

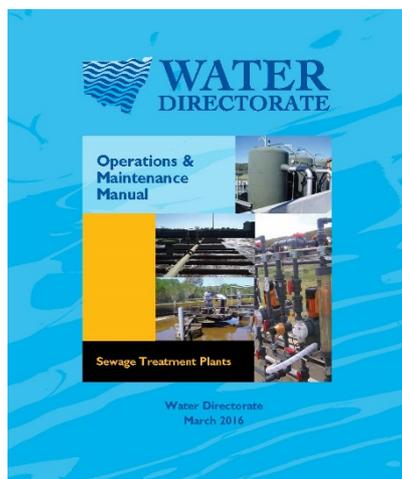
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This newsletter is sent to General Managers and to Water and Sewer Managers in 102 regional Councils in NSW and also to over 140 contacts in government departments and private industry across Australia.

LATEST PUBLICATION UPDATED O&M MANUAL FOR STPs

As previewed in the last newsletter, the updated O&M Manual for STPs was distributed to our 97 member Councils in April superseding the original 2005 publication. The 2016 version is updated throughout and also contains 3 new chapters on Odour Control, Bio P Removal and Compliance Testing.

Like the original version, the latest version combines a template for producing an O&M Manual for your specific STP with multi treatment process text book information plus trouble-shooting advice for operators.



Thanks to the NSW Public Works consultants and the Water Directorate Executive Committee reviewers under Sewer Subcommittee Chair Greg McDonald from Wyong Shire Council. Due to the size of the publication, we mailed out a folder with only the introductory chapters printed plus a USB containing all files.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS IS YOUR NEXT PUBLICATION

In May we hope to give member Councils access to a new electronic template style document. The document contains the specifications for 38 chemicals and is designed for use when ordering chemicals for water and wastewater treatment. This document was produced by City Water Technology and was overseen by Executive Committee member Bruce Logan from Tamworth Regional Council.

This project was suggested to the Water Directorate by the Northern Rivers Group of Councils as a useful quality control tool that would be of benefit to LWUs across NSW.

WRAP UP FROM THE WIOA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, NEWCASTLE

Congratulations to WIOA for holding a very successful landmark 10th Annual NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference in April. Over 750 individuals attended the 10th conference. It is very pleasing to see this event get bigger and better over the last decade.

The Water Directorate is proud to have been associated with the NSW conference from the concept stage in 2005 and to have supported, promoted and sponsored it. We recognise the conference as very beneficial in developing skills and knowledge of operators.

NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCIL HAS THE BEST TASTING TAP WATER IN NSW

At the WIOA Conference in Newcastle, Nambucca Shire Council followed Orange City Council's success last year by being judged to have the best tasting NSW water in 2016. Congratulations to Nambucca Shire Council whose water will take on the best from Queensland in June in the Origin of Water Taste Test at the WIOA conference in Rockhampton.

MARK GOGALA IS WIOA OPERATOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2016

In April it was my pleasant duty to present this prestigious award to Mark Gogala from Orange City Council at the WIOA conference in Newcastle.



Mark wins trophies for himself and his Council and a trip to New Zealand to attend the NZ Operators Conference and to visit various treatment plants. Congratulations to Mark. This award acknowledges the vital role that operators like Mark have in protecting public health. I urge water managers to nominate their quiet achievers when we call for nominations next year.

**LAST CALL FOR AWA
Ozwater'16 INTERNATIONAL
WATER CONFERENCE AND
EXHIBITION, MELBOURNE,
10-12 MAY**

Ozwater is Australia's international water conference and trade exhibition, and is run annually by the Australian Water Association. This highly regarded event has built a strong reputation for being the leading event on the calendar for water industry professionals and those with a commercial interest in water. Ozwater'15, attracted over 3,000 participants.

Ozwater is an event like no other, organised by the water industry where issues that drive the water industry are discussed and future directions decided. Ozwater'16 features inspirational international and national keynote speakers, numerous invited speakers, scientific and technical papers, case studies, workshops and poster sessions. For registration details go to <http://www.ozwater.org>.

**AWA/WATER DIRECTORATE
OZWATER'16 ATTENDANCE
AWARD**

I'm pleased to announce that Luke Greenbank of Rous Water is the winner of the AWA/Water Directorate Ozwater'16 Attendance Award. Luke graduated from the University of New England in 2013 with a Bachelor of Technology and he works currently as an Engineering Assistant at Rous Water.

Luke will attend Ozwater'16 in May at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and will participate in the Young Water Professionals Program. This award aims to assist a worthy engineer with up to 7 years' experience from a Water Directorate member Council to attend

Ozwater. The Water Directorate will provide up to \$2,000 towards the cost of travel and accommodation and AWA will provide a gratis conference registration valued at approximately \$1,745. Thanks to AWA for assisting us provide rare opportunities for junior water professionals.

Again six highly qualified water industry professionals nominated for the award this year. The nominees were judged on their applications and assessment of the engineering, environmental and professional benefits to themselves and their councils from attending this peak water conference. Congratulations to Luke for winning this award. We look forward to getting his report back and sharing it with readers of our website.

**LAST CALL FOR IPWEA
CIVENEX, HAWKESBURY
SHOWGROUND, RICHMOND,
18-19 MAY**

See Australia's premier infrastructure expo featuring civil works, open space management, construction & infrastructure exhibition. Go to www.civenex.com.

**CATEGORY 3 INNOVATION
IN WATER SUPPLY AND
WASTEWATER AWARDS
REMINDER**

Please note that full submissions for the Water Directorate sponsored Category 3 Award are due on 27 May for the nominations that closed on 29 April. The Award will be presented at the IPWEA NSW Annual Conference and Excellence Awards at the Hunter Valley on 28 October.

**WATER DIRECTORATE
DISCUSSION FORUM**

The staff of the Water Directorate's 97 member Councils are encouraged to

use the Discussion Forum on the Water Directorate website www.waterdirectorate.asn.au. The Discussion Forum requires you to login using an email address and password to add a post to the forum.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **LGNSW Water Management Conference**, Broken Hill, 28-30 August
- **IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference and Excellence Awards**, Hunter Valley, 26-28 October

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NEEDS YOU**

There is a vacancy in the Orana group of 14 member Councils. Due to a resignation, Stewart McLeod from Dubbo City Council is now the sole representative from the Orana group of Councils. If you'd like to join Stewart and representatives from other regions in being involved in strategic issues and publications, and you are a senior water engineer from Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Mid Western, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, Wellington or Warrumbungle Councils then we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me on gmitchell@waterdirectorate.asn.au for more information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that from Tuesday 26th April the Water Directorate will be located at Suite 1202, Level 12, 32 Walker Street, North Sydney.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2016 are:

- 5 May
- 14 July
- 8 September
- 9, 10 November

Gary Mitchell
Executive Officer
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