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## AROUND THE TRAPS

WIOA has a vacancy for a **Manager – Communications, Events and Office Support**. Are you an enthusiastic, passionate, and visionary individual that is motivated on building on WIOA's foundation. With a strong background in events management, an understanding of effective communication and stakeholder engagement principles and a drive for business improvement. Applications close on Wednesday 5 July, and you will need to be available for an interview on Friday 14 July. You can apply at <https://wioa.org.au/job/manager-communications-events-office-support>



The WIOA Limited Annual General Meeting was held on 31 May 2023. We are pleased to announce that the new **Chair is Matthew Greskie** and **John Harris** was elected as the **Deputy Chair** for 2023-2024. Congratulations Mat and John.



WIOA is really keen to hear from our members about how you think we are doing via our **Individual and Corporate Member surveys**. The surveys only take around 5 minutes to complete and there will be a Bunnings voucher awarded to one lucky member who participates. You can access the WIOA Individual Members survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/nuT5hWsqu> and the WIOA Corporate Members survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/g6bXxc1w5S>



WIOA in partnership with WSAA, has launched the **Water Industry Operator Placement Program**. The aim of the Program is to provide water treatment, wastewater treatment and network operators with the opportunity to spend time at another organisation and share ideas, processes, technologies, and experiences. The round 1 Expression of Interest for both individuals and host organisations closed on 31 March with round 2 closing on 31 July 2023. To find out more or to nominate, visit the website at <https://wioa.org.au/operator-placement-program/> or contact us at [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au)



WIOA supports numerous charities through donations from our charity golf and bowls days, raffles and other fundraising activities. 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/>

WIOA embraces diversity and inclusion and considers it integral to our culture, our values and the way we do business. Our Diversity & Inclusion Group assists advise the WIOA Committee, Board and staff on D&I related issues and actions. We seek motivated and enthusiastic Members to fill some vacant positions on the D&I group, ideally from the operational sector of the water industry. If you are a WIOA Member and would like to nominate, please email [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au) outlining why you would like to join this group.

## EVENTS

**LAST CHANCE to register** for the **47th WIOA Queensland Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition** to be held on the Sunshine Coast on 19 & 20 July. 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/qld-2023/>. Support for the exhibition has been phenomenal with all 105 available sites allocated.

We understand that not everyone can attend the QLD 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 keenly contested **Queensland Water Main Tapping Competition** will also be held at the Sunshine Coast conference, and we are seeking a couple more teams to compete. Will 2023 be the year that sees the trophy head somewhere other than to City of Gold Coast? We also understand that a couple of interstate teams will participate as well. Enter your teams via email at [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au)



The next WIOA Talks webinar focusing on **a Hydrogen Project between Barwon Water and Viva Energy Australia** will be held on Thursday 24 August 2023 commencing at 12 noon AEST. Following that, on Thursday 21 September, the next WIOA Talks webinar covering the topic of **Water Industry Data Science in Operations** will be staged.



**WaterAid's Walk for Water 2023** is now accepting registrations from water corporations. Join numerous other water industry companies participating, whether through walking, running, or riding, to support the cause of clean water this October. More information or how to register is available at <https://fundraise.wateraid.org.au/register/walkforwater-2023>



The **Queensland Interest Day incorporating the McBerns Charity Bowls event** will be held at the Yandina Bowls Club on Friday 1 September 2023. The format will be slightly different this year with technical presentations in the morning followed by the Charity Bowls. We would like to encourage everyone to enjoy this learning and networking opportunity, along with a relaxed game of bowls. All funds raised from the day will be distributed to charity at the WIOA Queensland Conference in 2024. We also seek corporate member support for this event. All sponsors with a representative present on the day have the chance to win the Tradies Cup. For more information on sponsoring, please email us at [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au).



The **Far North Queensland Interest Day incorporating the TRILITY Charity Bowls Day** will be held for the ninth year at the West Cairns Bowls Club on Friday 13 October 2023. Like previous years, the day will incorporate a number of technical presentations, the FNQ Main Tapping competition and the Charity Bowls in the afternoon. Sponsor support for this event is also being sought. Please email [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au) for more information or to lock in a sponsorship opportunity.

## WIOA AWARDS 2023

We look forward with interest to the announcement of the **2023 Queensland Operator of the Year Award** sponsored by AWA Queensland Branch, along with the *qldwater* sponsored **2023 Young Queensland Operator of the Year Award** and **2023 Civil/Allrounder Operator of the Year**. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner of the Queensland Conference on the Sunshine Coast on 20 June.



The announcement of the **2023 Kwatye Award winner**, sponsored by TRILITY along with the winner of the Ixom Water of Origin Competition will also happen at WIOA's Sunshine Coast conference. The Water of Origin will pit the best water from Queensland (Mackay RC, Nebo Rd) against the best water from NSW/ACT (Shoalhaven Water) for bragging rights for the next twelve months.

## TRAINING COURSES

The **Australian Water School (AWS)** is seeking feedback through their annual survey to help shape the future of AWS' online training offerings. The results from the anonymous 10 minute survey will be used to help design training materials that meet specific industry requirements. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AWS-annual>



The annual **IWES event** on the Gold Coast is back in 2023 and will be in person. The IWES Gold Coast program is scheduled for 17 to 21 July 2023 at the Mantra on View, Surfers Paradise and will feature an exclusive IWES industry meet-up on Tuesday 18 July 2023. For more information on the courses available or to register, visit <https://iwes.com.au/events/iwes-gold-coast-july-2023/>

**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 [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au)



Central Highlands Regional Council in Queensland is currently recruiting and has a short video on their organisation to inform potential applicants. You can view their video at [https://youtu.be/\\_-blmuPPr4c](https://youtu.be/_-blmuPPr4c)

**2023 EVENTS** Check out the events calendar online, visit <https://wioa.org.au/wioa-events/>

- 19 & 20 July **47th QLD Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition**, Sippy Downs
- 24 August **WIOA Talks – Hydrogen Project, Barwon Water & Viva Energy Australia**, online
- 1 September **WIOA - Queensland Charity Bowls Day**, Yandina
- 21 September **WIOA Talks - Water Industry Data Science in Operations**, online
- 1 October **Team of the Year Award**, applications close
- 13 October **FNQ Operations Interest Day and Optional TRILITY Barefoot Bowls**, Cairns (TBC)
- 1 & 2 November **15th NSW Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition**, Canberra



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**KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE.** If your phone number, mailing address or email address has changed please email Ella your new details ([admin@wioa.org.au](mailto:admin@wioa.org.au)) or call the office on 03 5821 6744.