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

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

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As promised in e-flash #188, registrations are now open for the Gympie mini-conference and taste test on Thursday 21 February.

Particular thanks again to our major sponsors – Dial Before You Dig and Orica Australia, hosts – Gympie Regional Council, and event sponsors Local Buy and the Pump House.

* The draft event program and registration form is available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/2013_Water_Taste_Test_and_Conference_SEQ)
* Rules and entry form for the taste test are available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=119321)

While we know recent events will have an impact on the conference, it promises to be a great networking event with a variety of presenters and excellent tour planned.

Finally, we are calling for papers for the South-West regional conference and taste test to be held in Toowoomba from 17-18 April.  Toowoomba Regional Council is pulling out all stops to support the event. Again, we are after good, locally-relevant technical and other presentations to fill half hour slots and we make it easy… you only need to provide us with a brief outline now and a powerpoint on the day if accepted.  We are particularly interested in technical presentations from members, or organisations that can co-present relevant case studies with members, with expressions of interest closing Friday 15 March.  A number of sponsorship packages are still available.

Please contact Desiré Gralton (dgralton@qldwater.com.au).

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**2.  Members Helping Members**

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There has been no shortage of offers of assistance from ***qldwater*** members to their flood-affected colleagues.  Particular recognition is due to Townsville City Council and its water treatment contractor Trility who sent three operators to North Burnett on Saturday morning.  Drinking water treatment plants at the severely impacted townships of Gayndah, Mundubbera and Eidsvold are all now producing water at a reduced flow rate.

Remember, it’s important to ensure any assistance is coordinated through the Disaster Management Alliance (dmalliance@lgaq.asn.au).  We have been in contact with a number of affected members over the last week – should any require assistance or wish to provide the broader industry with an update on recovery efforts, please contact us.

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