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## CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM

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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 (Winter 2010) go to the [IAL website](#) (PDF 6.3 MB)

In great news for IAL, the Queensland Dept of Environment and Resources (DERM) announced last week that it requires certified irrigation agronomists and CIDs to help with the first phase of the \$115 million Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Project. This announcement recognises the value and importance of the IAL's program for certified irrigation professionals and comes on top of the mandating of certified irrigation professionals to sign off on some irrigation plans and some residential systems in southeast Queensland. DERM are funding people to obtain Irrigation Agronomist, Irrigation Designer, Irrigation Manager, Irrigation Operator, Irrigation Contractor and Irrigation Installer certifications. For information contact Rosie Hannah, phone 074688 1185, [email](#) or go to the DERM [website](#).

## BOARD NEWS

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**Tender for IA 2012 and beyond.** An open invitation to tender for provision of conference and expo services has gone out to the market closing 13 August 2010. The successful tenderer will be offered the opportunity to work with IAL for a period up to six years.

**Membership fees.** Fees for the 2011 Financial Year are now due. Invoices were sent to all 2010 members during the first week of June. To date we have received a high number of renewals; thanks to those members for their prompt replies. For those yet to renew for 2011 please return your payments to the IAL National office at PO BOX 1804 HORNSBY NSW 1635 or

[email](#) to avoid missing out on your member benefits.

## 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

For information about IAL and the irrigation industry go to the IAL [website](#).

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## REGIONAL NEWS

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## JOURNAL

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The spring edition of *Irrigation Australia* journal will be out in August. Features are *design for efficient irrigation* and *managing your business better*. A great opportunity for designers, manufacturers and the service sector to reach Australia's irrigation industry by advertising. Advertising deadline is 10 August. Contact Brian Rault, [email](#). Download a copy of the winter edition from the IAL [website](#) (PDF 6.3. MB so it's a big one).

**Last chance to do the survey.** Closing this month so this is the last chance to tell us what you think of the journal. The short online survey only takes 5 minutes to do and will provide valuable feedback on whether we are hitting the mark with our publication. To do the survey go to this [website](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**IAL to deliver CPLM training.** IAL has obtained the Master License to deliver Centre Pivot Lateral Move training offered under EOI from CRCIF. We are currently finalising a business plan for the next 5 years to detail how we will operate this licence, both domestically and abroad.

**Diploma of Irrigation Design.** Work started in April with our NZ colleagues on the Diploma of Irrigation Design. We currently have the NZ units of competency being matched against their Australian equivalents. Once completed we will be in a position to establish what additional units need to be developed. It is expected that the NZ program will be available to us to deliver before the end of 2010.

**Saving water on playing fields.** IAL has been working with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) to establish a Playing Fields Water Saving Program in Victoria.

Twelve councils have expressed interest in participating. An inaugural workshop with these councils is being organised for 4 August to outline the program and seek their input and ideas

**Irrigation Efficiency courses.** The next courses are at Townsville, 24 and 25 August, and Melbourne, 22 and 23 September. To register, download the form from the IAL [website](#), fill it in and send or fax it to IAL.

**Certified Irrigation Retailer.** IAL, with the support of Advanced Industrial Products, Davey, Grundfos, HR Products, Iplex, Philmac, Toro and Vinidex, 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](#).

**Register for October CID exams.** The next exam date is 21 October. To register or find out more go to the IAL [website](#)

**Certification Fees.** Effective from 1 July 2010, IAL introduced a new range of certification fees:

*Members:* New certification \$265+GST; renewals \$200+GST

*Non members:* New certification \$385+GST; renewals \$300+GST

These changes do not apply to the first year of the CID program as this has been provided for in the examination fee structure.

**National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training.** Check out courses for 2010 at the NCGRT [website](#)

## **JOB SPOT**

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**Positions vacant.** Listed on the IAL positions vacant [website](#) are positions for a project consultant based in Brisbane, sales manager in Melbourne, and an internal sales staff in Melbourne. For more information go to the IAL [website](#).

**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

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**AGM in October.** This is advance notice that the IAL Annual General Meeting will be held 28 October. More details to follow.

**Riverland field days.** Put the field days date in your diary - 15 and 16 September at the Barmera field day site. Feature is “Irrigation Efficiency Avenue”, which consists of irrigation related businesses dedicated to irrigation technology and efficiency. For information or a copy of the prospectus contact Tim Grieger, phone 0409 099 122, or go to [website](#).

**Riversymposium for Perth.** For the first time in its history, Riversymposium will be held in Perth, 11 - 14 October 2010. The 13th International Riversymposium will bring together a diverse audience for interactive and vibrant discussion. Critical issues to be discussed include: water sources, water for industry, policy and regulations, rivers and catchments, community, and climate change. Register [online](#)

**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

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**Is your insurance up to date?** A number of IAL members are considering quotations from the people at Marsh Advantage. Are your insurances up for renewal? Then call or [email](#) Cameron Douglas at Marsh Advantage, phone 0410 531 136.

**Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Project.** Queensland irrigators in Queensland Murray-Darling Basin catchments may be eligible for financial assistance to improve

water use efficiency on their properties. Up to \$36 million will be provided by the Australian Government, for the Queensland Government to undertake two rounds of on-farm irrigation efficiency improvements. The first round is open to eligible irrigators with a tradable surface water entitlement in the Condamine-Balonne and Border rivers' catchments. Applications close 30 September. For information phone 07 4688 1185, [email](#) or visit the [website](#).

**Water Smart Farms.** This NSW Government project in western Sydney is offering grants to help farms, nurseries, golf courses and sport fields managers improve water use efficiency. Grants are available for measures including upgrading pumps and irrigation systems, water harvesting and reuse and for irrigation scheduling equipment. For information phone Smart Farms Information Line 02 4588 2118, [email](#) or visit the [website](#).

## SAWM

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Closing date for the next Smart WaterMark application round is 3 September. For information, including application forms, guidelines and criteria for approval visit the SAWM [website](#).

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts has published a final report on the consideration of domestic irrigation controllers for inclusion in the WELS Scheme. The Environment Protection and Heritage Council agrees with the report authors (Allen Consulting Group) who concluded that “while domestic irrigation controllers can make a contribution to national water conservation, they are not a suitable product for inclusion in the WELS scheme”. For more information and copy of the report visit the WELS [website](#)

## STANDARDS UPDATE

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In a first for Australia, the International Standards subcommittee that reviews standards to do with irrigation equipment and services is meeting in Adelaide 18 to 23 October. Subcommittee member countries include Israel, France, Spain, India and the US. Jeremy Cape is Australia's representative. To find out more contact Jeremy Cape, Coordinator of the Standards Committee, phone 0410 307 444 or [email](#).

## HANDY LINKS

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**Find products and services.** Irrigation products and services are available at the click of a mouse through IAL's online Products and Services directory. Go to the directory on the IAL [website](#).

**Irrigation Australian 2009 conference papers.** You can download these from the IAL [website](#).

**Latest irrigation news.** Keep up with the latest in irrigation news at the Water Technology Cluster [website](#).

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