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Irrigation: meeting the challenge, Irrigation Australia Conference. Registrations open soon. 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 click [here](#).

Waterwise Irrigation Expo 2009. 12 August 2009 between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm at Tompkins Park Function Centre, Cnr Canning Hwy & Dunkley Avenue, Alfred Cove, Perth, Western Australia. Consists of a Trade Show and Workshop. Entry to the Trade Show is *FREE*. Entry to the Workshop by registration only: \$25.00 (inc. GST) IAL and WGIP members; \$125.00 (inc GST) non-members (includes m/tea, lunch and a/tea). To secure your place at the Workshop, download the Workshop Flyer <http://tinyurl.com/workshopflyer>, complete the registration form and send it to the WA Region Office.

BOARD NEWS

Call for nominations to National Board. IAL is seeking nominations for 5 positions on the national board. For more information see the [Notice of Election](#) on the IAL website. Nominations must be received on the IAL nomination form <http://www.irrigation.org.au/assets/pages/34128F61-1731-7D47-82358117F2A13853/Board%20Nomination%20Form%202009.pdf> by 1 September 2009. Letters with the notice and nomination form also will be sent out to all the principals of the members before next end of the month.

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](#)

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Irrigation Australia Conference plans on track. Planning for Irrigation Australia Conference being held in Swan Hill 18 to 21 October 2009 is well under way. Over 120 abstracts were received, catering for all areas of interest. Make sure you register when the forms become available soon. Along with the conference will be a choice of interesting field trips. You can read the preliminary brochure here <http://www.irrigation.org.au/index.cfm?/events/irrigation-australia-2009>

Riverland Field Days 16 and 17 September, Barmera. Highlight will be the Irrigation Efficiency Avenue, an important and popular feature of the field days for many years. A great opportunity for businesses to promote products and services. And for the first time there will be an irrigation feature page in the official program (25,000 copies distributed) identifying all irrigation businesses at the field days. For information and a copy of the Prospectus phone 0409 099 122, or go to website www.riverlandfielddays.com.au

60th IEC Meeting and 5th Asian Regional Conference, 6-11 December 2009, New Delhi.

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”. For information go to conference [website](#)

Murray Darling Association 65th Annual Conference. Adelaide 2 to 4 September. Theme is Water Innovation – Challenging the Drought. Speakers include Penny Wong, Nick Xenophon, Fran Bailey, Ian Lowe, Rob Freeman and Peter Cosier. For information go to website www.mda.asn.au

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 11th Australian Groundwater Modelling School. Surfers Paradise, Tues 18 – Fri 21 August 2009. Aimed at those who either do groundwater modelling as part of their work, or who review the work of others. Hands-on experience in the use of: MODFLOW-2000, MODPATH, ZoneBudget, MT3DMS and PEST through the Visual MODFLOW graphical user interface is an important part of the course. Cost \$2200 (inc. GST). Other courses presented through the year by experts in groundwater management and studies. For information go to [website](#)

Water Smart Farms Pump Performance Workshop. Thursday 13 August 2009, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm at NSW Dept of Primary Industries Demo farm, Southee Rd, Richmond. This workshop is designed to improve your ability to select, operate and maintain pumping equipment, and operate your irrigation system with greater efficiency. Course content includes theory, practical demonstrations. An Introduction to Irrigation Pump Performance is a NSW DPI PROfarm course, aligned with Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) competencies. Participation is free to eligible participants through the NSW DPI Water Smart Farms project. To register contact Damien Doyle, phone 02 4588 2103, email damien.doyle@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Irrigation forums. Being hosted by NSW Irrigators Council: *Young Irrigators Forum* 16 and 17 September in Wagga. Free forum open to farmers across Australia who are under the age of 35. *Women in Ag Forum* 21 and 22 October in Albury. Free forum open to all women across Australia involved in irrigation. For info contact Mark at phone (02) 9251 8466, email mark@nswic.org.au

Call for Presenters – “Sharing the Knowledge”. NSWIC is seeking nominations from “innovative irrigators” to be one of four presenters in this year’s series, which will be conducted nationally. For info contact Mark at phone (02) 9251 8466, email mark@nswic.org.au

SAWM UPDATE

Irrigation equipment guidelines for applicants to the Smart WaterMark are available [here](#).

Closing date for applications for the next application round is 14 August. For more information visit [website](#)

STANDARDS UPDATE

TO COME

HANDY LINKS

Check out IAL's strategic plan. For a summary click [here](#).

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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