

WATER DIRECTORATE news

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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 103 regional Councils in NSW and also to over 140 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2015 AWA **Water Innovation Forum**, Sydney, 18-19 March
- 9th Annual **WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition**, Orange, 25-26 March
- AWA Ozwater'15, **International Water Conference and Trade Exhibition**, Adelaide, 12-14 May
- **IPWEA CivEnEx**, premier exhibition for civil works, open space management, construction & infrastructure, Eastern Creek, 20-21 May
- **IPWEA Australasia International Public Works Conference**, Rotorua NZ, 7-11 June
- **LGNSW Water Management Conference**, Bowral, 24 -26 August
- **IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference and Excellence Awards**, Terrigal, 14-16 October

LAST CALL FOR 2015 WIOA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, ORANGE, 25 – 26 MARCH

The 9th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference will be held again in the Orange PCYC.

The popular Water Taste Test will be held again in 2015. To find out which Council has the best tasting water in NSW, please send your water samples to the conference with your delegates. The test is a fun way of promoting friendly rivalry and we look forward to getting taste test entries from as many LWUs as possible.

Contact George Wall for the details on 03 5821 6744 or go to www.wioaconferences.org.au/nsw/tastetest.htm.

NSW OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AND ANNUAL WIOA OPERATOR TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND, 1 – 9 MAY

The NSW Operator of the Year will win a place on the WIOA Operator Tour to NZ but all operators are welcome to join the tour commencing on Friday 1st May. Participants from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane will meet up at the airport and head off to Christchurch, New Zealand.

The site tours will kick off on 2 May and will visit a number of water treatment plants on the South Island through to 6 May when the tour group will join the local operators at their conference in Blenheim from 6-8 May.

The tour group will then travel to Wellington via the Inter Islander ferry out of Picton on Friday 8 May, before departing Wellington for Australia mid-afternoon on Saturday 9 May.

The cost will be similar to past years at around \$1400 per person (twin share) plus flights for the 8 night trip. For more information please contact George Wall, Executive Officer on 03 5821 6744, 0407 846 001 or george@wioa.org.au or go to www.wioa.org.au

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 WATER DIRECTORATE/AWA OZWATER AWARD CLOSE 2 APRIL

The winner of this award will attend Ozwater'15 in Adelaide from 12-14 May. The award comprises full registration to Ozwater'15 valued at \$1,690 courtesy of AWA as well as travel and accommodation expenses to \$2,000 provided by the Water Directorate.

The aim of this award is 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. A nomination form is enclosed with the hardcopy version of this newsletter mailed to LWUs or go to the website at www.waterdirectorate.asn.au. Closing date is 2 April.

LAST CALL FOR NSW HEADS OF WATER AWARDS GALA DINNER, FRIDAY 20 MARCH DOLTONE HOUSE, DARLING ISLAND WHARF PYRMONT

The Heads of Water Gala Dinner has been combined with the AWA NSW Branch Water Awards to bring together industry leaders and water professionals for an evening of networking and to celebrate the achievements of your peers and colleagues.

To register go to www.awa.asn.au/EventDetail.aspx?id=4294979759

LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

LGNSW invites proposals for presentations for the 2015 LGNSW Water Management Conference. The annual LGNSW Water Management Conference presents Local Government with a broad range of information, from a Local Government perspective, on water management and issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by council-owned and operated local water utilities.

The 2015 conference will be co-hosted by LGNSW and Wingecarribee Shire Council and held at Peppers Craigieburn in Bowral from 24 to 26 August 2015.

Councils and other stakeholders are invited to submit papers and/or suggestions for the conference program. Some of the topics papers are invited on are:

- Innovative practice - the conference will discuss innovative operational practice and strategic capability. It will look at examples from Wingecarribee Shire Council, e.g. ice pigging, in-house hydraulic modelling, sophisticated pressure management and leak detection, and advanced asset management systems.
- Water catchment protection - the conference will look at councils' interactions with Water NSW (former Sydney Catchment Authority) and impacts and challenges related to water catchment protection requirements.
- Challenges of water transfer schemes - the conference will discuss and look at the Shoalhaven Water Scheme and the Goulburn Water Supply Pipeline and other similar schemes.
- Review of institutional arrangement for local water utilities in regional NSW -the conference will continue to discuss proposals to reform local water utilities in regional NSW in the context of the
- NSW Government's Fit for the Future initiative.

Papers/suggestions should include:

- A brief outline of the issue/main focus of your paper/suggestion
- The preferred format for its inclusion in the program (conference paper, presentation, display, workshop topic)
- Possible presenter/s and a brief bio (50 words maximum)
- The type of outcome that could be expected by conference delegates.

Please note LGNSW does not accept presentations which are solely commercial in nature.

Papers are due by Friday 10 April. For further details see www.lgnsw.org.au/waterconference or contact Sascha Moege, Senior Policy Officer on 02 9242 4045 or sascha.moege@lgnsw.org.au.

EOI TO PARTICIPATE IN UNSW R&D PROJECT AS A PARTNER

Professor David Waite, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering UNSW attended a recent Executive Committee meeting to discuss the Australian Research Council Linkage project titled Optimisation and Effects of Artificial Destratification of Water Storages.

This R&D project will consider destratification in different types of dams and it is envisaged that two dams per project partner will be investigated.

This 4 year project is subject to approval however NSW LWUs interested in participating in this project as a partner and having up to two of their dams investigated should send an expression of interest to me on gmitchell@waterdirectorat.asn.au.

WATER DIRECTORATE SUPPORTS THE FORMATION OF TRADE WASTE OFFICER GROUPS IN REGIONAL AREAS

Martin Connolly, Executive Director Wastelink advised the Executive Committee that he wants to assist the establishment of regional networks of trade waste officers to provide them with the necessary support and professional development.

Some regions in Queensland have established very useful networks and it is hoped that a similar model can be established in NSW.

The Water Directorate recommends that trade waste officers contact Martin Connolly on 02 9247 2800 or support@wastelink.com.au if they are not already on his database.

NEW PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MARCH

The Executive Committee is keen to hear from you. Please email your strategic project suggestions to gmitchell@waterdirectorat.asn.au.

Meeting dates for 2015 are:

- 4,5 March
- 7 May
- 16 July
- 10 September
- 11,12 November

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