

# Megatrends

IWA Conference 2024  
21 - 22 November



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## Novotel Geelong

10/14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong

## SIG Meetings

Thursday 21 November

## Barwon Water

55-67 Ryrie St, Geelong

The following Special Interest Groups will be meeting on **Thursday 21 November**. The meetings will be split over two locations: **Novotel Geelong** and **Barwon Water**.

### Novotel Geelong

SIG	Meeting Room	Convenor
Communications	Ceres Room	Holly Noonan Holly.Noonan@gwmwater.org.au
Corporate Governance	Peninsula Room	Robyn Gaeth & Lara Jimenez Robyn.gaeth@barwonwater.vic.gov.au - lara.jimenez@gww.com.au
Customer Service	Moorabool 5	Maddison Cullinan Maddison.cullinan@gwmwater.org.au
Development Services	Moorabool 1	Adam Heaton & Nigel Gerreyn adam.heaton@gww.com.au - nigel.gerreyn@gippswater.com.au
Energy and Greenhouse	Limeburners Room	Leon Stackpole leon.stackpole@chw.net.au
Environment	Moorabool 2	Shelley Kyriazis & Kirsten Hogan shelley.kyriazis@sew.com.au - kirstenh@gvwater.vic.gov.au
Finance	Bellarine Room	Darren Collins & Jack Reilly darren.collins@barwonwater.vic.gov.au - Jack.reilly@lmw.vic.gov.au
Information Technology	Moorabool 3	Andrew Dilley andrew.dilley@wannonwater.com.au
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### Barwon Water

Executive Assistants	Room 503	Julie Douglas & Ros Shipton julie.douglas@gww.com.au - Roslyn.shipton@yvw.com.au
Human Resources	Room 508 & 509	Ian Mewburn & Kate Montgomery imewburn@sgwater.com.au - katem@gvwater.vic.gov.au

### SIG Meeting timings

Arrival tea/coffee 9:30am

Meetings commence 10:00am

Lunch 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

### SIG Agendas and Registration

The agenda for each SIG is arranged by the Convenor. These will be released shortly.

Please register for each SIG you wish to attend via Eventbrite.

[Register](#)

**Novotel Geelong**  
10/14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220

**Conference Dinner & Accommodation**  
**Thursday 21 November**

**Peninsula Room**  
Level 1

## Conference Dinner

Please join us for the conference dinner! Always a highlight on the conference program. A fantastic opportunity to catch up and network with the water sector.



This year we are mixing things up by incorporating a few trivia sessions between courses. Put your knowledge to the test across a wide range of topics. Whether you're a trivia master or just looking to catch up and network over a meal, this is sure to be a fun addition to the night.

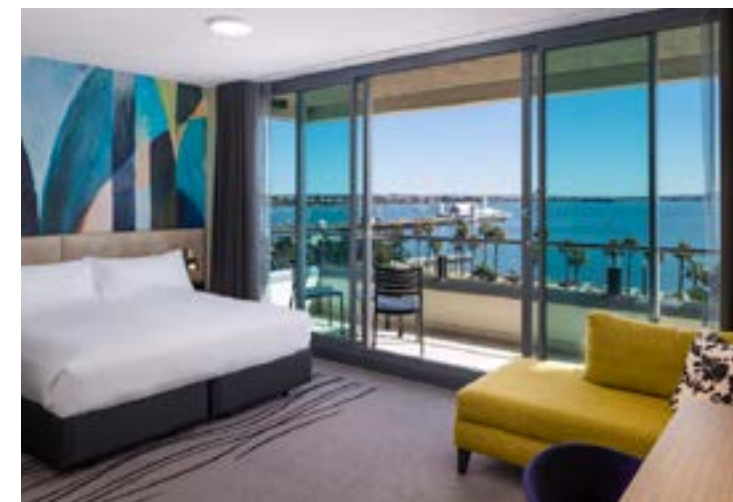
Don't miss out on an unforgettable evening of fantastic food, brain-teasing trivia, and friendly competition at the IWA Conference Dinner!

**Time:** 6:30pm pre-dinner drinks for 7:00pm start

**Dress:** Corporate attire

**Cost:** \$130 + GST per person

**Inclusions:** Three course meal with limited alcoholic beverages



## Accommodation

Special accommodation rates have been arranged for IWA Conference delegates at **Novotel Geelong** Room and breakfast for one \$269 per night

[Book Here](#)

## Car Parking

Car parking at the Hotel is a valet service only and charged at the rate of \$40 per car for in house guests and day guests.

**Peninsula Room - Novotel Geelong**  
10/14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220

## Conference Program

### Friday 22 November

### Conference Details

**Cost:** \$250 + GST per person

**Inclusions:** Coffee, morning tea and lunch

8:30am	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome &amp; Context:</b> Andrew Jeffers, IWA President 2024/25
9:05am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Traditional Owner Corrina Eccles, Wadawurrung Aboriginal Corporation
9:15am	<b>Sponsor's address:</b> Francois Gouws, Managing Director, TRILITY
9:25am	<b>New intelligences: Navigating the future of work in the age of AI.</b> James Allen, Futurist, Sustainable Futures, Melbourne Water Intelligence is the megatrend of all megatrends. It has powered all human progress, helping us adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world. Now, we've created artificial intelligence—an historic innovation that brings immense opportunity and serious risks. As AI takes over more tasks, what will it mean for the future of work in the water sector?
10:10am	<b>Leveraging Industry Trends: Insights and observations for innovation in the water sector</b> Tracey Slatter, CEO, TAC This presentation will provide insights into current trends being experienced in another industry and observations for the water sector
10:40am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:10am	<b>A Scandinavian perspective</b> Ian Bail, General Manager Strategic Services, Wannon Water This presentation will provide insights into the global water context from World Water Week 2024 and on-ground engagement in Scandinavia.
11:40am	<b>2024 WIOA Young Operator of the Year – New Zealand Study Tour 2024</b> Sponsored by the IWA and new WIOA Women in Water Operations Network Belle Beale, Safety Business Advisor, Barwon Water
11:55am	<b>IWA Strategy Workshop</b> Facilitated by Geoff Brown, Tangent Consulting A facilitated workshop to hear from you about how the IWA can build on its strengths, and best create value for members into the future.
12:55pm	<b>Close &amp; Lunch</b>

### Conference Theme - Megatrends

This conference theme leads us to look outside our water sector bubble at the megatrends that are occurring or are coming from over-the-horizon. There is value in periodically lifting our collective heads and looking at the world around us to gain an understanding of what is changing.

How will these trends impact our future services, activities and plans? How can we be prepared and adapt?

### IWA Strategy Workshop

Breaking from the megatrend theme, the last session of the day is a workshop to help shape the future of the IWA. We look forward to your input into this important process.

## Registration

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To register for any component of the IWA November 2024 Conference, including the SIG meetings, the Conference Dinner or the Conference, please click the button below to register via Eventbrite.

Registrations Close on **Thursday 14 November**

[Register](#)

For general enquiries please contact **Lauren Vines, Engagement Manager, VicWater** or **Sam Fisher, IWA Secretary**