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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 90 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 2016/17 and invoices were sent out at the end of July. The Executive Committee thanks our member Councils for their support over the 2015/16 year.

In 2015/16 we distributed 7 technical publications:

- *Work Health and Safety Guidelines*
- updated the *Operations and Maintenance Manual for Chlorination Installations*
- updated the *Operations and Maintenance Manual for STPs*
- *Chemical Specifications for Water and Wastewater Treatment*
- co-funded Centroc's *Water Loss Management Toolkit Planning Guide*
- co-funded Centroc's *Water Loss Management Toolkit Operators' Guide*
- co-funded Rous Water's *practical guide Healthy Catchments Healthy Water*

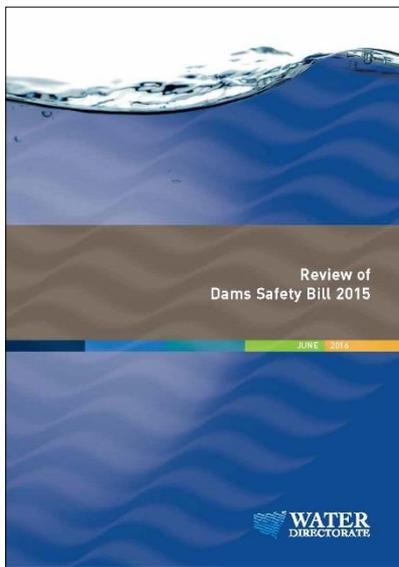
In 2015/16 we facilitated 2 forums: at the LGNSW Water Management Conference in Bowral; and at the IPWEA Conference at Terrigal. In 2015/16 we were involved in sponsoring 4 awards; at the IPWEA NSW Engineering Excellence Awards; at the LGNSW Excellence in Environment Awards; the WIOA Operator of the Year Award; and the AWA Ozwater Conference Attendance Award co-funded by AWA for a worthy local government young Water professional.

LAST REMINDER FOR WATER OPERATORS TO USE 1 OF 28 WATER INDUSTRY CODES, CENSUS NIGHT, 9 AUGUST

Engineering staff are urged to advise their operators to use the ANZSCO codes on Census night of 9 August. This will assist the water industry to be better recognised by the ABS.

LATEST PUBLICATION: REVIEW OF DAMS SAFETY BILL 2015

In late July member Councils that own dams were sent a hard copy of our latest publication in the mail with their membership invoice. This is the Water Directorate's first publication for 2016/17.



This publication details the regulatory impacts on LWUs as a result of the replacement of the old *Dams Safety Act 1978* with the new *Dams Safety Bill 2015*. Member Councils without dams can request a hard copy if needed.

LAST CALL FOR THE LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE BROKEN HILL, 28-30 AUGUST

The annual LGNSW Water Management Conference co-hosted by Broken Hill City Council, will present a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit historic Broken Hill with its unique history and heritage. It is the first entire city in Australia to be National Heritage Listed. This isolated city is a mix of miners and desert artists and conjures up images from Mad Max movies! Anyone who attended the conference in Broken Hill in 2006 will confirm what an amazing and unforgettable experience it was as well as what an iconic venue this is.

The Water Directorate will facilitate the popular Forum again on Day 1 in which delegates can raise and discuss water matters of concern with peers. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

WATER SECURITY FOR BROKEN HILL

It has become well known that the LGNSW Water Management Conference brings rain to the host city. Unfortunately the conference can't be held in Broken Hill every year so the NSW

Government has announced that it will build a new 270km pipeline from the Murray River to secure Broken Hill and surrounding communities' long term water supply.

The pipeline solution was selected following an extensive assessment by water, financial engineering and infrastructure experts of 19 possible project options and will supply homes and businesses with a reliable, clean and sustainable water source. Construction of the pipeline is part of a \$500 million investment strategy to secure Broken Hill's water supplies – representing the largest investment into regional water security on record.

The pipeline will bring water to Broken Hill from the Murray River, near Wentworth. Construction of the pipeline is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. During construction up to 240 jobs will be created, with the majority located in either Broken Hill or Wentworth. The project is part of the NSW Government's Regional Water Strategies and a new strategic approach to future-proof our water supplies and support regional development.

AUSTRALIAN WATER SURVEY LAUNCHED

Is water only a topic you think or talk about during a drought? How much would you be willing to pay for water? How confident are you that the government will ensure water security for all Australians in the future? Tell AWA and Arup about the issues that concern you the most about the future of Australia's water. Share your thoughts in the *Australian Water Survey*. Please go to this [website](#) before the survey closes on 12 August.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER RECYCLING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ADVANCES IN WATER RECYCLING

In 2010 the AWRCE was launched with the financial support of the Commonwealth Government. Following national consultation with the water sector, the Centre established an applied R&D program designed to help industry enhance the efficiency, expansion and adoption of water recycling in Australia.

The Centre's activities are now almost complete, and a series of free seminars were conducted around Australia in June & July concluding in Parkes. The seminars were held in both urban cities and rural towns and showcased the outcomes and impact of the Centre's efforts over the last 6 years.



At the Parkes roadshow, Parkes Shire Council General Manager and former Water Directorate Executive Committee member, Kent Boyd, welcomed AWRCE CEO Mark O'Donohue and 22 attendees from Blayney, Orange, Lachlan, Young, Boorowa, Lithgow, Cowra and Parkes. Photo above courtesy of Maria Ceresa, AWRCE Communication and Engagement Coordinator.

The roadshow finale in Parkes was a fitting tribute to AWRCE's 6 year program and confirmed not only the importance of the Centre but also the importance and rewards of providing opportunities for engagement

located in regional Australia. For more on AWRCE's achievements and to sign up to their Enews go to their [website](#).

LOOKING FOR WATER EFFICIENCY RESOURCES?

Smart WaterMark has launched Smart Water Advice, designed to help councils and water utilities meet their demand management goals. It operates as a 'not for profit' water efficiency agency providing resources and support in the form of campaigns and advice. Find out more on the [website](#).

IPWEA (NSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXCELLENCE AWARDS, HUNTER VALLEY, 26-28 OCTOBER

The event brings together technical partners from all over NSW engaged in infrastructure, asset management, road and rail safety, transport, water and waste water, sustainability, risk management, the environment, technical innovation & technology. See the [website](#) to find out more.

Which Council will win the Water Directorate sponsored Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater Award at the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala Dinner?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2016 are:

- 8 September
- 9, 10 November

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