

WA Branch Committee Elections 2023 Nomination Statements

Don Crawford | Retired Engineer

I have worked in the water industry for over 50 years. My experience covers water supply and irrigation design, water and sewerage construction, regional operations, corporate planning/services, water resource management, water services policy and urban water management. I most recently worked for DWER as Director Water and Land Use responsible for management of water in the landscape before retiring. I believe the modern water industry requires professionals with many different qualifications and skills, and that AWA can provide the ideal forum and opportunity to bring all water professionals together who would not normally have that opportunity in a single-profession society to share knowledge, experiences and generate ideas to improve our industry. My qualifications are in engineering and management. I have served on the WA Committee previously and have been involved in organizing Annual Breakfasts, Awards Dinners and other functions. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you on the WA branch committee.

Dr. Kuruvilla Mathew | Murdoch University

I have been a member of AWA for more than forty years. I have taken keen interest in the activities and participated many National conference's. I have been a member of the specialist committees of AWA such as small systems and regional Water and Wastewater systems. I have been a member of IWA more than 35 years. I have been Secretary and President of the specialist group on Water and waste water technologies for developing countries. I also served as secretary and President of the IWA specialist group on small systems. I have attended many International IWA biannual conferences. Due to the IWA contact, i have been invited to conduct workshop in South Africa, Cost Rica and Philippines. I have also participated in the AusAid project in Indonesia on Wastewater Management. I have initiated and Organised more than 30 International events at Murdoch University in Western Australia.

Ian Kininmonth | Land Use Futures

I am an urban, regional and natural resources planner with over 30 years experience in State and local government and consulting. Relevant experience includes managing the Department of Agriculture's Land Use Planning project, managing the Water Corporation's buffer program and consulting in urban, regional and natural resources analysis, strategy and planning. My work has been recognised with two Fresh Water Thinking awards by Water Corporation. I currently serve on the State Trails Reference Group and the City of Vincent Sustainability and Transport Advisory Group. I am interested in integrating water planning and land use planning, especially through the State and local government planning system. Interests include resource recovery, natural resources management, the circular economy, and blue-green infrastructure. I would like to be on the committee because I see a need for better integration with the urban and regional planning system to achieve climate change adaptation and sustainability objectives.

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Mehdi Khiadani | Edith Cowan University

I have more than 20 years of experience in water industry and have contributed to both industry and educational institutions. Currently being an academic, this nomination will facilitate linking industry and educational institutions for a better understanding of water industry future needs. My interest in this regard is to close gap between the water industry and academic environment. A lot need to be done in this space and I would like to play a role in it.

Paul Phillips | GHD

Paul has 25 years' experience in the water sector covering a wide range of water resources, water supply and wastewater planning and design projects. Paul also has an extensive background in consulting engineering business leadership with leading water sector consulting firms. Paul is known for building collaborative integrated teams and gaining buy-in from a wide range of stakeholders. Paul brings to the AWA branch committee a broad knowledge of the water industry from utilities, resource companies, contractors, consultants, vendors, operators, irrigators and community stakeholders.

Peter Spencer | Water Corporation of WA

I have over 30 years experience as a process engineer in the water utility sector, specialising in water treatment and resource recovery facilities. I am an advocate for R&D, technology development and workforce development and being an active member of the AWA has been an excellent forum for contributing to these objectives for the water sector. I have been a committee member for about 7 years and am keen to continue to help build diversity and reach of the AWA across a broadening water sector.

Sarah Lambert | WSP

Sarah Lambert is an experienced civil engineer with a passion for water and the role that it plays in our lives. Sarah has 15 years of experience in floodplain management, drainage design, and project management of water and wastewater projects. In her current position she acts in a governance role for major transport and water infrastructure projects in WA and SA. Based in Perth, she has been a committee member for the WA Branch of AWA for 2 years. Sarah has valued the opportunity to share her energy and passion with the wider water industry, in particular through organisation of the annual water breakfast. She hopes to have the chance to continue to serve for another 2 years.

Venkata LeelaKrishna Padarthy | Acciona Trility Joint venture

Dear member, I am currently working as a Process Controller at Mundaring water treatment plant. My responsibilities at work involves maintaining all aspects of the plant and ensuring systems for Safety, Quality and Environment are in place and all activities undertaken as per the plans. My area of interests are water quality, different treatment processes and emerging technologies. I am also a current member of IchemE and I'm looking forward meet new people and learn more about water.