

REGISTRATION

LGNSW

WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

7-9 July 2021

The Crossing Theatre, 117 Tibbereena Street,
Narrabri, NSW 2390

BUILDING
RESILIENCE +
CAPABILITY



CO-HOSTED BY:



LGNSW's Water Management Conference is a major annual event that provides a dedicated forum to discuss water policy initiatives and trends. Hear about the latest technical issues and share best practice in water governance and management.

It was this time 12 months ago when the world stopped and we hosted our first Water Management Conference online. As a community, we learnt to adapt to the limitations placed on human interaction and share ideas in an unfamiliar way. Now, as our lives return to normal, we look forward to reigniting our partnership with our co-host, Narrabri Shire Council, to deliver a safe, thought-provoking and in-person Water Management Conference 2021.

It is anticipated that more than 200 delegates, including councillors and council general managers, water utility managers, professionals, policy makers, researchers and other key industry stakeholders will travel from throughout NSW and interstate to attend our event.

Delegates will have the opportunity to learn about the latest water policy initiatives and trends, receive updates on emerging technical issues, establish benchmarks and take advantage of networking, professional development and team building sessions.

Compelling reasons to travel to Narrabri

A leader in water ingenuity for rural areas, Narrabri Shire is also home to a diverse range of beautiful natural resources and wildlife, and a dynamic and engaged community. It is an agricultural wonderland and renowned for the production of some of the world's highest quality wheat, cotton, fat lambs and beef. It is also a bustling town offering a wonderful selection of shopping, restaurants, attractions and museums.

The Narrabri region is famously known as "Big Sky" country because of its captivating star-filled night skies. It is home to natural wonders such as the Sawn Rocks, Pilliga hot artesian bore bath and the Salt Caves. With a mix of country charm and soul, Narrabri is an inviting gateway to stunning nature views and the picturesque setting of Mt Kaputar National Park.

Just you, five million stars, a mountain range and the rare giant pink slug *riboniophorus aff. Graeffei* are a few of many compelling reasons to attend this year and find out what "Destination Narrabri" means for the business and leisure traveller. The Pilliga Forest, with its iconic, vast and unusual semi-arid woodlands spanning over 3000m², is said to be the habitat of Australia's own Big Foot (or Yowie) and has been the home of the Gamilaroi people for nearly 30,000 years. Yowie seekers are drawn from across the globe in search of this mystical creature and to traverse this dense bushland.

[Above: View from Doug Sky lookout, Mt Kaputar.](#)

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Mt Kaputar Lookout Aerial, Nandewar Ranges, CSIRO telescope, Narrabri town, Narrabri Water Supply Augmentation, and Yarrie Lake.



Conference Program

The past few years have been among the most challenging faced by NSW councils and local water utilities trying to deliver safe and reliable water supplies to communities in regional NSW. The recent drought was one of the most severe experienced in NSW, and the bushfires of late 2019 and the recent flood events have all threatened the quality of water in catchments. This is why the 2021 LGNSW Water Management Conference will focus on the theme of Building Resilience and Capability.

The aim of this year's conference is to help practitioners and elected members learn about ways in which they can build on the excellent work being undertaken in the industry and help set it up for the inevitable challenges of a changing climate in the future.

Program highlights include:

- case studies from councils and LWUs that have successfully implemented water infrastructure projects designed to improve resilience and capability.
- learning how to manage the risks posed by mega drought
- the opportunity to hear from industry experts about the latest developments in the water sector
- site visits to recently completed state-of-the-art water augmentation and sewage treatments plants

Site Visits

Narrabri Water Supply Augmentation

The Narrabri Water Augmentation Project will secure the township's water supply for the next 25 years. Although its water supply already meets the Australian Drinking Water Standards, the quality of Narrabri's drinking water has long been a contentious issue. This \$14.18 million project will centralise storage, enabling more efficient processing and distribution and bringing water treatment one step closer.

Wee Waa Sewage Treatment Plant

Wee Waa STP (Sewage Treatment Plant) Upgrade is part of a larger project including Boggabri STP, and Narrabri, Boggabri and Wee Waa Sewage Pump Stations. The Wee Waa portion of the project is valued at \$5.29 million of a \$12.16 million contract, which is co-funded by Restart NSW, CIVIO, and Narrabri Shire Council. The project includes the replacement of all mechanical parts, piping, electrical panels, telemetry, and control as well as a new effluent re-use pumping station inlet works, switch room, administration building and storage shed.

The project provides a fully automated, modernised STP with increased capacity and reliability.

The Plant Breeding Institute

The Plant Breeding Institute (PBI) was established in 1973 to ensure a continuing University of Sydney commitment to crop breeding and research. The grains and horticultural industries require a continuum of new cultivars that maximize profitability and sustainability in a dynamic production and market environment. This requires a continuous flow of new genetic materials, knowledge, technologies and trained people; the core business of the PBI.



Social Program

Dress code is smart casual. The average temperature for Narrabri in July is between 7°C and 16°C.

Welcome Reception

Wednesday 7 July 2021

6pm–8pm

The Tourist Hotel

142 Maitland St, Narrabri NSW 2390

Originally established in 1938, this exceptional art deco building has been extensively renovated and, with new owners, is delighting locals. Upmarket, smart, and with great food with sparkling interiors, the restaurant, ladies lounge, garden courtyard and accommodation are winners - and we are the guests!

Conference Dinner

Thursday 8 July 2021

7pm–10pm

Onsite at The Crossing Theatre

CONFERENCE DINNER SPONSOR:



Main Conference Venue and Accommodation

The main conference will be held at The Crossing Theatre.

Accommodation and Travel Booking Assistance

There is a range of hotels within walking distance of The Crossing Theatre, such as The Club Motor Inn, Bellevue Motel and The Tourist Hotel.

For more information, visit the accommodation and travel section on LGNSW's Water Conference page at lgnsw.org.au.

No transfers are booked for daily commuting to the conference. The welcome reception and conference dinner are in the main town centre of Narrabri and are within walking distance. Please book accommodation before you register for the conference as July is a busy period for the region and school holidays will be on at the same time as the conference. When you register online, please add your accommodation details when prompted.

Conveniently located halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, Narrabri is the main service centre of Narrabri Shire and is easily accessible via the Newell Highway or Kamilaroi Highway via car. Flights to and from Moree are available (transfers required).

Left to right: Pilliga Lookout Tower, Salt Caves, The Crossing Theatre and Mount Kaputar.
Next page: Cotton Field with sky.

Registration Information

Registration Opening Dates

July Conference Early Bird Registration:
Wednesday 5 May 2021

You can register online.

Registration fees (inclusive of GST) are for council staff and elected members, members of local government water utilities and water directorate members, and for sponsors and speakers as directed by LGNSW.

Conference registration:

Full registration includes all conference sessions, site visit, morning teas, lunch and afternoon teas, welcome reception and conference dinner for all full delegates.

Single day registration includes attendance at conference sessions on **Thursday 8 July or Friday 9 July 2021**, including site visits, morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Tickets to social functions may be purchased separately.

COUNCIL DELEGATES	
Early Bird Registration	\$575.00 per person (by close of business Friday 28 May 2021)
Standard Registration	\$720.00 per person (by close of business Thursday 24 June 2021)
Single Day Registration	\$315.00 per person, conference sessions only (no social events included)
NON-COUNCIL DELEGATES	
Early Bird Registration	\$1,020.00 per person (by Friday 28 May 2021)
Standard Registration	\$1,200.00 per person (by Thursday 24 June 2021)
Single Day Registration	\$515.00 per person, conference sessions only (no social events included)
Welcome Reception	\$95.00 for partners and guests (by Thursday 24 June 2021)
Dinner Tickets	\$155.00 for partners and guests (by Thursday 24 June 2021)

Note: All industry or commercial businesses wishing to attend and not registering as sponsors may attend at the non-council early bird rate.

Changes to Bookings and Cancellation Policy

Modifications can be made by contacting LGNSW events team at events@lgnsw.org.au or (02) 9242 4000. Your registration details and confirmation ID will be provided in the confirmation email sent automatically when registering online.

Amendments to bookings can be made by email only to the above contact until Thursday 24 June 2021. Any subsequent changes must be advised to the registration desk at the conference and will be accommodated if possible.

If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome at no additional charge. All cancellations must be advised in writing to LGNSW Events (email events@lgnsw.org.au). Cancellations dated on or before Thursday 24 June 2021 will incur a cancellation fee of \$220. No refunds will be made for cancellations advised after this date.

Online Registration Details and Privacy

Our secure site accepts credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) and direct deposit payments. On completing registration, a tax invoice will be emailed automatically. Your credit card statement will show a debit from Local Government NSW. Cheques must be made out to "Local Government NSW" and sent to GPO Box 7003 Sydney NSW 2000 with a copy of the tax invoice before the conference.

Environmental Sustainability and Innovation

LGNSW is committed to environmental sustainability at our events and conferences. Initiatives are in place to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" at the 2021 Water Conference. Our Guidelines for Event Sustainability are on our website. We do not produce conference papers.

Speaker presentations will be shared via email post conference; we do electronic surveys and where possible seek other ways to reduce the event's carbon footprint. We also seek to support communities by buying local goods and services.