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## AROUND THE TRAPS

**LAST CHANCE to register** for the **83rd WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Bendigo on 22 & 23 June. If you intend to come along as a delegate, please use our online event registration system ASAP. There is an excellent mix of paper and poster topics from a wide cross section of authors and organisations. Registration information and the program is available from the WIOA website at <http://wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2022/>. Support for the exhibition has already been phenomenal with all 170 available sites allocated.

We understand that not everyone can attend the Bendigo conference as a delegate, so please keep in mind that **entry to the exhibition is FREE**. We encourage everyone to get a carload of people together and come and have a look through the exhibition, even if it is just for an hour or two.



The newly elected Labour Government has pledged to future-proof Australia's water resources and has released their **Water for Australia plan**. Key outcomes in the Water Plan is the establishment of a National Water Commission, the broadening of the National Water Grid Investment Policy and a five-point plan to safeguard the Murray Darling Basin. More information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/yp8jztnj>



TAFE Queensland has recently announced that they will cease delivering training in Certificate II and Certificate III in Water Industry Operations due to limited product resources in this area. TAFE Queensland will continue to process assessments for students that have current enrolments. TAFE Queensland is continuing training for NWP40615 – Certificate IV in Water Industry Treatment.

## EVENTS

**NOTE 1.00pm AEST start time** on Wednesday 15 June 2022 for the next **WIOA Talks webinar** focusing on **Wearables and VR Technology**. Stephen Witherden (Beca Hunter H2o) will present an overview of the technology available in the Wearables and VR space, along with case study examples of different technology and applications. Doug Moorby and Anthony Everett from Narromine Shire Council will showcase the Realware technology including a live demonstration. Registration for members is now open at <https://wioa.org.au/realware/>



WIOA invites all Victorian Water Suppliers to participate in the **Ixom 2022 Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria Competition** with heats to be held at the WIOA Victorian conference in Bendigo on Tuesday 21 June and the Grand Final at lunch time on Wednesday 22 June 2022. More details are available on the WIOA website <https://wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2022/victorian-water-taste-test/>

The keenly contested **Victorian Main Tapping Competition** will also be held again at the Bendigo conference and we are currently seeking teams to compete. Will 2022 be the year that sees the trophy head somewhere other than to Wannon Water? Enter your teams via email with Sherryn at the office [sherryn@wioa.org.au](mailto:sherryn@wioa.org.au)



We desperately need a couple more Operator papers for the **45th Queensland Victorian Water Operations Conference and Exhibition**. We are also looking for more **Posters from Operators**. If you have an idea or topic that could be presented, please contact the WIOA office ASAP at: [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au)

## WIOA AWARDS 2022

Nominations for the **2022 Queensland Operator of the Year** are being accepted. This prestigious award sponsored by AWA Queensland Branch recognises commitment to the job, safety, innovation, initiative and achievements. The prize for the winner includes a plaque and an all-expenses paid opportunity to join the WIOA operator tour to New Zealand in 2023. Applications close on Thursday 30 June 2022 and a form is available from <https://wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/queensland-awards/>



Similarly, the Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) is accepting nominations for the **Young Operator of the Year** as well as for the **Operator of the Year – (Civil/All-rounder)**. The Young Operator of the Year will also receive a fully funded opportunity to join the WIOA New Zealand tour in 2023. The Civil/All Rounder will receive up to \$1,500 towards professional development. This could be used for opportunities such as attendance at conferences, *qldwater* training or for funding expenses for exchange opportunities at neighbouring or other councils. If you know someone within the Queensland water industry that fits the bill for either of these awards, make sure you nominate them today. Also closing on Thursday 30 June 2022, nomination forms are available from <https://wioa.org.au/awards/state-awards/queensland-awards/>



We look forward with interest to the announcement of the VicWater sponsored **2022 Victorian Operator of the Year Award**, the IWA Victoria sponsored **2022 Young Victorian Operator of the Year Award** and the **Kwatye Award** sponsored by TRILITY. The winners will be announced at the Victorian Conference being held in Bendigo.

## TRAINING COURSES

The annual **IWES event** on the Gold Coast is back in 2022 and will be in person. The IWES Gold Coast program is scheduled for 18 to 22 July 2022 at the Mercure Gold Coast Resort and will feature an exclusive IWES industry meet-up on Tuesday 19 July 2022. There are three new courses in 2022 – Wastewater Treatment Design; Process Modelling for Water Treatment Professional; and Best Practice Drinking Water Quality Management. Many of the courses have only a couple of places left so get in early if you intend to participate. For more information or to register, visit <https://iwes.com.au/events/iwes-gc-2022/>



The **Australian Water School** is offering a **Groundwater Time Series Analysis** training course, a deeper dive into how the Python language can be used to obtain additional insights from existing groundwater hydrograph datasets. The expert presenters are also the developers of the newly-developed HydroGeoSines (HGS) package and they will demonstrate how HGS and Python language allow an easy way to pre-process and interpret standard groundwater monitoring datasets. The course will run from 10am-12pm AEST on 14, 21 & 28 June 2022. Register at <https://awschool.talentlms.com/catalog/info/id:236>

The operator training course **Monitoring and Optimisation of Activated Sludge and Nutrient Reduction** presented by A/Prof Helen Stratton and Peter Griffiths is returning this year. The course will be held over the week of 24 June to 1 July 2022 at the Mantra on the Sunshine Coast. The updated course presents the latest research findings and developments in optimisation and trouble-shooting activated sludge processes. Registration of interest is open through Griffith University- <https://tinyurl.com/y63pwtzz> By registering, you will be notified once full registration is available. Numbers are limited to 25 delegates and, those that missed out over the past few years due to COVID, are reminded the course books out rapidly.



The National Centre for Groundwater Research & Training (NCGRT) is running the **Australian Groundwater School** - Online from 4-8 July 2022. The Australian Groundwater School is a topic of the Flinders University Postgraduate Graduate Certificate, Diploma and Masters of Science (Groundwater Hydrology) for those seeking accreditation. More information or register at <https://tinyurl.com/bd Hudakr>

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

There are more than 20 vacant positions in Queensland, Victoria and NSW currently advertised on the WIOA website. **Vacancies** include positions for several Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators, Operations and Maintenance staff, Engineers and Project Managers in Water and Wastewater fields and a Health and Safety Officer. 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

**Central Highlands Water** in Victoria has announced that Jeff Haydon will replace Paul O'Donohue as Managing Director from 11 July 2022. Paul has been outstanding with his support of WIOA. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours and look forward to working with Jeff.



**Kaeser** has announced the launch of the GBS series which compliments its range of rotary screw blowers. The GBS series sets a new benchmark in compressor technology for the 75 to 160 kW power range, with a flow rate from 22 to 104 m<sup>3</sup>/min and differential pressures up to 1100 mbar. For the full press release please visit: <https://au.kaeser.com/company/press/press-releases/h-gbs.aspx>

**2022 EVENTS** Check out the events calendar online, visit <https://wioa.org.au/wioa-events/>

- 15 June **WIOA Talks – Wearables/ VR Technology**, online (1.00pm)
- 22 & 23 June **83<sup>rd</sup> WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 30 June **Qld Operator of the Year; Young & Civil/All rounder Operator of the Year**, close
- 3 & 4 August **46<sup>th</sup> WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 24 August **WIOA Talks – SCADA**, online
- 7 October **Team of the Year Award, nominations close**
- 9 & 10 November **3<sup>rd</sup> WIOA SA Water Industry Operations Conference & Expo**, venue TBC



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