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**Information for Water Industry Managers and Practitioners in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1.   Best Tasting Water In Queensland 2014**

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Congratulations to Richmond Shire Council for taking out the 2014 Orica Australia Best of the Best Queensland Water Taste Test at the IPWEA Queensland Conference in Caloundra with the water from its pilot plant being selected as the best by conference delegates through some 440 individual “tastes.”

Richmond narrowly pipped the Rockhampton Regional Council Glenmore scheme for the honours with Bundaberg’s Lover’s Walk scheme a close third.  Brian Jackson from LGIS took out the Best Palate honours.

“It was a fun competition with Dr Karl’s launch and a lot of delegates getting right into it,” said ***qldwater*** CEO Dave Cameron.

“I am told the lead changed several times throughout the day with the result going down to the last few tastes,” Mr Cameron said.

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**2.   IPWEAQ Water Award Winners**

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​***qldwater*** also sponsors a number of engineering awards for the IPWEAQ State Conference and congratulations must also go to:

* Projects under $1 Million – North Burnett Regional Council - Biggenden Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Utilising Subsurface Rock Filtration
* Projects between $1 Million and $5 Million – Cloncurry Shire Council and Cardno BTO – Cloncurry Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
* Projects over $10 Million – Torres Strait Island Regional Council – Desalination Plant Upgrade

Stuart Boyd from Mackay Regional Council received the Dawson Wilkie Best Water Paper Award.

In addition, the IPWEAQ President made special awards to three individuals who would be well known to ***qldwater*** members.  These awards recognise people who have made contributions above and beyond to the Institute over a number of years:

* Trevor Harvey from North Burnett Regional Council
* Pat McGuire from Torres Strait Island Regional Council
* Chris Hegarty from Cardno

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* ​**WSAA Civil Assets Network Event – Melbourne 6-7 November** - WSAA are hosting their 10th Meeting of the Civil Assets Network. The theme for this meeting is utilizing information from Asset Management Information Systems (AMIS) to enhance the ability to make optimal Asset management decisions.  **AMIS administrators are encouraged to attend on Day 1 of this workshop.** Day 2 will be focused on innovative activities of interest to all CAN members, critical spares and setting up for CAN #11.   Please click [here](http://www.eventgate.com.au/Event/1520/Civil-Assets-Network-Meeting-10) for program and to register your attendance for CAN10.
* **WSAA National First-Energy Benchmarking Pump Stations and WWTPs** - WSAA members have just completed two energy benchmarking studies:  Energy Benchmarking for Water and Sewage Pump Stations; and Energy Benchmarking for Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTPs).  The reports from these studies are now available to participating utilities and for a small fee to other interested utilities.  The next stages for both projects are for technical working groups to follow up and progress the recommendations made in the reports.  If you would like to be involved or for more information please contact jennifer.bartlesmith@wsaa.asn.au.

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