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Membership

If you know someone who is interested in joining the IAL let them know it's as easy as downloading the membership form from the IAL website and filling it in. For an application form, go to the [IAL website](#)

Irrigation Australia journal

To download a copy of the latest edition go to the IAL [website](#) (PDF 2.89 MB)

Handy links

ICID newsletter online.

Time is running out to take advantage of the discounted Early Bird Conference fees that close on 12 April, as do special rate accommodation bookings via the Conference secretariat. Book your place now via the [website](#)

There has been an excellent response to the **call for papers** with over 160 papers vying for 80 speaking slots. In addition to nine high quality keynote speakers, conference delegates can expect a great program across a diverse range of irrigation and water management topics. Modernising water delivery and irrigation systems, increasing crop water productivity, impacts of water trading, metering, managing environmental water, reducing dam evaporative losses and urban and peri-urban irrigation will all be covered in the conference.

The **exhibition** is on target to attract over 100 standholders and we are expecting visitor attendance will be better than ever. Contact [Rob Keen](#) if you are a potential standholder that hasn't yet signed up. Also, get your entry in for the 2010 **Best New Product** Award. The winner will be announced at the Conference Dinner on Wednesday 9 June and receive a certificate and trophy plus \$2,000 in advertising in any Rural Press trade magazine or newspaper.

Go to IA 2010 [website](#) for more information.

BOARD NEWS

New funding applications to HAL. Last week IAL submitted eleven new applications for funding to Horticulture Australia, six for industry best practice coordinators (one for Victoria/Tasmania, two for Queensland, one each for WA and SA and one with a

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national role). While all have specific areas of responsibility, they also form part of a national program network. This will allow sharing of skills and ensure IAL improves its benefits to members. Other applications submitted include the upcoming conference in June; development of irrigation performance benchmarks; communications audit and plan; funding of Journal, *Backwash* and website; and expansion of our training and certification activities.

Certification Board has first meeting. The newly convened Certification Board has had its first teleconference. The board will play a crucial role in ensuring that our industry professionals can meet the expectations and needs of the on-farm infrastructure investment being made by government, and that they are acknowledged and respected for being experts in their fields. The board will be working closely with the Professional Development Committee to ensure training pathways are in place so certification requirements can be achieved.

SAWM approval for IAL course. IAL has just received SAWM approval for our Irrigation Efficiency Course. This means the IEC course has shown that it has the potential to deliver water savings to those who attend and use the principles. This independent assessment confirms the value of the course in delivering irrigation efficiency and will help give it a higher profile.

MDBA forum. The Murray Darling Basin Authority will be holding a forum 7 April to discuss the Basin Plan. The plan is the most important document to be produced for managing the Basin in the future. A critical question to be tackled is the complexity of the balance between the environmental and industry and social needs. IAL will be represented by the CEO and Anne-Maree Boland from the Board.

Irrigation New Zealand Conference. A good opportunity to check out what's happening with irrigation across the ditch. IAL and INZ provide reciprocal membership rates to each other's conferences, so IAL members get a good deal. Details at the IANZ [website](#)

2010 Sustainable Irrigation/IAL Travel Fellowship Award. IAL has announced a call for applications for this award being offered to a young scientific achiever in irrigation working in research or development. The sponsor is the National Program for Sustainable Irrigation; IAL will provide mentoring and support for the winner during their 12-month Fellowship. If you are interested in finding out more or applying go to the IAL [website](#). Applications close **Friday 7 May 2010**.

REGIONAL NEWS

To find out what's happening in your region click on the links. [North Queensland](#), [South East Queensland](#), [Darling Downs](#), [North West NSW](#), [Sydney](#), [Central and Far West NSW](#), [Melbourne and Southern Victoria](#), [South Australia](#), and [Western Australia](#).

Brochure for Sydney members. A reminder to Sydney Region members that IAL has prepared a flyer with waterwise tips encouraging readers to contact certified irrigation professionals for design and installation advice. IAL members are welcome to use the flyer and can include company logo and IAL member number to it. No other changes without IAL approval. Download the flyer from IAL [website](#).

JOURNAL

The next edition of *Irrigation Australia* journal will be the special conference and expo edition. Extra copies are printed and inserted in conference satchels and given to expo visitors. Don't miss this opportunity to get your message out. For advertising contact Brian Rault [email](#) and to submit an article contact Anne Currey, [email](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CID exam preparation course April, Brisbane.

Considering becoming a Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) or enrolled in the CID exam program? This is the course for you. Designed to provide a better understanding of the types of questions that could be asked and the level of skills and knowledge required. Conducted by Myo Win. Step 2-3 Preparation, **13 and 14 April**, cost \$600. Step 4 Preparation, **14 and 15 April**, cost \$600. For information contact Helen Horrigan or Liz Rex, phone 02 9476 0142 [email](#) To register, download the registration form from the IAL [website](#). For more information on the CID program go to the [IAL website](#).

Irrigation Efficiency courses 2010. Do you manage an irrigation system and want to measure how efficient it is? Complete the IEC and you will be able to evaluate your system. Training in Certificate III in Irrigation competencies: troubleshooting irrigation systems; measuring irrigation delivery system performance; and

operating pressurised irrigation systems. Next course is in Melbourne 21 -22 April in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. For more dates for 2010 go to the IAL [website](#)

Certified Irrigation Retailer. IAL, with the support of Advanced Industrial Products, Davey, Grundfos, HR Products, Iplex, Philmac, Toro and Vinidex, will be running the popular Certified Irrigation Retailer course again this year. Tentative dates are 24 July to 6 August in Caloundra, Queensland. To register interest or find out more go to IAL [website](#) or contact Trevor LeBreton, phone 02 9476 0142, [email](#)

Certified Meter Installers – Rural Meter Installation Certification. This 2-day course provides certification for meter installers and is aimed at people who will be responsible for installing and validating water meters in a rural environment against Australian Standards. If you are interested in running a course in your area contact Trevor LeBreton at IAL, phone 02 9476 0142.

Online training begins. RMT is holding another of its popular on-line training courses for people wishing to gain skill sets towards IAL's Irrigation Agronomist and Irrigation Manager certifications. Course begins Thursday 15 April. Participants can do as many units as they wish. Start with one or do six to become certified. Cost is \$300 per unit or \$1800 for all competencies required for the certification. Irrigation property managers and owners may qualify for a FarmReady reimbursement of \$1500. To register or for information contact Barb McPherson at RMT, [email](#)

Irricad training. Netafim is holding an Irricad Pro Training day in Sydney on 11 June 2010 to coincide with the IAL Conference. Cost is \$250 per person. For information and to register contact Gennaro Vellotti, [email](#) or fax 08 8267 4299 by Monday May 3.

National Centre for Engineering in Agriculture. The centre has released its training program for 2010. Two-day courses in centre pivot, lateral move and travelling gun irrigation, irrigation fundamentals, irrigation and salinity, and surface irrigation optimisation. For information go to the NCEA [website](#)

National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training. Check out courses for 2010 at the NCGRT [website](#)

FOR YOUR DIARY

IA 2010. Put the dates for *Irrigation Australia 2010 Conference and Exhibition* in your diary - 6 to 8 June 2010 at Darling Harbour Convention Centre. You can keep up with the latest on Irrigation Australia Conference and Expo 2010 at its special [website](#).

Call for papers - ICID Workshop. ICID is calling for papers for a workshop, *Nutrient leaching from agricultural soils: loads to groundwater and surface water systems and water quality issues*, 12 October 2010 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia during the 61st IEC. A great opportunity to present and discuss issues related to nutrient leaching and water quality. For information about submitting a paper go to ICID [website](#) or contact ICID Central Office [email](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

ICID announces WatSave Awards 2010. You have till 31 May to nominate a person or group for ICID's WatSave awards. For outstanding contribution to water conservation for increasing the beneficial and/or efficient use of water to develop and improve the sustainable use of the critical resource. For information to the ICID [website](#)

Urban landscape irrigation research. Dr Bhakti Devi from City of Sydney Council is inviting participation in an urban landscape irrigation research proposal to: develop experimentally validated and tested monthly irrigation benchmarks for different kinds of urban landscapes, and translate the science of urban irrigation into practical water management protocols for use by parks managers and personnel. If you are interested in participating in or supporting the research proposal contact Dr Devi, phone 02 9265 9719, mobile 0434 219 985.

Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation - entries open. Sponsored by the National Water Commission, the Professor Peter Cullen Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation is awarded to an individual, team or organisation for research and innovation that has made or has the potential to make an outstanding contribution to the sustainable use and management of Australia's water resources. Entries close Friday 7 May 2010. For information go to the Eureka Prize [website](#).

SAWM

The Smart WaterMark Expert Panel approved a range of water-saving products and services at its latest meeting,

including: Underhill's Deep Drip; the Eco Rain irrigation blanket by Maccaferri; Rain Bird's SMYRT-Y soil moisture sensor & WR2 Series wireless rain/freeze sensor; IAL's Irrigation Efficient Training Course; and Sydney Water's Best Practice Guidelines for Improving Sustainability and Quality of Sporting Fields in Sydney. The closing date for the next Expert Panel meeting is 4 June. For more information on applying go to the [applications page](#) on the SAWM [website](#)

STANDARDS UPDATE

Standards Australia has recently distributed two ISO standards for comment and review; ISO 8224-2 "Traveller Irrigation Machines – soft wall hose and couplings; test methods" and ISO 11738 – 2000 "Irrigation control heads". Australia has been asked to comment on and vote for amending or accepting the standards. Members of the Australian standards committee ME-065 will be doing this, but these standards are a reminder that there are irrigation equipment standards that are virtually unknown in Australia. If you would like to know more about the standards contact the IAL Standards Subcommittee through Jeremy Cape, [email](#)

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