**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 - *qldwater* SEQ Conference & Best of the Best Water Taste Test**

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Registrations are now open for the South East Queensland Water Conference and the South East Queensland Final of the Orica Australia Best of the Best Water Taste Test.  The conference is being hosted by Bundaberg Regional Council and is a one and a half day event being held in Bargara on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March 2014 with an optional dinner on the evening of the 27th.

With a great venue and an excellent line-up of presenters speaking on topics of interest in the region, this promises to be a great learning experience and networking opportunity.  The  program, supported by the Australian Water Association Queensland Branch, also includes a Technical Tour visiting several treatment sites around Bundaberg.

There is one final presentation opportunity remaining for members – if you would like to present a paper at this conference please email a brief outline to [hgold@qldwater.com.au](mailto:hgold@qldwater.com.au).

**The 2014 SEQ Orica Australia Best of the Best Water Taste Test** is open to members from Logan City Council, Redland City Council, Gold Coast City Council, Bundaberg Regional Council, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Gympie Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council, Queensland Urban Utilities (Brisbane, Somerset, Scenic Rim, Lockyer Valley, Ipswich Council areas), South Burnett Regional Council, Unitywater (Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast Regional Council areas) and Wide Bay Water Corporation (Fraser Coast Regional Council).

Don’t forget to bring your best drop!   This year the conference attendees will again be judging samples, but will also be individually competing for the “best palate competition” to see who has the most refined tastebuds.

Particular thanks again to our major sponsors Orica Australia, hosts – Bundaberg Regional Council, our Principal Event Sponsors Thiess Services and Silver Event Sponsors SPEL Environmental, Dial Before You Dig and Local Buy.

* The draft event program and registration form is available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Default.aspx?PageID=10786483&A=SearchResult&SearchID=30370744&ObjectID=10786483&ObjectType=1)
* Rules and entry form for the taste test are available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Water_Taste_Test)

If you prefer to have the program and information emailed to you, please email [hgold@qldwater.com.au](mailto:hgold@qldwater.com.au)

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**2.  Revised NHMRC Fact Sheets Chloral Hydrate and Monochloramine**

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The 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) undergoes rolling revision to ensure it represents the latest scientific evidence on good quality drinking water. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is seeking public comment on draft changes to two chemical fact sheets in the ADWG. The draft chemical fact sheets available for public consultation are on:

* chloral hydrate (a chlorination by-product, also known as trichloroacetaldehyde); and
* monochloramine (a water disinfectant).

The fact sheets have been updated in line with the World Health Organization drinking water guidelines and other recent literature on these chemicals. If the change to the monochloramine fact sheet is agreed, the chlorine fact sheet will be updated to reflect the final agreed guideline value for monochloramine.

Submissions about the proposed changes are invited. Copies of the draft documents and information on how to make a submission can be obtained from the NHMRC public consultation website at <http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/chloral-monochloramine>.

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**3.  *qldwater* NRL Tipping Competition**

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Last year ***qldwater*** trialled a tipping competition and discovered that members thoroughly enjoyed engaging in light hearted banter around the NRL at conferences and project meetings. This year we are extending the competition to anyone who is an employee of ***qldwater*** members. Joining is free, simply go to <http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/qldwater>, then:

1. click on the green join button,
2. create an account,
3. choose completion “**QWD NRL Tipping”** competition with password “**qldwater**”
4. Enter your preferences and start tipping.

The rules of our competition are available on the site, but in summary:

* Only employees of members of ***qldwater*** can tip.
* Prize for season winner - weekend holiday voucher for two.
* Prize for season second place – overnight holiday voucher for two.
* Prize for correctly tipping 8 games in any single round - bottle of wine.
* If more than one person tips all 8 games in any round, a lucky draw will determine the winner of the bottle of wine.

Good luck and happy tipping.

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