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AROUND THE TRAPS

We have had some cancellations from the Exhibition at the WIOA Queensland conference in Logan due to COVID and staffing issues. With only two weeks to go, we now have **three exhibition sites available** for Corporate Members. If you would like to exhibit, please contact Sherryn at sherryn@wioa.org.au ASAP.



The **2022 WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** was held in **Bendigo** in late June. This was the first face to face event that WIOA has been able to stage in Victoria since September 2019. It was great that 1,220 people attended the event, despite the ongoing COVID and flu issues affecting staff numbers at several water businesses. We thank our Victorian Advisory Committee members who helped us deliver the event and it is onwards and upwards from here. Our sincere thanks are also extended to our event sponsors, all the exhibitors and attendees and in particular, our army of volunteer helpers who did a brilliant job helping to run the event. Our congratulations are extended to the various award winners:

- **Tom Stiles**, Central Highlands Water – **Victorian Operator of the Year Award** sponsored by VicWater
- **Thomas Bennett**, Barwon Water – **Victorian Young Operator of the Year Award** sponsored by the Institute of Water Administration (Vic)
- **Matthew Boyle**, Wannon Water – **Victorian Networks Operator of the Year Award** sponsored by Water Training Australia
- **Tasha Eagle**, Fosroc – **Hepburn Prize for Best Paper Overall** sponsored by Hanna Instruments
- **John de Boer**, Melbourne Water - **Best Paper by an Operator** sponsored by ProMinent
- **Steven Kugele**, Central Highlands Water - **Best Poster by an Operator** sponsored by IWES
- **Remtron - Ron Bergmeier Award, Best Exhibition Site** sponsored by Utility magazine
- **Bailey Anderson & Billy Wall**, Goulburn Valley Water – **Victorian Main Tapping Competition** sponsored by Reece Civil & Viadux
- **Melbourne Water, Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria** sponsored by Ixom
- **Albury City Council** (Wonga Wetlands), **Kwatye Award** sponsored by TRILITY

For more information on the conference and winners visit - <https://wioaconferences.org.au/vic-2022/>



The November 2022 edition of **WaterWorks** is currently under development and is a great opportunity for our Corporate members to advertise your products and services. Advertising offsets the cost of production and distribution of this important technical publication. WaterWorks is widely distributed and will be included in the 2022 South Australian and the 2023 Victorian conference satchels. Contact Ann at ann@wioa.org.au for advertising queries or George at info@wioa.org.au for article ideas.

After being out of print stock for a while, Water Research Australia with support from Coliban Water has recently reprinted the **Good Practice Guide to the Operation of Drinking Water Supply Systems for the Management of Microbial Risk** (GPG). The GPG was written by Peter Mosse and Bruce Murray tapping into their extensive experience from working in hundreds of water treatment plants. The GPG provides a concise reference document for senior managers and operational staff with responsibility for the operation of water systems, to ensure the production of safe drinking water. WIOA has several copies that we will be distributing at our various events and we can mail them out as well. Please contact info@wioa.org.au and provide the number of copies required and a mailing address and we'll send them out.



WIOA supports numerous charities through donations from our charity golf and bowls days or other fundraising activities. COVID is still impacting fundraising activities for charities and is compromising their ability to support their programs. We know the water industry is very generous and there are a number of very worthwhile charities that could use a kick along at present via a donation, large or small.

- Prostate Cancer Foundation - <https://tinyurl.com/5buz5nbt>
- Beyond Blue - <https://tinyurl.com/22wu4m96>
- MND Australia - <https://www.mndaustralia.org.au/donate/donate-to-mnd-australia>
- Rural Aid - <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/donate/>



After 17 rounds in both the **AFL and NRL** seasons, the **WIOA Tipping competitions** are close at the top. Leading the NRL with a score of 99 is Kirk Galbraith from John Nolan and Tom Nash on 95. In the AFL competition, the leader is Mark Rees with a score of 102, four ahead of George Wall on 97 and a couple of others on 96. With just over a hand full of rounds until the end of the year, good luck to all the tipsters.

EVENTS

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER for the **46th WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Logan on 3 & 4 August 2022. The program has now been finalised and delegate registrations are being accepted. If you intend to come along as a delegate, please register via our online event registration system ASAP. There is an excellent mix of paper and poster topics from a wide cross section of authors and water businesses. Registration information and the program is available from the WIOA website at <http://wioaconferences.org.au/qld-2022/>. Support for the exhibition has already been phenomenal with 110 expo sites allocated.

We understand that not everyone can attend the Logan 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 on either day, even if it is just for an hour or two.



Queensland Water Suppliers are invited to enter teams of 2 competitors into the **Queensland Main Tapping Competition** (supported by Reece Civil & Viadux plus Logan CC and City of Gold Coast) that will be conducted as part of the Queensland Conference in Logan. The fastest team will have \$1,000 donated to a charity of their choice, as well as having their names engraved into the perpetual trophy. Check out the WIOA website for more information - <https://wioaconferences.org.au/qld-main-tapping-competition/>



We look forward with interest to the announcement of the AWA Queensland Branch sponsored **2022 Queensland Operator of the Year Award**, along with the *qldwater* sponsored **2022 Young Queensland Operator of the Year Award** and **2022 Civil/Allrounder Operator of the Year**. The winners will be announced at the Queensland Conference being held in Logan.

The annual **Queensland Charity Bowls Day sponsored by McBerns** will be conducted by the Queensland Advisory Committee on Friday 2 September 2022 at the Yandina Bowls Club. We are encouraging everyone 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 2023. We are seeking corporate support for this event. Corporate members wishing to sponsor the bowls day should contact George or Ann at WIOA. All sponsors with a representative present on the day have the chance to win the coveted Tradies Cup. We look forward to seeing you on the greens. Register online at: wioa.org.au/nevent/queensland-2022-bowls/



An **Operations Interest Day** including the **2022 Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Tasmania** competition will be conducted at the Xylem Depot in Spreyton on Wednesday 24 August for Tasmanian members and guests. The program includes presentations by Andrew Jones from Island Engineering who will cover why “valves aint valves” along with Tommy Williams from Xylem who will do a live demo of stripping down a pump. The winners of the 2022 Tasmanian Operator and Young Operator of the Year will be announced as well as the supplier of the Best Tasting Tap Water Competition. Registration details and the program will be released shortly.



The eighth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed by an optional **TRILITY sponsored Barefoot Bowls** afternoon will be held at the West Cairns Bowls Club on Friday 7 October 2022. We encourage all WIOA members in the FNQ region to support this event. Corporate members wishing to sponsor the bowls day should contact George or Ann at WIOA. The technical program for the day will be released shortly, and registration details can be accessed at <https://wioa.org.au/fnqbowl>



The next **WIOA Talks** webinar will focus on **process control charts and the review of SCADA information** and will be held on Thursday 25 August at 11am (AEST). There will be presentations from David Bartley from Atom Consulting, looking at statistical process control for improved water quality; and Darrell Ralph from Wannon Water on using SCADA in a water/wastewater treatment setting to monitor and control. Registration for members is now open at <https://wioa.org.au/process-scada/>

WIOA AWARDS 2022

Applications are being sought for the **WIOA Team of the Year Award**, sponsored by **TRILITY**. The award recognises teams of employees working in any part of the water industry that have made an outstanding contribution to their workplace or community. Teams may be recognised for a range of activities like; implementation of new infrastructure and solutions; maintaining services through difficult times such as weather events, fires, and the pandemic; providing support to their communities, other employees, other businesses, or the water industry; or development of innovative programs or initiatives as examples. The winner will be announced at the WIOA South Australian Conference in November. Applications close on 7 October 2022 and more information is at <https://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/team-year/>



Congratulations to **Nerillee Kerslake** and the Albury City Council’s **Wagirra Team** for being announced at the WIOA Bendigo conference as the winners of the 2022 **Kwatye Award** for their Wagirra Trail and Wonga Wetlands Loop project. Their project showcases how Albury City Council is collaborating in a meaningful way with the traditional owners to provide employment and to foster increased opportunities for environmental and aboriginal education awareness programs with school groups and the broader community. They receive a \$2000 donation to the charity or program of their choice on behalf of award sponsor TRILITY and WIOA.

TRAINING COURSES

The **Australian Water School** is offering a **Python Essentials For Water** training course, intended for anyone working in the water sector, that has a limited or no experience with Python. The course will give attendees the confidence to create basic programs to process hydrological data and calculations. The course will run from 10am-12pm AEST on 18 & 25 August and 1 September 2022. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2rza5r98>

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

There are a number of positions vacant in Queensland, Victoria and NSW currently advertised on the WIOA website. They include several **Operator positions, a variety of Engineering roles and a HR Advisor**. To utilise this FREE job advertisement placement service, please email your advert to sherryn@wioa.org.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Treadwell Group has recently grown their East Coast team with the addition of Goran Djurasinovic (0477 763 777) who will oversee quotes and sales. Edward Titley (0428 052 565) has transitioned into technical sales role providing project consultation and specification for the entire eastern region. A range of product guides and case studies are available at <https://tinyurl.com/bdebjcbk>



Kaeser recently expanded its FBS series of rotary screw blowers with the inclusion of the FBS 720 models. This represents the next milestone in the development of oil-free compression blower technology, designed especially with water industry applications in mind. More information is available on their website at <https://tinyurl.com/4wjfrybt>

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

- 3 & 4 August **46th WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Logan
- 24 August **Interest Day and Tasmanian Best Tasting Tap Water**, Spreyton
- 25 August **WIOA Talks – Process control charts and SCADA**, online
- 2 September **WIOA - Queensland Charity Bowls Day**, Yandina
- 14 September **WIOA Talks – Underground Assets**, online
- 7 October **Team of the Year Award, nominations close**
- 7 October **FNQ Interest Day and Charity Bowls**, Cairns
- 26 & 27 October **3rd WIOA SA Water Industry Operations Conference & Expo**, Murray Bridge
- 12 November **Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia Grand Final**, Casino

2023 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITIONS

- 29 & 30 March **84th WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo



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