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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 80 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL RECOGNISED AT THE 2018 AWA NSW WATER AWARDS

In March, it was very pleasing to see a local government water utility in the mix of most outstanding individuals and organisations rewarded in the Australian Water Association NSW Branch Awards at the 2018 Heads of Water Dinner.



Congratulations to all award winners and in particular to Parkes Shire Council for being Highly Commended in the **Infrastructure Project Innovation Category** for the *Parkes Integrated Water Cycle Program*. The award was accepted on behalf of Parkes Shire Council by Andrew Francis, Director Infrastructure (right), Julian Fyfe, Infrastructure Technical Manager (centre) and Emily Cotterill from The Enviro Factor.

Thanks to AWA for presenting these awards, promoting the outstanding work by individuals and organisations in the water industry and recognising innovation and excellence in the technology, business and delivery of water projects.

Along with the prestige of being recognised as ‘the best in New South Wales’, the winners of a number of these NSW Water Awards will automatically be entered into the equivalent Australian Water Awards category. The national awards will be presented this year at Ozwater’18 in Brisbane in May at the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

All winners are recognised for their leadership and influence amongst colleagues and peers; raising the profile of careers in the water industry professionals; and for their contribution to water awareness in the community.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 16 APRIL FOR THE 2018 JOINT WATER DIRECTORATE/AWA CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD

The winner will attend AWA’s Ozwater’18 in Brisbane from 8-10 May – see next item. The award comprises one registration to Ozwater’17 valued at \$2,300 courtesy of AWA as well as travel and accommodation expenses to \$2,300 excl. GST provided by the Water Directorate. This award aims to promote young water industry professionals with less than 7 year’s work experience. Nominations from final year graduates who are working in the local government water industry are also welcome. To nominate [go to this page](#).

OZWATER’18, AUSTRALIA’S INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE AND TRADE EXHIBITION, BRISBANE, 8-10 MAY

Ozwater’18, Australia’s international water conference and trade exhibition is the largest water conference and exhibition in the Southern Hemisphere. Ozwater’18 is the must attend event for policy makers, councillors and other community representatives. Returning to Queensland for the first time in four years, Ozwater’18 will be held in Brisbane on 8-10 May. For full details see [this link](#).

Ozwater brings together water professionals and those responsible for sustainable water management at a local, national and global level. Find out what are the issues facing communities in the future and what local Councils can do to address those issues. For information and to register, please contact [the AWA events team](#).

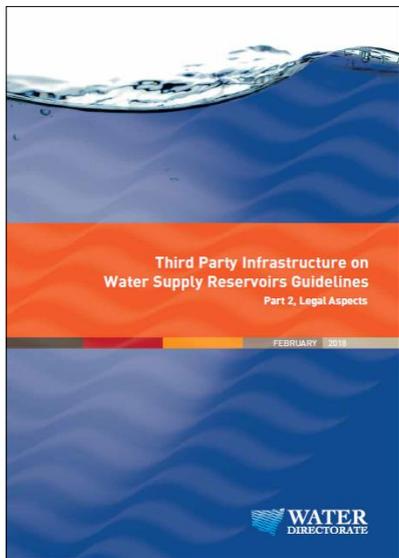
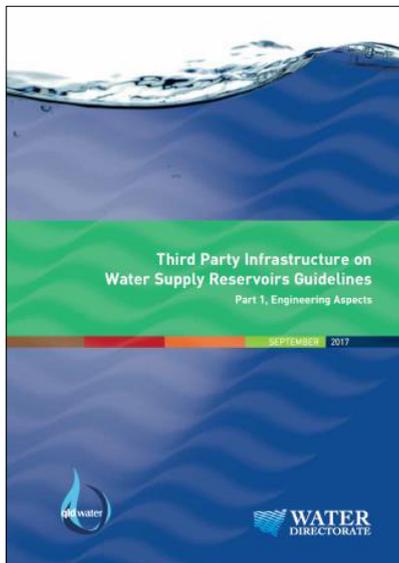
This international conference brings together over 4,000 professionals from the water sector and related industries, including government.

NEXT PUBLICATION: O&M MANUAL FOR WATER PUMPING STATIONS UPDATE

Our next publication is an update of the *O&M Manual for WPSs, 2004*. This publication is planned for distribution in April and is in line with our policy to update publications more than 10 years old.

THIRD PARTY INFRASTRUCTURE ON WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Companion publications *Part 1, Engineering Aspects* and *Part 2, Legal Aspects* were distributed to all member Councils in September 2017 and February 2018 respectively.



These guidelines set out the legislative regime and guide LWUs to adopt a best practice framework that minimises risk to water supply operations through alternative locations and robust agreements. Template letters are annexed for negotiating with Carriers.

Executive Committee member Jason Ip from Riverina Water County Council will present a

paper on Thursday 12 April at the WIOA Conference titled *Co-existing with Telecommunication Carriers*.

LAST CALL FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL WIOA NSW WATER INDUSTRY OPERATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

You're invited to the largest regional water industry exhibition and conference in NSW for 2018 in Tamworth, 11-12 April. See the attached free WIOA Exhibition visitor pass included in the mailed out version of this newsletter.

WHO WILL BE THE 2018 WIOA NSW OPERATOR OF THE YEAR?

The winner of this prestigious award will be named and presented with a set of trophies at the WIOA Conference Dinner. The winner will also join the WIOA tour group and attend the WIOG NZ conference.



To attend, please register at [this website](#).

FIND OUT WHO PRODUCES THE BEST TASTING WATER

Water providers in NSW & ACT are invited to enter the Ixom 2018 NSW & ACT Water Taste Test. **Please send your water samples to the conference with your delegates.**

The Grand Final of the NSW/ACT Water Taste Test will be conducted at lunch time on Wednesday 11 April at the WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition at Tamworth. **Samples must be at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment & Conference Centre (TRECC) by 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 April** and providers must have a delegate who can provide sample details and accept the award if successful.

The winner will compete in the Water of Origin competition held at the WIOA Queensland Conference in Logan in June and represent NSW & ACT in the national competition to find Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water. [Here is the entry form.](#)

LAST CALL FOR ANCOLD DAM OPERATORS FORUM 2018, 16 - 17 APRIL 2018 IN KUNUNURRA, WA

To be held in far northern WA at the eastern extremity of the Kimberley Region. [See the website for more details.](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- LGNSW Water Management Conference, Armidale, 3-5 September
- IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference & Excellence Awards, Hunter Valley, 7-9 November

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2018 are:

- Thursday, 3 May
- Thursday, 12 July
- Thursday, 13 September
- Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 November

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