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

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

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Over the next few e-flashes we will be highlighting some of the work of ***qldwater*** and in particular the areas of investigation requested by our Technical Reference Group.  Some topics carry sensitivities, and so the detail will be limited, however please don’t hesitate to contact us if you’d like further information.

Please note, we have trialled various web forums and other ways of handling member technical queries without a lot of uptake.  However, in the background, there are a few active and enthusiastic email groups we can call on to help link you up with the expertise and experience of other members, if you are prepared to ask the questions.

Please contact Dave Cameron (dcameron@qldwater.com.au) if you have any queries.

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**1.   *qldwater* Technical Reference Group update**

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After Townsville City Council’s recent staff restructure, Steve Gray was unable to continue in the role of the ***qldwater*** TRG Chair.   Steve has made a great contribution to ***qldwater*** over the last few years and will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank Dick Went from Gold Coast Water who has now stepped into the Chair role for the remainder of the financial year.  Congratulations to Steven Porter from Cairns Regional Council who was elected as Deputy Chair on 11 November.   Steven will take over as TRG Chair from the beginning of next financial year.

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**2.   Draft Event Program 2017**

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Please note that all events are still subject to confirmation, but the following dates reflect current planning for your diaries.

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| **Date** | **Venue** | **Event** |
| Fri 17 Feb | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | TRG Meeting |
| Wed 1 March | DALBY, Western Downs RC | ***qldwater*** SWQ Conference |
| Thurs 2 & Fri 3 March | DALBY, Western Downs RC | IPWEAQ Conference |
| Wed  22 March | YEPPOON, Livingstone SC | ***qldwater*** CQ Conference |
| Thurs 23 - Fri 25 March  | YEPPOON, Livingstone SC | IPWEAQ Conference |
| Wed 26 April | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | Management Committee Meeting |
| Mon 8  – Fri 12 May | SEQ (northern) / CQ | ***qldwater*** DBYD Water Connections Week |
| Fri 26 May | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | TRG Meeting |
| Wed 7 - Thurs 8 June | Logan | WIOA State Conference |
| Wed 19 July  | Mackay, Mackay RC | ***qldwater*** NQ conference |
| Thurs 20 – Fri 21 July | AWA NQ conference, Mackay | AWA NQ conference |
| Wed 6 Sep | Brisbane/ GC TBA | ***qldwater*** Innovation Forum |
| Thurs 7 Sep | Brisbane/ GC TBA | ***qldwater*** Innovation Forum |
| Fri 8 Sep | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | TRG Meeting |
| Mon 16 – Wed 18 Oct  | Gladstone | LGAQ State Conference |
| Wed 1 – Fri 3 Nov | Townsville | IPWEAQ State Conference |
| Wed 15 Nov | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | Management Committee Meeting |
| Fri 1 Dec  | ***qldwater*** Brisbane | TRG Meeting |

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**3.   Affiliated Organisation information**

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Did you know that the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia has had a Memorandum of Understanding with ***qldwater*** for the last 5 years?

Under the MOU we collaborate to further training and education opportunities for operations staff, share information and support operator awards amongst other initiatives.

The WIOA web site has a wealth of information available for operators including:

* [A jobs board](http://www.wioa.org.au/positions/index.htm)
* [Details on Operator Certification Programs](http://www.wioa.org.au/certification/index.htm); and
* An excellent [resources](http://www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/index.htm) section which includes a subsection of [useful tools](http://www.wioa.org.au/operator_resources/tools.htm) to support treatment operations.

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**4.  Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy workshop**

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The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is responsible for development of climate change policy in Queensland.  Strategies on both transitioning to a low carbon economy and adapting to the impacts of climate change will be released next year.  Consultation is being undertaken to ensure the Queensland adaptation and mitigation strategies capture regional impacts, risks and opportunities, and reflects the needs of regional communities.

The following regional information session and workshops are open to representatives from local and state government:

* Proserpine—25 November 2016, 1pm–3pm
* Charleville—29 November 2016, 11am–1pm
* Cairns—1 December 2016, 1pm–3pm
* Yeppoon—7 December 2016, 12pm–2pm
* Longreach—9 December 2016, 9am–11am
* Brisbane—12 December 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm

The workshop is an opportunity to find out more information on how the Queensland Government is responding to climate change and have your say on matters important to you and your region.   Further information is available at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/adapting/>

To reserve your place please contact Luke Stephan at luke.stephan@ehp.qld.gov.au or on (07) 3330 5767 to register your place by Monday 5 December 2016.

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