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

### 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

The only place to be next week is [Irrigation Australia Conference and Exhibition](#). You'll SEE, COMPARE and DISCUSS with industry professionals from over 100 Companies solutions to help you to streamline your business and water use.

It's been 8 years since the conference and exhibition were in Sydney. Have you been keeping up with the latest technology? This is your opportunity to find a huge variety of products and solutions all under the one roof. Plan your visit ahead of time; go to the IA [website](#) You can register for the conference and/or exhibition. Entry to the exhibition is free.

AVOID the queues – [pre-register](#) today.

**Meet the author.** Meet author Richard Stirzaker at the IAL stand during the Happy Hours at the conference and buy your own personal signed copy of his book, *Out of the Scientist's Garden*.

## BOARD NEWS

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**Vision for irrigation research and extension.** One of the key results of a recent review of research and extension, completed by IAL in partnership with the National Program for Sustainable Irrigation and the CRC for Irrigation Futures, is a vision document. This important document will be released at Irrigation Australia Conference in Sydney 8 June by IAL chairman, Peter Toome. For more info go the News section on the IAL website [homepage](#).

**Membership renewals.** It's that time of year again. Your IAL membership renewal is being sent out this week. Keep an eye out for it and continue to be a part of your industry through IAL by renewing your membership.

## 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](#).

**Brochure for Sydney members.** IAL has prepared a flyer for Sydney Region members with waterwise tips encouraging readers to contact certified irrigation professionals for design and installation advice. IAL members are welcome to use the flyer and can include company logo and IAL member number to it.

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

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## JOURNAL

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The winter edition of *Irrigation Australia* journal is out now. Features water use efficiency and the conference and expo. You can download a copy from the IAL [website](#) (PDF 6.3. MB so it's a big one).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Irrigation Efficiency courses.** The next course is at Brisbane 20 and 21 July. To register, simply 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 Vinindex, 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](#).

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

## JOB SPOT

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**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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**IA 2010.** A week to go so it's time to register for *Irrigation Australia 2010 Conference and Exhibition*. Dates 6 to 8 June 2010 at Darling Harbour Convention Centre. You can keep up with the latest on Irrigation Australia Conference and Expo 2010 at its special [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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**Water Technology Cluster.** This organisation held a very successful irrigation event in Echuca in May. The cluster is a partnership between a number of organisations in northern Victoria which are collaborating to help improve the effective and efficient use of water within the irrigation industry. For more information go to their [website](#).

**Business development help.** Eligible companies in the water industry can now receive government support through Enterprise Connect to help with their business development. There is particular interest in companies involved in water efficiency. Assistance is available through the Clean Energy Innovation Centre. Contact the Enterprise Connect Hotline 131 791 or go to their [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](#).

**Nuffield Scholarships applications open.** Primary producers are urged to apply for a prestigious Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship to investigate an issue they believe is crucial to improving agricultural performance and profitability. Applications close 30 June 2010. Forms are available from Nuffield Australia on 03 5480 0755, [email](#), and [website](#).

## SAWM

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The closing date for applications to the next Smart WaterMark Expert Panel meeting is 11 June. For information, guidelines and application forms visit the SAWM [website](#)

Smart WaterMark is attending a range of consumer and industry events around Australia throughout 2010, and is working with partners and Mark holders to promote the scheme at other events around the country. Event schedule is updated regularly. You can check on upcoming events at this [website](#).

## STANDARDS UPDATE

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Standards Australia has just circulated a new proposed standard on thermo plastic collapsible hoses. The documents circulated by the International Committee ask member countries to vote on whether the new standard should be developed to become a working standard. These hoses are typically used in annual cropping industries where they are used as temporary laterals to which drip lines are fixed. One of their advantages is that they can be rolled up and taken to a different area in the next irrigation season rather than being installed permanently. If you are interested in reviewing these standards contact Jeremy Cape, Coordinator of the Standards Committee, phone 0410 307 444 or [email](#).

## HANDY LINKS

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

**Taxing time.** It's that time of the year again. Read these [handy hints](#) for getting ready for the taxman.

**Latest water use on farms stats.** The ABS released the latest figures on [water use on Australian farms](#) in April.

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