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AROUND THE TRAPS

The venues for WIOA's 2018 conferences have been confirmed. The **NSW** Conference will be held at the **Tamworth** Entertainment and Conference Centre in the week of **9-13 April 2018**. The **Queensland** Conference will be held at InSports in **Logan** in the week of **4-8 June 2018**. The **Victorian** Conference will be held at the **Bendigo** Exhibition Centre in the week of **3-7 September 2018**.



We still have some **Prime Sponsorship** opportunities available for the **2018 WIOA Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibitions**. To discuss how your business can support WIOA and gain valuable exposure to the operational employees attending these events, contact Craig in the WIOA office. Prime Sponsorship items still available include the Satchels or the Wednesday Meet the Exhibitors Dinner.



Applications to participate in the **2018 Victorian Network Operator Development Program (NODP)** are currently being sought with applications closing on 20 November. We have received extremely positive feedback from the 2017 NODP participants and we look forward to having more Corporations and employers of network operators represented in 2018. More information and the application forms are available from wioa.org.au/network-operator-development-program/



The University of Melbourne is seeking expressions of interest for their **2017-18 Engineering & IT student Internship Program**. Student internships can be part time or full time, over a 10-15 week period. Internships can start in November/December, March and July/August. The University organises advertising and shortlisting of high achieving, masters students, with academic supervisors assigned to each. EOI for Summer 17/18 are currently open and can be submitted until 1st November 2017. More information on how to submit an expression of interest is available at www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage/industry/ibl, or contact the Industry Placement Team at eng-placements@unimelb.edu.au



The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the National Industrial Chemical Notification Scheme has developed a **fact sheet on lanthanum** for inclusion in the ADWG. The fact sheet provides guidance on lanthanum in drinking water (marketed as Phoslock) which may be applied to bodies of water to reduce algal blooms. The administrative report on the review process of the chemical fact sheet and the summary report on the public consultation process is available on the ADWG website: <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/eh52>.

EVENTS

The **Call for Papers** for the **2018 WIOA NSW Operations Conference** will close on Monday 13 November. Share your experience with operational staff by presenting either a platform or poster paper in Tamworth. Abstract submission details are available at <http://wioa.org.au/news/nsw-call-for-papers-2018/>

WIOA will be staging a **Water Quality and Distribution System Management Seminar** in Bendigo, Victoria on 9 November. To be held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, attendance is limited to the first 40 who register. There are currently a few places left so please register quickly to secure your place. More information and a registration form is available at <http://wioa.org.au/event/distribution-seminar-bendigo/>



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER for the **WIOA - Dial Before You Dig - Victorian Charity Golf Day** to be held on Sunday 22 October 2018 at the Hilltop Golf & Country Club, Tatura. The day is a great way to network with others in the water industry, stretch the legs and have some fun at the same time. You don't have to be a regular golfer to play. It is only \$35 to participate which includes green fees, BBQ in the afternoon and some drinks. Get a car load for a great day out & register to play at www.wioa.org.au/GolfDay.htm



Launceston City Council will provide access to the Launceston Mall on 18 October 2017 for WIOA to stage the **Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia** competition. To be held during Water Week, the public 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 Icon Water (ACT/NSW), Toowoomba RC (Qld), Morgan (SA); Fenton/New Norfolk (Tas) & Goulburn Valley Water's Merrijig (Vic). The winner will go on to represent Australia at the International Taste Test in the USA in February 2018. Good luck to all entrants.



Funding of up to \$8,000 is available through Women & Leadership Australia to support the **development of female leaders** across Australia's water sector. The initiative is providing women with grants of between \$3,000 and \$8,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs. The funding is strictly limited and must be allocated prior to the end of 2017. Anyone interested needs to complete an Expression of Interest form by 15 December 2017 available at www.wla.edu.au/funding



The various State based WIOA Advisory Committees have a number of events coming up:

- **Queensland - Wastewater Interest Day** on Thursday 26 October 2017 at the South Burnett Regional Council's Kingaroy WWTP. The day will include some technical presentations, a tour of the Nerada STP and the annual meeting of the WIOA Qld Advisory Committee. Spaces will be strictly limited to the first 20 members who register by email with craig@wioa.org.au. More information and the program is at <http://wioa.org.au/event/queensland-wastewater-interest-day-2/>
- **NSW Advisory Committee - Operations Interest Day** in partnership with the Namoi ROC on Thursday 26 October 2017 at Quirindi Racecourse. The day will include a number of technical presentations along with information and a tour of the upgraded Quipolly Dam. Info and registration details are available at <http://wioa.org.au/event/nsw-operator-interest-day-quirindi/>
- The WIOA **NSW Advisory Committee** is also conducting a **Water Interest Day** on Tuesday 14 November at the Jugiong WTP. The day will include a number of technical presentations, a tour of the Jugiong WTP along with the annual meeting of the NSW Advisory Committee. Information on the program and registration details at <http://wioa.org.au/event/nsw-water-interest-day-jugiong/>
- **Tasmanian Advisory Committee - Wastewater Interest Day** on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at the Ti Tree STP, Launceston. The day will incorporate some technical presentations, a tour of the Ti Tree STP, along with the announcement of the winners of the 2017 Tasmanian Operator of the Year and Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year. For more information on the program and to register, visit the WIOA website at <http://wioa.org.au/event/tas-wastewater-interest-day-ti-tree/>

- **South Australian Advisory Committee - Water Interest Day** on Thursday 23 November 2017 at the Happy Valley WTP, Adelaide. The day will incorporate a number of technical presentations and a tour of the Happy Valley WTP along with the announcement of the winner of the 2017 South Australian Operator of the Year. The program and registration details will be released shortly.
- **Victorian Advisory Committee** is conducting a **Water Interest Day** on Tuesday 28 November 2017 at the Watersure Victorian Desalination Plant in Wonthaggi. The day will incorporate some membrane based technical presentations, the annual meeting of the WIOA Victorian Advisory Committee, followed by lunch and a tour of the desalination plant. Spaces will be strictly limited to the first 50 members who register. The program and registration details will be released shortly.



The fourth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed immediately by the **Trility Charity Bowls** afternoon was held in Cairns on 6 October 2017. There were 55 in attendance and thanks to an enormous amount of Corporate support, the \$1,700 raised was donated to the Cairns Regional Council Mayor's Christmas appeal. Thank you once again to all our very generous Corporate Members who supported the event. A write up and photos will appear in the November edition of Operator.



In conjunction with *qldwater*, **Gladstone Regional Council** will be hosting a Water and Wastewater interest day on Wednesday 29 November to share information on issues and successes experienced by Central Queensland Councils. For more information or to register attendees, please contact Lindsay Stafford on 07 4970 0700 or WaterEnquiries@gladstone.qld.gov.au by 13 October.



The newly formed **Membrane Operators Association (MOA)** of Australia and New Zealand is holding its inaugural national membranes conference at the Bray Park Water Treatment Plant in Murwillumbah, NSW from 24-27 October 2017. For more information on MOA and the conference program, visit their website at www.moa.org.au

WIOA AWARDS

Nominations for the **2017 South Australian Operator of the Year** award sponsored by TAFE SA will close on Tuesday 17 October 2017. For more information or an application form, please visit <http://wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/sa-awards/>



Nominations for the **2017 Tasmanian Operator of the Year and Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year** awards sponsored by TasWater will close on Friday 10 November 2017. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Kate Blizzard at TasWater.

TRAINING COURSES In order to inform Members, WIOA lists any water industry training providers on the WIOA website. For more information visit the website: <http://wioa.org.au/resources/#4>

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER for the **International Centre of Excellence in Water Resource Management (ICE WaRM)** in conjunction with **NCGRT Workshop: MAR Essentials** in Perth on 26-27 October 2017. This is for anyone who is thinking about how to begin, design and maintain a viable Managed Aquifer Recharge project. More info at www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/mar-essentials/



IWES is accepting registrations for their 3-day **Principles of Hydraulic Engineering and Open Channel Flow** course which will be held from 8-10 November, 2017 at the University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus. More information or to register at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ufno2a>

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resource Management (**ICE WaRM**) has a recorded webinar available covering **“Soil moisture sensors for greater insights into crop-water-soil dynamics”**. Presented by Peter Buss from Sentek Pty Ltd, the webinar discusses how soil water and weather data are now used for management and research in plant production and hydrology in irrigated agriculture. To access the webinar visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReeTpJGWLdW&feature=youtu.be&a>

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

The positions vacant section of our website currently has positions for **a number of Networks, Water and Wastewater Operators and Coordinators, as well as Management positions**. Positions are currently being advertised seeking applicants for jobs in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to **Kathy Northcott** who joined the WIOA staff team on 2 October as our Technical Operations Officer. Kathy can be contacted by email at kathy@wioa.org.au or by telephone on 0438 422 432.



TAFE Queensland Skills Tech has a position vacant for a **Teacher (Water Utilities)** under a temporary full-time contract until 30 June 2018. Applications close on 20 October and more information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8qznunf>

COMING EVENTS 2017

- 17 October **2017 South Australian Operator of the Year**, applications close
- 18 October **Ixom 2017 Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water Competition**, Launceston
- 22 October **Victorian - Dial Before You Dig - Charity Golf Day**, Hill Top Golf & Country Club, Tatura
- 26 October **Queensland Wastewater Interest Day**, Kingaroy
- 26 October **New South Wales Operations Interest Day**, Quirindi
- 9 November **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Bendigo
- 10 November **2017 Tasmanian Operator & Young Operator of the Year**, applications close
- 13 November **NSW Call for Papers Closes**
- 14 November **New South Wales Water Interest Day**, Jugiong
- 15 November **Tasmanian Wastewater Interest Day**, Ti Tree STP, Launceston
- 20 November **Victorian Network Operator Development Program**, applications close
- 23 November **South Australian Water Interest Day**, Happy Valley WTP, Adelaide
- 28 November **Victorian Operations Interest Day**, Desalination Plant, Wonthaggi
- 29 November **Queensland Water Interest Day**, Gladstone

2018 EVENTS

- 28 February **PASS Award** applications close
- 11 & 12 April **12th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Tamworth
- 6 & 7 June **43rd WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 20 July **Kwatye Applications** close
- 5 & 6 September **81st WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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