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AROUND THE TRAPS

LAST CHANCE for Victorian Water Corporations and employers to nominate operators for the **2019 Victorian Network Operator Development Program**. The closing date for applications is 20 November 2018 with the program commencing on 13 February 2019. More details and the nomination form can be obtained from the WIOA website at <https://wioa.org.au/network-operator-development-program/>



WIOA Members can choose to receive all correspondence by email or hard copy. Sending information electronically helps reduce our environmental footprint. If you currently receive WIOA information in the mail, and wish to receive it by email only, contact sherryn@wioa.org.au and we will update our records.



The November 2018 edition of WIOA's Technical Journal **WaterWorks** will be distributed to members shortly. We are now on the lookout for technical articles for the May 2019 edition. We are always happy to help operators develop and write articles. If you have an interesting topic that you'd be prepared to share with the industry, contact George in the office.



The **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA)** invites everyone to attend their **Ask The Experts Webcast** on Wednesday 28 November 2018 from 7.00-8.00pm (AEDT). The interactive forum with leading health professionals will be guided by the audience and will cover a variety of topics including what happens when prostate cancer gets out of the prostate; treatment options and management of side effects; staying well while on treatment and support available to men and their partners. To register and for more information visit www.pcfa.org.au/asktheexperts For those that can't attend live, there will be podcast post recording available at <https://tinyurl.com/yc7epudm>



NSW Health is updating the **New South Wales Code of Practice for Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies**. Since the last significant Code update in 2011, changes have occurred in both regulation and technology:

- The *Public Health Act (NSW) 2010* requires water utilities to comply with a Drinking Water Management System
- Advances in monitoring and control systems
- Changes to operator training and certification

Atom Consulting is assisting NSW Health to update the Code. As operators are responsible for undertaking the day-to-day activities described in the Code, they want to know the issues Members have with the current Code and what improvements can be made in the new Code. WIOA Members from NSW Councils are invited to complete a survey (it should take less than 5 minutes) to confirm current issues and to provide suggestions for improvement: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIOAfluoride>

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Individual and Corporate Members are reminded that **annual fees for 2019** are due on 1st January and renewal invoices are currently being sent to all members. For those who have previously paid for multiple years, we will also send a confirmation that you are currently financial. Membership fees for 2019 are \$30 for Individual members and \$280 for Corporate members (inc GST). Please pay by 1 January 2019.



A reminder to all our **Utility Corporate Members** - your employee lists have been sent out and need updating (if you have not already done so). For those who are unfamiliar with this membership category, it is a combination of both Individual and Corporate Membership. Utilities that employ operators can sign up and pay for each nominated member of their staff at the Individual Member rate. The Utility receives free corporate membership and a number of other benefits including discounted registration fees for WIOA events. There are already 70 organisations that have taken up this opportunity. More information on Utility Corporate Membership is available at: <https://wioa.org.au/membership/>

EVENTS

Exhibition sites for the **2019 NSW WIOA Conference and Exhibition in Orange** went on sale on Wednesday 7 November and there are only a handful of the 120 sites left. Any Corporate Members wishing to exhibit should get in quickly before they are all allocated. A full list of all the exhibiting companies will be placed on the WIOA conference website shortly.

The official Call for Papers for NSW has closed, but we are still looking for **more Operator Platform and Poster Papers**. If you are an operator and have an idea for a platform paper or poster, contact us in the office ASAP and we'll send you all the details. The Delegate registration forms will also be available soon.



The **Victorian Advisory Committee** is conducting a Recycling Interest Day on Wednesday 21 November 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/>



The **South Australian Advisory Committee** is conducting a Wastewater Interest Day on Thursday 22 November at the SA Water Outer Metro Depot in Totness, then at the Mount Barker STP. The day will incorporate a number of technical presentations along with a tour of the Mount Barker STP. The **2018 SA Operator of the Year** sponsored by TAFE SA will also be announced. For more information and to register, visit <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/sa-mountbarker/>



The **2019 Queensland WIOA Operations Conference and Exhibition** will be held at the Bundaberg Multiplex on 5-6 June 2019. The Call for Papers will be distributed shortly. Keep in mind that we can accept abstracts for platform or poster papers at any time, so please get working on your potential topics.



The **Water Industry Operations Group NZ conference** will be held in Christchurch from 7-10 May 2019. As with previous years, there will be a tour of a number of water and wastewater treatment systems from around 3 to 11 May 2019 (dates and tour program being confirmed at present). If you or any of your staff are interested in being part of the tour, please let us know in the office ASAP.

WIOA is pleased to confirm the continued support of **Calix, Hach, Ixom and Xylem as Prime Sponsors** of all our Conferences and Exhibitions in 2019. **Alliance Automation and Filtec** have also come on board as a Prime Sponsor of individual events. The opportunity to sponsor the conference bags for delegates is still available along with several other sponsorship opportunities. Becoming a sponsor assists WIOA, and can help in meeting your marketing goals by promoting your organisation and products to a wider, often difficult to reach audience. Contact Craig at the office for more information or to discuss your ideas.



WIOA has again teamed up with Monkey Media, publishers of **Utility Magazine** as our media partner for the 2019 Conference and Exhibitions. The partnership includes distribution of a copy of Utility magazine to attendees at each event. The February edition will be distributed in NSW, the May edition in Queensland and the August edition in Victoria. For advertising enquiries contact chris.bland@monkeymedia.com.au

WIOA AWARDS

WIOA has the unique opportunity for an organisation to support the development and recognition of operational employees through **Conference Awards in 2019**. Opportunities include the Best Paper by an Operator Awards, Best Paper Overall Award and Best Poster Awards. The awards provide recognition to the presenters for sharing their stories with the wider water industry. Award winners receive professional development opportunities to attend an interstate WIOA conference to deliver the presentations again to a wider audience. Contact Craig at the office for more information.



A reminder to members that 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 <http://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/pass-award/>

TRAINING COURSES

Western Water and Goulburn Valley Water in conjunction with WIOA are pleased to release the **Safe Water, Water Mains Repair** video, directed by Dr Peter Mosse. The video demonstrates best practice in mains repair procedures, specifically from the perspective of maintaining safe drinking water. The video can be accessed on the resources section of the WIOA website: <http://wioa.org.au/resources/#video>



Funding of up to \$7,000 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 \$7,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs. The scholarship funding is provided with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for water sector women; funding is strictly limited and has to be allocated prior to the end of 2018. Register your interest at <https://www.wla.edu.au/funding1.html> prior to December 7, 2018.



The **International Centre of Excellence in Water Resource Management (ICE WaRM)** is offering an online course on the Sustainable Development Goals and Water through their Australian Water School. In this interactive course you will gain a deeper understanding of the context and content of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals relevant to water resource management (not sanitation), the associated commitments and the agreed processes for reporting and accountability. This course will also explain the progress to date and current approaches to implementation from a developing and developed country perspective. The course will run over 2 x 2 hour sessions on Friday 23 November and Friday 30 November 2018. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yaz2xk36>

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

The Institute of Instrumentation, Control & Automation Australia (IICA) is hosting an **Instrumentation Technology Expo** in Albury on Wednesday 21 November 2018 from 3.00-7.00pm. Entry to the Expo is free and there are a number of WIOA Corporate Members showcasing their products and services at this event. For more information, or a list of the exhibiting companies, visit www.iica.org.au



SPIRAC invites all WIOA Members to join in their forthcoming webinar titled a **Guide to Choosing a Suitable Wastewater Screen**. The webinar will be held on Friday 23 November from 1.00pm (AEDT) and will talk about the five key aspects to determine the correct screens for a project. For more information or to register for the webinar, visit https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bMspnraOR_GP0QLuO0X7JA



Companies HP Agency and Mass Products are excited to announce a merger and will now be trading under the name of **Mass Products**. You can contact the team on 07 5563 2197 or visit them online at <http://www.massproducts.com.au>



A number of new companies have recently joined WIOA as Corporate Members. Details on companies including Startco, Water Quality Solutions, Water Technical Consultants, Jacmor Engineering, Waterco Limited, ChemXpress Distributors, Triangle WaterQuip and Ultimate Products are available from the WIOA website.

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

The positions vacant section of our website currently has over 12 jobs advertised including a number of **Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators positions along with some Engineering and Project positions**. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS 2018

- 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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