



## Newsletter of Water Quality Research Australia Limited







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Welcome to the sixth issue of Water Quality Research Australia News, the newsletter of Water Quality Research Australia Limited (WQRA Limited).

WQRA Limited is a not-for-profit scientific research institution, established to provide strategic knowledge for the Australian urban water industry. Incorporated in October 2007, its registered office is at Level 13, 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

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### CEO's Report

August has been a very busy and exciting month for WQRA, commencing with the Members Meeting and WQRA Launch on 7<sup>th</sup> August, which was a terrific success. Thank you to all of those who attended.

On the recruiting front, WQRA has appointed a new Chief Operating Officer – Mr. Simon Newbold – who will commence with us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The recruitment of the Program Managers is progressing well, and it is hoped that appointments will be made in the next fortnight for both the Drinking Water Program and the Wastewater/Recycled Water Program.

The new WQRA Education Committee had its inaugural meeting in Melbourne on 15<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the current round of scholarships and the ongoing structure of the Education Program. For the 08/09 Scholarships the WQRA has approved 10 Summer Scholarships and 3 PhD Scholarship top-ups. The WQRA website has details of the list of proposed summer scholarship projects. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a project for this important program.

The WQRA Program Workshops have now been finalised and invitations went out to all members and newsletter subscribers. Your participation in these workshops and completion of the pre-workshop task is essential to ensure that we have the relevant information to undertake the planning of the WQRA Research Agenda.

**Even if you are not able to attend on the day, please send back the Pre-Workshop Task - Identifying Research Issues and Priorities by the required date.**

Lastly, the WQRA Board approved a budget allocation to be implemented in partnering with relevant ARC Linkage grants. Details will be distributed with the draft Members' Minutes which will be emailed later this week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Program Workshops in Sydney and Melbourne

Best wishes

**Jodieann**

## Forthcoming Dates

Important Dates for your diaries in the next few months:

22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Teleconf</b>	Board meeting 4 – 5.30pm (Adelaide Time–CST)
26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Sydney</b>	Wastewater Systems Program and Recycled water/other sources Program Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Melbourne</b>	Drinking Water Quality Program Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Teleconf</b>	Board meeting 10am – 12pm (Adelaide Time–CST)
November	<b>Adelaide</b>	Board meeting 9 – 11am <b>AGM</b> 11.30am – 1pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Teleconf</b>	Board meeting 9 – 11am (Adelaide Time–CST)
16-17 February 2009		Summer Scholarships Reporting Seminar, Melbourne

## WQRA Launch August 7<sup>th</sup>

A big thankyou to the 70 people who attended the launch of WQRA and helped to make it an enjoyable and sociable evening. We had short presentations from Ken Matthews, CEO of the National Water Commission, Chairman of WQRA Michael Moore, former CEO of the CRC Don Bursill and Jodieann Dawe, but most of the evening was devoted to conversation among guests. We were also delighted that former CRC Chairman Nancy Millis flew to Adelaide for the occasion.

## Program Workshops

The invitations for the Program Workshops have now been distributed but are also attached to this email. To ensure the success of the Program Workshops your help is needed in completing the Pre-workshop Template - Identifying Research Issues and Priorities for each of the Program areas. This will help identify the issues, collate them into a single document which will be sent back to participants BEFORE the Workshops to discuss with their organisations. Therefore, everyone who attends the Workshops will be informed and will be able to participate fully making the day valuable and rewarding.

### Key Dates

#### Wastewater/Recycled Program –

**Return of Pre-workshop Template to Steering Team:** 9<sup>th</sup> September  
**Reply to:** [h.chapman@griffith.edu.au](mailto:h.chapman@griffith.edu.au)

**RSVP for Attendance:** 19<sup>th</sup> September  
**Reply to:** [Priscilla.Barry@sawater.com.au](mailto:Priscilla.Barry@sawater.com.au)

**Date of Workshop:** 26<sup>th</sup> September – Sydney **9.30am – 4.00pm**

#### Drinking Water Program –

**Return of Pre-workshop Template to Steering Team:** 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**Reply to:** [Andrew.humpage@sawater.com.au](mailto:Andrew.humpage@sawater.com.au)

**RSVP for Attendance:** 19<sup>th</sup> September  
**Reply to:** [Priscilla.Barry@sawater.com.au](mailto:Priscilla.Barry@sawater.com.au)

**Date of Workshop:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Melbourne **9.30am – 4.30pm**

## **WQRA Education Program**

*Please circulate relevant information to colleagues and students.*

### **Education Committee**

The Education Committee held its first meeting in Melbourne, 15 August. This proved to be a very productive planning day in establishing the Education Program. The following Committee members were accepted: Chairperson: Felicity Roddick (RMIT), Jodieann Dawe (CEO, WQRA), Chris Saint, (AWQC), Dennis Mulcahy (UniSA), Asoka Jayaratne (YVW), Richard Stuetz (UNSW), Leanne Pearson (UNSW), Glen Shaw (Griffith Uni), Kathryn Linge (Curtin Uni) and Carolyn Bellamy (Administrative Officer).

### **Summer Scholarships**

The projects received to date have been listed on the website. Please direct students to <http://www.waterquality.org.au/> to access the list. Access the "guidelines" via the link under "Education". The closing date for student applications is 15 September 2008. Email [Carolyn.bellamy@unisa.edu](mailto:Carolyn.bellamy@unisa.edu) to receive an advertisement to post on noticeboards.

### **Summer Scholarship Reporting Seminar**

This will be held in Melbourne on 16 & 17 February 2009 at a venue to be advised. Put the dates in your diary now!

### **Call for PhD Projects commencing 2009**

Please follow the link below to access the proforma to submit a WQRA PhD project to commence in March 2009. Three projects will be selected for top-up scholarships to the value of \$5,000 x 3.5 years. In addition there will be a consumables budget of up to \$15,000 overall. (Please contact Carolyn Bellamy should you require further clarification on 08 8302 5771 or [carolyn.bellamy@unisa.edu.au](mailto:carolyn.bellamy@unisa.edu.au)). Advise students that an advertisement will be placed in The Weekend Australian mid – late September.

[http://www.waterquality.org.au/WQRA\\_education.htm](http://www.waterquality.org.au/WQRA_education.htm)

### **Small Grants Scheme**

Keep watching this space for further information...

## **New publications**

Several more CRC project reports are now available on the (CRC) website. Recent additions include:

- RR 46: A Series of Exposure Experiments – Recycled Water and Alternative Water Sources:  
Part B - Microbial transfer efficiency during machine clothes washing and microbial survival turfgrass experiments
- RR 52: Investigations of NDMA formation by chlorination of model compounds
- RR 53: Study of Water Usage in Urban Areas
- RR 57: Modelling DOC Removal by Enhanced Coagulation
- RR 60: Screening Assays for Water-borne Toxicants
- RR 64: Biological filtration processes for the removal of algal metabolites

We still have copies of some of the printed reports produced by the CRC. Check the website for availability. If you would like a hard copy of any of these reports please contact Angela Gackle.

### **Contributing to Water Quality Research Australia News**

This issue of Water Quality Research Australia News is sent to all nominated people associated with the members of WQRA Limited. If you would like to be added to the mailing list or submit a newsworthy item for the next newsletter, send an email to [Angela.Gackle@sawater.com.au](mailto:Angela.Gackle@sawater.com.au)

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