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

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***qldwater's*** first [regional conference](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/qldwater-cq-conference-and-training-biloela-march-2019/cq-conference-2019/Agenda) for 2019 will be held in Biloela on Thursday 28 March with an optional dinner on Wednesday  27 March.

Our mini conference on Thursday 28 March will provide an opportunity to network with peers and hear a range of technical presentations from across the region. The conference is being hosted by Banana Shire Council and is kindly sponsored by Gold Sponsors Royce Water Technologies, Aquatec Maxcon, Lonza Water Treatment and dinner sponsor 360 Engineering.

Thanks to all our supporters, including Water Connections Tour sponsor Dial Before You Dig for helping make this event possible.  Opportunities are still available. If you are interested, please email Diana Kislitsyna at [dkislitsyna@qldwater.com.au](mailto:dkislitsyna@qldwater.com.au) or Dave Cameron ([dcameron@qldwater.com.au](mailto:dcameron@qldwater.com.au)).

To maximise your opportunities in Biloela we are offering training in key safety topics in the days preceding the conference, delivered by Murray Thompson, a highly experienced water professional.   
  
**Tuesday 26 March** is designed for **water workers and field personnel** and will cover a number of topics including working with higher pressure water jetting equipment and systems, pressurised pipelines, chemicals and hazardous substances  It will also cover water hygiene considerations, particularly relating to water main repairs, construction and renewal activities.   
  
Training on **Wednesday 27 March** will offer **supervisors, managers and others responsible for considering organisational risk** an overview of the risks and considerations for safely accessing reservoirs, safety for the lone/remote worker, working with high pressure water jetting equipment and systems, pressurised pipelines, chemicals and hazardous substances and water hygiene concerns relating to water main repairs, construction and renewal activities.

Registrations are [now open](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/qldwater-cq-conference-and-training-biloela-march-2019/cq-conference-2019/Agenda)! **Early bird registrations** for the 28 March mini conference close on 8 March.

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Established in 1989, the Public Service Medal is a prestigious award within the Australian system of honours and awards. The Public Service Medal is awarded on the basis of merit, and was created to recognise, encourage and reward excellence in public service.

Many members would know Kevin Flanagan, formerly of Toowoomba Regional Council.  We are thrilled to advise that Kev was awarded the Public Service Medal on Australia Day in Toowoomba, for his work with local government in Queensland. He’s credited with facilitating several water infrastructure projects in Toowoomba, as well as helping educate the community about the importance of water security.

Here’s a bit from the local paper – “Kev has been an outstanding servant of the community and leader in his profession through his work with local government in Queensland since 1977. Since 1989 his innovative solutions and strong leadership were responsible for maintaining  Toowoomba’s uninterrupted water supplies through a decade of drought. He has also led a range of key projects including water and sewerage infrastructure following both the amalgamation of eight Councils in 2008 and damage sustained during the January 2011 floods and the Toowoomba Water Futures Recycling Project. He also led negotiations with the State Government to achieve the $187 million Wivenhoe Dam to Cressbrook Dam water pipeline. The pipeline opened in October 2010 and has created water security for Toowoomba and the surrounding region. The Water Wise education program which ran in Toowoomba during the drought years and up to the 2010-11 floods was highly successful. Mr Flanagan has received a public service medal for his work in keeping the town’s water flowing.”

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1. The Queensland Branch of the **Australian Water Association** (AWA) is proud to support two Australian Water Association members to attend Ozwater’19.  
     
   There are two bursary categories on offer and Queensland Members are now invited to apply.  
     
   [**Young Water Professional (YWP) Bursary**](http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/Branches/QLD/Queensland_Ozwater_Bursaries.aspx)  
   This Bursary aims to reward the achievements of an outstanding young water professional who has demonstrated significant contribution and leadership potential in the water industry. The Bursary includes:  
     
   • Full registration to Ozwater’19, including the Young Water Professional Program and Conference Dinner   
   • Accommodation for duration of the conference (from Sunday 5 May to Thursday 9 May, inclusive)  
   • Return airfares from Bursary recipient’s closest regional airport to Melbourne Airport

[**Regional Water Professional (RWP) Bursary**](http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/Branches/QLD/Queensland_Ozwater_Bursaries.aspx)  
This Bursary aims to reward the achievements of an outstanding regional water professional (RWP) who has demonstrated significant contribution to and leadership potential in the water industry. The Bursary includes:  
  
• Full registration to Ozwater’19, including Conference Dinner  
• Accommodation for duration of the conference (from Monday 6 May to Thursday 9 May, inclusive)  
• Return airfares from Bursary recipient’s closest regional airport to Melbourne Airport

Applications close **Thursday, 28 February 2019**. You can find out more on the AWA [website.](http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/Branches/QLD/Queensland_Ozwater_Bursaries.aspx)

1. [**2nd National Symposium on the Beneficial Use of Recycled Organics**](http://www.nsro.com.au/) will bring together over 100 delegates from universities and government agencies, environmental consultants, land managers and farmers from around Australia, to present and discuss advances and research results regarding the use of recycled organic products to enhance agricultural production in degraded and marginal landscapes and also to enable the environmental rehabilitation of such areas. The symposium will present keynote speakers, case studies, poster presentations, a networking dinner and a field day providing the opportunity to see first-hand organics recycling facilities and end-user’s operations. [Abstract submission closes 15 March 2019](http://www.nsro.com.au/program/).

For all enquiries about the Symposium, please contact: Revolve Services (T: 0400 449 100; E: [nsro@revolveservices.com.au](mailto:nsro@revolveservices.com.au))

1. **The Queensland Police Service** has released the latest QPS Security Forecast for February 2019which is now available in the members area of our website -  <http://www.qldwater.com.au/Counter-terrorism>.   The information contained in the QPS documents may be viewed and circulated internally, however it should not be provided to the public / media or forwarded to external third parties.  Members must log in first to access this information.

1. **The Australian Water School, AWS**, is an initiative of ICE WaRM and runs [free webinars](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/webinars/) delivered by highly-regarded international water professionals. The webinars encourage knowledge-transfer and capacity-building across a wide range of disciplines in the water sector. AWS Webinars address significant, innovative or critical advances in water science, technology and management.

[Webinar: Flood Modelling in the Cloud](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/webinar-flood-modelling-in-the-cloud/)

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 February, 2019

**Presenters:** [Tyler Jantzen](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/presenters/tyler-jantzen/)

[Webinar: Sustainable water management for unconventional gas extraction](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/webinar-sustainable-water-management-for-unconventional-gas-extraction/)

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 February, 2019

**Presenters:** [Ben Kele](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/presenters/ben-kele/)

[Connecting flow and ecology in the Koshi Basin, Nepal](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/connecting-flow-and-ecology-in-the-koshi-basin-nepal/)

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 May, 2019

**Presenters:** [Dr Tanya Doody](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/presenters/dr-tanya-doody/)

[Advancing groundwater-dependent ecosystem detection using radar](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/advancing-groundwater-dependent-ecosystem-detection-using-radar/)

**Date:** Wednesday, 9 October, 2019

**Presenters:** [Dr Tanya Doody](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/presenters/dr-tanya-doody/)

## Australian Water School also offers [short courses](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/advancing-groundwater-dependent-ecosystem-detection-using-radar/) that are not-for-profit and follow a tradition of industry-led teaching.

## [Online Course: 1D Water Modelling with HEC-RAS- February 2019](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/1d-hec-ras-feb-2019/)

**Date:** Thursday, 14 February, 2019 - Thursday, 21 February, 2019

**Presenters:** [Krey Price](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/presenters/krey-price/)

## [Online Course: Understanding Groundwater Model Uncertainty Analysis](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/groundwater-model-uncertainty-analysis/)

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 February, 2019

**Presenters:** Luk Peeters, Hugh Middlemis

## Please refer to the full list of [courses](https://www.icewarm.com.au/australian-water-school/short-courses/course/advancing-groundwater-dependent-ecosystem-detection-using-radar/) for more information.

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