

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

- AWA NSW Southern Regional Conference, Wagga Wagga, 10-12 March
- 8th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition, Orange, 2-3 April
- AWA Ozwater'14, International Water Conference and Exhibition, Brisbane, 29 April - 1 May
- CivEnEx, the premier exhibition for civil works, open space management, construction & infrastructure, Eastern Creek, 14-15 May
- LGNSW Water Management Conference, Port Macquarie, 25-27 August
- IPWEA (NSW Div), Annual Conference and Excellence Awards, Coffs Harbour, 15-17 October

NOMINATIONS FOR THE WATER DIRECTORATE/AWA CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD CLOSE 28 MARCH

The winner will attend Ozwater'14 in Brisbane from 29 April - 1 May 2014. The award comprises a full registration valued at \$1,690 courtesy of AWA as well as travel and accommodation expenses to \$1,600 provided by the Water Directorate. In addition, the Water Directorate provides reimbursement for the Young Water Professionals events.

This award assists young water industry professionals with less than 7 year's work experience including final year graduates who are working in the local government water industry. Please go to www.waterdirectoratesn.au/ for more information and the nomination form.

OZWATER'14 DISCOUNT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF

AWA is kindly offering a discounted registration to attend Ozwater'14 on 29 April to 1 May in Brisbane and includes a ticket to the Gala Dinner etc. Contact Amanda White, AWA Communications & Marketing Manager on 02 9467 8416, 0401 806 277 or AWhite@awa.asn.au to get the authorisation code and you must register before Friday, 21 March 2014.

CALL FOR INNOVATIVE WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The IPWEA (NSW Division) presents the Engineering Excellence Awards each year to promote and recognise excellence of local government and public works projects. The Water Directorate initiated the Category 3 Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater Award in 2000 and is pleased to continue to sponsor this award in 2014.

The Water Directorate strongly encourages our member councils to nominate projects completed between February 2012 and February 2014 for this award. Nominations Forms are due on 10 March 2014 and Project Submissions are due 7 April 2014.

Go to the IPWEA NSW conference website for more details regarding the award nominations and the IPWEA (NSW Division) Conference or contact Michelle Burgess, Events and Partnerships Manager on 02 8267 3013 or michelle.burgess@ipwea.org.

WIOA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, ORANGE, 2 - 3 APRIL

The 8th Annual WIOA NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference will be held in Orange at the PCYC. More details are on the WIOA website at www.wioa.org.au

The Orica NSW Water Taste Test will be held again following the success of last year's inaugural event, won by MidCoast Water. MidCoast Water went on to win the State Of Origin Taste Test against Queensland's Burdekin Shire at the Gold Coast last June. Why not see if your Council has the best tasting water in NSW by sending your water samples to the conference with your delegate.

For the conference program and registration details go to www.wioa.org.au/2014conferences/documents/NSW2014_DelegateRegistration.pdf. It is recommended that you book your accommodation ASAP.

2014 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PAPERS

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 LWUs. The conference will be co-hosted by LGNSW and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council from 25 to 27 August 2014.

Councils and other stakeholders are invited to forward papers and/or suggestions for the conference program. In particular, papers are invited on the main topics planned for the conference:

- Review of institutional arrangement for local water utilities in regional NSW
- Water recycling
- Drinking Water Quality Management

Paper suggestions and abstracts are due 11 April. For further information go to www.lgnsw.org.au/

[waterconference](#) or contact Sascha Moege, Senior Policy Officer on 02 9242 4045.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: INDUSTRY ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM ON WATER RECYCLING

The Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence is calling for proposals from interested water professionals to undertake an exchange project on recycled water as part of its Industry and Academic Exchange Program. The program encourages Australian or overseas water industry professionals to spend time in an Australian academic institution and researchers to spend time embedded within industry. The exchange is typically up to 6 months. Proposals are due by 28 March. For further information contact Don Alcock, Knowledge Adoption Manager, on 07 3035 3815, 0427 830 257 or go to www.australianwaterrecycling.com.au/centre-fellowships.html.

ICEWaRM's INDUSTRY SHORT COURSES IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) is an Australian Government Initiative offering industry short courses in water resources management that are non-award, professional development courses, positioned at approximately post-graduate level.

It's pleasing to advise that ICEWaRM offers Water Directorate member Councils a 5% discount on their range of 1-3 day water management courses in capital cities around Australia. For details of 2014 courses go to www.icewarm.com.au/short-

[courses/](#) or contact Joel Voortman on 08 8236 5208 or jvoortman@icewarm.com.au

REVIEWING AND UPDATING THE S64 ET GUIDELINES

The Water Directorate Policy Subcommittee is currently reviewing and updating the S64 ET Guidelines. This document is widely used by members and is referred to by the NSW Office of Water as a basis for applying consistency to S64 ET calculations.

The Policy Subcommittee is seeking more information from LWUs to enable a reasonable spread of numerical data to be analysed. The property categories that we want to receive water usage data are:

- Medical Centres
- Car washes
- Retirement villages
- Single retail shops
- Offices
- Takeaway & fast food shops
- Public Amenity blocks

Your assistance in providing information about these categories would be appreciated. Please contact Tony Holmes via the discussion forum and request a copy of the spreadsheet to input your data. The more data we receive the better we can make the guidelines.

LAST CALL FOR AWA NSW SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, WAGGA WAGGA, 10 - 12 MARCH AND PRECONFERENCE OPERATOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Please register your interest in attending ASAP by going to www.awa.asn.au/Events.aspx?state=nsw

Note the 10 March pre-conference

operator training workshop will be based upon the National Water Training Package unit of competency NWP279 Demonstrate knowledge of the risk management principles of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The (Proposed) National Certification Framework for operators within drinking water treatment systems lists this as a core unit across all levels of water treatment systems from the most simple to the highly complex. This workshop can help employers to get their workforce ready for certification by enabling them to obtain this unit in a cost effective manner.

Delegates not attending the training workshop can tour the Riverina Oils and Bio Energy state of the art refinery and RO Plant, and the Oasis Swim Centre Co-gen Plant. The conference will feature discussions on key issues relating to future proofing small communities, Local Government reform, and infrastructure optimisation.

For information and registrations go to www.awa.asn.au/Events.aspx?state=nsw

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2014 are:

- 13 March
- 8 May
- 10 July
- 11 September
- 12,13 November

Gary Mitchell
Executive Officer
February 2014



Attention *Young Water Professionals*

WIN A TRIP to OzWater '14
Nominations close 28 March 2014

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