications as the focus. Extensive tutorials will allow attendees the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with using MODFLOW, the industry-standard groundwater modelling code. For more information or to register, visit www.groundwater.com.au/events/77



A reminder that pH Water Consultants are staging their new course covering **Monitoring and Optimisation of Activated Sludge and Nutrient Reduction**, presented by A/Prof Helen Stratton and Peter Griffiths between 26-30 June 2017 on the Sunshine Coast. Registration is now open at www.pHwater.com.au. Delegates who attend and successfully complete the assessment items for the course can receive RPL towards their Certificate III or IV.



The next **IWES 2017** training courses 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



Last Chance to register for the AMS Training & Solutions **Membranes** based training courses in Jandakot, WA. Three sessions including Interpreting Water Analyses, RO Water Treatment Chemistry and Reducing the Cost of RO Water Treatment are being held from 26 to 30 June. AMS Training & Solutions will also be staging their **UF/MF Membrane Short Course** in conjunction with Dr Graeme Pearce in Melbourne from 11-15 September. More information on all their training courses including programs, dates and costs is available from www.amsts.com.au/

The International Water Centre is offering a range of online training courses which combine real-world experience in Integrated Water Management (IWM) with expert knowledge, to deliver engaging courses that address key sectoral issues and foster positive change in the complex world of IWM. Through these courses, they share the lessons learnt from working with organisations, both in Australia and globally, and the evidence-based strategies we have designed and implemented to improve IWM and strengthen the enabling environment. Our online platforms provide an interactive virtual classroom that gives students the opportunity to engage with teachers and their peers around the world. For more information on the range of course available, visit the IWC website at www.watercentre.org/training/online-courses



The current round of scholarship funding for the **Australian School of Applied Management (ASAM)** mid-level management development program - **Executive Ready**, will conclude on 30 June. Partial scholarships of \$4,000 per person are available to support organisations to develop managers. To view the Executive Ready program prospectus, visit asam.edu.au/programs/ER/ASAM-Executive-Ready-EDM.pdf Organisations wishing to lodge an application are advised to contact Nick Williams - nwilliams@asam.edu.au at ASAM at their earliest convenience.

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

WIOA committee member Mark Samblebe has started his own business **MBS Water** specialising in the provision of water and wastewater treatment process solutions. Have a look at the website www.mbswater.com.au or contact Mark on 0400 126 141 or by email mark@mbswater.com.au



Tony Hourigan has joined the team at **Hydramet** as the Business Manager Tasmania, you can contact Tony on 0429 722 741 or by email tony.hourigan@hydramet.com.au

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

Current positions vacant include a Technical Officer, Civil Drainage Manager, Water & Sewer Manager, Utilities Co-ordinator and some sales positions. There are also three members looking for a new position with some details on their experience provided. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 13 July - **Operations Interest Day & Ixom South Australian Water Taste Test**, Adelaide
- 2 August - **Water Interest Day & Ixom Tasmanian Water Taste Test**, Launceston
- 22 August - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Wauchope (NSW)
- 24 August - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Wauchope (NSW)
- 6-7 September - **80th WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 6 September - **Ixom 2017 Victorian Water Taste Test**, Bendigo
- 14 September - **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Cowra (NSW)
- 18 October - **Ixom 2017 Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water**, Launceston
- 22 October - **Victorian Charity Golf Day**, Hill Top Golf & Country Club, Tatura



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