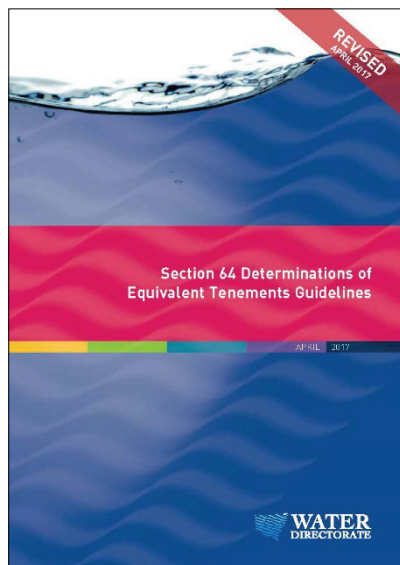


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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 89 regional Councils in NSW and also to over 140 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

LATEST PUBLICATION: REVISED s64 DETERMINATIONS OF ET GUIDELINES

In April an updated version of our *s64 Developer Charges Guidelines, 2009* was distributed to member Councils.



This updated Guideline reviewed the following 8 categories: medical centres, veterinary or grooming salons, car washes, retirement villages, single retail shops, public amenity blocks, offices, take away and fast food shops.

Additional copies of all Water Directorate publications are available free to member Councils by logging in and going to the Bookshop.

PUBLICATIONS IN THE PIPELINE

Currently we are revising:

- O&M Manuals for Water Pumping Stations

- O&M Manual for Water Reticulation
- O&M Manual for Sewer Reticulation.

In addition to the above updates, we are preparing a new guideline on:

- Telecommunication Installations on Council Infrastructure

LAST CALL TO NOMINATE FOR THE 2017 INNOVATION IN WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER AWARD

This annual award is sponsored by the Water Directorate and awarded at the IPWEA NSW Annual State Conference, to be held 8-10 November 2017 at Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley. A hard copy nomination form was mailed with this newsletter sent to member Councils. A nomination form can be downloaded [here](#).

Nominations close on 8 May.
Final submissions close 5 June.

THE 2017 AWA/WATER DIRECTORATE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNER IS CLIFF DREDGE

I'm pleased to announce that Cliff Dredge from Clarence Valley Council is the 15th winner of the Ozwater Attendance Award. Cliff graduated from the University of Southern Queensland in 2014 with a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Mechanical) and works currently as a Senior Engineering Officer at Clarence Valley Council.

Cliff will attend Ozwater'17 in May at the brand new International Convention Centre, Sydney and will also participate in the Young Water Professionals Program. This joint AWA/Water Directorate award aims to assist a worthy engineer with up to 7 years' experience from a Water Directorate member council to attend Ozwater. The Water Directorate will provide \$2,000 excl. GST towards the cost of travel and accommodation and AWA will provide a gratis conference registration also valued at \$1,845.

Congratulations to Cliff for winning this award. We look forward to getting Cliff's report back and sharing it with readers on our website in the near future.

LAST CALL FOR AWA Ozwater'17 INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, SYDNEY, 16-18 MAY

Ozwater is the Australian Water Association's international water conference and trade exhibition and Australia's premier event on the water calendar. Returning to Sydney in 2017 to a brand new, state-of-the-art venue, thousands of water professionals from across Australia and internationally will unite in Australia's biggest city to usher in a new dawn for Australia's water security.

Ozwater'17 will use enhanced technological insights to drive

the most exciting program yet and includes a new Innovation Stream.

Ozwater'17 will again attract a dynamic and diverse audience, from professionals working across industries relating to water, decision and policy makers through to students, scientists and researchers. For registration details go to [this website](#).

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW EXCELLENCE IN THE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

These awards recognise outstanding environmental achievements by councils. This year celebrates 20 years of inspiration by the people, programs and projects undertaken by NSW councils to protect and enhance our environment. As the sphere of government closest to communities, councils have the most direct influence on local environments.

These awards will be announced on 11 October at UTS, and cover projects and programs undertaken during the period from January 2016 to May 2017. Nominations are invited in **15 categories**, including the prestigious Local Sustainability Award for overall council performance and the Louise Petchell Memorial Award for Individual Sustainability, recognising the achievements of an individual.

The prize for overall winner of the Local Sustainability Award is an overseas study tour or a professional development program for staff, valued at \$10,000. Individual councils, county councils and regional council groupings are all eligible to enter, and compete against similarly sized councils in one of three levels: populations of less than 30,000; between 30,000 and

70,000; and more than 70,000.

The Water Directorate is pleased to be involved in the **2017 Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment Awards** again and to sponsor the Water Management Category. **Nomination applications close on 31 May**, with further details available on [this website](#).

INTERNATIONAL WATERCENTRE IS CURRENTLY OFFERING TWO ONLINE COURSES

The International WaterCentre is currently offering two online courses: *Foundations of Water Stewardship* (certified by the Alliance for Water Stewardship) and *Introduction to WASH for Development*. Please contact Sinéad Lehané, Communications Officer, International WaterCentre on +61 425 440 480 or contact her [by email here](#).

WIOA WATER INDUSTRY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION SCHEME

The WIOA Water Industry Operator Certification Scheme is an independent confirmation of the training, skills and competence of water treatment operators employed by a water business. WIOA is accepting applications now for certification of operators. For more information contact WIOA on 03 5821 6733 or see [this website](#).

WIOA NSW WASTEWATER INTEREST DAY HOSTED BY CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL, YAMBA STP, 11 MAY

The program includes five presentations in the morning and a site tour of Yamba STP in the afternoon. For more

information contact Craig Mathisen on 03 5821 6744.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **IPWEA CivEnEx**, Civil works exhibition, Hawkesbury Showground, **NOTE POSTPONED**
- **LGNSW Water Management Conference**, Dubbo, 4-6 September
- **11th National Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Conference**, (NATSIEH 2017), Cairns, 4-7 September, see news item below
- **IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference and Excellence Awards**, **NOTE DATE CHANGED TO 8-10 November**

11TH NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE, CAIRNS, 4-7 SEPTEMBER

The conference theme is *Connecting environmental health through partnerships - a grassroots approach*. Individuals, teams and communities come together to share their involvement in programs focused on improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health, with colleagues from around Australia. For more information [go to this website](#).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee's meeting dates for 2017 are:

- 11 May
- 13 July
- 14 September
- 8,9 November

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