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**JOINT IWA/AWA CONFERENCE**

# **“Sustainable Water in the North”**

**26TH & 27TH FEBRUARY 2009  
PARKLAKE COUNTRY COMFORT  
SHEPPARTON**

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS- THURSDAY 26th February 2009

In conjunction with this conference the following Special Interest Groups of the IWA will be meeting on Thursday 26th February at the Country Comfort Shepparton. For details of these meetings please contact the convenors listed below.

Special Interest Group	Convenor
Information Technology	Marcus Darbyshire (South East Water) (03) 9552 3015
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Finance	David Thomas (Western Water) (03) 9218 5425

## IWA Conference Program- Friday 27th February

Conference Theme - "Sustainable Water in the North"

**8:45am** Registration/Coffee

**9am** Introduction and Welcome – Goulburn Valley Water

**9:15am** John Corboy Managing Director – Corboy Fresh Fruits

### Regional Leadership/ Foodbowl Unlimited

John Corboy manages one of the larger horticultural operations in Australia. In his spare time he has been a significant contributor and leader in his industry and this region, including as Chairman of SPC in the 1990's, and Chairman of the G.V. Community Fund, G.V. Highway Action Group and Ladders to Success. John has most recently been the co-convenor of Foodbowl Unlimited, and will address the conference about the development of the Foodbowl project and the potential for this region to leverage the investment for success in the future.

**9:50am** Murray Smith – CEO Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP)

### Irrigation Renewal in Northern Victoria

As the CEO of the Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP), Murray has the very significant role of working with a range of regional stakeholders and managing the investment in modernisation of the irrigation system. Murray will give an insight into the plans, projects and challenges facing NVIRP in this vital infrastructure renewal project.

**10:25am** Morning Tea

**11am** PANEL- Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy

The draft strategy for community comment was published in October 2008 and submissions closed in December.

The panel will make brief presentations about the SWS from a range of perspectives and then take questions and discussion from the floor.

Irrigator Views

Richard Anderson

Chair – VFF Water Resources

Urban Issues

Craig Heiner

Managing Director, North East Water

Environmental Perspectives

Mark Lawlor

Chair of Goulburn Valley Water

**12pm**

Richard Evans – Principal Hydrogeologist, Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM)

### Groundwater issues specific to the Northern SWS

Richard as one of Australia's lead groundwater scientists will discuss the strategic importance of groundwater. His discussion will be centered on the specific issues currently impacting on the Northern SWS project as well as objectives to be taken into account for the future.

**12:30pm** Victoria Leavold- President Young Water Professionals (VIC)

The Australian Water Association's (AWA) Young Water Professionals (YWP) network is one of the national specialist networks within AWA. The YWP's network exists to engage, represent, service and inspire younger or newer water sector employees. Victoria will discuss the objectives and aspirations of the YWP and some of their current activities.

**12:45pm** Lunch

**1:45pm** Close





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Conference segments are available at the following rates:

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Thursday Dinner	\$120	\$135
Friday Conference & Lunch	\$120	\$135

Please advise Sarah Johnston (East Gippsland Water) Ph: (03) 5150 4418 of any special dietary requirements

## CONFERENCE DINNER

The Conference Dinner, which includes beverages, will be available from 7:30 pm on Thursday, 26th of February 2009, in the main function room at the Parklake Country Comfort. Pre-dinner Drinks will be served from 7 pm in the lobby.

Entertainment for the dinner will be provided by Claire Hooper- who is best known for her role as team captain on Network TEN's Good News Week.





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**Please Return by Wednesday 18th February 2009**

Next Joint IWA/AWA Conference  
 Date - 25th and 26th June 2009  
 Venue: RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne 3000

