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What The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia Ltd (WIOA) will stage the **1st South Australian Water Industry Operations Conference and Expo** on 1 & 2 August at the Murray Bridge Racing Club. This event is expected to attract water professionals to Murray Bridge for the two days and includes the running of the **Ixom 2018 Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia** competition where local water service providers compete with one another to find the **Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia**.

When **WIOA Conference** : Wednesday 1 August (1pm to 5pm) & Thursday 2 August (9am to 1pm)
FREE Expo : Wednesday 1 August (1pm to 5pm) & Thursday 2 August (9am to 1pm)
Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in South Australia - Heats : Wednesday 1 August (12.30pm) - **Grand Final** : (3.40pm)

Where **Murray Bridge Racing Club**

Why This conference is being joint hosted by **Rural City of Murray Bridge**.

The conference will be to provide access to attendees to share the latest in ideas, equipment and technology available to operators of water, wastewater, reticulation and recycled water systems. The conference will bring many regional and metropolitan employees together to discuss education and training, preservation of clean waterways, protection of public health and the environment, as well as to share and learn about the latest technological information. The knowledge gained at the event will be utilised to implement better quality, more efficient and more reliable operational systems for all areas of the state.

- 10 speakers over 2 days on a range of topics relating to the water industry
- Keynote Address by Stewart Kreltszheim from CFA on Lessons in Leadership
- Dean Barnett from Intelligent Water Networks Program
- 33 of the world's leading companies will be on display
- South Australia's Best Tasting Tap Water competition
- Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Scheme

See the latest in treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, water supply, reclaimed water or biosolids, project management, asset management, development and application of new technologies, training and safety issues from the world's leading companies.

For the operator, manager, engineer, consultant or professional or someone who is working in the water industry or just has an interest in water, then this is a must attend event.

Entry to the exhibition is FREE. To see the full program go to: <http://wioaconferences.org.au/sa/sa-delegates/>

About WIOA The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) is a national non-for-profit association with a primary role of facilitating the collection, development and exchange of quality information between people undertaking operational roles in the water industry. www.wioa.org.au

Craig Mathisen, WIOA Chief Operations Officer, states "Members of the public would probably be surprised to learn the complexities involved in delivering high-quality water to our taps each day and what it takes to remove the sewage we all produce.

The conference is a testament to the excellent quality of Australian water sector and to the diligence and commitment of the operational employees who work diligently to help make our communities great.

Many of us turn on taps for a drink, take a shower and use the toilet with little consideration of what it takes to operate and maintain the infrastructure.

We want to celebrate our unsung heroes - the water operators and the maintenance crews who work all year-round providing these essential services" he continues.

Further details can be obtained from the WIOA SA conference website: <http://wioaconferences.org.au/sa/>

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