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AROUND THE TRAPS

Members are reminded that the **annual fees for 2019 were due on 1 January 2019** and all those who have paid will have received their receipt in the mail. Reminders have also been sent this week and any member not financial at the end of February 2019 will be deemed to have resigned their membership and will have their details removed from the member database.



WIOA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - WIOA is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Project Officer. We are looking to employ a competent, passionate and energetic individual to provide technical input and expertise across a range of the Association's activities. The right person will become part of a small but cohesive, creative, innovative and committed team who are passionate about making a difference in the operational sector of the water industry. More information, including the Position Description and Conditions of Employment are at wioa.org.au/positions-vacant/wioa-project-officer/



As the winner of the **Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water** in 2018, WIOA has worked with the team from Wannon Water to enter a sample from the Hamilton WTP into the Annual Berkeley Springs (USA) International Water Tasting competition. We wish them all the best in the judging process in late February and hopefully they can bring home gold for Australia.



Melbourne Water and the **AWA Victorian Branch** are hosting a morning tea in celebration of International Women's Day. They have generously extended the invitation to members of WIOA as well, providing a great opportunity for the water industry to come together. To be held at the Melbourne Water office in Docklands on Thursday 7 March, 10-11:30am (Morning tea refreshments provided), the keynote speaker is Nova Peris. This is a FREE event but registrations are mandatory. To register, please email vicbranch@awa.asn.au with your name, dietary needs, mobile number and mention you are a WIOA member. Places are limited.

WIOA AWARDS

Nominations for the **2019 NSW Operator of the Year** close on 15 February 2019. Sponsored by the NSW Water Directorate, this award recognises commitment to the job, innovation, initiative and achievements. If you know someone within NSW who fits the bill, then nominate them today. An all-expenses paid position on the tour to NZ in May 2019 valued at over \$2,500 is awarded to the winner. Nomination forms are available at: <http://www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/Awards/WIOANSWOperatoroftheYearAward.aspx>

Last Chance to Enter - A reminder to members that the closing date for applications for the **Problem Accepted, Solution Supplied (PASS) Award** is 1 March 2019. Apart from sharing all the great ideas and innovations with other members, the winner will receive the opportunity to participate in the WIOA tour to New Zealand in May to the value of \$2,500, courtesy of sponsor Aqualift Project Delivery. Application details and an entry form are on the website at <http://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/pass-award/>



NSW local water utilities are invited to participate in the annual **Ixom NSW/ACT Best Tasting Tap Water competition** to find the best drop in NSW/ACT. The heats, grand final and announcement of the winner will be conducted at the NSW conference in Orange. More information on the Taste Test and how to enter is available from the WIOA conference website wioaconferences.org.au/nsw-2019/nsw-water-taste-test/

MEMBER INFORMATION & EVENTS

The technical program for the **WIOA NSW Operations Conference and Exhibition** in Orange on 3 & 4 April 2019 has been finalised, but we are still looking for more poster papers from Operators. If you have an idea for a poster, please contact the WIOA office ASAP. The program includes an excellent mix of topics from a wide cross section of authors, and the exhibition will see 106 companies filling the 121 sites with the latest and greatest products and solutions for the water industry. Delegate registration forms can be downloaded from: <http://wioaconferences.org.au/nsw-2019/>



The **Call for Papers for the Queensland Operations Conference** closes on 20 February and to date we only have a handful of abstracts. We need member support, especially from those in operational roles, to make the event a success. Presentations do not need to be highly technical to be valuable, and often the best received papers are those that describe how an operational problem has been investigated and rectified. Information on abstracts can be obtained from the website: wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers



Submission of abstracts for presentations to be held at WIOA conferences in South Australia and Victoria can be submitted at any time prior to their official closing date. We encourage potential presenters to submit your abstract early, more information is on the website: wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers



A **Charity Bowls Day** will be conducted by the Queensland Advisory Committee on Friday 8 March 2019 at the Yandina Bowls Club. We are encouraging everyone to enjoy this networking opportunity and a relaxed game of bowls. All funds raised from the day will be distributed to charity at the WIOA Queensland conference in 2019. We are also seeking corporate support for this event. All sponsors with a representative present on the day have the chance to win the coveted Tradies Cup. We look forward to seeing you on the greens. Register online at: wioa.org.au/nevent/queensland-2019-bowls/



The May 2019 edition of **WaterWorks** is currently under development and is a great opportunity for our Corporate members to advertise and support the production of this important technical publication. This edition is widely distributed and will be included in the Queensland and Victorian conference satchels. Contact Nicole Grimm on 0432 217 216 or nicole.grimm@executivemedia.com.au

TRAINING COURSES

AMS Training & Solutions is offering David H Paul RO Specialist hands-on training during March. Dr Graeme Pearce (Membrane Consultancy Associates, UK) will be presenting his UF/MF Membrane Short Course in WA during March. This is exceptional training for those who want to excel in their field. Contact AMS Training & Solutions to discuss hosting an event during 2019, to secure your place or to be waitlisted for an event not yet scheduled <http://www.amsts.com.au>



Hydroflux are proud to be sponsoring the upcoming **Wastewater Systems Design and Management Workshop**, brought to you by the Australian Sustainable Business Group (ASBG). To be held in Sydney on 28 February, the course covers:

- An overview of Sydney Water's Trade Waste Policy and agreement processes.
- Discharge limits and approaches under Environment Protection Licenses.
- How to negotiate changes to your discharge conditions.
- Chemical, physical and biological treatment processes.
- Waste and liquid waste management and costs and how to reduce them.

For more information go to: tinyurl.com/yb5szycm



The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training** is conducting a course - Environmental Tracers in Groundwater Hydrology: Tools for improved process understanding in Melbourne on 25-27 February. This hands-on course will help you to use appropriate sampling methodologies to acquire reliable data, as well as how to interpret and model analytical results. The course will review the basic principles of environmental chemistry and tracer hydrology and is aimed primarily at hydrogeologists and environmental scientists in the public and private sectors. For more information and to register go to: www.groundwater.com.au/events/84



The **Water Industry Alliance** is conducting a **Disruptive Innovation Workshop: How to Create Hyper Growth Startups** out of Successful Established Businesses on 1 March. Delivered by founder and CEO of LeapSheep, Kirk Drage, the workshop will include a historical perspective on disruptive innovation, what's coming next, the disruptive innovation journey as well as an opportunity to discuss your business and specific projects, ideas or challenges of your business. For more information and to register go to: www.waterindustry.com.au/event/disruptive-innovation-workshop



The Australian Water School is staging an **Online Course: Understanding Groundwater Model Uncertainty Analysis**. This 2 x 3-hour course explores the guiding principles and the workflow process required to design uncertainty analysis when developing a groundwater model, to provide useful information for decision makers. To be presented by Luk Peeters (CSIRO) and Hugh Middlemis (HydroGeoLogic), the course will start at 10.30 (Adelaide time) on Tuesday 18 February. To learn more about the course or to register, visit <https://www.icewarm.com.au/GW-UA>

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

Current positions vacant include WIOA Project Officer, Field Safety Advisor, Manager Asset Delivery, and several Maintenance and Water Treatment and Sewerage Plant Operator positions. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email sherryn@wioa.org.au

POSITION WANTED

We also have a member who is experienced and a qualified treatment plant operator/overseer/supervisor seeking short to medium term work in either water or wastewater. Experiences include plant commissioning, POPT, SAT, and general optimisation of treatment processes. To get in contact with this WIOA member please contact the WIOA office on 03 5821 6744.

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Due to the popularity of Peta's BGA tour of the Murray (from Wodonga to Swan Hill) a few of years ago, Peta Thiel will be running another one over the next couple of weeks. Peta will be visiting water authorities along the Murray in both NSW and Victoria and training operators in treatment options to help address the risk of blue-green algae blooms in their catchments this summer. This presentation is free for water utilities and proudly sponsored by **Research Laboratory Services** and **Activated Carbon Technologies**. While on site she can also include an on-site jar testing workshop using powdered activated carbon (PAC) to optimise current dosing practices. Please contact Peta, peta@researchlab.com.au for dates.



KOR have lauced their new Australian Head Quarters located at 7-9 McDonalds Lane in Mulgrave Victoria. The new facility will enable the KOR team to operate at their full potential supporting business activity throughout Australasia. Further information about KOR is availble on their website: www.kor.com.au

2019 EVENTS - Check out the events calendar online, visit <http://wioa.org.au/events/>

- 14 February **Nominations for WIOA Committee** close
- 15 February **NSW Operator of the Year Award** nominations close
- 20 February **Queensland Conference Call for Papers and Posters** close
- 1 March **PASS Award** applications close
- 7 March **qldwater Skills Forum and Certification Presentation**, Brisbane
- 8 March **WIOA - Queensland Charity Bowls Day**, Yandina
- 14 March **WIOA Inc AGM**, Online
- 3 & 4 April **13th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Orange
- 2-10 May **WIOA Tour to New Zealand and WIOG conference**, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 5 & 6 June **44th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bundaberg
- 7 & 8 August **2nd WIOA South Australian Water Industry Operations Conference & Expo**, TBC
- 4 & 5 Sept **82nd WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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