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AROUND THE TRAPS

Members are reminded that this is the last chance to pay your **annual fees for 2021 which were due on 1st January**. A reminder has been sent out recently and any member not financial will have their details removed from the member database and will not receive any further correspondence or member benefits.



The **2021 WIOA Annual General Meeting** will be held online on Wednesday 21 April 2021 commencing at 2.00pm AEST. We would like to encourage as many Members as possible to log in, be part of the meeting and provide your input in the future direction of the association. If you wish to attend, please register by 19 April 2021 at <https://wioa.org.au/about-wioa/aggm/>



Members are invited to contribute to the success of WIOA by **nominating for the General Committee**. To be considered for a Committee position, a completed nomination form must be returned by COB on 23 March 2021.



The **UN's World Water Day** is celebrated globally on 22 March each year. The theme for 2021 is "What does Water mean to you?". There are a range resources available to help individual and organisations to get the message out to the community. More info at <https://www.worldwaterday.org/share>



Access to the **Virtual Water platform** is still available for free to all members and the broader water industry. The content, which includes almost 24 hours of recorded technical presentations, and access to the expo hall is available for free until April 2021. New attendees must register and set an access password and anyone else can simply login at <https://www.virtualwater.com.au/>. With no WIOA conferences until at least June, using the platform to visit the expo is an ideal way to keep up to date with new technology.



Members are invited to demonstrate their prowess over the NRL & AFL seasons by entering the 2021 **FREE WIOA NRL & AFL tipping competitions**. Join the NRL Tipping Competition at <https://tipping.nrl.com/> then join the WIOA competition. The name is **WIOA** & the Competition code is: **9EAJF7P5**. Alternatively, or as well, join the AFL Tipping Competition at <https://tipping.afl.com.au> and then join the WIOA competition. The name is **WIOA** & the Competition code is: **WYXY595X**.



Some members have received spam emails recently from people offering to sell them the WIOA Mailing List. We confirm that WIOA takes our privacy obligations very seriously and we would never release any details relating to our members or other stakeholders without their approval.

WIOA AWARDS

For members in Queensland, applications are being sought for the **Operator of the Year** awarded by AWA Queensland along with the **Young Operator of the Year** and **Operator of the Year Civil/All Rounder**, both sponsored by *qldwater*. Employers are encouraged to nominate staff you believe to be deserving of this recognition. Applications for all three awards close on 23 April 2021 and more information is available at: <https://wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/queensland-awards/>



At the close of applications, we received 6 outstanding entries for the **2021 PASS Award** generously sponsored by Aqualift Project Delivery. The award is designed to showcase and share the good ideas of members, with all entries made into a booklet for distribution to members. It is proposed that the 2021 award winner will be announced at the WIOA Queensland Conference in June.



Following postponement of the WIOA New South Wales Conference to October 2021, the call for nominations for the **2021 NSW Operator of the Year**, sponsored by the NSW Water Directorate has also been postponed. We will provide details on how to nominate in due course.

EVENTS

Congratulations and well done to the Queensland Advisory Committee members and others for staging the **McBerns Queensland Charity Bowls Day** on Friday 5 March 2021 at the Yandina Bowls Club. A great (but very hot) day was had by the more than 40 WIOA members and guests. Congratulations to the Xylem team for winning the coveted Tradies Cup and well done to all the other prize winners. The proceeds raised from the day will be distributed to charity at the WIOA Queensland Conference in 2021. Thank you to all the sponsors of the event: Alternative Linings Technologies, Amiad, Aqseptence Group, Endress + Hauser, Hanna Instruments, McBerns, NETZSCH Australia, Pensar, Reece Civil, VOR Environmental, Water Infrastructure Services and Xylem.



The WIOA Talks webinar series recommences for 2021 with the first event focussing on **young women in the water industry, attract & retain**. Hosted by WIOA's Diversity and Inclusion Group, it will be held online via Zoom on Thursday 25 March 2021 at 10.30am AEDT. There will be a presentation from Shannon Thomas about her experiences in the water industry followed by some group discussions in breakout rooms. We are looking for as much support as possible, you don't have to be a WIOA member to attend and men are most welcome. Register at https://wioa.org.au/nevent/wow_conversation_coffee/



Abstracts for WIOA conferences can be submitted at any time prior to the official closing date. We are currently seeking abstracts for platform and poster presentations for the WIOA South Australian, Victorian and New South Wales conferences all being held later in the year. We encourage potential presenters to submit your abstracts early, visit <https://wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers/> for more information.



With support from Ixom, WIOA will again be conducting the Best Tasting Tap Water Competitions in NSW/ACT, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania. The *qldwater* team will conduct the annual Queensland competition. Winners of all the state awards will be invited to compete in the national final where the 2021 Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia will be announced. More details for the state competitions will be available on the WIOA website <https://wioa.org.au/tastetest/>

2021 Sponsorship Opportunities. WIOA has **Sponsorship** opportunities available for the 2021 Conferences and Exhibitions to be conducted in Queensland, Victoria and NSW. Sponsorship opportunities include the conference bags that are presented to all delegates at these events and a COVID sponsor to provide everything we need to meet all the new COVIDsafe event requirements. A range of other options are available to enable your brand to be recognised by attendees and to support WIOA. For more information contact Craig on 0457 846 008.

TRAINING COURSES

AMS Training & Solutions is excited to welcome Paul Roginson as a certified and accredited DHPaul trainer. Paul's inclusion adds flexibility to the training schedule and expressions of interest are invited from potential hosts and/or attendees for 2021. AMS offers online, virtual, classroom and hands-on 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. Visit www.amsts.com.au for more details.



TRILITY now offers the updated **chlorine training course**: NWPTRT007 Monitor and operate liquefied chlorine gas disinfection processes. This unit of competency supersedes NWPTRT013 Operate and control liquefied chlorine gas disinfection in the National Water Training Package. It is a one-day course designed for operators with a specific responsibility for disconnecting and connecting liquefied chlorine gas containers. The unit of competency covers the skills required to monitor and operate liquefied chlorine gas disinfection processes, whilst working safely. Public course dates have been released for 2021 at our facilities in Adelaide, the Central Coast, the Gold Coast, Melbourne and Perth. We can deliver this course at your premises. More information at: <https://trility.com.au/training/nwptrt007-chlorine-training/>



The **Australian Groundwater School (AGS)** provides a rigorous introduction to groundwater science and management. The premier course of its type in Australasia, this five-day 'school' is designed to build on the NCGRT's Groundwater Essentials courses. The course is ideal for scientific, policy and management personnel who want to gain a solid understanding of groundwater. This year, the AGS is being held online. Dates are 12-16 April and 5-9 July 2021. For more info or to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/scfv9czk>

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Xylem is pleased to announce the appointment of **Brian Krishna** to the position of **Managing Director** for the Oceania region, effective 1st March 2021. Brian will be responsible for managing the various Xylem operations and functions across the Oceania region, assisting customers and stakeholders in solving their water challenges. Brian has over 25 years' experience in various senior management roles in the water sector and replaces Jim Athanas who is moving to a newly created position for Xylem Emerging Markets.



MAK Water have moved into new headquarters and are now located at 36 Beringar Ave, Malaga, WA 6090. The expansion into larger office and warehouse space (4,600m²) strengthens their manufacturing and after-sales support capabilities with the increased ability and space to work on large projects simultaneously. A virtual tour of the new facility is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT1EVZDVOq8> or you can contact the team via their website at <https://www.makwater.com.au/>

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

Current positions vacant include positions for a Water Treatment Plant Operator, Water and Wastewater Process Engineer, Energy Engineer, Technical Officer – CAD & 3D Modelling, Team Leaders in Distribution and Property Services and a Coordinator Reuse and Trade Waste Systems. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

2021 EVENTS Check out the events calendar online, visit <https://wioa.org.au/wioa-events/>

- 23 March **Committee Nominations**, close
- 25 March **WIOA Talks - Women of Water, attract and retain young women**, online
- 21 April **WIOA Inc Annual General Meeting**, online
- 23 April **Qld Operator of the Year Awards**, applications close
- 28 April **WIOA Talks - Asset Monitoring**, online
- 4-6 May **Ozwater**, Adelaide
- 19 May **WIOA Talks - Membranes**, online
- 23 June **WIOA Talks - Catchment management and water quality issues**, online
- 20 July **Kwatye Applications** close
- 21 July **WIOA Talks - Anammox**, online
- 19 August **WIOA Talks - UV Disinfection**, online

2021 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITIONS

- 2 & 3 June **45th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Toowoomba
- 4 & 5 August **3rd WIOA SA Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Murray Bridge
- 1 & 2 Sept **83rd WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 27 & 28 October **14th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Tamworth



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