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WIOA's virtual conference and exhibition platform **Virtual Water** is continuing with the first 8 Live Days now completed. We know that not all WIOA Members have taken up the opportunity to login and visit the platform just yet. Feedback from many first time users is that they are amazed at how interactive the platform is, and how much useful information and content is available. Members can register at <https://www.virtualwater.com.au/en/registration> using your email to gain access. You then set your own password and you are good to login whenever it suits you.

If you have missed any of the live presentations, don't worry, you can still go back and view them in your own time in the On-Demand section in the auditorium. The technical program to Day 10 can be viewed at <https://wioaconferences.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Virtual-Water-Program.pdf> The program for Live Day 11 which will be the Water Industry Safety Event (WISE), will be released shortly.

The exhibition hall looks amazing with 50 Corporate Members taking the opportunity to showcase their latest in products and services to the water industry in the interactive 3D environment. It is vitally important that all our Members login and support all our Corporate members who are participating in the expo, as well as encouraging all your water industry colleagues to login and participate as well.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Water Research Australia (WaterRA) is leading a collaborative Australia-wide investigation that aims to integrate reliable results of sewage testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus with health data for COVID-19 on a national basis. The **ColoSSoS Project – Collaboration on Sewage Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2** – will track and monitor the presence of the virus that causes COVID-19 and its persistence in the Australian sewerage network, providing information on where it is present in the population. Dr Dan Deere presented on the project on Day 1 of Virtual Water and a presentation recording is in the OnDemand section. More information is on the WaterRA website at <https://www.waterra.com.au/research/communities-of-interest/covid-19/>



WIOA has been made aware that a recent presentation on the Virtual Water platform described a process to transport and handle Chlorine bottles. **AS2927-2019 - The storage and handling of liquefied chlorine gas**, section 8.7.1 (c) explicitly states that cylinders shall not be lifted by the valve or valve-protection cap. Section 8.7.1 also describes the equipment that can and can't be used when lifting or moving bottles.

Water Research Australia (WaterRA) has released a Factsheet titled **Testing Sodium Percarbonate (H₂O₂) as an algacide for control of cyanobacteria**. WaterRA has produced a number of Factsheets on a range of topics that are relevant to industry, including new results or outcomes from research projects, topics of current interest or general updates about water issues. Factsheets are updated periodically as new information becomes available and are available freely to download. The latest Factsheet is now available at <https://www.waterra.com.au/publications/factsheets/>



The **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia** is staging **The LONG Run** fundraising initiative during September and it is still not too late to register. You can run, walk or wheel your way to 72km anytime over the month of September. By participating, you will help raise much-needed funds to support men through their cancer diagnosis and help fund research so that fewer fathers, husbands, sons and mates have to face the challenges of prostate cancer. To register or find out more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxkycewy>

WIOA AWARDS 2020

With the cancellation of all the face to face events in 2020, WIOA has moved the presentation of a number of national and State based Awards to the Virtual Water platform. Our congratulations are extended to the following winners recently announced:

- **Mark Vairy** from Mackay Regional Council - **Qld Operator of the Year**, sponsored by AWA Qld Branch
- **Benjamin Haddock** from Southern Downs Regional Council - **Qld Young Operator of the Year**, sponsored by *qldwater*
- **Brett McDonald** from Mackay Regional Council - **Qld Operator of the Year (Civil Works/All Rounder)**, sponsored by *qldwater*
- **Ben Halton** from TasWater – **Tasmanian Operator of the Year**, sponsored by **TasWater**
- **Luke Chivers** from TasWater – **Tasmanian Young Operator of the Year**, sponsored by **TasWater**
- **Jessica Wilson & Jordin Payne** from Water Corporation – **Kwatye Award**, sponsored by **TRIYITY**

The Victorian Operator of the Year and Young Operator of the Year will be presented in October.

EVENTS

With the fantastic support of sponsor IXOM, the **Best Tasting Tap Water competition** has also continued with the WIOA staff acting as the independent judges and the winners announced on the Virtual Water platform. Our congratulations are extended to:

- **NSW** – Port Macquarie Hastings Council - **Wauchope WTP**
- **South Australia** – SA Water – **Woolpunda WTP**
- **Tasmania** – TRILITY / TasWater – **Rossarden WTP**
- **Western Australia** – Water Corporation – **Yalgoo WTP**

The **Victorian** Best Tasting Tap Water competition will be held on Wednesday 14 October and the national Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition will be presented on Wednesday 21 October during National Water Week.



The Victorian Branch of AWA has partnered with the University of Melbourne to bring together a panel of experts in a webinar to discuss **where potable reuse is at, the challenges faced, and what we need to do to see it become part of our day-to-day lives**. The free webinar will be held on Tuesday 22 September from 6pm-7pm AEST. Facilitated by MC Natasha Sertori (DELWP), panellists include Professor Peter Scales (Uni Melb); Greg Finlayson (GHD) and Dr Anna Kosovac (Uni Melb). For more information or to register visit https://awa-asn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KST6Z3IbRDmOHc7SuCGwzg

WIOA, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the **WEFTEC 2020** organisers have arranged free entry into the exhibitor showcase for an Australian Delegation. WEFTEC is one of the world's most comprehensive gatherings of water quality professionals and is organised by the Water Environment Federation (<https://www.weftec.org/>). This year however, WEFTEC 2020 will be a fully virtual event, from 5-9 October, and offers attendees interactive education, the expo showcase and networking experiences. WIOA has been provided a promotional code to allow free access to Members (VTRADE20) and without it, the fee is \$USD30 for members of WEF and \$USD60 for non-members. The fees for "full access" to the event remain in place and are available at <https://www.weftec.org/attend/pricing/> It would be appreciated if anyone using the promotional code could send an email to john.kanawati@trade.gov saying you used the WIOA code.

TRAINING COURSES

The **National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT)** has a number of training related opportunities coming up including the Australian Groundwater School to be held online from 21 September 2020. More on this and other NCGRT courses is available from <https://tinyurl.com/yy6xg8re>



AMS Training & Solutions invites enquiries about online training and instructor led live online training. Live training gives participants opportunity to engage with the trainer in a small virtual classroom. Visit their website - www.amsts.com.au - for more details. AMS offers David H Paul RO Specialist Training, recognised by the IDA Academy and the most comprehensive RO training worldwide. Email them to be waitlisted for future events.



The **IWES Short Courses** rescheduled to 23-27 November 2020 have now gone completely online and early bird rates finish on 21 September. The new digital schedule is spread over 3 hour sessions instead of full days, so you can get your training in and still keep on top of your regular work. Early bird prices are still available until September 21, and you'll be pleased to note the new digital pricing is even lower! For more information on the range of courses or to register, visit <https://iwes.com.au/events/iwes-gold-coast-2020/>

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Peter Quinn, long term WIOA supporter recently retired as Managing Director of Goulburn Valley Water in Victoria. We thank Peter for his involvement with, and support of WIOA over an extended period and we extend a warm welcome to incoming MD, **Dr Steve Capewell**.

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

Current positions vacant include 13 positions across Australia including a number of jobs as Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators and Team Leaders, a range of Engineering roles, along with a Safety Manager and an Environment Coordinator. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to sherryn@wioa.org.au

COMING EVENTS

- 14 October **Ixom Victorian Best Tasting Tap Water Competition**, online - Virtual Water Day 9
- 14 October **Vic Operator of the Year & Young Operator of the Year**, announced on Virtual Water Day 9
- 21 October **Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia Competition**, online - Virtual Water Day 10
- 28 October **3rd Water Industry Safety Event (WISE)**, online - Virtual Water Day 11



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