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## AROUND THE TRAPS

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The annual **qldwater Water Forum** will be held on 11 & 12 September in Logan. The event is a great opportunity to network with 80-100 water industry professionals from across 30 or more councils/utilities and to hear from regulators and decision makers. The forum will include a technical tour of the new Cedar Grove Environmental Centre. The development will service the Greater Flagstone Priority Development Area and includes a new STP (Biological Treatment Bioreactor), advanced odour control system and constructed wetlands. Register online now or contact Diana Kislitsyna at <https://tinyurl.com/yyy88ojs>



The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is releasing the **Guidance on Per-fluoroalkyl and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Recreational Water** including health based guideline values for recreational water. The guidance was developed by NHMRC's Water Quality Advisory Committee and provides default HBGV's for use by local authorities responsible for managing the safety of recreational water environments such as lakes, rivers and coastal water. The guidance is at <https://tinyurl.com/yy8w2qtn>

## WIOA AWARDS 2019

Congratulations to **Paul Beard** from Water Corporation in WA for winning the **2019 Kwatye Award**. Paul was recognised by award sponsor TRILITY at the recent WIOA South Australian conference dinner. Paul has been instrumental in developing a range of initiatives to increase engagement and opportunities for indigenous people in the West Kimberley area. Paul will now embark on a week long trip to China to inspect a number of water projects along with participating in some sight seeing opportunities.



Congratulations to the team from TasWater's **Mount Leslie WTP** in Launceston for winning the **Ixom 2019 Tasmanian Best Tasting Tap Water Competition**. The Tasmanian Advisory Committee conducted a great day in Launceston on 24 July that included a keynote presentation by Michael Chapman from North East Water along with numerous informative technical presentations by Ixom, Aquatec Maxcon and TasWater staff. Brad Housego, 2018 Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year also talked about his trip to New Zealand in May.



Congratulations to the operators from **Swan Reach WTP** for winning the **Ixom 2019 South Australian Best Tasting Tap Water Competition**. The South Australian Advisory Committee organised and conducted the taste test as part of the very successful 2nd South Australian Operations Conference and Expo in Murray Bridge on 7 & 8 August. Congratulations also to Adrian Cavallaro from Allwater for presenting the Best Paper.

## EVENTS

The delegate registration form for the **82nd Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** is available from <http://wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2019/> There will be a host of important and informative platform and poster papers presented. The Best Tasting Tap Water and the Mains Tapping Competition will be hotly contested events. The exhibition is huge with all 203 sites occupied by companies supplying some of the best and most innovative products and technology available to the water industry.



Victorian Water Corporations are invited to enter teams of 2 competitors into the **3rd Victorian Main Tapping Competition** (supported by Coliban Water, Lend Lease and Reece Civil) to be conducted at the Victorian conference in Bendigo. This is a great way for operators in the networks management field to demonstrate their skills in a competitive environment. The fastest team will have \$1,000 donated to a charity of their choice, as well as having their names engraved onto the specially constructed perpetual trophy. Check out the WIOA website for more information - <http://wioaconferences.org.au/vic/vic-main-tapping/>



The program and delegate registration form for the **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)** to be held in Coburg (Melbourne) on 9 October is almost finalised. The event is aimed at all water industry personnel involved in safety in the operation and maintenance of urban, rural and industrial water related infrastructure. There will be targeted presentations from many Victorian Corporations, as well as a panel discussion on wellbeing and fatigue management. There will be an expo comprising companies that supply products or services related to safety in the water industry. There are now only 4 of the 22 available expo sites remaining. To learn more about the event visit <http://wioaconferences.org.au/wise2019/>



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Corporations to participate in the **Ixom 2019 Victorian Best Tasting Tap Water competition**. The heats, grand final judging and announcement of the winner will be undertaken at the Victorian conference. We know many organisations are keen to knock off the reigning champions in Wannon Water. More available on the WIOA website <http://wioaconferences.org.au/vic/vic-water-taste-test/>



The **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia Competition** will be held in Dunkeld, Victoria on Saturday 19 October during National Water Week. The winners from each of the state based taste test competitions are invited to enter the National competition to determine who has the **Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia**. More information is available at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/national-water-taste-test-2019/>



**Water Research Australia** (WaterRA), in collaboration with Melbourne Water, South East Water, GWRC and WSAA will be hosting a special panel session at the 8th International **Contaminated Site Remediation Conference** – incorporating the 2nd International PFAS Conference. The session will be from 1.15-3.00pm on Monday 9 September at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The panel session will include presentations and a panel discussion focusing on Water Industry issues, challenges and management strategies for PFAS. More information or to register at <http://adelaide2019.cleanupconference.com/> or contact Kathy Northcott [Kathy.northcott@waterra.com.au](mailto:Kathy.northcott@waterra.com.au)



The sixth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed by an optional **TRILITY sponsored Barefoot Bowls** afternoon will be held in Cairns on Friday 11 October 2019. We encourage all WIOA members in the FNQ region to get along to this event. The exciting and very diverse technical program for the day can be accessed at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/fnq-wid-bowls-2019/>. Any Corporate members wishing to sponsor the bowls day should contact George or Craig at the WIOA office ASAP.

The **Membrane Operators Association (MOA)** of Australia and New Zealand is holding its third national membranes conference at the Barwon Water Geelong Office, Victoria from 15-17 October 2019. The conference includes multiple site visits, networking drinks and conference dinner with a corporate rate secured at Novotel Geelong. For more information on MOA and the conference program, visit their website at <http://www.moa.org.au/>



**Water Research Australia (WaterRA)** coming events including:

- Lunch & Learn in Adelaide from 12 to 2pm on 22 August with special guest Dr Peter Grevatt, CEO of The Water Research Foundation (US). Free to WaterRA members, \$55 non-members. Registrations are through the WaterRA website <https://www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/205-21>
- Lunch & Learn in Melbourne from 12.00 noon on 23 August with Dr Peter Grevatt, CEO of The Water Research Foundation. Free to WaterRA members, \$55 for non-members. Registrations are through the WaterRA website <https://www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/207-21>
- Data Science workshop: R for water professionals, featuring Dr Peter Prevos from Coliban Water (Adelaide, 1st October). This workshop is designed for water utility professionals with little – no experience in writing code. Participants will go away with an introduction to code writing, and some water utility examples of how to clean, transform, analyse and visualise data. More information and to registering contact Kelly Hill on [Kelly.hill@waterra.com.au](mailto:Kelly.hill@waterra.com.au).



The WIOA Advisory Committees are currently planning the programs for a number of **Interest Days** later in the year in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, NSW and South Australia. Look out for details in future editions of Words or on the WIOA website.

## TRAINING COURSES

The International WaterCentre (IWC) is currently offering a range of **full and half scholarships** for emerging water leaders interested in joining the **Water Leadership Programs** in 2019. Dr Andre Taylor, Leadership Specialist at IWC will be presenting a free webinar on Thursday 22 August 2019 at 10am to introduce the Water Leadership Program and scholarships. Register for the 45 minute webinar at <https://watercentre.wufoo.com/forms/2019-wlp-scholarships-webinar/>



AMS Training & Solutions is offering **David H Paul RO Specialist** hands-on training in WA and NSW, during October. For the first time they are offering back-to-back Level 2 & 3 training in WA, and are again collaborating with Evoqua to offer UF/MF training at their Windsor (NSW) facility. See offerings of one-day classroom training as well. For more information visit – [www.amsts.com.au](http://www.amsts.com.au) Email them to be waitlisted for future events near you or to begin a discussion about hosting a 2020 event at your site.



FINAL CALL: up to \$7,000 available for **Women's Leadership Development**. Women currently working in the water sector have a final opportunity to register their interest in a scholarship worth up to \$7,000 to support participation in an accredited leadership development program. Funding must be apportioned by the end of September and it is unsure when these grants will be available again. Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form prior to 5pm on 20 September: [www.wla.edu.au/register](http://www.wla.edu.au/register)

## PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

**Melbourne Water** has been acknowledged in the influential 2019 AFR BOSS **Most Innovative Companies** list, published by The Australian Financial Review and Boss Magazine. The highly competitive ranking is based on a rigorous assessment process managed by Australia's leading innovation consultancy, Inventium, and a panel of industry expert judges. More than 800 organisations nominated across Australia and New Zealand. More information at <https://tinyurl.com/y4zxo8s7>



**Hydroflux Utilities** in conjunction with the Australian Sustainable Business Group is holding a Wastewater Systems Design and Management Workshop on 5 September in Lidcombe, NSW. To help better manage wastewater systems, this workshop takes attendees through the range of processes and regulatory requirements needed to select and operate wastewater systems at its optimum level. More information on the program or to register is at <https://tinyurl.com/y6jkuzk8>

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

**Current positions vacant** exist in Victoria and NSW including a number of Operators, Engineering as well as various Manager roles. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)

## COMING EVENTS

- 4 September - **Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria competition**, Bendigo
- 4 & 5 September – **82nd WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 9 October - **Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)**, Coburg
- 11 & 12 September - **qldwater Annual Forum**, Logan
- 11 October - **FNQ Operations Interest Day and Optional Barefoot Bowls**, Cairns
- 16 October – **Operations Interest Day**, Ringarooma, Tas (TBC)
- 19 October - **Grand Final - Ixom 2019 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition**, Dunkeld, Vic
- 13 November - **Networks Interest Day**, Western Water, Gisborne, Vic
- 21 November - **Operations Interest Day**, SA Water, Adelaide



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