**Queensland Water Skills e-Flash #19**

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

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**1.     Taskforce Recommendations - National Certification Framework for Drinking Water Treatment Operators**

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AWA’s Water Industry Skills Taskforce (WIST) met on 6 March in Sydney. At the meeting the National Water Commission provided a presentation on the work undertaken by Government Skills Australia for a [*National Certification Framework for Operators within Drinking Water Treatment Facilities*](http://enews.awa.asn.au/link/id/zzzz514684f4ce842891Pzzzz4f138fd8642d3099/page.html). The Commission presented on the two potential pathways to implement a national scheme - a mandatory and a voluntary approach. There was some concern regarding the time and cost to implement the mandatory (legislated) scheme. WIST has asked that an assessment be undertaken of how a voluntary approach, delivered in partnership with the major industry associations, might be delivered. The Commission is undertaking this work and will report back to WIST. Contact Clare Porter, National Water Commission, for further information clare.porter@nwc.gov.au.

***qldwater*** will be sending a representative to a national committee meeting in Canberra to discuss implementation of the framework.

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**2.      Government Skills Australia (GSA) Workforce Development Workshops - May**

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Government Skills Australia (GSA)  is conducting free practical workshops to assist organisations to develop their understanding of what workforce development is and does, and what funding opportunities are available to help. The workshops are suitable for people responsible for workforce planning or learning and development within organisations across Local Government, Water, Public Safety, Public Sector and Corrections.

22 May – 9-1pm Travelodge Rockhampton, 86 Victoria Pde, Rockhampton QLD

28 May – 9-1pm, Rydges Plaza Cairns, Corner Spence & Grafton streets, Cairns QLD

To register up to four people from your organisation please visit the registration [site here](http://www.cvent.com/events/gsa-workforce-development-workshop/event-summary-350d8bae2a90454da4496b80cb1025df.aspx).

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**3.      Upcoming Water Industry Short Courses - June**

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***qldwater*** have arranged for a ‘*Sampling and Water Quality’* workshop to be held on **Wednesday 26t**h **June** in Longreach. The workshop will be presented by Dr David Scheltinga and will coincide with the Western Queensland Mini-Conference and Regional Water Taste Test (linked to IPWEAQ Branch Conference). The training addresses the fundamentals of water sampling procedure including Australian Drinking Water Guidelines fundamentals, common techniques and methods for sample collection, transport, quality assurance and data management.

The Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA) will also be holding two one day workshops in Queensland in June on *Water Quality Awareness and Distribution System Management*. The WIOA workshop has been run a few times in Qld before including recently in Townsville and Longreach and has a great reputation.  It is a mature, practical training program targeted at all staff who play a role in distribution/ reticulation.

**Tuesday 25th June**

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

Registration: $300.00 (Excl GST), $270 (Excl GST) Queensland Water Skills Partnership Members or organisations registering 5 or more participants.

Venue: Mackay, TBC

**Thursday 27th June**

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

Registration: $300.00 (Excl GST),  $270 (Excl GST) Queensland Water Skills Partnership Members or organisations registering 5 or more participants.

Venue: Kingaroy, TBC

To obtain a copy of the proposed programs or register to attend any of the training events please contact Michelle Hill on mhill@qldwater.com.au or (07) 3632 6853.

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**4.      Compliance Training Requirements list – available on *qldwater* website**

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Following requests from our members ***qldwater*** has compiled a list of compliance training requirements for workers in the Queensland Water Industry. This list includes known legislative training requirements and refers to relegations and legislation for further information. This list is provided as a guide to possible requirements only. The information provided does not constitute legal advice and organisations should seek out legal advice or conduct their own investigations and assessments in regards to the training needs of their staff.

To view a copy of the list visit the ***qldwater*** [website here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/skills-compliance-training).

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