

# Water Directorate Publications and Services



To make local water utility staff in regional NSW aware of all the technical publications that the Water Directorate has produced for its member councils over the past 17 years.

## Outcomes

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Your attendance at this course will serve to provide you with:

- The Water Directorate's role since commencing in December 1998 in producing guidelines and manuals, and how the website and discussion forum operate.

**Venue: Metro Hotel Sydney Central**

**Date: Wednesday 13 July**

**Members: \$400 + GST**

**Non Members: \$450 + GST**

**To book please contact  
Elsie on 02 8267 3008**

## About the Presentations:

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- Water Directorate history
- Water Directorate aim and purpose
- Water Directorate publications list
- Water Directorate newsletter
- Water Directorate awards
- Water Directorate website



## Who should attend?

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- ▲ Engineers ▲ ▲
- ▲ Works Officers

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## Presenters

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**Gary Mitchell – Executive Officer Water Directorate**

Gary is a Civil Engineer and commenced his career as a full time Sydney Water Board trainee engineer in 1971 and part time student at NSWIT now UTS. Gary gained experience in construction, design, operations, investigations and strategic planning of Sydney's water and sewerage infrastructure over a 27 year period.

An interesting highlight was working at Malabar STP, the largest treatment plant in the southern hemisphere, in the three years leading up to the commissioning of the 3.5km long deep ocean outfall tunnel in 1990 – which had its 25th anniversary last year. Another interesting career opportunity immediately followed as part of a visionary strategic planning division established in 1991 to spend \$7B over 20 years in the decade leading up to the Sydney Olympic Games and for the first decade of the 21st century. The division was jointly staffed by Sydney Water, US consultants and Australian consultants but unfortunately was plagued by funding cuts. Gary completed an MBA in 1998 and took on the role of Executive Officer in 1999 to assist in establishing the Water Directorate and then carrying out its technical advisory role.

**Tony Holmes – Business and Customer Services Manager, Shoalhaven Water**

Tony is responsible for the business operation of Shoalhaven Water from a financial perspective and to ensure accountability of its operations to customers. Tony is a member of the AWA Water Retail Network Committee and is also the NSW representative for the Water Services Association Customer Indicators Working party which is testing the national perception of customers about water utility services. Tony is currently the chair of the Policy Committee of the NSW Water Directorate.

**Graham Kennett - Executive Manager Urban and Assets, Kyogle Council**

Graham has been employed in local government for over 19 years, 17 of which he has been responsible for the management of water supply and sewerage services at Kyogle Council. Graham currently employed as Executive Manager Urban and Assets at Kyogle Council, and also holds the position of chair of the North Rivers Water Managers Group, and is one of two representatives for the North Coast Group of Councils on the NSW Water Directorate Executive Committee. Graham holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) from the University of Sydney, and has completed a Graduate Certificate of (Local Government) Engineering from the University of Technology, Sydney. Graham enjoys the satisfaction he gets from public service, and the challenges that this presents. Graham is passionate about the water industry, and strives to promote an environment where there is an appetite for innovation and change, and also a focus on delivering best practice management of these essential services to the local community.

**Todd Neal - Special Counsel, Public Law, Planning & Environment Maddocks**

Prior to joining Maddocks, Todd worked at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and the Attorney General's Department. His public sector history provides the Public Law Group with a practical understanding of the needs of the Group's local government and public sector clients. Todd's public law experience covers the gamut of legal issues within this subject area including major public sector infrastructure, governance and, planning and environmental law. This experience has been established through litigious matters, contractual disputes and negotiations, and advisory matters. Todd was the lead author of the Land Matters Guidelines (2012) and the Easement Guidelines prepared for the Water Directorate and the Roads and Transport Directorate. Todd holds BA, LLB (Hons) qualifications from Macquarie University and has worked on many local government related cases, presentations, seminars and publications. Click on link to see attached CV.

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