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

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

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**1.   Queensland Mains Tapping competition nominations close tomorrow!**

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Nominate your teams now for the Queensland Live Mains Tapping competition to be held at this year’s Queensland WIOA conference at Logan on 7 June.  Nominations must close tomorrow.

The 2016 title was taken out by the City of Gold Coast – completing the task in an impressive 1 minute and 49 seconds to finish ahead of challengers from Queensland Urban Utilities and Logan Water.

The prize this year is sponsored by Ixom and the winning team receives the opportunity to nominate a local charity to receive a $1,000 donation and a unique perpetual trophy to hang onto until next year.

**A bit more about the competition**

-        Each team consists of 2 people.

-        Each team supplied with:

o   A tapping machine tool box with 1 tapping machine with new drill bit, 1 pair of footprints, 1 ring/open-end spanner, a wooden paddle, and roll of thread tape.

o   1 Metre of 25mm OD poly pipe, 1 x 100mm tapping band, 1 x 20mm ferrule cock, 1 x  20mm ball valve.

-        A 100mm DICL water main pressurised from a water tanker (or hydrant) will be set up on a stand.

-        The competing teams complete a safe work method statement prior to commencement of competition.

-        The 2 person team installs the tapping band and ferrule on the 100mm pipe, then tap the water main, install 1 metre of poly pipe and then install a ball valve on the end of the poly.  When completed the ball valve is turned off, tools returned to tool box, and when the box is shut the time stops.

-        The tapping is inspected for any leaks, if no leaks occur the time is recorded.

-        There are likely to be two heats and one final. The fastest time recorded will be the winner.

The [42nd Queensland Water Industry Operators Conference and Exhibition](http://www.wioaconferences.org.au/qld.htm) will be at the Logan Metro Sports Centre on 7 & 8 June.  Entry into the tapping competition does not include entry into the Conference, although access to the trade exhibition is free.

**What you need to do to enter the competition**

Please respond to [hgold@qldwater.com.au](mailto:hgold@qldwater.com.au) by Friday 19 May with:

-        A “clean” name for your team (which includes the organisation you are representing)

-        The names of the 2 competitors, and contact details

-        The name and contact details of your approving authority

-        Details of your preferred charity

-      Make sure your team is able to compete in the competition on Wednesday 7 June

Check out [our webpage](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Queensland_Live_Mains_Tapping_Competition) with photos from last year’s eventful challenge!  More photos are available [here](https://qldwater.smugmug.com/Events/Innovation-Technical-Tour-2016/).

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**2.   *qldwater* welcomes new Affiliate Member – Solomon Island Water Authority**

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***qldwater*** is pleased to welcome the Solomon Island Water Authority as a new Affiliate Member for 2017/2018.  Based in Honiara, Solomon Island Water Authority provides reliable and safe water supply and sewerage services to Honiara, Auki, Noro and Tulagi in the Solomon Islands.

They join existing Affiliate Members Trility, Ventia, Research Laboratory Services and the Department of Energy and Water Supply.

Affiliate Membership is offered to industry partners, consultants and service providers located in and outside Queensland. Membership funds are directed towards enhancing ***qldwater*** communication products. Please contact us if you would like more information.

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* The Water Research Australia Research Symposium is now only two months away, to register please click here: <http://www.waterra.com.au/events/detail/149-1>.  More information is available on the website: <http://www.waterra.com.au/publications/latest-news/2017/waterra-research-symposium-19-20th-july-2017/>
* The Queensland Police Service has released the latest [Industry Advisory Bulletin](https://thequeenslandwaterdirectorate.worldsecuresystems.com/Counter-terrorism) that can accessed by ***qldwater*** members from the secure area of our website.    Please note these documents are provided on a confidential basis for ***qldwater*** member use only and members must log in the access this information.

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