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AROUND THE TRAPS

WIOA is Recruiting – WIOA is about to advertise two very exciting and challenging positions with our organisation. The positions are an **Executive Officer** and an **Events Coordinator**. With COVID hopefully well behind us, we are looking for two dynamic and people focussed individuals who can help us to further develop and deliver our range of member services and benefits. If you are interested in either position, more information will be in the Positions Vacant page on the WIOA website, <https://wioa.org.au/positions-vacant/>



The dates and venues for WIOA's South Australian, Victorian and Queensland conferences in 2023 have been confirmed. The **South Australian** conference will be at the Murray Bridge Race Club on **1 & 2 March 2023**; the **Victorian** conference will be at the Bendigo Showgrounds on **29 & 30 March 2023**; and the **Queensland** conference will be held at the USC facility at Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast on **19 & 20 July 2023**. The NSW conference is currently scheduled for 1 & 2 November 2023 with the venue to be confirmed shortly.



The WIOA Committee has confirmed that the **Individual** and **Corporate Membership fees** for 2023 will increase from \$40 and \$300 to **\$45 and \$310** respectively (both GST included). With the last increase in fees in 2021, these modest increases are in line with CPI rises and reflect the increasing cost of running the Association. Membership invoices will be sent to all Members shortly, with payment due on 1 January 2023.



Congratulations to the **Mackay Regional Council** team who were announced as the winner of the **Best Tasting Tap Water in Queensland** at the recent *qldwater* annual forum. The sample from the Nebo Road plant will go on to represent Queensland at the Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition in November.



The **National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)** has published updated guidance on microbial quality of drinking water in Chapter 5 of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. **The inclusion of microbial health-based targets** will help water suppliers to ensure the safety of drinking water. The updates to the Guidelines include the addition of Appendix 3 to provide technical information on the assumptions and calculations that underpin the guidance on microbial health-based targets. The latest version of the Guidelines containing the updated guidance, a Question and Answer resource which provides information on the new concepts introduced and the accompanying Administrative Report are available on the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines page of the NHMRC website at <https://tinyurl.com/ytxmz9sr>



Rural Aid has worked with an isolated primary school in central Queensland to provide a sustainable drinking water supply. Rural Aid facilitated the installation of a SOURCE Hydropanel array at Valkyrie State School which creates high quality drinking water using only air and sunlight. A Youtube video showcasing the project is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esBICRwKey4>

The November 2022 edition of **WaterWorks** is currently under development and is a great opportunity for our Corporate members to advertise and support WIOA in the production of this important technical publication. This edition is widely distributed and will be included in the South Australian and Victorian Conference satchels in 2023. Contact Ann - ann@wioa.org.au for more information on advertising, or visit the WIOA website to download the 2022 Media Kit at <https://wioa.org.au/publications/water-works/>

We are also seeking **articles, stories or information** from Members suitable for publication in the November edition of WaterWorks, along with the next edition of Operator. If you can contribute, or know of anything that would be interesting to our Members, please contact George - george@wioa.org.au.



September is prostate cancer awareness month and the **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia** is again staging The Long Run to help raise funds to make prostate cancer history. Sign up now and every km you clock up and every dollar you raise will fund research and support to save the lives of Aussie men. More info is available at <https://tinyurl.com/4z9vwcyh>

WIOA AWARDS 2022

Applications for the 2022 **WIOA Team of the Year Award**, sponsored by **TRILITY** close on 7 October 2022. 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 during the WIOA Talks webinar on 19 October 2022. More information is available at <https://wioa.org.au/awards/national-awards/team-year/>

EVENTS

The eighth annual **Far North Queensland Operations Interest Day** followed by the optional **TRILITY Charity 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 - george@wioa.org.au The exciting and very diverse technical program for the day, as well as registration details can be accessed at <https://wioa.org.au/nevent/fnq-bowls-day-2022/>



WIOA Talks – Reconnects with Members – Special Event

Following the postponement of the South Australian conference to March 2023, WIOA has arranged to hold an online webinar as part of the **WIOA Talks** series on Wednesday 19 October 2022. The webinar will include three Award Winning Papers from our 2022 conferences including John de Boer from Melbourne Water; Lucy Parsons from Atom Consulting in NSW and Shaun Johnstone from North Burnett Regional Council in Queensland. The winner of the Ixom Best Tasting Water in both South Australia and Western Australia, along with the winners of the TRILITY sponsored Team of the Year award will also be announced. Commencing at 1.00pm (AEDT), the program and registration details are at <https://wioa.org.au/wioa-reconnects-2022/>



The **Call for Papers** for **WIOA's South Australian** and **Victorian** conferences in March 2023 are now open. Abstracts are being accepted for South Australia until Friday 14 October 2022. The Call for Abstracts for both Platform and Poster papers for Victoria will close on Friday 21 October 2022. More information on all the 2023 conferences is available at <https://wioaconferences.org.au/>

The WIOA NSW Advisory Committee is organising an **Operations Interest Day in Albury** on 25 October focussing predominately on issues relating to the management and operation of distribution networks. More information and the program for the day will be available from the WIOA website shortly.



The WIOA Queensland Advisory Committee is organising an **Operations Interest Day** at the **Luggage Point Advanced Water Treatment Plant** in Brisbane on 15 November 2022. More information and the program for the day will be available from the WIOA website shortly.



The WIOA Tasmanian Advisory Committee staged a very successful **Operations Interest Day** including the 2022 Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Tasmania competition at the Xylem Depot in Spreyton in August. Our thanks are extended to Xylem and all the presenters. Congratulations to **Shannon Spencer** and **Jamie Brown** for being announced the Tasmanian Operator of the Year and Young Operator of the Year respectively and well done to the Ferntree operators for supplying the best tasting tap water in Tasmania.



As with 2020 & 2021, WIOA is holding the **IXOM Best Tasting Tap Water competitions in South Australia and Western Australia** as part of the WIOA Talks online day on 19 October 2022. There is an open invitation for all water suppliers in both South Australia and Western Australia to send 1 litre of your finest drop to WIOA for judging. We need to receive samples by 14 October 2022 with the sample sent to the WIOA office at 24 New Dookie Road, Shepparton Vic 3630. More info and the entry form to include with the sample (for plant details) is at <https://wioa.org.au/tastetest/>



The **Call for Papers for Ozwater'23** in Sydney on 10-12 May 2023, closes on 19 September 2022. Abstracts are being accepted in one of 13 diverse sub-themes, including Operations which encompasses treatment and practices to ensure the needs of customers and communities. For more information and how to get involved, visit <https://www.ozwater.org/>



The 2022 **Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia** competition will be held in Casino NSW on 12 November 2022, at the Primex Field Days. The winners of each of the State based competitions will go head-to-head to find the best tasting tap water in Australia using the field day patrons as judges. Good luck to the competitors.



The **Treatment Operator's Forum** organised by **qldwater** in conjunction with the WBBUWA in Bundaberg has been postponed to 24 November 2022 due to the Public Holiday being called following the death of the Queen. The program will include several presentations on managing operational issues, along with tours of the Rubyanna WWTP and the Gregory River WTP.

TRAINING COURSES

The **International Water Centre's** online **Introduction to Integrated Water Management** course commences on 6 October 2022. This course will provide an introduction to the history, theory and principles of Integrated Water Management (IWM) and will investigate the conceptual frameworks and practices used to critically analyse water management problems and identify sustainable solutions. A diverse range of practitioner led case studies will allow you to develop an applied knowledge of IWM. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5895pw8x>

The **Australian Water School** has a suite of webinars, on-demand and live training courses coming up in the next couple of months focusing on significant, innovative or critical advances in water science, technology and management. Their updated website at <https://tinyurl.com/y6xfjke6> allows everyone to browse their wide-ranging portfolio of live and on-demand courses, including free copies of past webinars, with ease. There is a webinar titled **Drowning in Plastics** at 10.00am on 5 October looking at cleaning up the mess we have made in our waterways and oceans.

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

WIOA has more than 30 **current positions vacant** existing in Victoria, NSW and Queensland including spots for several Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators, Engineers along with Projects and other Manager roles. To utilise this FREE job placement service, email your job ad to sherryn@wioa.org.au

PEOPLE & CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

Emerson has joined the Australian Research Council's (ARC) Research Hub for Resilient and Intelligent Infrastructure Systems (RIIS) to help solve challenges facing critical infrastructure as an industry partner. Emerson will donate \$2 million in cash, in-kind equipment, software, engineering and training support over the next five years as the RIIS Research Hub engages with industry, government, and the community to develop and implement science-based policy and integrated practical solutions to the current and future challenges facing Australia's urban, resource and energy infrastructure.



Envirosuite has put their Australian water digital technology on the global map. At IDA Congress (9-13 October) in Sydney, the company will present a case study in Asia where they implemented Plant Optimiser, a digital twin technology using machine learning and deterministic modelling for real time monitoring. More information at <https://envirosuite.com/platforms/water/plant-optimiser>



A recording of the speeches from the memorial service for **Mark Pascoe**, has been made available for anyone who was unable to attend in person or online - <https://www.funeral-livestream.com.au/events/f0107/>

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

- 7 October **WIOA Team of the Year Applications**, close
- 7 October **FNQ Operations Interest Day and Optional TRILITY Barefoot Bowls**, Cairns
- 19 October **Ixom 2022 Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia**, online
- 19 October **Ixom 2022 Best Tasting Tap Water in Western Australia**, online
- 19 October **Presentation of the 2022 Team of the Year Awards**, online
- 25 October **Network Operations Interest Day**, Albury
- 12 November **Ixom 2022 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia Grand Final**, Casino NSW
- 15 November **Operations Interest Day**, Luggage Point Advanced WTP, Queensland

2023 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITIONS

- 1 & 2 March **3rd WIOA South Australian Operations Conference & Expo**, Murray Bridge
- 29 & 30 March **84th WIOA VIC Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Bendigo
- 19 & 20 July **47th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Sunshine Coast
- 1 & 2 November **15th WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, TBC



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