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AROUND THE TRAPS

The WIOA Committee has confirmed that the 2019 Individual Membership fees will remain at the 2017 level of \$30 and the Corporate Membership fee will increase to \$280 (both GST included). Invoices will be sent to all Members shortly, with payment due on 1st January 2019.



After working with WIOA for just over 12 months, we regret to advise that **Kathy Northcott** will be moving to the GHD Victorian Water Technical Group as Technical Director – Water Quality & Treatment. This is a great opportunity for Kathy. We thank her for her significant contribution and enthusiasm in her role with WIOA, and we wish her every success. This provides the opportunity for someone new to join the WIOA staff team in the slightly revamped role of **Project Officer**. Applications for the position will close on Tuesday 16 November. More information on the role, including the PD and Conditions of Employment is available at wioa.org.au/positions-vacant/wioa-project-officer/



Nominations for positions on the various State based **WIOA Advisory Committees** closed on 12 October. Overall, we received good support with nominations far exceeding positions available in a couple of States. The successful nominees in each State will be confirmed shortly and a listing of the new Committee in each State will be posted to the WIOA website. We look forward to working with the revamped Advisory Committees to deliver even more for our Members across the country.



The venues for WIOA's 2019 conferences have been confirmed. The **NSW** Conference will be held at the **Orange** PCYC Complex in the week of **1-5 April 2019**. The **Queensland** Conference will be held at the Multiplex Complex in **Bundaberg** in the week of **3-7 June 2019**. The **Victorian** Conference will be held at the **Bendigo** Exhibition Centre in the week of **2-6 September 2019**.



There are still some **Prime and Major Sponsorship** opportunities available for the **2019 WIOA Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibitions**. The Prime Sponsorship option available is the conference Satchels, a great branding opportunity as the satchels will continue to be used well after the conferences conclude. To discuss how your business can support WIOA and gain valuable exposure to the operational employees who attend these events, contact Craig in the WIOA office.



Applications to participate in the **2019 Victorian Network Operator Development Program (NODP)** are currently being sought with applications closing on 20 November. We have received extremely positive feedback from the 2018 NODP participants and we look forward to having more Corporations and employers of network operators represented in 2019. More information and the application forms are available from <https://wioa.org.au/network-operator-development-program/>

The NHMRC has updated the **Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG)** with Version 3.5 released in August 2018. The update includes a new chemical fact sheet on Per-fluoroalkyl and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Fact Sheet can be downloaded from <https://tinyurl.com/y769sbty>

EVENTS

The **Call for Papers** for the **2019 WIOA NSW Operations Conference** will close on Monday 12 November. Share your experience with other operational staff by presenting either a platform or poster paper in Orange. Abstract submission details are available at <http://wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers/>



Congratulations to Wannon Water from Victoria and the operators at the Hamilton WTP for winning the **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia** competition. Held in Toowoomba, it was one of the closest competitions ever staged. The winners of each of the State Taste Test competitions were pitted against one another with the community of Toowoomba invited to taste the samples and cast their vote. The Wannon Water sample will now go on to represent Australia at the International Water Taste Test conducted in Berkley Springs, USA in February 2019. We encourage all water businesses to enter their respective State competitions in 2019, and we look forward to adding even more States to next year's national competition.



The fifth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed immediately by the TRILITY Charity Bowls afternoon was held in Cairns on 12 October 2018. There were 72 members in attendance with 39 staying on to enjoy the bowls in the afternoon. Thanks to an enormous amount of Corporate support, over \$1,200 raised will be donated to the charity of choice as nominated by Cassowary Coast RC. 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.



The **Prominent Victorian Water Industry Charity Golf Day** was staged at Garfield Golf Club on 21 October with 40 keen golfers having a hit. Thanks to our extremely generous sponsors, over \$2,500 was raised for charity from the day. Well done to the team from ADC Plastics for winning the coveted Tradies Cup.



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

- **NSW Advisory Committee - Operations Interest Day** in partnership with the CENTROC operators group on Tuesday 30 October 2018 at the Parkes WTP. The day will include technical presentations along with a presentation of certified operator credentials to a number of operators from the region. Info and registration details are available at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/nsw-parkes/>
- **Tasmanian Advisory Committee - Wastewater Interest Day** on Wednesday 14 November 2018 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 2018 Tasmanian Operator of the Year and Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year. For more information and to register, visit the WIOA website at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/tasmania-titree/>
- **Victorian Advisory Committee** is conducting a **Recycling Interest Day** on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant in Werribee. The day will incorporate some water and biosolids focused technical presentations followed by lunch and a tour of the recycling areas at the Western Treatment Plant. For more information and to register, visit the WIOA website at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/vic-werribee/>

- **South Australian Advisory Committee - Wastewater Interest Day** on Thursday 22 November 2018 at the SA Water facility in Mount Barker. The day will incorporate a number of technical presentations along with the announcement of the winner of the 2018 South Australian Operator of the Year. After lunch, a tour of the Mount Barker STP will be undertaken. For more information and to register, visit the WIOA website at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/sa-mountbarker/>

WIOA AWARDS

WIOA is calling for nominations for the **2018 South Australian Operator of the Year Award**, sponsored by TAFE SA. Applications close on 1 November 2018. More information and an application form can be downloaded from the WIOA website at: wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/sa-awards/



Nominations for the **2018 Tasmanian Operator of the Year and Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year** awards sponsored by TasWater will close on Wednesday 31 October 2018. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Melissa Flynn at TasWater.



Applications are being accepted for the **Problem Accepted, Solution Supplied (PASS) Award**. The winner will receive an all-expenses paid opportunity to join the WIOA tour to NZ in May 2019 to the value of over \$2,500. Sponsored by Aqualift Project Delivery, applications close at the end of February 2019. Entry forms are on the website at <https://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/pass-award/>

TRAINING COURSES

IWES is accepting registrations for their programs in Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane. The Melbourne event in the week of 22-26 October will cover Recycled Water Management; QMRA for Water Safety Management; and Best Practice Drinking Water Quality Management. The **Perth event** in the week of 5-7 November will cover Corrosion & Odour Management in Sewers; Pond Design; and Process Modelling for Water Treatment Professionals. The **Brisbane event** in the week of 7-10 November will cover Odour Assessment and Management; and Contaminated Site Assessment and Remediation. For more information or to register visit <https://iwes.com.au/courses/>



The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT)** has a number of training related opportunities coming up including the Australian Groundwater School to be held in Brisbane from 5-8 November 2018 and an Introduction to Aquifer Pump test Analysis in Adelaide on 15-16 November. More on these and other NCGRT courses is available from www.groundwater.com.au/events/training

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

VFV announces the general availability of a **new THM Analyzer** - an easy to operate, integrated Purge-and-Trap Gas Chromatograph (GC) that measures THM concentration at ppb levels in less than 30 minutes, on-site, without tedious sample preparation. This provides operators with real time feedback on the safety of the drinking water without the lengthy delay's associated with sending samples to laboratories. Already in use in Australia. For more information visit www.vfv.com.au or call 03 9873 1400.



Congratulations to **Shane Bandiera from Cassowary Coast Regional Council** who became the 37th WIOA member to be Inducted as a Delegate of the Inextricably Obstructed Tap Society (IDIOTS) at the WIOA FNQ Interest Day in Cairns. A write up on Shane's good work will appear in the November edition of Operator.

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 **District Manager, Service Technician, Technical Officer, Process Engineer and other positions**. Positions are currently being advertised seeking applicants for jobs in NSW and Victoria. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS 2018

- 30 October **Water Interest Day** in conjunction with **CENTROC**, Parkes, NSW
- 31 October **2018 Tasmanian Operator & Young Operator of the Year**, applications close
- 1 November **2018 South Australian Operator of the Year**, applications close
- 12 November **NSW Call for Papers Closes**
- 14 November **Wastewater Interest Day**, Ti Tree STP, Launceston, Tas
- 20 November **Victorian Network Operator Development Program**, applications close
- 21 November **Recycling Interest Day**, Western Treatment Plant, Werribee, Vic
- 22 November **Wastewater Interest Day**, Mt Barker, SA
- 27 November **Water Quality Awareness & Distribution System Management Seminar**, Wagga

2019 EVENTS

- 28 February **PASS Award** applications close
- 3 & 4 April **13th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Orange
- 5 & 6 June **44th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bundaberg
- 4 & 5 September **82nd WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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