**Queensland Water Skills e-Flash #39**

**Information for Water Industry Managers, Human Resources Personnel and Employees in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1. New arrangements for development and maintenance of Training Packages**

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The Assistant Minister for Education and Training has announced the new model for Training Product Development for Australian Industry. The Department of Education and Training will soon be inviting expressions of interest to set up Skills Service Organisations to support industry reference committees to engage with their industry sectors and facilitate training product development under the guidance of the committees.

The current Industry Skills Councils, such as Government Skills Australia, will receive some additional funding until end September 2015 to complete outstanding projects, they will no longer exist after this time. The current Water Industry Advisory Committee will also cease operation, though it is expected to be replaced with a similar industry reference committee under the new model. The new model will be fully operational from January 2016.

 For further information changes to training package development visit the VET Reform website [www.vetreform.industry.gov.au](http://www.vetreform.industry.gov.au).

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**2.  National Water Training Package Changes – feedback sought**

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Government Skills Australia (GSA) invites the water industry to comment on draft National Water Training Package (NWP) materials by 14 May 2015. The NWP materials include 32 units of competency rewritten to the new standard and some new units from the Source, Irrigation, Networks and General streams.

All finalised NWP material will be up on the GSA website on 22 May for 6 weeks. This release will include all qualifications, packaging rules and units of competency. During May and June, GSA will be working to complete the case for endorsement of the training package before 30June 2015.

Use this link to[NWP materials](http://governmentskills.com.au/news/20-water/409-draft-water-material-for-comment) for comment by 14May. To provide feedback on NWP materials please email water@govskills.com.au.

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**3.  Reminder – upcoming Queensland training workshops**

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***qldwater*** has arranged a number of *Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management* training workshops to be held in  Queensland over the coming months*.* Presented by the Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA), The workshop has been run several times in Queensland over the last few years and has a great reputation.  It is a mature, practical training program targeted at all staff who play a role in distribution/ reticulation.

Further details on the workshops are below.

**Tuesday 23rd June – Ingham**

*Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management (with NQ Water Taste Test)*, WIOA (Presenter Peter Mosse PhD).

(Note this will be a slightly shortened version of the full day workshop to accommodate the NQ Water Taste Test activities)

Venue: Tyto Precinct Conference Centre, 73-75 McIlwraith Street, Ingham

Start time: 9:00am

Finish time: 4:00pm

Registration: $125.00 (GST Inclusive), 10% discount available for members of the Queensland Water Skills Partnership.

Further details and the registration form are available on our website [here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Water-quality-awareness-workshop).

**Tuesday 14th July - Yeppoon**

*Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management*, WIOA (Presenter Peter Mosse PhD)

Venue: Yeppoon Town Hall, 25 Normanby Street, Yeppoon

Start time: 7:45am arrival for 8am start

Finish time: 4:00pm

Morning tea and lunch provided (please advise of any dietary requirements when registering)

Registration: $150.00 per participant (GST Exclusive)

To register staff to attend the training please email mhill@qldwater.com.au with names and numbers of participants you wish to send.

**Thursday 16th July – Logan** (limited places available)

*Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management*, WIOA (Presenter George Wall)

Venue: TBC

Start time: 7:45am arrival for 8am start

Finish time: 4:00pm

Morning tea and lunch provided (please advise of any dietary requirements when registering)

Registration: $150.00 per participant (GST Exclusive)

To register staff to attend the training please email mhill@qldwater.com.au with names and numbers of participants you wish to send.

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