**Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*)** ***e-*flash**

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

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**1.**  ***qldwater*****Resource Library launched**

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After many months of wrangling our content management system, the first iteration of our online Resource Library is now available to ***qldwater*** members on our website at <http://www.qldwater.com.au/resource-library>.

Most users who visit our site use the keyword search function to find materials.  The library is an attempt to reorganise the way our materials are presented to make them easier to locate, but also to better show where gaps exist so that you can help by suggesting links or sharing your useful  documents.

The library has been reviewed by some ***qldwater*** members and the feedback we receive will be incorporated over time.  At the moment, the topic categories follow a “Water Cycle” theme and the “Whole of Business” category will required further refinement, and we need to load some more existing materials and cull others.

**How to use the library**

-        Click on one of the category links, e.g. “Sewage Treatment”

-        Enter your member userid and password.  If you don’t have one, complete an [online registration form](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Membership_registration).  Only email addresses from current ***qldwater*** member organisations will be accepted.

-        Once you are on the category page, you will see 4 tabs:

o   ***qldwater*** Resources – or documents we have developed or commissioned relevant to the topic

o   Other Resources – documents sourced from elsewhere (government agencies etc) which are useful.  For example, DEWS has made available all of the original TMP guides and templates which are available under “Whole of Business.”

o   Member sample documents – currently limited, if you have anything you are particularly proud of or think might be useful to other service providers, and are happy to share, please follow the instructions to make the documents available.

o   Contracts and specifications – for the last 12 months or so we have been collecting relevant tender and other documents advertised on QTenders or LG Tender Box and will keep doing this.  While these sites keep a record of the tender happening, it’s generally not possible to access the materials.  Please note the disclaimer – the versions you are viewing may or may not be final as it is not possible to stay on top of all of the comments and amendments subsequent to the initial release.

Please use the feedback options/ forms on the site to let us know how you think the resource could be improved, or email dgralton@qldwater.com.au.  While we acknowledge that it’s far from perfect at this stage, there has been a lot of enthusiasm for its release and we will work on improving over time.

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**2**.   ***qldwater* Event Update including Townsville - Early Bird closes tomorrow!**

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**(a) *qldwater* North Queensland Conference 20 July**

Tomorrow is the last day for early bird registrations for the Townsville event.  The conference is supported by the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia and is being held in conjunction with the Australian Water Association’s North Queensland Conference which runs from July 21 to July 22.

***qldwater*** conferences are an informal opportunity for networking, updates on what’s impacting Queensland’s water and sewerage service providers, and technical presentations.  This full day conference features many excellent and informative presentations and runs from 9.30am until 5.00pm.  There is an option conference dinner being held the same evening.

We would like to thank our major sponsors – Dial Before You Dig and Ixom, our event Principal Sponsor – the Department of Energy and Water Supply, as well as our event silver sponsors Bilfinger Water Technologies, Lonza Water Treatment Technologies and Royce Water Technologies.

The full conference program and registration form with further details is available [here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/2016_NQ_Conference_Townsville).

**(b) *qldwater* Central Queensland Conference 11 August**

Our program is expected to be finalised in the next week or so, with some great speakers and a tour to the East Nogoa Water Treatment Plant commissioned in 2015.  More to come but special thanks to our hosts in Central Highlands Regional Council.

**(c) *qldwater* Innovation Forum 14/15 September**

It’s time to start thinking about getting yourself and water samples to the Innovation Forum on 14/15 September.  There are a number of sponsorship opportunities still available.  Thanks to Seqwater for hosting our tour to Mt Crosby.

The organising committee has developed its draft program and we are in the process of approaching speakers.  This year sees a focus on working with key regulators to improve opportunities to innovate, and both the Directors General of DEWS and DEHP have agreed to attend along with other senior staff.  The broad program looks something like:

*14 September*

-        Bus tour to Colleges Crossing (with Ixom statewide taste test, several presentations on Seqwater research trials and other activities)

-        Tour of Mt Crosby Westbank WTP, and large pump station

*15 September* (View Hotel Hamilton)

-        Innovation overview and introduction

-        DEWS session – targeted presentations, panels and workshop

-        DEHP session – targeted presentations, panels and workshop

-        Enabling innovation – QUU innovation program 2 years on and live “CEO Innovation Hour” demo

-        Wrap and planning for 2017

-        Dinner

Please contact dgralton@qldwater.com.au with any queries.

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**3.**   **Mackay Regional Council wins Local Government Award**

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Mackay Regional Council has won the 2016 [National Award for Excellence in Local Government](http://regional.gov.au/local/awards/) for its work in improving the management of community water resources.

The Transforming a Water Business project was selected from a pool of 10 different category winners to take out the major prize.

Mackay has been actively involved in ***qldwater*** for many years and we extend our congratulations to Jason Devitt, Dave Brooker (now with Ventia) and all the staff involved in the result.

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**4.   Management of potential contamination risks from pipeline repair or renewal**

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A project titled 'Management of potential contamination risks from pipeline repair or renewal' has been awarded recently to Atom Consulting by the WaterRA Board.  The project aims to develop a control strategy framework for pipeline repair and renewal management practices.

Practices around mains repairs vary significantly across the country with an ongoing tension between managing contamination risk and restoring services in a timely way.  ***qldwater*** maintains a strong interest in monitoring the outcomes of this work.

For more information, or for details on how to participate directly, visit:  <http://www.waterra.com.au/publications/latest-news/2016/pipe-bursts-rfp-awarded-to-atom-consulting/>

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        Join the Australian Water Association in Townsville on 21-22 July for the North Queensland Regional Conference, this year focusing on securing our water future. Hear keynote speakers Dr Keith Bristow, Research Scientist at CSIRO, and Tom Vanderbyl, SunWater General Manager, as they discuss irrigation challenges and sustainability objectives for irrigated lands, communities and ecosystems, and how key insights and opportunities from the Regional Water Forum might help shape future water infrastructure planning and management in regional Queensland. The conference consists of a two-day program, including a range of presentations on a number of topics, as well as a site tour, a trade exhibition showcasing the latest water innovations, and a special cocktail dinner at the Cowboys game. View the full program and register now at [www.awa.asn.au/nqconference](http://www.awa.asn.au/nqconference).

        On Friday 8 July, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (Queensland Wetlands Program) and the Office of the Great Barrier Reef are hosting a Forum on Treatment Systems in Coastal Catchments.   Hear about new approaches to treatment systems, including constructed wetlands, floating wetlands, bioreactors, algae treatment and similar technologies.    To register for the forum RSVP via:  <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/treatment-systems-in-coastal-catchments-forum-tickets-25767840304>

        The latest forecast of possible Issue Motivated Group (IMG) protest activity in June 2016 from the Queensland Police Service is now available in the member’s area of our website -  <http://www.qldwater.com.au/Counter-terrorism> - members must log in to access this document.   This information may be viewed and circulated internally, however it is not to be provided to the public or media and it is not to be forwarded to external third parties.

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