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

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

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**1. Register now for the Water Skills Forum 5 March!**
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[Registrations](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/qwd-water-skills-partnership/) are invited for the Queensland Water Skills Forum on Thursday 5 March 2020! The forum will deliver a great range of presentations, discussion and workshops about skilling and training for the Queensland water industry including:

* Supporting Future Leaders transition from Tools to Team
* Sunwater’s Culture Change Journey
* The Energy Industry’s Workforce Planning Initiatives
* Implementing a Hazard Approach to the Production Line
* The City of Gold Coast’s Indigenous Traineeship Program
* New Technology to support Water Industry Training

The forum will be held at the Brisbane International Virginia and will once again be followed by an optional dinner at a cost of $90 plus GST. A full program will be released shortly with more details about the event available on our [event website](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/qwd-water-skills-partnership/).

There are a number of [registration](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/qwd-water-skills-partnership/) options available:

* Free registration for up to three employees of Water Skills Partners;
* $50 plus GST for all other ***qldwater*** members including affiliate members; and
* $100 plus GST for all other attendees.

Please contact Carlie Sargent on 07 3632 6853 if you have any queries about the forum and we look forward to seeing you there!

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**2. Final chance to participate in our short communications survey for great prizes**

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Thanks to those who have completed the comms survey to date. We are extending the survey until 7 Feb to give everyone time to find their feet after the summer holidays.

We’re trying to get 50 responses to help make the call between a couple of options we are pursuing, and some results are currently equal due to the (very) small sample. Surveys suck, but we have three $50 vouchers are up for grabs and your odds are great - please give us one minute of your time to help us ensure we are giving you information in the most useful and targeted way possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDJ29L9>

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**3. 2020 sponsor update, welcome Royce, Aquatec Taggle and Sigura for Gympie**
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The first event of this year’s Dial Before You Dig Water Connections Tour kicks off in Gympie on 23/24 April and we are thrilled to welcome Royce Water Technologies and Aquatec as Gold Sponsors, with Taggle signing up as Silver Sponsors.

Sigura is the new name for Innovative Water Care (formerly Lonza) who have kindly contributed to the dinner for the event on the evening of the 23rd.

Registrations will open in the next few weeks, there are still spaces in the program, please contact us if you are keen to present.  Presentations from ***qldwater*** members or organisations able to co-present with members will always be prioritised.  We aim to make the process as easy as possible: you only need to provide us with a brief outline now and a PowerPoint on the day if accepted.

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**4. New plumbing guidelines**
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The latest Building Legislation and Policy release includes some information of potential interest to members; particularly the ***requirements for water meters in new developments*** which appears to be a useful summary for utilities and licensed plumbers.  There is a reference in the document to the Water Act 2000 which should likely instead refer to S37 of the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act.  We have raised this minor issue with DNRME.

“Queensland’s plumbing laws commenced on 1 July 2019. These form part of the Queensland Building Plan and deliver reforms to make our construction industry safer, fairer and more sustainable.

Under the new laws, [plumbing guidelines](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.vision6.com.au_ch_40202_2h2s4_2814856_BVoQ6kXwVdzNV8AcpBkMJxVXOlc.5akz7Z6Yub5E.html&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=0-y_fje9woei6ewL0nsN-2P_TaF6b9MztVLwwuqcCa8&m=7lJtELmKsxecboOyTDXc2FAqJBTpCjhquLYb5DiaKuI&s=__E-epx86Gx7J7ePOYNkuFAKI-U8mc3yKuYgNW252QU&e=) can be made to help local governments and industry achieve consistency and compliance with the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*.

A guideline [*Requirements for installing temperature control devices*](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.vision6.com.au_ch_40202_2h2s4_2814857_BVoQ6kXwVdzNV8AcpBkMLzEvBOhz43ntttqL0yAZ.pdf&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=0-y_fje9woei6ewL0nsN-2P_TaF6b9MztVLwwuqcCa8&m=7lJtELmKsxecboOyTDXc2FAqJBTpCjhquLYb5DiaKuI&s=TKPXcEWxyiin0qotCUYN4YSf04jVniMpqovX6Z3CwT0&e=) has been developed to clarify the circumstances where a temperature control device is required to be fitted to a heated water system installed in Queensland.

The [*Requirements for water meters in new developments*](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.vision6.com.au_ch_40202_2h2s4_2814858_BVoQ6kXwVdzNV8AcpBkM3kq6e1McpO-5FAJN-5F-5FxqUV.pdf&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=0-y_fje9woei6ewL0nsN-2P_TaF6b9MztVLwwuqcCa8&m=7lJtELmKsxecboOyTDXc2FAqJBTpCjhquLYb5DiaKuI&s=SIpNta0wq7IEDp0lGUpyTTX681FtmF6A8aQxPtoB2CA&e=) guideline replicates the superseded version *Sub-meter guidelines—for councils, plumbers, builders, developers, water service providers and community title managers*. Legislative references and terminology have been updated to reflect the new plumbing laws.

For more information on the [plumbing laws and what it means for you](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.vision6.com.au_ch_40202_2h2s4_2814700_BVoQ6kXwVdzNV8AcpBkMJx.TqNpOVlU1xHi-5F0atH.html&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=0-y_fje9woei6ewL0nsN-2P_TaF6b9MztVLwwuqcCa8&m=7lJtELmKsxecboOyTDXc2FAqJBTpCjhquLYb5DiaKuI&s=YZfl0Pb7GDUb-QoONUUPrkY-OhwYwta_Dnz9vfDOvxM&e=), visit the Department of Housing and Public Works’ website or email qldbuildingplan@hpw.qld.gov.au.”

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**Water Research Australia** will be holdinga [two-day forum](https://www.waterra.com.au/all-events/2020-03-18/2020-catchment-forum/) (18-19 March) exploring key issues in water catchment management

The forum will bring together water quality experts, health regulators and government to discuss catchment challenges including cyanobacteria and algal bloom outbreaks, low reservoir levels, health-based targets and the impact of extreme weather-related events including bushfires.

Registrations are now open and a preliminary program is available through the link above.

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**This message may be passed on to interested individuals and organisations.**

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