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WA Waterwise Irrigation Expo – book your stand and reap the benefits

Mark your diary now. The biennial WA Waterwise Irrigation Expo, 12 August 2009 between 9am and 5pm at Tompkins Park Function Centre, Alfred Cove Perth, WA. This year's Expo features a trade show and an all-day Waterwise Workshop. This is a great opportunity to make your presence felt. For a Expo Media Kit or to secure your site as a Sponsor or Exhibitor of this event, contact Tracy Martin (08) 9474 9089, [email](mailto:tracy@irrigation.org.au)

BOARD NEWS

Board goes west. The next IAL Board meeting will be held in Bunbury, WA Friday 22 May. Associated with the visit will be regional meetings at both Bunbury and Perth. All WA members should have received notices of details from Doug and Tracey. Peter Toome and I will be at the meetings to update members on the IAL's activities, and we both look forward to meeting you all.

CEO goes northwest and south. CEO Chris Bennett will be visiting the Moree area 28 May. The local members are currently working out a program for Chris to meet members and get a better idea of local issues. Chris will also be meeting with members at the Melbourne meeting 13 May. A major topic for discussion will be the development of the region and we will be looking at what the needs are and how IAL can best meet them.

Don't miss this chance to meet with the board and CEO. It is important for the board and Chris understand your expectations of your association and for them to get an understanding of each region. You will help IAL help you if you have input into these meetings.

IAL info. Contact the IAL national office for information about your association, phone 02 9476 0142, [email](#).

REGIONAL NEWS

To find out what's happening in your region click on the links. Check out regional contacts as well as when your regional committee's next meeting is, and other activities and events. [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](#).

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 [IAL website](#)

FOR THE DIARY

Irrigation Efficiency courses 2009. 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. Courses in all capital cities in September, and in Sydney, Brisbane and Townsville in September. Course [schedule](#)

STOP PRESS. Still places in the Brisbane courses 6 and 7 May, and Cairns, 26 and 27 May. To register go to website <http://www.irrigation.org.au/index.cfm?/training-and-certification/irrigation-efficiency-courses>

Applications closing soon for June CID exam. They are only held twice a year so don't miss your opportunity to become a CID. Being held in Australia in capital cities (can be organised in regional centres): 18 June 2009: closing date for applications, 29 May 2009; 15 October 2009: closing date for applications, 11 September 2009. For information and to enrol click [here](#)

Irrigation Training Courses 2009. Industry designed and presented training for retail staff. With support from Advanced Industrial Products, Davey, FHS, Grundfos, HR Products, Hunter, Iplex, Netafim, Philmac, Toro and Vinidex, IAL is running two 13-day retail training courses: in Bunbury, WA from 9-21 May [more](#); and in Caloundra, Qld from 25 July to 6 August 2009 [more](#).

WA irrigation expo – promote your company. The annual WA Waterwise Irrigation Expo is on 12 August at Tompkins Park Conference Centre, Alfred Cove. Features are a trade show and a waterwise workshop. A great opportunity to promote your company. Contact Tracy Martin for sponsorship information or to book a stand, phone 08 9474 9089, email tracy.martin@irrigation.org.au

Irrigation: meeting the challenge, Irrigation Australia Conference. This year's conference is being held in Swan Hill 18 to 21 October 2009. A great opportunity to meet people in the industry from all over Australia and find out the latest on topics like data management, modernising irrigation systems, groundwater management, competing irrigation need and urban irrigation. For information about the conference and call for papers click [here](#).

60th IEC Meeting and 5th Asian Regional Conference, 6-11 December 2009, New Delhi. An opportunity to take a look on the other side of the fence and see what is happening with irrigation and water management around the world. Theme is “Improvement in Efficiency of Irrigation Projects Through Technology Upgradation and Better Operation and Maintenance”. If you are interested in submitting a paper, deadline for abstracts is 30 April 2009. For information go to conference [website](#)

CRCIF Evapotranspiration Master Class. If you are a researcher, post grad student, irrigation adviser or policy developer then this course is for you. Find out the latest in ET research and practice. Presented by Wayne Meyer, Jim Wallace and Keith Bristow, Adelaide 7-8 May. For information and to register click [here](#)

Symposium: Agricultural Technologies in a Changing Climate. An international symposium being held in Brisbane in September 2009. Topics include irrigation, water and environmental management; plant production, handling and processing; information management. For information go to [website](#)

Centre for Groundwater Studies. Courses presented through the year by experts in groundwater management and studies. For information about courses this year go to [website](#)

SAWM UPDATE

New irrigation equipment guidelines for applicants to the Smart WaterMark are available [here](#). The next Expert Panel meeting will be held in June with a closing date for applications of 29 May. For more information visit the [website](#)

STANDARDS UPDATE

There's be a lot of interest in the new standards committee, The names of 17 industry members have been sent to Standards Australia for the formal establishment of an Australian Mirror Committee of ISO TC 23 SC18, the committee that deals with irrigation equipment. Membership provides the opportunity for people to comment on standards. If you are interested in standards contact coordinator, Jeremy Cape, [email](#).

HANDY LINKS

ICID newsletter. Download the latest [ICID News Update](#)

Smart watering website. Check out the new, interactive [website](#) for Melbourne gardeners designed show gardeners the most water efficient way to sustain their gardens

How much water in MDB storages? You can find out at the click of a mouse. Go to Murray-Darling Basin Authority [website](#)

PRODUCTS

Check out the IAL's [bookshop](#) and order your publications, Space Pro software and catch cans. Some publications also available for free [download](#).

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