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## AROUND THE TRAPS

The **2019 WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** held in **Bundaberg** in early June was a great success with just over 600 participants. Our thanks are extended to our event sponsors, all the attendees and in particular, our army of helpers who did a brilliant job helping to run the event. Our congratulations are extended to the various award winners:

- AWA sponsored **Leon Henry Memorial, Queensland Operator of the Year Award - John Van Ryt**, Mareeba Shire Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Young Queensland Operator of the Year - Ali Sacipovic**, Fraser Coast Regional Council
- **qldwater** sponsored **Queensland Operator of the Year (Civil/All Rounder) - Spencer Stacey**, City of Gold Coast
- Brian Davis Memorial Award for **Best paper overall - Cale Maclean**, Unitywater
- WIOA Award for **Best Paper by an Operator - Andrew Watson**, South Burnett Regional Council
- WIOA Award for **Best Operator Poster Paper - Mark Tosh**, Queensland Urban Utilities
- Ron Bergmeier Award, sponsored by Utility magazine for **Best Exhibition Site - Ozzie Kleen**
- **Ixom 2019 Water of Origin** was won by **New South Wales** for the sample from Shoalhaven Water
- Queensland **Main Tapping Competition** won by the team **Cool Tapping, Dan Lee and Gavin Stacey**, City of Gold Coast.

For more information on the winners, or the conference itself visit - [wioaconferences.org.au/qld-2019/](http://wioaconferences.org.au/qld-2019/)



**Water Research Australia (WaterRA)** has created a webpage outlining all opportunities for members to become involved in their collaborative water solutions. The page details current research opportunities – both Expressions of Interest (EoIs) seeking Provision of Services and Provision of Funding. Once a project plan has been articulated, funding is sought from member organisations and any other interested stakeholders. Having multiple partners involved shares the cost and increases the depth of research uptake. View the current opportunities at <http://www.waterra.com.au/research/current-opportunities/>



The next **WIOA Talks** webinar will focus on **Training and Development** and will be held on Friday 5 July. Three speakers will share their experiences and insights into training and development, and competency development in water industry operations. To register or for more information visit the WIOA website at [wioa.org.au/nevent/td-2019/](http://wioa.org.au/nevent/td-2019/)

The **Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)** will be holding a free webinar on 15 August 2019 entitled **Facing a torque wrench at 80mph**. The webinar will focus on the result of a freak accident during a water main repair that left the presenter (Justin McAlpine) with severe head injuries. At one stage, medical experts gave him only a few years to live and predicted he would never see again. Throughout his recovery, Justin set himself no limits on what he could hope to achieve. Justin now travels the country, sharing his story with industry colleagues and acting as an inspirational champion. As the webinar is originating in the UK, it will run from 6.00 to 7.00pm AEST. To access the webinar, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxurbfg6>



**WaterRA** will be holding a **Data Science Community of Interest Workshop: R for Water Professionals** in Melbourne on 17 July. This one-day workshop by Dr Peter Prevos (Coliban Water) is aimed at water utility professionals with little or no experience in writing code. Participants will learn about using the R language for code writing, see some water utility examples, including data analysis for smart and digital meters. For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/177-21>

## WIOA AWARDS 2019

The **Kwatye Award** has been rebranded from 2019 with the support of new sponsor **TRILITY**. The Award will recognise an initiative involving any cultural or diversity and inclusion-based activities within a project or community in which our members serve. The award focuses on those who have gone above and beyond to further inclusion, connection and belonging for co-workers, members of the community and people from disadvantaged and marginalised groups. The winner each year will be provided a fully funded opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange trip to China. Applications close on 20 July 2019 with more information available at [wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/kwatye-award/](http://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/kwatye-award/)



The Victorian Branch of AWA will shortly call for nominations for the 2019 **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.



At our recent Queensland conference, the **Ixom Water of Origin Taste Test** was won by the sample from **Shoalhaven Water** representing NSW/ACT over the Mackay Regional Council from Queensland. This closes the gap with Queensland currently ahead four wins to three in the head to head Water of Origin challenge. A select panel of judges sampled the product supplied by both councils. The real winners were the operators who look after the systems and supply such fantastic water to their customers on a daily basis.

## EVENTS

Expressions of interest for presentations at the **2<sup>nd</sup> Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** to be held in Coburg, Victoria on 9 October 2019 are currently being accepted and close on 28 June. To have the opportunity to share your story with other water industry professionals, we request submission of expressions of interest via our website at [wioaconferences.org.au/wise2019/](http://wioaconferences.org.au/wise2019/)

Sponsorship opportunities for the second **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** are currently available and exhibition sites will go on sale on Wednesday 10 July 2019. Further information is available on the WISE website [wioaconferences.org.au/wise2019/](http://wioaconferences.org.au/wise2019/)

The second WIOA **South Australian Operations Conference and Expo** is being held on 7 & 8 August 2019 in Murray Bridge. The conference runs from lunch time Wednesday until lunch time Thursday with a dinner on the Wednesday evening. The technical program will include a Keynote Address each day as well as 10 operationally focussed papers. The event will also include the **2019 Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia** competition on the Wednesday. We invite all our South Australian members and supporters to come along as a delegate or visitor and bring along a sample of your water for the Taste Test. Further information is available at: [wioaconferences.org.au/sa-2019/](http://wioaconferences.org.au/sa-2019/)



The technical paper and poster program has been set for the **82<sup>nd</sup> Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** and delegate registrations are now being accepted. Preparations are under way for another great event that will include 203 exhibition sites. To see the full list of exhibiting companies, the papers program or to register, visit the conference home page at: [wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2019/](http://wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2019/)



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **2019 Ixom Victorian Best Tasting Tap Water competition** to be held as part of the Victorian conference in September. We know organisations will be keen to knock off the reigning title holder, Wannon Water to win bragging rights as having the best tasting tap water in Victoria. Check out the WIOA website for more information.



The Tasmanian Advisory Committee will be holding an **Operations Interest Day and Ixom Tasmanian Best Tasting Tap Water Competition** on Wednesday 24 July 2019 at the Mowbray Race Club in Launceston. The full program and further information will be released shortly.



The NSW Advisory Committee is conducting a **Water Interest Day & NSW Charity Bowls Afternoon** in Port Macquarie on Friday 26 July. The day includes 4 technical presentations including an encore of the Best Paper from the 2019 NSW Conference. Royce Water Technologies have supported the bowls afternoon and we seek more organisations to support the day by sponsoring a team to have a chance to win the inaugural NSW Tradies Cup. We are also looking for a strong turnout of operational employees in the region to help make the day a success. For more information or to register, visit the WIOA website: [wioa.org.au/nevent/nsw-wid-bowls/](http://wioa.org.au/nevent/nsw-wid-bowls/)



The Victorian Advisory Committee is providing everyone a heads up that the **21<sup>st</sup> WIOA Victorian Charity Golf Day** will be held at the Camperdown Golf Club, on Sunday 20 October. 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.

## TRAINING COURSES

**AMS Training & Solutions** in partnership with David H Paul is offering a range of membrane and RO training courses in Queensland (Agnes Waters), Victoria (Altona), and Perth during June 2019. For more information on dates, courses and venues, visit the AMS website at <http://www.amsts.com.au/>



The next **IWES 2019** training courses will take place on the Gold Coast throughout the week of 8-12 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; Corrosion and Odour Management in Sewers; Drinking Water Treatment; Biosolids Treatment and Management as well as a number of others. For more information or to register, visit IWES at <https://iwes.com.au/events/iwes-gold-coast-july-2019/>

**pH Water Consultants** once again brings the course **Monitoring and Optimisation of Activated Sludge and Nutrient Reduction** presented by A/Prof Helen Stratton and Peter Griffiths. The course will be held 24-29 June 2019 on the Sunshine Coast. Helen and Peter have been delivering activated sludge training courses for the past 20 years. The course presents the latest research findings and developments in optimisation and trouble-shooting activated sludge processes. Numbers are limited to 25 delegates and the course is likely to book out rapidly. Delegates who attend and successfully complete the assessment items for the course can receive RPL towards their Certificate III or IV. Registration is now open at [www.pHwater.com.au](http://www.pHwater.com.au)

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

**Current positions vacant** include a number of Treatment Plant Operator roles, 2 separate Water Quality Officer roles, an Environmental Engineer/Scientist and more. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

**Chemical System Consulting** has confirmed that they can provide chemical storage and handling design services for a variety of facilities. They have experience in completing successful designs in a wide range of industries including water & wastewater; oil and gas; food and beverage; medical and many others. For more information, contact Scott or Maria at [info@h2orx.com.au](mailto:info@h2orx.com.au) or visit the website at [www.h2orx.com.au](http://www.h2orx.com.au)

## COMING EVENTS

- 28 June **EOI for presentations at WISE** close
- 5 July **WIOA Talks Webinar** – Training and development, Online
- 20 July **Kwatye Applications** close
- 24 July **Water Interest Day & Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Tasmania**, Launceston
- 26 July **NSW Interest Day & Charity Bowls**, Port Macquarie
- 7 August **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia competition**, Murray Bridge
- 7 & 8 August **2<sup>nd</sup> WIOA SA Water Industry Operations Conference & Expo**, Murray Bridge
- 4 & 5 Sept **82<sup>nd</sup> WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 4 Sept **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria competition**, Bendigo
- 9 October **2<sup>nd</sup> Water Industry Safety Event - WISE**, Coburg
- 11 October **FNQ Operations Interest Day and optional Barefoot Bowls**, Cairns
- 19 October **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition**, Dunkeld, Vic
- 20 October **Victorian Charity Golf Day**, Camperdown Golf Club



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