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

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

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**1.   *qldwater* Events Update**

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The Steve Hrudey workshop last Friday was a resounding success for our delegates despite the weather bringing an early halt to proceedings.  Our participant feedback was very positive with many experienced water professionals taking significant learnings away from the case studies.  We will endeavour to write a summary for our next newsletter.

We were able to cover costs for the event and have offered credits against other ***qldwater*** activities for those members from Central Queensland who were unable to attend.  We have been in touch with key contacts from members impacted by Cyclone Marcia – while the clean up is significant the interruptions to water services in general have been limited.

Thanks again to the Department of Health for its generous support towards the workshop, and David Sheehan from Coliban Water for giving ***qldwater*** the opportunity to host such an esteemed guest speaker.

Our next event coming up is the CQ conference and taste test in Rockhampton on 16 April. We would like to thank our two new silver conference sponsors, Trility and Royce Water Technologies for their support. Sponsorships are still available for Rockhampton and our other regional events. Please contact Heather Gold hgold@qldwater.com.au for a sponsorship pack.

We can also confirm that our planned SEQ mini-conference and taste test will proceed, hosted by Gold Coast City Council.  The new date is Thursday 20 August.

Finally, the 2015 Urban Water Innovation Forum is also confirmed for November.  Unitywater have offered a tour of some of their innovative energy optimisation projects in the afternoon of Wednesday 4th, and the forum itself will take place on Thursday 5th, likely at Maroochydore.  More details to come soon.

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**2.  SWIM Training**

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This year ***qldwater*** will be transitioning to a new database method of uploading your annual water and sewerage data (called SWIM*Annual*). Combining this with the introduction of the new DEWS Key Performance Indicators this year, it means that we will be holding at least 11 free SWIM training sessions around the State. SWIM training days have now been confirmed for:

1. Monday 15th June, Barcaldine
2. Monday 22nd June, Cloncurry
3. Tuesday 23rd June, Brisbane
4. Monday 29th June, Mackay
5. Tuesday 30th June, Townsville
6. Wednesday 1st July, Cairns
7. Monday 6th July, Rockhampton
8. Tuesday 7th July, Biloela
9. Wednesday 8th July, Maryborough
10. Monday 13th July, Roma
11. Tuesday 14th July, Goondiwindi

If you would like to attend one of these days please contact David via email: dscheltinga@qldwater.com.au. If you would like to attend SWIM training and cannot make any of the above sessions please let David know and we will try and work out something for you. The training is generally a half to ¾ day affair with lunch provided by the host Council. It will cover the following:

* SWIM training
* Set-up, install and discussion of new SWIM*Annual* software
* New/changed indicators from last year, particularly the new KPIs
* Metadata refresher training
* Quality Control tools in SWIM

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**3.   Final Reminder - Environmental Code of Practice for Sewage Pump Stations**

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This is a reminder that the deadline for final comments on the draft Code of Practice for Sewage Pump Stations and Sewerage Networks is tomorrow. We would like to thank those councils who have already replied with their feedback.

**Download** the [Draft Code here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/ReviewDocuments) and provide comments to enquiry@qldwater.com.au  (or ring Rob Fearon on 0428 300 208) – feedback is due by **tomorrow, 27th February 2015**.

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**4.   *qldwater* NRL Tipping Competition**

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The ***qldwater*** NRL tipping competition is open again to employees 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 (if you don’t have one already),
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 and win prizes.
* 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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The latest update from the Counter-Terrorism Strategic Policy Branch of the Queensland Police Service is now available on our website. This information is updated regularly on and is provided on a confidential basis for our members only.  Members must log in first to access this information - <http://www.qldwater.com.au/Counter-terrorism>

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