



The Young Water Professionals of the WA Branch of the Australian Water Association invites you to:

Mad About Mentoring!

Wednesday 29th February from 5pm

Location	Level 11, Sinclair Knight Merz, Durack Centre, 263 Adelaide Terrace, Perth
Agenda	5.00pm Arrival, Registration and Networking 5.30pm Presentations and Icebreaker Games 6.30pm Refreshments and Networking
Abstract	<p>A mentorship is a working relationship between an experienced and a less-experienced professional. It is widely acknowledged to be an effective tool for professional development. A good mentor can help their mentee in many ways, such as giving guidance in setting career goals, comparing different options for further study or specialisation, managing their work – life balance and developing “soft” skills. Mentoring can also benefit the mentor, helping them relate to less-experienced staff, and perhaps motivate them to re-evaluate their own career.</p> <p>While many companies have internal mentoring programs, it can sometimes be beneficial to discuss your career and ambitions with experienced people outside your own organisation, who are likely to have different perspectives on managing and dealing with issues within the water industry. The YWP committee (WA) launched a mentoring programme in July 2011 to facilitate mentorships for water professionals. A total of 20 mentoring partnerships were formed within the programme and we are looking to expand participation further.</p> <p>The aim of the ‘Mad About Mentoring’ event is twofold: to provide an opportunity to check how current partnerships are tracking after six months and obtain feedback on the programme; and to initiate new mentoring partnerships. During the evening, presentations on the benefits of mentoring and the YWP mentoring programme will be given by Denis Ericson (WA Branch President), Natalie Horsfield (YWP Mentoring Coordinator) and an existing mentor/mentee pair. There will also be plenty of opportunity for networking with YWPs and mentors, and it is not necessary to be part of the mentoring programme to attend.</p> <p>If you are interested in joining the programme, either as a mentor or a mentee, or both, please contact Natalie Horsfield (ywp_wa@awa.asn.au), who will send out a short questionnaire that will only take five minutes. You will be able to meet potential mentors and mentees at the ‘Mad about Mentoring’ event and decided who you think is suitable for your partnership. The YWP committee will then establish mentoring partnerships and be there to facilitate the relationship along the way.</p>
Registration Fees	Thanks to the generous sponsorship of SKM this event is FREE
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RSVP	Registration by Friday 24th February for catering purposes
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