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Welcome to the CRC-IF's *Inflow* newsletter subscribers, 1900 of whom are now receiving IAL's e-newsletter *Backwash* for the first time. We hope you find it informative, particularly as we further develop *Backwash*, our website and *Irrigation Australia* Journal to better reflect both our increasing membership and the great diversity of that membership.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS ONLINE

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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](#)

Many of our readers have been asking when they can access papers from Irrigation Australia 2010 Conference. You can download these from the IAL [website](#) now.

## BOARD NEWS

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### Irrigation Australia journal

To download a copy of the latest edition (Spring 2010) go to the IAL [website](#)

**CRC-IF leaves valuable legacy to IAL.** The CRC-IF Board has generously decided to leave a number of valuable assets to IAL. This has significantly increased the information and services we can provide to our members and the irrigation industry. Among the assets are the Master Classes (Solutes, ET, Centre Pivot and Lateral Move, Flow Measurement and, if successful, a new one being trialled, Urban Irrigation). IAL will also maintain the CRC [website](#) for the next five years after which the information will be incorporated into IAL's [website](#).

**Conference and Expo tenders.** The IAL recently called for tenders for its conferences and expos (regional and major). We

## ICID news

### ICID newsletter online.

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

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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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are now going through the 14 responses to short list. It is also intended to seek input from some of the exhibitors to ensure we get the best outcome. The selection process will be very rigorous as these growing and complex events are very important to IAL and its members, so we need the very best organisers.

**Retail Training Course to be upgraded.** The CEO and Business Manager met with representatives from the companies supporting the Retail Training Course to discuss ways of improving it. This will mean only minor changes to the upcoming course in Caloundra, but more significant improvements over time. One initiative will be to use online training to enhance formal face-to-face components of the course, including some preparation work before the formal course. It was also agreed that the course provided a very significant technical base for those attending and this should be enhanced online where possible.

**2012 Expo and Conference an international event.** Planning for the 2012 event is well underway. As well as the usual visitors, we are expecting 300 to 400 ICID delegates. This is a great opportunity for Australian companies to showcase their wares. Most of the ICID delegates will be from foreign government departments who make investment decisions about irrigation and drainage projects in their countries. IAL is seeking support from organisations including AusTrade, waterAustralia and the Water Industry Alliance. The conference and expo will also be publicised at the next ICID conference in Yogyakarta in mid October.

## REGIONAL NEWS

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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](#).

## JOURNAL

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The spring edition of *Irrigation Australia* journal is out now. Features are *design for efficient irrigation* and *managing your business better*. Download a copy from the IAL [website](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

**Irrigation Efficiency courses.** Next courses are Melbourne, 22 & 23 September and Perth, 23 & 24 September. To register, download the form from the IAL [website](#), fill it in and send or fax it to IAL.

**Waterwise Garden Irrigator Program induction session.** This joint program between IAL and the Water Corporation aims to optimise the WUE of domestic watering systems. Next induction session is Wednesday 22 September. To register your interest email [Tracy Martin](#) To download the guidelines and application form, go to the IAL [website](#).

**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](#).

**Certified professionals in Queensland.** The Queensland Dept of Environment and Resources (DERM) requires certified irrigation agronomists and CIDs to help with the first phase of the \$115 million Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Project. 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](#).

**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.

**Urban MasterClass.** IAL is holding a course 28 & 29

September at Coogee Bay. Targeted at managers and planners of irrigation systems for public and private open space. As this is a pilot course there is no charge. To register go to the IAL [website](#).

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

**Looking for PhDs.** The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training is looking for applicants for its PhD Recruitment Round for 2011. Closing date is 17 September 2010. For more information go to the centre's [website](#).

## JOB SPOT

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**Irrigation technician.** An experienced irrigation technician is required for a Perth-based company. Experience required includes both commercial installation and technical servicing. For information go to the IAL [website](#), or to express your interest, phone Brayden on 9254 4513 or [email](#) your resume.

**Course facilitators needed.** To meet an increasing demand for training, IAL is seeking expressions of interest from experienced irrigation professionals with a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Facilitators will deliver units of competency from the AHCLM Training Package, IAL courses 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 November.** The IAL Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 9 November at 3.30 pm (eastern daylight saving time). This will be a teleconference and regional committees are encouraged to organise an event for members and to be online. IAL head office will be sending out details.

**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](#)

**Seminar looks at WA water law.** A legal seminar being held 16 September at the Parmelia Hilton in Perth will examine aspects of water in WA. For information go to Legal Wise Seminars [website](#).

**Murray Darling Association AGM.** Being held Latrobe University at Beechworth 10 September at 8.30 am. For information go to the MDA [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

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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.

**Water Smart Farms.** This NSW Government project in western Sydney is offering grants to help farms, nurseries, golf courses and sport fields managers improvetwater 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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The Smart Approved WaterMark Product of the Year Award for 2010 has been awarded to the ANOVApot, which reduces root escape and saves water. Other finalists were Winns Water Saver and RainSmart.

Closing date for the next Smart WaterMark application round is

26 November. For information, including application forms, guidelines and criteria for approval visit the SAWM [website](#).

## STANDARDS UPDATE

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The first five sections of Australian Technical Standard ATS4747, which deals with meters for non urban water supplies, have been published. The final section, Part 8, dealing with compliance, validation and maintenance, was held up waiting for COAG acceptance of the DEWHA Metering Policy document. Part 8 has now been adopted and published.

The first five sections are now ready for review and re-issue as Aust Standards. However, Standards Australia has a new business model where reviews and upgrades are heavily prioritised, depending on industry demands, and to a lesser extent, contributions. Accordingly there will be no industry review of the ATS unless the industry organises it. If you are interested in participating in a review of ATS4747 please contact Jeremy Cape, Coordinator of the Standards Committee, phone 0410 307 444 or [email](#). If there is enough interest it may be possible to develop a proposal for IAL to take to Standards Australia to support a review.

## HANDY LINKS

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**Irrigation Australian 2010 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](#).

**Sell and buy equipment online.** Check out a new [website](#) for farmers and agriculture. Part of it is a service called [Product Tender](#), where sellers and buyers of equipment can list products for sale or wanted.

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