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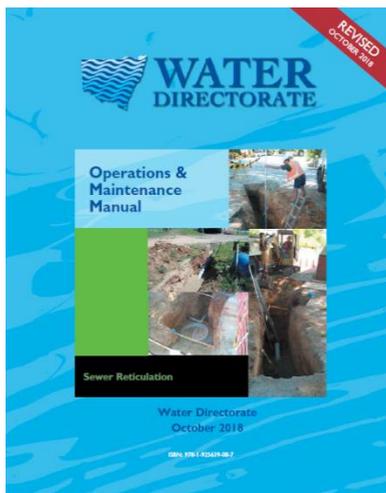
This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 89 regional Councils in NSW and also to 80 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 18/19

In June invoices were sent out to member Councils. Only a handful of Councils haven't rejoined yet. Please note that only financial Member Councils will receive new and updated publications such as those due for release below.

### LATEST PUBLICATION: O&M MANUAL FOR SEWER RETICULATION UPDATE

This updated O&M Manual was issued at the end of October. This publication has been updated in accordance with the Water Directorate's policy of keeping our publications as practical, useful and relevant as possible. First distributed in 2001 and updated in 2003, this latest version was compiled by Mike Brearley and Associates with input from the Executive Committee.



### NEXT PUBLICATIONS:

It is planned to distribute the *NEW Building in the Vicinity of Trunk Water Mains Guidelines* in December. Then followed by the *O&M Manual for Sewer Reticulation Update*.

### CAN EUROBODALLA WIN THE INNOVATION IN WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER AWARD FOR THE THIRD TIME IN A ROW AT THE IPWEA NSW CONFERENCE?

In November IPWEA NSW will hold their annual Awards at The Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley. The Water Directorate is very pleased to have sponsored this award since 2000. Eurobodalla Shire Council won the 2016 Water Supply & Wastewater Award for their *Kianga STP Condition Assessment project* and backed up and won the 2017 Water Supply & Wastewater Award again for the *Rosedale and Guerilla Bay Pressure Sewerage Scheme*.

In 2018 there are 10 nominations from 7 LWUs as well as from Hunter Water Corporation and Public Works Advisory. Good luck to Ballina Shire Council, MidCoast Council, Kyogle Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Bellingen Shire Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Parkes Shire Council, Hunter Water Corp & Hunter H2O, and Public Works Advisory.

### VICTORIA'S WANNON WATER WINS THE IXOM 2018 AUSTRALIA'S BEST TASTING TAP WATER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Wannon Water and the operators at their Hamilton WTP for winning the national taste test. In October the taste test was held at the home of the reigning Ixom Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water title holder - Toowoomba Queensland.

**For further information go to [this website](#).**

The Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition was held in the Toowoomba Grand Central Shopping Centre where the community helped determine the winning sample. WIOA will now assist Wannon Water to enter the International Water Test to be held in Berkeley Springs in the USA. Good luck to Wannon Water in their quest to be proclaimed as the best tasting water in the world.

Commiserations to the other state Grand Finalists in 2018:

- **Queensland** Livingstone Shire Council - Yeppoon
- **NSW** Port Macquarie Hastings Council - Port Macquarie
- **Tasmania** TasWater - Bryn Estyn (Greater Hobart)
- **South Australia** SA Water - Woolpunda WTP

### 'WATER FOR ME, WATER FOR ALL' NATIONAL WATER WEEK

National Water Week was held on 21-27 October. Every third week of October, National Water Week makes a splash across Australia, inspiring individuals, communities and organisations to work together to build awareness around the value of water. Access to clean water is hugely important to every aspect of our lives, and we must do our best to protect our water environments and resources, and use water wisely.

This year's National Water Week may be over but the theme **'Water for me, Water for all'** is relevant regardless of the date. This theme encourages young people and the wider community to think about how we use water on a day-to-day basis and how we can protect it so we have it in the future.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goal #6 challenges us to work towards a world where everyone will have access to safe and clean water. Water has linkages across several of the Sustainable Development Goals including Goal #3 good health and wellbeing, Goal #5 gender equality, Goal #7 affordable and clean energy, Goal #11 sustainable cities and communities, Goal #14 life below water, and Goal #15 life on land.

**ENCOURAGE YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL TO WIN \$1,000 WORTH OF WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCTS - PROMOTION FOR STUDENTS UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER**  
Smart Approved Watermark (SAWM) is thrilled to be encouraging young Australians to share their love of water. As future water custodians, they are best placed to embrace and respect the life force that is water. Pre-schoolers can enter this National Water Week promotion by scanning and emailing or mailing a completed colouring sheet – download the colouring sheets [from this website](#).

Primary and High School students can enter the National Water Week promotion by emailing a high resolution copy of their own artwork that reflects what they think and love about water.

(Max size A3 – any medium accepted – flat artwork only – sorry no sculptures). Photos must be print quality (large, high resolution >1MB) and appropriate to be mailed if selected for a winning prize.

[Click here for the entry form](#). Although the entry form is dated October, note that the closing date is not until 30 November. Email the form along with your submission to [this address](#). Or post to Chris Philpot Level 9, 420 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000. **Entries must be received by Friday 30th November at 6pm EST.**

SAWM is awarding three lucky entrants a prize pack of \$1,000 or more of Smart WaterMark approved products for their school. The prize pool of nearly \$5,000 worth of goods includes generous donations from Terracottem, Hoselink and Hunter Industries. These products will enable schools to improve their soil, water their lawns and manage their land more efficiently, as we head into summer.

In addition to the prize packs, each winning school will also get a free Water Efficiency Audit, courtesy of [Irrigation Australia](#). The ultimate way to find leaks and quick fixes to water efficient irrigation.

All entries will receive one of SAWM's educational Water Story books as a thank you.

**Full terms and conditions are available at [this website](#).**

**SAWM would appreciate it if LWUs could spread the word amongst their networks to encourage as many pre-schools, primary and high schools to take part nationwide.**

### **SMART APPROVED WATERMARK IS RAISING FUNDS FOR AUSSIE FARMERS UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER**

SAWM is also raising funds for Aussie farmers in drought with the 'Buy a Bale' campaign.

All donations over \$20 will get one of our new Water Story Books for kids. If SAWM reach \$10,000 then SAWM get to deliver 460,000 litres of water or nearly 2 semi-trailers of hay to farmers in peril.

### **2017/18 ANNUAL REVIEW**

A copy of the latest Water Directorate Annual Review was sent out in late October to General Managers and key contacts in NSW LWUs and the local government water industry. We hope you enjoy this historic summary of the first 20 years of the Water Directorate.



### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are:

- Planning Day, Wed, 14 Nov
- AGM & Exec Committee Meeting, Thurs, 15 Nov

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