
VICWATER 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 2
AND FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER, 2010
NOVOTEL FOREST RESORT CRESWICK
1500 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, CRESWICK



VICTORIAN WATER
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION INC.

"Innovation, Co-operation and Sustainability"

CHARTING OUR FUTURE



WELCOME

On behalf of the Victorian Water Industry Association we welcome you to the 2010 VicWater Annual Conference.

The conference brings together Directors and senior managers from Victoria's water businesses, together with leaders from government, business and industry sectors.

The theme for this year's conference, "Charting our Future" focuses on good governance and direction. Clear and efficient governance arrangements are critical to the sustainable management of water resources and delivery of water services in Victoria.

Good governance provides the foundation for high performance and enables entities to perform efficiently and effectively to ensure they respond strategically to changing demands and circumstances.

As an industry we are only too well aware of the imperative for good governance practices that support businesses ability to perform at their optimum in conditions that can be challenging and often outside their control; population growth, low rainfall conditions and the uncertainties of climate change just to name a few.

Throughout the conference you will hear from a number of individuals who have a great deal of experience and knowledge in various aspects of governance and they will share the challenges they have faced and the knowledge that they have accumulated.

The conference dinners and the session breaks provide delegates with the opportunity to network with colleagues and industry representatives, exchanging ideas and establishing new contacts.

This year's program has been developed with Directors and senior managers in mind and we look forward to welcoming you to the Novotel Forest Resort Creswick for what, we believe, will be an outstanding conference.



Jan Greig

Jan Greig
Chair



Steve Bird

Steve Bird
Chief Executive Officer

VICWATER 2010 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Pre-Conference Welcome Wednesday, 1 September 2010

- 7.00pm Pre Dinner Drinks
- 7.30pm Informal Welcome Dinner in the Harvest 383 Restaurant
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DAY 1: Thursday, 2 September 2010

- 9.00am Registration
- 9.30am **Welcome address** Jan Greig
Chair, VicWater
- 9.40am **Opening Address** Paul Barry
Journalist and Presenter
A British-born, Australian-based journalist, who has won many awards for his investigative reporting.
- 10.00am Keynote Address John Harte
Directors - What you need to know *Principal, Gnarwarre Group of Companies*
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- 11.00am Morning Tea: Trade Display Area
- 11.30am **Water Sensitive Cities** Rob Skinner
Managing Director, Melbourne Water
- 12:15pm **Board Performance Assessment** Sue O'Connor
Managing Director, Balcombe Consulting
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- 1.00pm Lunch: Harvest 383 Restaurant
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- 2.00pm **Governance and the Water Industry** Ron Ben-David
Chair, Essential Services Commission
- 2.30pm **Stewardship of Alternative Water programs** Rod Dedman
Manager Water Policy, Department of Health
- 3.00pm **2009 VicWater Development Award Winners** Rita Narangala, *Manager Backlog Planning*
Chris Brace, *Manager Treatment Plant Planning*
Both from Yarra Valley Water
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- 3.30pm Afternoon Tea: Trade Display Area
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- 4.00pm VicWater Annual General Meeting Venue: Hepburn Room
- VicWater Council Delegates are asked to attend the VicWater Annual General Meeting. All other delegates are invited to observe.
- 4.30pm Audit and Risk Committee Chairs Discussion (closed session).
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- 7.00pm Pre-dinner drinks
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- 7.30pm **Annual Conference Dinner** (Dress Smart Casual)
- Sponsored by Thiess Services*
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DAY 2: Friday, 3 September 2010

9.00am	Risk Management	Roger Gowlett <i>Risk Management Advisor, Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA)</i>
9.30am	Effective Strategy Execution	Les McLean <i>General Manager Commercial Services, Western Water</i>
10.00am	Current Board Issues	Paul Geyer <i>State Manager, Victorian Division, for the Australian Institute of Company Directors</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea: Trade Display Area	
11.00am	Intelligent Networks - Lessons from the USA	Andrew Jeffers <i>General Manager, Service Delivery, Wannon Water</i>
11.30am	Water History	Dr Geoff Russell <i>Senior Public Affairs Adviser, Department of Sustainability and Environment</i>
12.20pm	Conference Close	Jan Greig <i>Chair, VicWater</i>
12:30pm	Lunch: Harvest 383 Restaurant	



Paul Barry

Paul Barry studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University. In 1973 he graduated with 1st Class Honours. Born in England, he has lived in Australia since 1986 and is now one of the country's most respected journalists. His films for the ABC's Four Corners in the early 1990s won him every major TV award.

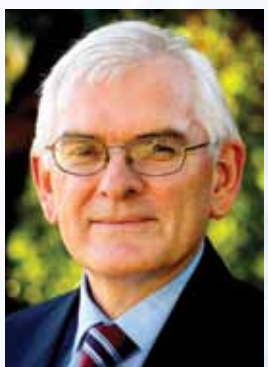
Paul Barry's work as a journalist has won numerous awards, including a Walkley in 2001 for an expose on tax-dodging barristers. He is a former host of the ABC's 'Media Watch' and Channel 7's 'Witness'. He has also reported for Channel 9's 'A Current Affair' and '60 Minutes' and written for the Sydney Morning Herald. Paul's investigations of Alan Bond's and Kerry Packer's business affairs in the 1980s and 1990s led to three best-selling books.



Dr John Harte

Dr John Harte is a Principal at Integrity Governance. He brings 18 years experience as a presenter and facilitator around the world and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School "Leading Professional Services Firms" course. He has facilitated the Australian Institute of Company Directors Diploma course for five years, specialising in board effectiveness, decision making and the practical elements of working on, and with, boards. John's practical water industry experience includes director training, strategic planning, board and governance reviews, chairmen and Managing Director mentoring as well as practical development and implementation of good governance and succession plans to enhance the quality, sustainability and value of businesses.

John has worked in Europe, Russia, Asia, the Americas and Australia with Goldman Sachs JBWere, Schrodgers, Capital International and Mars Incorporated. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute and the UK Institute of Directors.



Rob Skinner

Rob Skinner was appointed Managing Director of Melbourne Water in February 2005.

He is currently a Board member of the Water Services Association of Australia and actively involved in a number of significant sustainability initiatives in Melbourne.

Prior to joining Melbourne Water, he was Chief Executive Officer of Kingston City Council for ten years, during which time he held a number of key positions in the water sector including Chairperson of Southern Rural Water and Chair of the Victorian Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Other senior appointments prior to 1995 include Chief Executive Officer of Dandenong Valley and Western Port Authority, Chief Executive of the Coode Island Review Panels and Manager of Parliament and Government in the Department of Premier and Cabinet. He has been a leading figure in Victoria's water sensitive urban development programs.

Mr Skinner has initiated a number of collaborative relationships between Melbourne Water and agencies in a range of countries, including Singapore and UK.



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REGISTRATION FORM

**2 and 3 September 2010 – Novotel Forest Resort Creswick
 1500 Midland Highway, Creswick**



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CONFERENCE PACKAGES

Type	Package	Member	Non Member	Amount
A	Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$1,200 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$1,400 per person	\$
B1	Day Conference 02/09/10	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$450 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$500 per person	\$
B2	Day Conference 03/09/10	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$450 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$500 per person	\$
C	Conference Dinner 02/09/10	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$120 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> at \$140 per person	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT				\$

Above prices are inclusive of GST

- Full conference package includes two night's accommodation (1 & 2/09/10), all breakfasts, lunches and dinners.
- Day package includes morning and afternoon teas, lunch and full conference documentation.
- Special rates are available of accompanying partners. Please contact Fiona Ould at VicWater for further details.

ATTENDEE DETAILS

How to Register
Fax or email Registration Form to VicWater.
A Tax Invoice will be forwarded by email

Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Please ensure you provide an email address so that your invoice can be emailed.

Name	Job Title	Company	Email	Package Type	Accommodation Required		Attending Dinners		Special Dietary Requirements
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Legend: S = Single (1 person), D = Double or T = Twin (2 people)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 4 AUGUST 2010
 PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS ACCOMMODATION AT THE VENUE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

CANCELLATIONS

Should you be unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome. A charge of 50% of the registration fee will be made for cancellations received at least 21 days prior to the start of the conference. No refund will be provided for cancellations within 21 days of the conference start date.