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Irrigation Australia journal. Spring edition, jammed packed with articles, is now out. Look out for your copy in the mail. Features on groundwater, automation and central control, better business, and pipelines, as well as our usual regular columns. A great read.

BOARD NEWS

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 and Townsville in September. Course [schedule](#)

Irrigation Australia Conference; have you registered? Don't miss the irrigation event of 2009. Register now for Irrigation Australia Conference, being held in Swan Hill 18 to 21 October 2009. Presentations will cater for all areas of interest, and there's plenty of social and networking events to catch up with colleagues from around Australia and New Zealand. To register go to IAL website. <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 to check out irrigation products and services. For information go to website www.riverlandfielddays.com.au

Landscape Contractors Association of NSW & ACT, 30th Anniversary Celebration and Awards of Excellence Dinner. Being held 8 October. There will be an audio visual presentation on the history of landscaping in NSW. IAL members and anyone with connections to the landscape industry are invited to attend. [Click here for the invitation.](#)

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](#)

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

Centre for Groundwater Studies. Check out course for 2009 at the CGS [website](#)

JOB SPOT

Irrigation Manager, Kununurra WA. A large rural operation on the Ord River Irrigation scheme needs an Irrigation Manager with an excellent understanding of and experience in modern drip irrigation systems. For information go to the IAL website or contact Asher Hammond, phone 07 5474 9613, email asher@agrijobs.com.au

SAWM UPDATE

Three finalists in the SAWM product of the year have been announced; Every Drop Shower Saver from Flux Research Pty Ltd, the Salt Slayer from Asia Pacific Market Development Pty Ltd, and the Irritrol Soil Moisture Sensor from Toro Australia Pty Ltd. The winner will be announced at the Build Gren Expo, Melbourne, Friday 16 October. For more information visit the SAWM website

STANDARDS UPDATE

With the Federal Government planning to invest million of dollars in modernising on-farm irrigation systems is it time to introduce standards for irrigation systems to complement international equipment standards? There are draft European standards that could be used as a model. For more information read the Raising Standards article in the current journal, or contact Jeremy Cape, email jeremy@capeability.biz

HANDY LINKS

ICID newsletter. The latest edition can be downloaded from the ICID website http://www.icid.org/nl2009_3.pdf

Looking for the latest in official figures for water used for irrigation? The Bureau of Statistics released its experimental estimates for the gross value of agricultural production 2000 – 2007. Download it from the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4610.0.55.008?OpenDocument>

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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