

WIOA 2026 QLD CONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

24 & 25 June, 2026

Gold Coast Sports & Leisure Centre



Our preliminary program offers a first glimpse of what's shaping up to be an exciting and engaging event. While the full schedule is still being finalised and abstract submissions remain open this early preview gives a taste of the thought-provoking sessions, inspiring speakers, and dynamic conversations to come. Keep an eye out for more updates as the program continues to take shape.

Organisation	Presenter	Content
SA Water and Suez	Liam Tohill - Water Production Engineer & Andrew Sawilski - Wastewater & Reuse Treatment Manager South	Sludgy Solutions: Dealing with Excessive Sludge at Barossa WTP
Unitywater	Ben Ingram - Safety Operations Manager	FNQ and Townsville Mutual Aid Initiative
SA Water	Rita Meijer - Continue Improvement Lead	Daily Toolbox Visual Boards
Urban Utilities	Liam Slatterly - Production Leader Resource Recovery	Kilcoy Sewage Treatment Plant Compliance Project
Tweed Shire Council	Mitchel Alward - Engineer Water Treatment and Catchment & Zac MacCartney - Technical Officer- Water And Wastewater	Water Treatment Plant solid waste management and local government challenges
Urban Utilities	Grant Nissen - Plant Manager Regions	Gatton Sewage Treatment Plant Compliance Project
Urban Utilities	Trent Watkins -Operations Specialist - Production Regions	Helidon Sewage Treatment Plant Reed Bed Restoration Project
Gympie Regional Council	Ethan Brown - Specialist Water Treatment Operations & Andrew Szymala - Lead Water Industry Specialist Treatment Operator	Consolidating Outsourced Environmental Sampling to Achieve Greater Operational Outcomes
Isaac Regional Council	Seunchan Bang - Maintenance Planner	Interaction Between Preventive Maintenance (PM) and Asset Management (AM)
Urban Utilities	Phil Everson - Production Leader Resource Recovery	Cogeneration Performance Strategy