

## Great Awards for Presenters

In an effort to encourage increased involvement of operators a number of special awards are on offer for individuals who present.

### Award for Best Paper by an Operator

The winner of the Best Paper by an Operator will receive an all expenses paid opportunity to present their paper again at another WIOA operations conference within Australia. Second and Third place winners will each receive a complimentary delegate registration to a WIOA conference.

### Award for Best Poster by an Operator

The winner of the Best Poster by an Operator will receive an all expenses paid opportunity to attend another WIOA operations conference within Australia.

### Award for Best Paper Overall

The winner of the Best Paper Overall will receive an all expenses paid opportunity to present their paper again at another WIOA operations conference within Australia.

### Eligibility Criteria for Operator Awards

To be eligible to win either the Best Paper by an Operator or the Best Poster by an Operator:

- All authors must be WIOA members.
- The Primary Author of the platform or poster paper must be employed in any sector of the water industry and identify themselves as working in an operational role.
- Authors must be available to answer questions relating to the content, during the conference program.



## Other WIOA Conferences in 2024

**VIC**  
28 & 29 FEB  
BENDIGO

**SA**  
TBC MARCH  
MURRAY BRIDGE

**QLD**  
24 & 25 JULY  
SUNSHINE COAST

**NSW**  
TBC NOV  
NEWCASTLE

## Exhibitors in 2023

- 3M Australia
- ABB Australia
- Absafe Group
- Acrodyne - Limitorque
- Activated Carbon Technologies
- ADC Plastics
- ADM Instrument Engineering
- Aeris Global
- Air-Met Scientific
- AKS Industries
- Alliance Automation
- Alpha Biogas
- Alternative Lining Technologies Australia
- Amiad Water Systems
- Aqseptence Group
- Aquacorp
- AquaManage Group
- Aquatec Maxcon
- Austeck
- Austral International
- Australian Water & Irrigation Solutions
- Automation Group
- Azano
- Barron - Auma Actuators
- Bermad Water Technologies
- Bintech Systems
- Burkert Fluid Control Systems
- CAPS Australia
- Carbon Activated Corp Australia
- Centralian Controls
- Challenger Valves
- Chemiplas Australia
- Chesterton
- Concrete Canvas
- Control Components
- CPR Services Australia
- Danfoss Australia
- DeMem Stevco
- Denso Australia
- Derwent Industries
- Detection Services
- Draeger Australia
- Drainchem
- Dredging Solutions
- Dynapumps
- East West Dive & Salvage
- Ebro Armaturen Pacific
- EDAC Electronics
- Endress+Hauser
- Enviroline Group
- Envirosonic
- Epsom Environmental Services
- EVM Australia
- Field Machine Tools
- Filtec
- Filtersafe Australia & New Zealand
- Fluidquip Australia
- Franklin Electric
- Fuseco
- Fusion Works
- GANDEN Engineers & Project Managers
- Gastech Australia
- GEA Westfalia Separator Australia
- Glacier Filtration
- Grundfos Pumps
- Hach Pacific
- Hanna Instruments
- Hayward Flow Control
- Hexa-Cover
- HMS Industrial Networks
- Honeywell Elster Metering
- Hydro Innovations
- Hydroflow Distributors
- Hygrade Water Infrastructure
- IDEXX
- ifm Efector
- Infinite Water
- Innovative Filtration Solutions
- Intelligent Water Networks (IWN)
- Interflow
- Iplex Pipelines
- ISC Services
- IXOM
- James Cumming & Sons
- John Morris Group
- Kelair Pumps Australia
- Kinder Australia
- KOR Equipment Solutions
- KSB Australia
- Kwik-Zip Spacers
- Lycopodium
- M. Tucker & Sons
- Mack Valves
- Mattioli Industrial Coatings & Concrete Remediation Services
- McBerns Innovative Solutions
- Metasphere Australia
- Metaval Consolidated
- MJK Automation
- NETZSCH Australia
- Nextep
- NHP
- Novolabs
- Nulflow Technologies
- Odour Technologies
- Ovarro
- PAAS
- Pentair
- Pipe Core
- Pipe Management Australia
- Plasson Australia
- Plumboss Australasia
- Polymaster
- Process Control Services
- Process Water
- Prochem Pipeline Products
- ProDetec Turbidity Measurement
- ProMinent
- Pump Engineers
- Redox
- Reece Civil & Viadux
- Remtron
- Research Laboratory Services
- Reynolds Automation Controls
- RIDGID Australia
- Robertson Technology
- Rowe Scientific
- Royce Water Technologies
- SAFEGroup Automation
- Sewer Equipment Company
- Sewer Maintenance Shafts
- SGEnergy
- Siemens
- Skylotec Australia
- Smart Lock
- SMC Corporation
- SNF Australia
- Southern Commercial Divers
- Southern Divers
- SPIRAC
- Strongcast
- Sulzer
- SWAN Analytical Australia
- TDM Pipeline Solutions
- Techtop Australia
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Triangle Waterquip
- TRILITY
- UAM TEC
- Universal Corrosion Coatings
- USB-Australia
- Utility Magazine
- Valvermax
- Viega
- VoR Environmental
- WAGO Australia & New Zealand
- Waterco
- Watertight Robotics
- WEG Australia
- Weidmuller
- Xylem
- Yokogawa



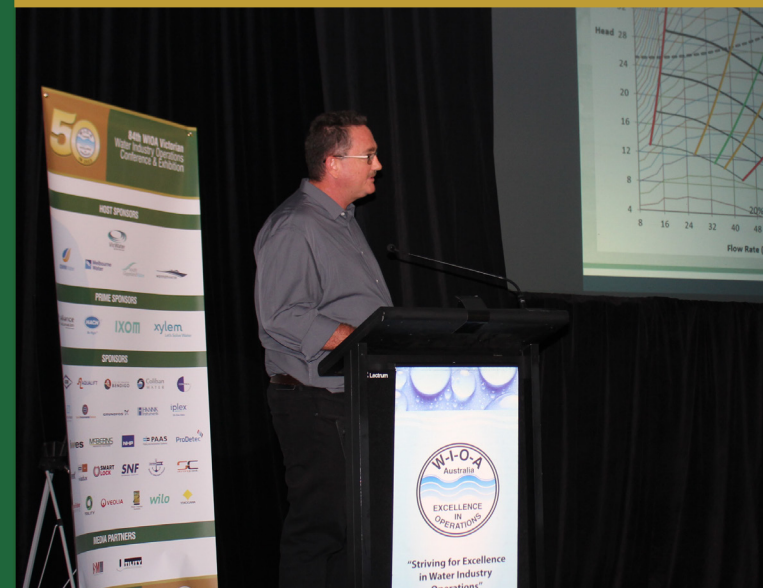
### Organising Association

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## 85th WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Share your experiences by submitting an abstract for a paper or poster

### Bendigo Exhibition Centre

Prince of Wales Showgrounds  
Holmes Road, North Bendigo, 3550



**28 & 29  
FEBRUARY 2024**  
**BENDIGO**





## The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) is proud to present the 85th Annual WIOA Victorian Water Industry Operations Conference and Exhibition in Bendigo in 2024.

This conference is recognised as a major event and includes the largest annual trade exhibition in the Victorian water industry calendar.

We invite water industry operations staff, professionals, and consultants, along with representatives from any companies supplying goods or services to the water industry to meet at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre on 28 & 29 February 2024 to discuss the latest in water industry developments and see state of the art technology on display.

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## The Exhibition

The conference program is accompanied by one of the largest annual water and wastewater exhibitions in Regional Australia. Around 150 companies are expected to take part in the exhibition that provides the opportunity to meet leading equipment manufacturers and service providers to see and discuss the application of state-of-the-art technology.

## Abstracts

The Conference Technical Committee will organise the technical program and has sole discretion concerning the selection of abstracts for platform and poster presentations.

Individuals and organisations may submit as many abstracts as they choose. If more than one abstract is submitted on different aspects of the same project, the project may be selected for more than one presentation.

### Who Should Submit an Abstract?

All water industry personnel involved in the operation and maintenance of urban, rural, and industrial water related infrastructure for the management, conveyance, treatment, discharge and reuse of water and trade wastes.

The technical program will cover various aspects of the industry. Past presentations have discussed issues relating to:

- Management of large dams and storages
- Wastewater collection and treatment
- Use of reclaimed water or biosolids
- Consultation and public education
- Development and application of new technologies
- Treatment and distribution
- Water supply
- Project management
- Asset management
- Training and safety issues

If you have ideas or have completed works that could influence the operational aspect of the water industry, there's no better place to share them than here. You are encouraged to submit an abstract for the program for platform presentations. All papers are considered equally important to the technical program.

### Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts for platform papers and posters must be submitted electronically by email. Intending presenters should submit a half page (200 words) abstract outlining the contents of the proposed paper by email to [info@wioa.org.au](mailto:info@wioa.org.au)

A template to be used is available on the WIOA conference website: [wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers](http://wioaconferences.org.au/call-for-papers)

Abstracts must include:

- **Title of abstract**
- **Contact details**
  - Name of principal author
  - Organisation
  - Postal address
  - Email
  - Telephone &/or mobile phone number

## Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be reviewed and judged on the basis of relevance to the industry, suitability of content to a broad audience, originality of work (including new concepts, improvements or new research or operational data), technical content and practical application. Abstracts may be accepted subject to changes being made to the content or focus of the final manuscript. Abstracts with an overt commercial message will be rejected.

## Format for Platform Papers

Successful authors will be sent guidelines and a template to assist in formatting their final manuscript. This format must be strictly adhered to. Authors must manage their own time appropriately and should ensure they complete their paper in time for internal review by their own organisation if necessary. Delays caused by waiting for internal review is not a relevant excuse for the late submission of papers. To meet printing deadlines, the final manuscript submission date is not negotiable and late papers will be withdrawn from the program. The manuscript will also be made available in pdf format to conference delegates.

## Format for Poster Papers

Posters will be accepted for two separate categories - Open and Operator.

Authors of eligible Operator posters are required to be present to provide a short oral description of their work at a time designated in the conference program.

For all other posters, time will be allocated in the conference program for the viewing of open poster papers. Authors are expected to be available to answer questions and discuss the contents of their poster.

- All poster papers should be a summary of research, trial or operationally based activity and should contain an overview of objectives, methods and materials used, results obtained and conclusions relating to the work undertaken;
- Posters should not exceed a maximum size of A0 (841x1189mm), they should be easily readable from a distance of two metres, contain photos and charts (where necessary), and adequately convey the message using a minimum of text;
- Posters should not advertise commercial services, logos or Trademarks. Specific products may be mentioned by name only, in the poster text. Product brochures will not be accepted.

**NOTE:** It is a condition of entry that a copy of the poster be provided in electronic format for submission into the conference proceedings and for posting to the WIOA website after the conference. Posters will be included in the manuscript and made available in pdf format to conference delegates.

## Abstract Deadlines Platform Papers & Posters

**Submission of  
Abstracts Close**

Friday 17th  
November 2023

**Notification  
of Selection**

Monday 20th  
November 2023

**Submission of  
Final Manuscript**

Wednesday 24th  
January 2024