

## MARCH 2019

*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.*

### WELCOME TO NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I am very pleased to announce that Brendan Guiney has been appointed to the Water Directorate Executive Officer position effective from 29 April. Brendan is currently the Director Water Services at MidCoast Council. Brendan first joined the Executive Committee in 2013 and has been a valuable member. I am certain that the Water Directorate is in good hands for the future. See more in next month's newsletter.



### WHAT IS WORLD WATER DAY, 22ND MARCH?

Sustainable Development Goal 6 is crystal clear: water for all by 2030. But today, billions of people are still living without safe water. Marginalised groups such as women, children, refugees, indigenous peoples, people with a disability and many others are often overlooked, and at times face discrimination, as they try to access and manage the safe water they need.

This World Water Day, 22nd March, the theme for World Water Day 2019 is 'Leaving no one behind'.

### NOMINATIONS CLOSE 15 APRIL FOR THE 2019 JOINT WATER DIRECTORATE/AWA CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD

This award is a great opportunity for junior water industry professionals in LWUs with less than 7 years work experience. The winner will attend AWA's Ozwater'19 in Melbourne from 7-9 May. The award comprises one registration to Ozwater'19 valued at \$2,275 courtesy of AWA as well as travel and accommodation expenses to \$2,275 excl. GST provided by the Water Directorate.

Nominations from final year graduates who are working in the local government water industry are also welcome. To nominate **please fill in this form**.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

2019 is the 16th year that the Water Directorate and AWA have provided this opportunity for a junior water professional to attend an international conference and trade exhibition so I thought it would be interesting to do something a bit different and find out what past winners are doing today starting with the inaugural winner in 2004.

I contacted Danny Rose from Tweed Shire Council who was happy to provide his recollections of going to Enviro'04 in Sydney and to give the following update on his career since then.

*I am still with Tweed Shire Council, after 15 years. At the time of the OzWater award, I was on a very steep learning curve in what was then an innovative space around stormwater management and water sensitive urban design – things which are now common place and industry standard in many areas. The conference exposed me to a range of product innovations and speakers, which proved very interesting. It also allowed me to spend some time with senior colleagues from Council who also came along to the conference, which was valuable.*

*Since that time I have progressed through the organisation into the stormwater and floodplain management fields, infrastructure planning and development assessment, and most recently into an engineering management position overseeing our road, stormwater and flood mitigation asset networks and planning.*

*I have also joined the executive of Floodplain Management Australia, where I am the Technical Director, and coordinate the speakers program for their annual conference. Combining these roles I also help deliver a short course on floodplain risk management each year through University of Technology Sydney.*

*Cheers, Danny  
Manager Roads & Stormwater Engineering*

## OZWATER'19, AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE AND TRADE EXHIBITION, MELBOURNE, 7-9 MAY

Ozwater'19, Australia's international water conference and trade exhibition is the largest water conference and exhibition in the Southern Hemisphere. Ozwater'19 is the must attend event for policy makers, councillors and other community representatives. Ozwater'19 will be held in Melbourne on 7-9 May. For full details see [this website](#).

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 [via this email](#).

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

### WHO WILL BE THE 2019 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 NSW Conference Dinner on 3-4 April**. The NSW winner will also join winners from other states in the WIOA tour group to attend the WIOG NZ conference.

To register for the **WIOA Conference & Exhibition in Orange** on 3-4 April go to [this website](#).



### FIND OUT IF YOUR COUNCIL PRODUCES THE BEST TASTING WATER IN NSW & ACT

Water providers in NSW & ACT are invited to enter the Ixom 2019 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 3 April at the WIOA NSW Conference and Exhibition in Orange. **Samples must be at the Orange PCYC by 4.00pm on Tuesday 2 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 Bundaberg in June and represent NSW & ACT in the national competition to find Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water. [Click here for entry form](#).

### BROKEN HILL PIPELINE

The 270km pipeline from the Murray River at Wentworth was connected to Broken Hill and tested in recent months. WaterNSW advised that Broken Hill would be entirely supplied

by Murray water by April. Most of the buried pipeline runs adjacent to the Silver City Highway, with the last 6 kilometres running under the streets of Broken Hill to the Mica Street WTP. The pipeline requires four pumping stations along the route and a 720ML bulk water storage facility 25kms south of Broken Hill - Australia's first heritage listed city.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Last call for 13th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition, Orange, 3-4 April**
- **AWA Ozwater'19, Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre, 7-9 May**, see links below for 25% local govt discounts on the Early Bird Rates **till 31 March only:**
  - [AWA Member](#)
  - [AWA Non-member](#)
- **LGNSW Water Management Conference, Albury, 2-4 September**
- **12th National Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Conference, Perth, 16-19 September**
- **IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference and Excellence Awards, Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley, 6-8 November**

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS OUTCOME

Meeting dates for 2019 are:

- Thursday, 16 May
- Thursday, 11 July
- Thursday, 12 September
- Wednesday, 13 and Thursday, 14 November

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Executive Officer  
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