

## January 2012 Newsletter

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*Hello all,*

*Welcome to the New Year! I hope you have a productive and peaceful 2012. For me, 2011 ended with the arrival of twin daughters and, as you know, being selected as the new Program Manager for WSUD in Sydney. 2012 is sure to have its challenges!*

*Right now I'm working on putting together some WSUD needs analysis workshops with Sydney Councils, doing a small revamp of the website and am finalising details of some technical workshops. Hope you are enjoying summer - look forward to catching up with you in the New Year,*

*Phillip Birtles*

### **Conferences in 2012**

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Water Sensitive Urban Design Conference: WSUD2012 is on in Melbourne this February – registration is now open. Just looking at the accepted abstracts on the webpage I can see there are plenty of New South Welshmen & Women making it down for this conference – See you there! Details at [www.wsud2012.com](http://www.wsud2012.com)

In the same breath, the National Water Conference: OzWater12 is on right here in Sydney in May – [www.ozwater.org](http://www.ozwater.org) and early bird registration prices are available till 9 March.

Finally, the 15<sup>th</sup> International Riversymposium has the very WSUD centric theme of “*Rivers in a rapidly Urbanising World*” and will be held in Melbourne in October! Abstract submissions close on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February and include a range of urban and city themes. [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com)

### **Welcome to the new CRC for Water Sensitive Cities**

Congratulations to the [Water Sensitive Cities](#) team that was successful in gaining a \$30 million grant to establish the current research group into a full Co-operative Research Centre. The new CRC will contain research nodes at Monash University, the University of Western Australia, and the University of Queensland and in Singapore.

As the press release says:

*“The goal of the CRC-WSC is to deliver the socio-technical urban water management solutions, education and training programs, and industry engagement required to make Australian towns and cities water-sensitive. Water sensitive cities are resilient, liveable, productive and sustainable”*

Sounds good doesn't it? The WSUD in Sydney Program will continue to partner with the research along with the 8 other council and state government partners within the Sydney Consortium group. If your organisation is interested in partnering in this please visit the relevant pages on the [wsud.org website](http://wsud.org), contact me or call [the CRC](#) directly.

### **Graduate Certificate Water Planning (part-time/distance)**

The international Water Centre is launching a new certificate in water planning and currently has [scholarships available](#) for the first students to enrol – details on the course and scholarships are available at the [IWC website](#).

### **Groundwater Forum – Free**

Hydrologists, water managers, researchers and policy makers who want to advance their groundwater knowledge are invited to join a forum in Canberra to be hosted by the National Water Commission and CSIRO on 27-28 March 2012. [www.clw.csiro.au/conferences/gwsw/](http://www.clw.csiro.au/conferences/gwsw/)

### **Other External Events and Training**

Following are links to WSUD related events over the next 3 months. If you have seem to share for next months newsletter – please let me know.

- [6-8/2/2012: 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Stream Management Conference - Canberra](#)
- [21-23/2/2012: 7<sup>th</sup> International WSUD conference - Melbourne](#)
- [5-6/3/2012: Erosion and Sediment Control Workshops \(Blue Book\) - Penrith](#)
- [21-22/3/2012: MUSIC modeling course, Sydney](#)
- [23/3/2012: Advanced MUSIC modeling, Sydney](#)
- [8-10/5/2012: OzWater'12 - Sydney](#)

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