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Australia has witnessed devastating bushfires in various parts of the country affecting communities, including some of our WIOA members. The bushfires have had extensive effects on the catchment environments, including damage to infrastructure and assets.

We recognise the operators and their utilities who have worked tirelessly, and continue to do so, to maintain essential water and sewer services for affected communities during this difficult time. Rainfall is likely to result in increased contaminants in catchment runoff, which will present challenges to the treatment of drinking water.

Our thoughts are with the families, communities and wildlife impacted by this crisis. WIOA acknowledges the huge efforts put in by firefighters, emergency services personnel, volunteers and community members who provide much needed emergency and recovery support.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Fires Update. WIOA has been contacted directly by several Individual and Corporate Members, all generously offering to assist operating treatment plants or providing equipment to help bushfire affected communities. These offers are greatly appreciated. South East Water (Vic) and the NSW Water Directorate are assisting to identify internal and external resources available to restore or sustain services should needs arise. Register offers of services or equipment with brendan.guiney@waterdirectorate.asn.au or Zoe.Hines@sew.com.au and they will pass the information on to the appropriate utilities. Experience says that water quality issues are likely to arise following rainfall events in the burnt catchments. Should affected utilities identify a need for specific assistance or expertise, WIOA will call on our Members then.



Welcome to 2020. The Committee, Board and Staff of WIOA look forward to delivering another exciting and operationally important calendar of events this year. The Advisory Committees in numerous States have already scheduled interest days for the next couple of months, ahead of our conference schedule.



Members are reminded that **annual fees for 2020 were due on 1 January**. If you haven't paid your fee, please do so as soon as possible, or alternatively, please let us know if you don't intend to renew your membership and we will remove you from the Membership register.



WaterWorks (WIOAs technical publication) is published on behalf of the association by Executive Media in May and November each year with copies distributed to all members, as well as to conference delegates and exhibitors. We rely on advertising sales to offset the cost of providing this valuable publication to benefit our members. We invite our Corporate members to consider advertising by contacting Nicole Grimm from Executive Media on 0432 217 216 or by email at nicole.grimm@executivemedia.com.au

2020 Sponsorship Opportunities. WIOA has **Sponsorship** opportunities available for the 2020 Water Industry Operations Conferences and Exhibitions to be conducted in NSW, Queensland and Victoria. Prime Sponsorship opportunities include the conference bags that are presented to all delegates at these events, or the Lunch sponsor for both days of the conferences. A range of other options are also available to have your brand recognised by attendees and support WIOA. Contact Craig for more information, 0457 846 008.

WIOA AWARDS

Nominations for the **2020 NSW Operator of the Year** closes on 14 February 2020. Sponsored by the NSW Water Directorate, this award recognises commitment to the job, innovation, initiative and achievements. If you know someone within NSW who should be recognised, nominate them today. The winner receives an all-expenses paid position on the WIOA tour to New Zealand in May 2020 valued at over \$2,500 is awarded to the winner. The nomination form is available at: <https://wioaconferences.org.au/nsw-2020/>



The closing date for applications for the **Problem Accepted, Solution Supplied (PASS) Award** is 28 February 2020. The winner receives the opportunity to participate in the WIOA tour to New Zealand in May 2020 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/>

EVENTS

The technical program for the **WIOA NSW Operations Conference and Exhibition** in Tamworth on 1 & 2 April 2020 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 107 companies filling the 120 sites with the latest and greatest products and solutions for the water industry. Delegate registration forms can be downloaded from: <https://wioaconferences.org.au/nsw-2020/nsw-delegates/>



NSW local water utilities are invited to compete in the **Ixom 2020 Best Tasting Tap Water in NSW/ACT competition** to find the best drop in NSW/ACT. We understand that many communities in NSW are doing it hard with fire and drought, but we encourage participation in the competition that can assist to recognise the roles our members play on a daily basis by providing safe drinking water to their communities. The heats, grand final and announcement of the winner will be conducted at the NSW conference in Tamworth. More information on the Taste Test and how to enter is available from the WIOA conference website: <https://wioaconferences.org.au/nsw-2020/nsw-water-taste-test/>



The **Call for Papers** (papers and posters) for the **45th WIOA Queensland Water Operations Conference and Exhibition** in Toowoomba on 3 & 4 June closes on 14 February 2020. We need the support of members, and particularly from those in operational roles, to make this event a success. Presentations do not need to be highly technical to be valuable, and often the best received papers are those that communicate how an operational problem has been investigated and rectified. Details on submission of abstracts can be obtained from the website: <http://wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers/>

The **NSW Advisory Committee** with the **Central NSW Joint Organisation** is conducting a **Recycling Interest Day** on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at the Parkes WTP followed by a tour of the Parkes Recycling Plant. A number of presenters will talk about a range of operational issues associated with recycling. For more information and to register, visit the WIOA website at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/wid-nsw-feb2020/>



A **Charity Bowls Day** will be conducted by the Queensland Advisory Committee on Friday 6 March 2020 at the Yandina Bowls Club. WIOA members and their guests are invited 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 2020. We are also seeking corporate support for this event and look forward to seeing you on the greens. You can register online at: <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/queensland-2020-bowls/>



The itinerary for the **2020 Operators Tour of New Zealand** from 15 to 23 May 2020, including attendance at the WIOG Operations Conference in Napier, is currently being finalised. Based on past tours, the approximate cost will be \$1,600 AUD per person plus airfares. To allow us to book accommodation, the bus and confirm prices, registrations will close on 1 February 2020. Anyone intending to participate should register your interest with the WIOA office ASAP.

The **Water Industry Operations Group (WIOG) New Zealand Conference** will be held in Napier from 20 -22 May 2020. Further information on the conference is available at www.wiog.org.nz



Join **Pride in Water** for the first water industry wide contingent at the Midsumma Pride march in 2020. Pride in Water are very excited to join water authorities across Victoria to walk proudly in Midsumma Pride. Colleagues, family and friends are invited to be part of this event on Sunday 2 February 2020. For more details visit the Pride in Water website. www.prideinwater.com.au/whats-happening

TRAINING COURSES

AMS Training & Solutions invites companies to begin a discussion about hosting an event in 2020. These opportunities represent a great ROI and give the host opportunity to tailor the event around specific needs. Visit their website <http://www.amsts.com.au/> - for more details about online training and to see upcoming offerings of David H Paul **RO Specialist hands-on and classroom training** for March 2020. Email them to be waitlisted for future events near you.



The **International Water Centre** is taking enrolments for their postgraduate water degrees, the **Master of Integrated Water Management** or the **Master of Catchment Science**. With courses due to commence in February 2020, enrolments will close on 31 January 2020. Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma courses are also available. A number of scholarships depending on the location of the applicant are also being offered. For more information or to apply, visit the website at <https://tinyurl.com/trba423>



The Australian Water School's **2D HEC-RAS Water Modelling Online Course** starts on 6 February. This interactive, mentoring session provides a unique opportunity to ask questions as you build a model with your presenter, Krey Price, a highly experienced HEC-RAS user with extensive software development and lecturing experience. To register, and for more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/tklyv8x>. The full list of water modelling courses is available at <https://tinyurl.com/sj2qygz>.

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

The positions vacant section of our website currently has a number of positions for **Treatment Plant Operators and Technicians, O&M Staff, Supervisors and Team Leaders and a number of Engineering roles**. Positions are currently being advertised seeking applicants for jobs in NSW, Queensland and Victoria. To utilise this FREE job advertisement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

WIOA was saddened to learn of the recent passing of **Allan McIntyre**. Allan was a long-standing member and supporter of WIOA and will be sadly missed by everyone, but particularly his colleagues at ProMinent.



Congratulations to **Aerofloat** on winning the 2019 Concensus GreenTech Award for its innovative design for treating and recycling process wastewater generated in the plastics recycling industry. The award presented in December 2019, was hosted by the University of NSW with an independent panel of judges.



Corporate Member Simmonds and Bristow offers a **relief operator service** where skilled relief or permanent operators for your STP, WWTP, TWTP and WTP can be provided. They can be used to provide cover for staff shortages, holiday leave, training, resignations, waiting for replacements and long-term illness anywhere, anytime, any duration. Contact 1800 620 690 for a tailored solution for your needs.



Corporate Member **Treadwell** is now in Unit 2, 4 Elmsfield Road Midvale, WA 6056. The larger space allows holding a greater range of stock to reduce turnaround time. Office contact is 1800 246 800 and staff David Flintoff - david.flintoff@treadwellgroup.com.au and Wes Merrill - wes.merrill@treadwellgroup.com.au.

2020 EVENTS - Check out the events calendar online, visit www.wioa.org.au/seminars/calendar.htm

- 14 February **NSW Operator of the Year Award** nominations close
- 14 February **Queensland Conference Call for Papers and Posters** close
- 26 February **NSW Recycling Interest Day**, Parkes, in conjunction with CENTROC
- 28 February **PASS Award**, applications close
- 3 March **Victorian Recycling Interest Day**, Melbourne
- 5 March **qldwater - Queensland Water Skills Partnership Forum**, Albion
- 6 March **Queensland Charity Bowls Day**, Yandina
- 17 March **Certification webinar**, on-line
- 24 March **Tasmanian Operations Interest Day**, Spreyton
- 15-23 May **Operators Tour of New Zealand & WIOG Conference**, Napier, New Zealand

2020 Conference & Exhibition Schedule

- 1 & 2 April **14th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Tamworth
- 3 & 4 June **45th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Toowoomba
- 5 & 6 August **3rd WIOA SA Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Murray Bridge
- 2 & 3 Sept **83rd WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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