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The countdown is on for IA 2010. Have YOU registered yet?

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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)

ICID news

ICID newsletter online.

The latest ICID News Update can now be downloaded from the ICID [website](#)

Contact

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

Website

The conference is shaping up to be one of the best ever. A huge input from CRC for Irrigation Futures is adding a unique scientific and policy making dimension to the program to make this a must-attend event. Download the registration brochure from the website www.irrigationaustralia.com.au and send in your application NOW.

Don't forget the exhibition is open to all and is free. There will be hot competition for the Best Product Award, with over 40 entries received to date. There are also over 20 new exhibitors at this year's event, as well as many of the top companies and regular exhibitors launching new products. The exhibition is **the** place to see a huge range of irrigation products and technology under one roof. If you are thinking about going then you will save time and make it easier for yourself if you register in advance at the event [website](#)

BOARD NEWS

IAL forges closer partnership with Irrigation NZ. While IAL and INZ have always had a good but low-key relationship, we are now beginning to work much more closely. During the INZ conference last week, the organisations met and identified opportunities for closer collaboration - irrigation standards and benchmarks and the joint development of training packages and resources. This comes at a good time for IAL, as we are currently reviewing all our training and certification strategies and packages. There is a lot we can work on together, which will reduce costs, allow a quicker (and better) outcome and provide for a common approach where appropriate. A perfect example is that INZ are developing a training package for irrigation designers, something we are very keen to do, so why not collaborate?

IAL conference and expo organisation well advanced. The conference is now very well developed, with a full set of speakers and papers. It should be the biggest and best yet and, with the great venue at Darling Harbour, will prove a big hit with all attending. The expo is also working out very well with floor space filling quickly. For more information, go to the [IA website](#) Make sure you register NOW.

Melbourne Region on the go. At its meeting this week, the region will discuss its new business plan and start serious work on moving the region forward. Part of that important initiative will be employing an irrigation officer to get some major runs on the board for the benefit of local members. IAL has submitted an application to help fund this. These are exciting times for the

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region which has worked hard to make things happen. Active and well organised regions are crucial to IAL supporting its huge range of members throughout the country.

Opportunity for advertising. The IAL diary has proved a great hit with members, and is being produced again for 2011. This is a great opportunity to advertise your products and services to IAL members. For information about advertising contact Sharlene Barnes, Link media, phone 1800 146 758 [email](#)

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. IAL has prepared a flyer for Sydney Region members 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. Being sent out last week of May so keep an eye out for it.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training update. IAL is working closely with Agrifoods on the new training package, to be launched by the end June 2010. IAL is also working with RTOs dealing with irrigation to better establish what they offer, how and when they deliver courses, and costs. We are identifying RTOs committed to the direction and needs of IAL members and the irrigation industry and will be entering MOUs with them.

Irrigation Efficiency courses. The first round of Irrigation Efficiency courses for 2010 has been held. We are currently modifying content based on feedback from participants and presenters, and will launch a new program after July this year. To register your interest in the revised course, [email](#)

Certified Irrigation Retailer. IAL, with the support of Advanced Industrial Products, Davey, Grundfos, HR Products, Iplex, Philmac, Toro and Vinindex, will be running the popular Certified Irrigation Retailer course again this year. Dates are 5 to 15 September in Caloundra, Queensland. To register your 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, [email](#).

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](#)

JOB SPOT

Course facilitators needed. To meet the increasing demand for training, IAL is seeking expressions of interest from experienced irrigation professionals who hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Facilitators will deliver units of competency from the AHCLM Training Package, IAL courses such as Irrigation Efficiency, Rural Metering, and provide assistance in the RPL process and mentoring of prospective students. For more information or to submit your Expression of Interest contact Trevor Le Breton phone 02 9476 0142 or [email](#)

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 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](#)

Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation. 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](#).

Nuffield Scholarships applications open. Primary producers are urged to apply for a prestigious Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship to investigate an issue they believe is crucial to improving agricultural performance and profitability. Applications close 30 June 2010. Forms are available from Nuffield Australia on 03 5480 0755, [email](#), and [website](#).

SAWM

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](#)

An independent review of the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme is underway. A discussion paper has been prepared to outline the elements of the scheme, identify issues, and present possible options. Submissions in response to the discussion paper are encouraged, with a 7 May deadline. For a copy of the discussion paper and further information about the review visit this [website](#)

STANDARDS UPDATE

Two ISO standards are currently under review: ISO 11738:2000 Agricultural irrigation equipment – Control heads and ISO 8224-2:1991 Traveller irrigation machines 0 Part 2: Softwall hose and couplings – Test methods. Members of the IAL standards subcommittee are reviewing these documents and comments from members will be consolidated at Standards Australia before the Australian position is sent to ISO. The decision for the committee is whether to accept or reject these standards for publication.

If you are interested in reviewing these standards contact Jeremy Cape, Coordinator of the Standards Committee, phone 0410 307 444 or [email](#) by May 14.

HANDY LINKS

The Scientist's Garden. Follow what's happening in the [Scientist's Garden](#) with Richard Stirzaker. Richard is monitoring his garden irrigation system; the results aren't always predictable and there is always something new to learn. Many of the lessons are as relevant to large scale irrigation as they are to the backyard.

National Water Market website. Check out the stage 1 of the National Water Market System (NWMS) [website](#). The first of a four-stage process, the website has information about the make up of the water market, processes and rules involved in water trading, and how water is managed in Australia. It also provides links to state and territory legislation, information about water trading processes, water market announcements and water registers.