

BACKWASH

YOUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY IRRIGATION AUSTRALIA.

October 2009 No 10
www.irrigation.org.au



Know-how for Horticulture™

IN THIS ISSUE

Regional News
For the Diary
Industry News
SAWM Update
Irrigation Standards
Handy Links
Products
Regional contacts

Irrigation: meeting the challenge, Irrigation Australia Conference. Registration NOW before it's too late. 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 and to register go to the IAL website [here](#).

Irrigation Australia journal. Summer edition will be out in November. A great opportunity to advertise your product or service in the only irrigation magazine in Australia that goes to both urban and agricultural irrigation sectors. Technical features are water use efficiency and better decision making - irrigation tools; advertising feature is pumps. To submit a technical article contact Anne Curre email anne@naturallyresourceful.com.au. For information on advertising contact Brian Rault phone 03 8534 5014, email brian.rault@halledit.com.au

WA Region AGM. Wednesday, 14 October 2009 4.00 to 6.00 pm Tompkins Park Recreation Centre, River Room Cnr Dunkley Avenue & Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove. Members and non-members of the irrigation industry are encouraged to attend. To RSVP (required to attend) and for an AGM pack, contact Tracy Martin, phone 9474 9089, email tracy.martin@irrigation.org.au. Followed by an Industry Sundowner (6.00 to 7.30 pm) - bring a friend and meet fellow industry manufacturers, distributors, retailers and installers.

BOARD NEWS

Board election announced. Congratulations to the five board members who were elected in the recent ballot: Anne Maree Boland (RMCG), Peter Smith (NSW Dept of Infrastructure and Investment), Vern Costelow (Water Dynamics), Ian Moorhouse (Goulburn-Murray Water) and

Tom Vanderbyl (SunWater). Thanks to all who nominated for what was a very competitive election.

AGM delayed. The AGM, which was to have been held on Monday 19 October as part of Irrigation Conference, has been delayed to Monday 30 November to allow auditors time to complete a review of the IAL's accounts. The review has been more complex than usual in part because of the extra work in bringing together the books of IAA and ANCID and in bringing funding and expenses for all project activities into the accounts. A General Meeting will be held in place of the AGM. A full report on IAL's strategies for the future and a number of crucial initiatives will be provided at the meeting.

Welcome to new IAL staff member. Helen Horrigan is our newly appointed staff member responsible for administration in IAL head office. Next time you ring Helen will probably answer the phone so say g'day and welcome her to the new role. You can also catch up with Helen, who will be attending Irrigation Australia Conference this month at Swan Hill.

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 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>

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. Dates for courses for 2010 will be out soon. Watch this space or go to the IAL website <http://www.irrigation.org.au/index.cfm?event=public.page&pageuid=3A3D2AA5-1708-51EB-A6B76F5407434232>

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.](#)

Solutes MasterClass. Focusing on the use of recycled water for irrigation, the MasterClass will provide that latest information and techniques for managing and understanding the impacts of salts and nutrients associated with recycled water. Melbourne 18-19 November, presenters will be Dr Richard Stirzaker, Steven Falivene and Dr Anne-Maree Boland. For information contact Deb Atkins, phone 0415 135 457 or register here <http://www.irrigationfutures.org.au/events.asp?ID=186>. Early bird registrations close 3 November.

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: *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

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

INDUSTRY NEWS

SA to buy water. The State Government will buy permanent water entitlements from SA irrigators who missed out on selling to the Commonwealth under the latest round of its buyback program. The program received more offers from irrigators willing to sell their water than money available during that round of the program. Irrigators who applied but were excluded because the program was fully subscribed are invited to contact SA Water and discuss options for selling.

Queensland tops irrigating states. In the 2007-08 ABS figures on water use in Australia, Queensland was the largest irrigating state in 2007-08. Irrigation water used by Australia's 40,000 irrigating agricultural businesses decreased 18% to 6,285 GL. Of the 1351 GL decrease, NSW contributed 928 GL, over two thirds of the decrease. All states and territories reported decreased irrigation water use except Queensland, which was steady. There were 2000 fewer irrigating agricultural businesses in Australia in 2007-08 than in 2006-07. Nationally, 72,000 ha less land was irrigated at a decreased application rate of 3.4 ML/ha. <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4618.0>

SAWM UPDATE

Smart Approved WaterMark Stakeholder Forum 2009 is being held on Thursday 29 October 2009, in conjunction with Efficient 09. The forum is an opportunity to keep you up-to-date ensure you have an opportunity to be involved in the governance of the scheme. For more information visit the SAWM [website](#)

STANDARDS UPDATE

The IAL standards committee recently received the first draft of a proposed standard for flexible lay flat hose. The draft was prepared by the Indian delegation to the ISO irrigation committee. Anyone who would like to comment on or read the standard should 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/nup2009_9.pdf

Assessment of Evaporation Losses and Evaporation Mitigation Technologies for On Farm Water Storages across Australia. The latest research report from the CRCIF. Download it here. <http://www.irrigationfutures.org.au/news.asp?catID=12&ID=1018>

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](#).

About this newsletter

Backwash is a monthly newsletter published by Irrigation Australia reporting on developments in the irrigation and related industries. For more information or to contribute article ideas send an [email](#).

You have received this issue because you are on the IAL database. You will continue to receive *Backwash* free of charge unless you decide to unsubscribe.

To Subscribe or Unsubscribe

To subscribe free of charge to *Backwash* or to be removed from the mailing list, please send an [email](#).
Backwash is compiled by Naturally Resourceful Pty Ltd
© Copyright 2009 Irrigation Australia Limited