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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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Membership fees are due for 2011/12. Only a handful of member Councils are unfinancial. Please rejoin to continue to receive technical support, networking opportunities with your peers in all 95 member Councils, and technical publications such as last month's *Design of Fire Flow Guidelines*.

UPDATE ON LAND MATTERS GUIDELINES

As previewed last month, the Water Directorate's latest technical publication will be distributed in late October. The *Land Matters Guidelines* is a joint project of the Water Directorate and the Roads and Transport Directorate.

The publication was prepared by Maddocks Lawyers and provides guidance on all aspects of land acquisition for water, sewer and road infrastructure. The document will be officially launched at the Property Officers Conference at Forbes on 25-26 October. For more details contact Kylie Grayson, Snr Admin Officer on 6850 2305.

WRAP UP FROM THE 2011 LGSA WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN GRAFTON

Congratulations to Sascha Moege, Meg Fisher, the LGSA team and Clarence Valley Council for conducting a full and varied program of knowledgeable speakers and relevant topics at a pleasant location with excellent hospitality.

Presentations from the conference will be available on the LGSA's conference website in due course at www.lgsa.org.au.

The Water Directorate enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the conference by facilitating the Water

Managers' Forum for the ninth year. We also found the networking with colleagues very rewarding.

Thanks to the forum panellists: Anthony Burnham from Tweed Shire Council, Carmel Krogh from Shoalhaven City Council, Wayne Beatty from Orange City Shire Council and Wayne Franklin from Rous County Council.

Summary notes from the forum will be available on the Water Directorate's website in due course. Please join us again in Wagga Wagga for the 2012 LGSA Water Management Conference.

ANNUAL REVIEW

The 2010/11 Annual Review was completed this month and will be distributed widely to all General Managers and technical staff at member councils early October. A notice of the upcoming AGM on 10 November 2011 will also be sent.

Thanks to Eloise Stanley for managing the production of the Annual Review.

NATIONAL WATER WEEK, 16 - 22 OCTOBER

National Water Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness and improve knowledge of water issues in Australia. Every year thousands of people across the country participate in a National Water Week event and this year's focus is on Healthy Catchments, Healthy Communities.

Use National Water Week to draw awareness to a current issue and get involved in National Water Week by hosting activities or events in your area, following only three simple steps:

- Choose your event – get suggestions from www.nationalwaterweek.com.au
- Register your event at www.nationalwaterweek.com.au
- Promote your event

AWA Members may still be able to get involved in National Water Week by joining the Ambassadors initiative.

As part of National Water Week, the AWA recruits ambassadors from the water sector to volunteer their time to visit schools and talk to students about water. This gives young people the opportunity to learn more about water, from an expert in the sector.

For more information please visit www.nationalwaterweek.org.au or contact Amanda White, Communications & Marketing Manager, AWA, on 02 9467 8416 or AWhite@awa.asn.au.

\$6.55 MILLION FOR SPLIT ROCK DAM TO BARRABA PIPELINE

In September the Federal Government outlined \$6.55 million in funding for construction of a new pipeline to deliver clean, potable and secure water to the community of Barraba



in northern NSW. Water Minister Tony Burke and Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Simon Crean announced funding towards the \$19.7 million project to build a new 27 kilometre pipeline to supply water from Split Rock Dam to Barraba residents.

The pipeline project includes associated works, including the construction of a pumping station, water storage tanks and alterations to the Barraba Water treatment plant.

The Federal Government funding is conditional on matching funding commitments from the NSW Government and Tamworth Regional Council.

The Government has already contributed \$150,000 towards the completion of a feasibility study into the Split Rock dam to Barraba pipeline, with matching funding from the NSW Government and Tamworth Regional Council.

That feasibility study was completed in May 2011, and found the pipeline to be a feasible option to help secure the water supply for the village of Barraba.

Funding for the project will be provided under the Australian Government's Water for the Future initiative which is delivering projects to secure sustainable, long-term water supplies for the benefit of all Australians.

Item courtesy of the Federal Government's Media Release on 6 September.

IQPC INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS, 30 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER, MELBOURNE

The theme of the International Quality & Productivity Centre's conference and workshop is preparing for growing populations and planning for water security in urban and rural areas. For more information contact Shivani Shand, Marketing Manager, on 9229 1041 or shivani.nand@iqpc.com.au.

SURFACE WATER/ GROUNDWATER INTERACTION WORKSHOP, 3 - 4 NOVEMBER, SYDNEY

This introductory course summarises

the current state of knowledge of measurement and modelling and illustrates key modelling methods. The National Groundwater Centre for Research and Training is a Co-funded Centre of Excellence of the Australian Research Council and the NWC.

Please contact enquiries@groundwater.com.au or phone 08 82012193.

ICE WaRM WATER MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSES 2011

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) is offering the following short courses in water resources management.

- Policy and Governance, Canberra, 27-28 October Australian Water Industry Essentials, Sydney, 15 -16 November
- Hydraulics and Hydrology for Non-Engineers, Sydney, 17-18 November
- River and Floodplain Modelling, Sydney, 15-16 November

Attendees receive a full set of notes and resources in hard-copy and CD form and all catering is provided.

Presenters are nationally recognised for their subject matter, expertise and professional experience.

More detailed information can be found at www.icewarm.com.au.

14TH NSW ENGINEERS- OPERATORS & REGIONAL CONFERENCE, 24 - 26 OCTOBER, BYRON BAY

Registrations are now open. The conference theme is Turbulent Flow - Meeting the Challenges Facing the NSW Water Industry. The Regional Conference is being held in Byron Bay. The conference will be held over three days including a one day Operators Training Workshop which will award all participants a Statement of Attainment from NSW TAFE. For more information, program and registration forms, please visit the AWA website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Executive Committee has met in March, May, July and September in 2011. The last meeting dates for the year are 9-10 November for the

Annual Planning Meeting, AGM and Executive Committee Meeting. Members are particularly requested to forward potential project topics to me before 30 October on gmitche1@waterdirector1te.asn.au for discussion at the 9 November Planning Meeting.

An Executive Committee vacancy still exists for a representative from the Hunter group of Councils. If you are an experienced water professional from Singleton, Muswellbrook or Upper Hunter Councils and interested in strategic issues facing the NSW local water industry then please consider attending our 10 November meeting as an observer.

Gary Mitchell
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