

WATER DIRECTORATE news

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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 102 regional Councils in NSW and also to over 140 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

ANNUAL REVIEW

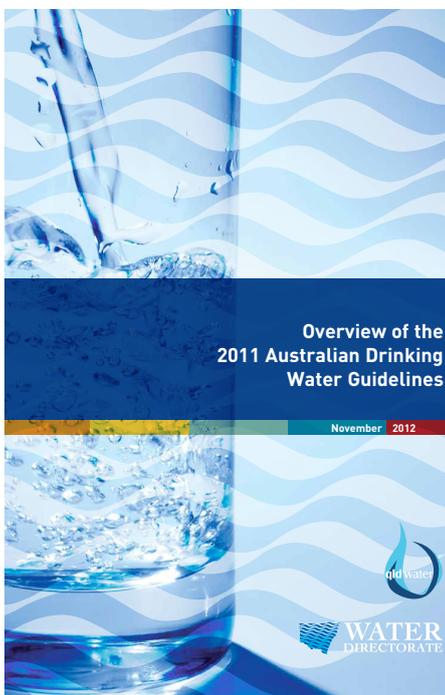
In October the 2011/2012 Annual Review was distributed to General Managers and all key contacts in NSW LWUs. A copy will also be sent to our key industry contacts in early November.

With the Annual Reviews, General Managers of our 97 member Councils also received a notice of the November AGM. In October a news item went on the website regarding the AGM notice and proxy form which can be downloaded from our website.

UPDATE ON OVERVIEW OF THE 2011 AUSTRALIAN DRINKING WATER GUIDELINES

In mid November the latest Water Directorate publication titled *Overview of the 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* will be distributed to our member Councils.

This is the third such publication which aims to simplify the latest ADWGs and highlights the changes since the previous ADWG in 2004.



DAM SAFETY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP 2, BALLINA, 14 NOVEMBER

As previewed in last month's newsletter, a second workshop will be held at Ballina on 14 November in response to interest from north coast regional Councils.

The workshop will provide a good opportunity to discuss the risk management regime introduced by the NSW Dam Safety Committee in 2009.

Five presenters will discuss legislative requirements; risk management; safety emergency management plans; training requirements; case studies and dam safety inspection systems.

At the 7 November Annual Planning meeting the Executive Committee will consider the production of a Dam Safety Management Guideline and the formation a Dam Owners Interest Group.

CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2013 NSW WIOA CONFERENCE

The 7th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference will be held on 10 and 11 April 2013 in Canberra. Abstracts need to be submitted by 21 November and final manuscripts and posters need to be submitted by 1 March 2013.

A flyer is enclosed with the hard copy version of this newsletter. Abstract submission details can be downloaded from www.wioa.org.au/2013conferences/callforpapers.htm

2013 IPWEA NSW ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS – INNOVATION IN WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER

Nominations are sought for the 2013 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 pleased to continue to sponsor it.

Only the Water Directorate's 97 member Councils can nominate for this award and members are urged to nominate projects in Category 3 before Christmas as nominations close on Monday 7 January 2013.

Submissions are due on 4 February 2013 and the presentation will be held on 7 May 2013. Please contact Michelle Burgess, Events and Partnerships Manager on michelle@ipwea.org.au

An award nomination form is enclosed with the hardcopy version of this newsletter and available on the website at www.waterdirectorate.asn.au/news/news_9_november_12.html

CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN FOR IPWEA NSW DIVISION 2013 STATE CONFERENCE

The IPWEA NSW Conference 2013 will be held at the Crowne Plaza Terrigal on 6-8 May 2013.

The Conference encourages participation from all those involved with Public Works, Infrastructure and Engineering, through the opportunity of presenting a paper.

Share your expertise, show your skills and tell us of the change and influence this has had on your community.

Call for Papers Brochure and template can be found on the IPWEA website at www.ipwea.org.au/NewSouthWales/NSW_Education/EventDescription/?CalendarEventKey=1fd3341b-7d6e-4a8b-9d38-34cde8b96a39&EventTypeKey=

FIVE YEAR UPDATE ON THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM

This esteemed project commenced in December 2007 with the engagement of the Department of Commerce assessing water and sewerage systems in discrete aboriginal communities.

Today, as a result of this program, 38 Aboriginal communities with a population in excess of 4,000 people are now receiving water and sewerage services at a higher level than prior to the program. The predicted expenditure for 2012-13 is \$9.0 million. The total value of approvals to the end of June 2012 is \$16.7 million.

NSW LEGENDS OF WATER 2012 GRACE HOTEL, SYDNEY THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

The final AWA NSW event for 2012 is an opportunity to celebrate the end of year with a mix of good food, a few drinks and rub shoulders with some water industry 'legends'.

Included with legends for 2012, Ian Tanner and Annette Davison, is Water Directorate Chair, Stewart McLeod. Be entertained by Ian, Annette and Stewart as they are interviewed.

Ian is the Group General Manager, Assets & Major Projects at SCA. Annette is currently Principal and founding Director of Risk Edge. Stewart is Director, Technical Services, at Dubbo City Council.

To register or for more information, visit www.awa.asn.au/EventDetail.aspx?id=4294973120

IWES SYDNEY COURSES 2012

IWES is running an extensive program of 11 courses in water, wastewater and environmental management in Sydney in the week of February 18-22, 2013. The program below includes two new courses.

- Energy Efficient Wastewater Treatment (NEW)
- Management Framework for Recycled Water Quality and Reuse (NEW)
- Principles of Wastewater Treatment
- Water and Wastewater Chemistry
- Drinking Water Treatment
- Membrane Plant Design and Operation
- Contaminated Site Assessment
- Coal Seam Gas Water Management

To see detailed course information and also to download the event brochure and registration form go to www.iwes.com.au/pdf/FINAL%20Sydney%20bro%205%20updated%202013.pdf

Please contact IWES if you have any questions about this event - info@iwes.com.au or 1800 000 404.

WATERAID 2012 SYDNEY CHARITY GOLF DAY PENNANT HILLS GOLF COURSE 11 DECEMBER 2012

WaterAid asks that you show your support and acknowledge the importance of water to individuals, the community and industry by attending the WaterAid Charity Golf Day. All proceeds will be directed to WaterAid Australia. For more information please visit www.wateraid.org/australia/

WaterAid transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. They work with partners and influence decision makers to maximise our impact.

WaterAid enables the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water and sanitation. Together with improved hygiene, these basic human rights underpin health, education and livelihoods, forming the first essential step in overcoming poverty.

They work with local partners, who understand local issues, and provide them with the skills and support to help communities set up and manage practical and sustainable projects that meet their real needs.

WaterAid also work to change policy and practice and ensure water, hygiene and sanitation's vital role in reducing poverty is recognised.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Executive Committee has met in March, May, July and September in 2012. The last meeting dates for the year are 7-8 November for the Annual Planning Meeting, AGM and Executive Committee Meeting.

Thanks to those people who forwarded suggested projects for consideration at the Annual Planning Meeting.

The AGM minutes and finances from the will be available on the website in mid November 2012.

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