

WATER DIRECTORATE news

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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 103 regional Councils in NSW and also to over 140 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

LAND MATTERS GUIDELINES STAGE 1

In November the Water Directorate's latest technical publication and joint project with the NSW Roads and Transport Directorate, was distributed to the General Managers of all the Water Directorate's 96 member Councils.

The long awaited *Land Matters Guidelines - Stage 1* was prepared by Maddocks Lawyers and provides guidance on many aspects of land acquisition for water, sewer and road infrastructure.

Additional copies of the *Land Matters Manual - Stage 1* can be purchased for \$125 by member Councils or \$275 for non members. The order form is on our website at www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/technical_pub_index.html

A second and final *Land Matters Guidelines*, incorporating Stage 2, will be released in 2012. Like all Water Directorate publications, feedback on the content is very welcome.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2012 NSW OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Attention water managers - the Water Directorate urges YOU to nominate your deserving operators now! The Water Directorate is pleased to sponsor this prestigious award again which recognises commitment to the job, innovation, initiative and achievements. The winner will receive a set of trophies and join the WIOA tour group attend a conference in New Zealand. Nominations close 2 March and forms can be downloaded from www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/downloads/NSW_WD_Op_Year_Application_2012.pdf

REVISED RESPONSE PROTOCOL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MICROBIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER

NSW Health has revised the Response Protocol for the Management of Microbiological Quality of Drinking Water. The new version can be found at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/water/nswhrp_microbiological.asp. See the December newsletter for more details.

WATER LOSS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RECOGNISED AT LGSA EXCELLENCE IN THE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

In November the 14th LGSA Environment Awards were presented at the Sydney MCA. The Water Loss Management Program was a joint winner of C Division in the Water Conservation Category.

The submission was made on behalf of all the LWUs that participated in the WLMP. The award particularly recognises the 54 Councils that took advantage of the WLMP and

successfully completed all the tasks and complied with the Australian Government's Deed of Agreement.

A framed certificate will be sent to all the 54 participating councils in recognition of this achievement.

2012 IPWEA NSW ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS - INNOVATION IN WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER

Nominations are urgently sought for the 2012 IPWEA NSW Engineering Excellence Awards.

The IPWEA (NSW Division) presents the Excellence Awards each year to promote and recognise excellence of Local Government and public works projects.

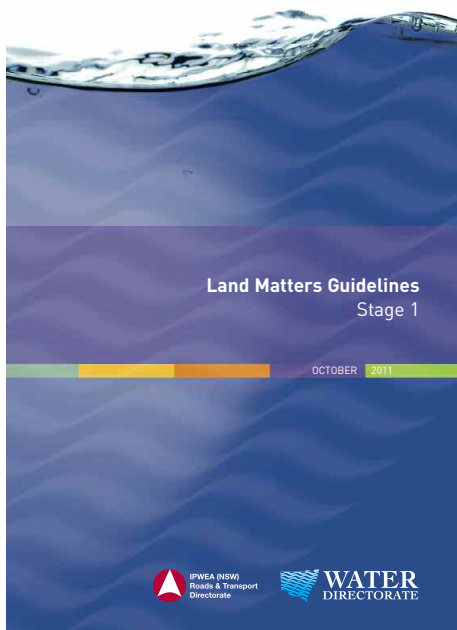
The Water Directorate initiated the Category 3 Award in 2000 titled *Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater* and is proud to continue to sponsor this award.

Only the Water Directorate's 96 member Councils can nominate in this category. The nomination forms are included in the hard copy mail out of this newsletter to member Councils or available on the website at: www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/news/news_21_Oct_11.html.

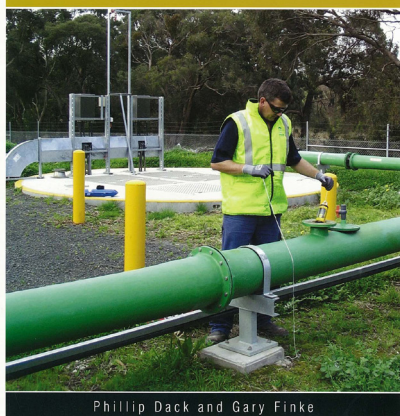
Water Directorate member Councils are urged to nominate projects in Category 3 before the Christmas break as project nominations close on Friday 6 January 2012.

Submissions are due on Friday 3 February 2012 and the presentation will be held on Tuesday 8 May 2012 in Coffs Harbour.

For more information, please contact Michelle Burgess, Events and Partnerships Manager on michelle@ipwea.org.au



Practical Guide To Odour Control In Sewage Transport Systems



Phillip Dack and Gary Finke



PRACTICAL GUIDE TO ODOUR CONTROL IN SEWAGE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

In November the Water Directorate provided a gratis copy of WIOA's latest publication to GMs of the Water Directorate's member Councils.

The Practical Guide to Odour Control in Sewage Transport Systems is the first title in WIOA's new series of wastewater books and like the water series, retails for \$33 (incl GST). Copies can be ordered from the form on the home page of the WIOA website. The Water Directorate has provided all six WIOA Practical Guides to our member Councils over the past six years.

7TH ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM, 24 FEBRUARY, SYDNEY

In one-day hear from 19 of the Water industry's key influencers, including the Tony Windsor MP, the Chairs from the National Water Commission and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

The 7th Water Symposium will explore the issues of delivering environmental efficiencies for rural Australia and ensuring productivity and sustainability in the urban water sector.

For more information please contact Legalwise Seminars on 02 9387 8133 or email to: info@legalwiseseminars.com.au or go to: www.legalwiseseminars.com.au/7th-annual-water-symposium

BOM NATIONAL WATER INFORMATION BRIEFINGS

In November the Bureau of Meteorology gave a series of National Water Information Briefings which focused on the practical value and use of BoM water information products for water policy officers, planners and managers.

Improving Water Information Program is a \$450 million BoM led investment supported by water agencies across Australia. The latest developments in water information on the following topics were presented:

- global and national trends in water resources & impacts
- advances in sharing, standardising and archiving Australia's water data
- innovative geospatial data & modelling tools
- BoM's first Water Resources Assessment
- new developments in water forecasting technology and applications
- Australia's first National Water Account

Australia's first National Water Account is a new style of water reporting and the following 8 regions are included in the National Water Account 2010: Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne, Murray-Darling Basin, Ord, Perth, South East Queensland and Sydney.

OPERATING TIMES FOR NSW HEALTH LABORATORIES OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The three NSW Health labs that provide testing for the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program will be closed for the following dates over the Christmas period.

Contact your local Public Health Unit to request lab testing in case of emergencies during this period.

DAL (Division of Analytical Laboratories) is closed 23 December until 3 January. Please submit microbiology samples by 22 December and chemistry samples by 16 December to allow time for them to be processed before Christmas.

Greater Murray Water Testing Laboratory (Albury) is closed 23 December until 2 January. Full service recommences Tuesday 3 January.

Pathology North (Lismore) Closed 23 December until 2 January. Full service recommences Tuesday 3 January. Please submit samples by Tuesday 20 December if you would like them to be processed before Christmas.

2012 PIPES WAGGA EXPO & FIELD DAY, 13-14 MARCH

The Expo will take on a new look and a number of high quality case studies have been received. Readers are urged to take advantage of the 'Early Bird' specials by going to: www.pipeswagga.com.au/register.aspx

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

In November the Executive Committee met for the Annual Planning Meeting, AGM and Executive Committee Meeting bringing the total number of meetings for 2011 to seven. Thanks to those people who forwarded potential project topics for discussion at the 9 November Planning Meeting.

Two Executive Committee vacancies exist for representatives from the Hunter group of Councils and from the South West group of Councils. Experienced water professionals, interested in strategic issues facing the NSW local water industry, should consider attending a meeting in 2012 as an observer to get an insight into the role.

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