

The Value of our Network

The Australian Water Association is Australia's biggest water network promoting sustainable water management and connecting our members through three core principles: information, networking and recognition.

The Australian Water Association provides a platform for our water experts, practitioners and businesses to share information, collaborate on projects and be recognised.

Membership is broadly-based and multi-disciplinary, covering the entire water cycle and associated industries including professionals and practitioners working in utilities, science, research and academia, energy and resources, manufacturing and agriculture.



INFORMATION

We offer a comprehensive range of regular publications including Current, Australia's leading water industry magazine, and e-newsletter Source, the premier weekly email water news service, plus daily water news headlines.

We have an extensive online information hub that provides a searchable, interactive compendium of all up-to-date water information. This includes our Water e-Journal, an online hub for water, science and technical paper publication in Australia.

We host a dynamic series of conferences and events that allow water industry professionals to expand their knowledge and continuously learn, including Australia's premier annual international water industry event, Ozwater, which offers more than 200 technical presentations.

We work with partners to offer courses and programs aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of water professionals, including leadership development for young professionals and continuous learning seminars.

Our online jobs website, H2Oz keeps you informed on the latest career and job opportunities in the Australian water sector.



NETWORKING

We currently have over 5000 members, including 600 corporate members. Our membership consists of utilities, large water users, contractors, consulting firms, research organisations and suppliers.

Our State and Territory Branches provide a high level of personal interaction and engagement. Conferences, workshops and technical seminars address the issues of key importance to the local sector, and our branch dinners and awards provide the chance for industry fellowship and business networking.

We also have a number of special interest networks that allow you to connect with like-minded professionals.

We offer members the opportunity to pass their knowledge and expertise to a young or new water professional through our mentoring program across all states and territories.

We offer the opportunity for you to connect with other companies and professionals who are interested in your products and business, and even explore great growth opportunities through our international program.

With a current focus on Asia, we can help you connect your Australian expertise and technological innovation to the growing Asian market.



RECOGNITION

We recognise the significant contributions our members make to the water sector through our Australian Water Awards Program, a national industry awards program run in all states and territories.

We help our members grow their personal and organisational brand within the sector by positioning and promoting their achievements and news across our print and digital communication platforms.

Individual members can build their personal profile by presenting at our numerous events or submitting technical papers to our Water e-Journal.

We are focused on building the international branding of the Australian water industry, growing local business capability and increasing industry exports.

Through industry collaboration, we run development initiatives including an International Program and the Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership.



INFORMATION

We offer a comprehensive range of regular publications, both digital and print, plus access to the latest water information. At our core we provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among people involved in the management of water.

Digital Platform

Our website is the information hub for the water sector, and is the portal to all our available water information. It is searchable by keyword, publication type, topic, product type, or speciality area. Regular visits to the website will give you the latest news articles, feature stories, podcasts, video interviews, technical papers, business opportunities, events, media alerts, political alerts and advocacy work. These are also shared across our social media channels.

Current Magazine

Our Current magazine is a print publication produced four times a year – February, May, August and November. Current contains feature stories, in-depth articles, industry case studies, profiles of industry leaders, as well as the latest in scientific research and water policy. Current also publishes around ten technical paper executive summaries each edition, with full papers published on our website. Current is available in both print and digital format.

Water e-Journal

The Australian Water Association's Water e-Journal is a fully searchable online repository of high-quality technical papers on a wide range of water-related topics. All technical papers that are submitted to the editorial committee will be considered for publication in our Water e-Journal, with one-page executive summaries considered for publication in Current.

Online Water Directory

Our online Water Directory is a fully searchable directory of water-related products and services, as well as a who's who of water organisations in Australia. This invaluable resource and reference tool for water professionals is regularly updated to ensure information is current and relevant.

Source e-Newsletter

Our weekly e-newsletter, Source features the latest in water news including media articles and industry updates from Australia and around the globe. We also feature a video interview, podcast or technical paper each week, and provide a listing of upcoming water events around the country.

Digital Newsletters

We offer a comprehensive range of regular digital publications including State Source newsletters and What's On newsletters which offer state-specific information to our members. State Source newsletters contain information on the latest news and policy updates, while What's On newsletters provide a listing of technical and networking water events in the State. Standalone event newsletters provide members with information relating to a specific event including speakers, registration details and opportunities for sponsoring or exhibiting.

Technical Events & Conferences

We host a huge range of conferences and seminars to broaden your technical knowledge and learn from the expertise of industry leaders and professionals. This includes our largest conference and trade exhibition, Ozwater, held every year in May and alternating between capital cities across Australia.

Webinars

If you are looking to enhance your knowledge but can't escape the workplace or make it to an urban centre, our webinars provide the Australian water sector with easy-to-access local and international innovation know-how and expertise no matter where you are. They are an opportunity to better understand initiatives taking place in water innovation and also gain intelligence on the challenges faced nationally and globally. This mode of delivery is particularly well-suited to meeting the needs of our regional, rural and international members.



NETWORKING

We offer a dynamic range of events to provide our members with opportunities to expand their personal and business networks. Connect with thousands of experts, potential clients, and businesses to increase your connections within the water sector.

State and Territory Branches

Our Branches provide a high level of personal interaction and engagement with local members. Conferences, workshops and technical sessions address key issues for the local sector, while branch dinners and award evenings provide the chance for business networking and industry fellowship.

Dinners and Networking Events

Our branch dinners, gala dinners and networking evenings provide you with the opportunity to meet professionals in the industry and establish connections for future collaboration. These events allow you to extend your network of professional contacts and create fellowship among professionals in similar career stages and backgrounds to you, whether it is through our network of young water professionals or our women of water network. Whether a formal sit down dinner or a casual gathering after work, our networking events have you covered.

Specialist Networks

Specialist Networks are coalitions of individual members who work in water-related topics of common interest. Our Specialist Networks allow individuals to connect across specific areas and fields of interest, allowing you to connect with like-minded professionals. Active involvement by members means we offer a platform for business and personal connections, building professional knowledge, and raising the level of discussion on water issues. Each specialist network has the opportunity to work with

the Marketing & Communications Team to develop technical fact sheets on the specific areas covered by their network. These are made available on our website and distributed through our channels.

Mentoring Program

Mentoring has been identified as an important influence in professional development and as an effective way to develop skills via the transfer of knowledge from an experienced senior member to a less experienced member. Our mentoring program is a great opportunity for young people in the water industry to gain advice and develop new relationships and skills from industry leaders outside their current organisation. On the flip side, this program offers senior staff the chance to develop skills in coaching and inspiring young people from across the water industry, while taking the opportunity to develop new relationships within the water industry.

International Program

Our International Program ensures that the expertise and experience of the Australian water sector is profiled and positioned to play a key role internationally. With a current focus on Asia, we can help you connect your Australian expertise and technological innovation to the growing Asian market. Relationship building is a central pillar of our international effort. We enable general collaboration, information exchange and knowledge sharing, inbound and outbound delegations, trade and business matching, as well as the facilitation of major water projects.



RECOGNITION

We offer dedicated opportunities for individuals, organisations and companies to be recognised for their contribution to the water industry. We promote the achievements of our members and allow them to build their personal and corporate profiles.

Australian Water Awards Program

We offer a range of awards at both state and national levels as part of our Australian Water Awards Program which plays an important role in promoting the contribution our members make to the industry and the community. The awards not only seek to recognise and reward outstanding achievement of individuals and organisations in the water sector, but also to identify those who have displayed conspicuous service to the profession and exceptional performance in the practice of water management. Winners of state and territory award categories become finalists in the national awards which are announced each year at the Ozwater Gala Dinner. Award finalists and winners are profiled significantly across our print and digital communications and platforms.

Member News

Our digital and print platforms are where we promote the news and achievements of our members. We can write news articles about your company's latest water projects, share your water resources on our social media pages, and update the rest of the industry on awards or bids you have won in our weekly e-newsletter, Source. Our Current magazine profiles the innovative work our members are engaged in across the sector, while our State Source newsletters profile the latest news and updates specific to local members.

Paper Submission

Our individual members have year-round opportunities to build their personal profiles, particularly through submission of technical papers to any of our state or national conferences, or our online technical paper publication, Water e-Journal. Presenting your research paper or case study at a

conference is one of the best ways to profile your work to the rest of the industry, whether an article about your upcoming presentation is written in the lead up to the conference, or your name and presentation title is shared via our social media pages. Presenting at Ozwater, our annual water conference, gives you the best opportunity to build your personal profile on a national platform. Submitting your research or case study to the Water e-Journal gives you exposure to our entire membership plus newsletter subscribers as technical papers are featured in our weekly newsletter, Source.

International Branding

Through our international relationships we have outreach across more than 45,000 international water sector professionals from across 15 countries, providing opportunities for your company to be profiled to a global audience. International business profiling opportunities include public private partnerships, joint venture opportunities, and collaboration on major water projects. We create a platform for which Australian skills and capabilities can be easily accessed, utilised and shared globally. Through delegations to large international water conferences, we focus on building the international branding of the Australian water industry, growing local business capability and increasing industry exports.

Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership

We manage the Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership (ANZBP), a member-based group consisting of organisations committed to the sustainable management of biosolids. The ANZBP provides factual information about biosolids; how they are produced; what is in them; how they might be used; their benefits and potential risks associated with their use.