



Job Details

Reference: 10662

Position Title: Manager, Water Research and Training

Classification: Executive Level 2 (Senior Professional Officer Grade B)

Salary range: \$92,925 - \$105,351 per annum, plus an additional 15.4% superannuation.

Location: Canberra

Division: Water

Section: Research Management

Status: Ongoing

Applicants: Australian Citizenship- [Essential Applicant Information](#)

Applications close: Friday 23 October 2009

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The Bureau commissions a significant portfolio of water information research and development and is implementing an extensive training program for its new hydrology staff. A research and training manager is sought to oversee these activities.

Duty Statement

Under broad direction,

1. Identify water information research needs and pathways for adoption of research outputs into Bureau operations;
2. Manage the consultation, coordination, implementation, evaluation and reporting activities associated with the Bureau's water information and related research activities, including the Water Information Research and Development Alliance (WIRADA), eWater Cooperative Research Centre (eWater) and other research initiatives and ensure these activities closely match the Bureau's requirements;
3. Develop and manage a training framework for the Water Division, working closely with the Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre;
4. Collaborate with other Bureau Program Managers and Regional Directors on matters associated with research and training on water information and related topics;
5. Represent the Bureau on committees and at workshops and conferences concerned with water information research and training; and
6. Ensure that policies and practices in relation to all elements of the Bureau's Social Justice Strategy are applied throughout the Section.

Duty representing highest function: 1-4

Immediate Supervisor: Deputy Director (Water)
SENIOR EXECUTIVE BAND 2 (NO. 10482)

Job Profile

The Water Division is a new division of the Bureau of Meteorology established to fulfil the Bureau's new functions in water information under the National Water Plan and to integrate these with the Bureau's existing hydrological services functions.

The Bureau's new powers and responsibilities are set out in Part 7 of the Water Act (2007). Powers include the authority to collect and disseminate water information, and to set national water information standards. Responsibilities include the requirement to publish a national water account each year, to issues periodic water resource assessments, and to disseminate water information freely over the internet.

The Bureau's expanded water information role entails the development and maintenance of an integrated, national water information system. This includes river flows, groundwater levels, reservoir storage, water quality, water use, water entitlements and water trades. Such data will need to be acquired from over 100 data custodians, with an on-going update schedule put in place to ensure data currency.

Through the Water Information Research and Development Alliance (WIRADA), the Bureau co-invests in water information research with the CSIRO. The Bureau also undertakes hydrological research through the eWater Cooperative Research Centre, and other groups such as Universities. An extensive R&D portfolio is now in progress and we seek a Manager to oversight our investments and to ensure that research outputs and are effectively adopted into Bureau operations.

The Bureau has recently engaged about 100 new staff who require varying levels of training. The appointee will work with the Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre and various training consultants to ensure that the new water information staff receive the training they require.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must address the selection criteria. To assist you prepare your application, please read the information at [General Information for Applicants](#) and complete the Bureau of Meteorology Application Cover Form.

1. Demonstrated experience and professional competence in hydrology research and training.
2. Familiarity with the current hydrology research and training setting in Australia.
3. Ability to guide the translation of hydrology research outputs into Bureau operations.
4. Good verbal and written communication skills, and an ability to provide compelling presentations.
5. Good interpersonal skills, and an ability to facilitate teamwork.
6. Knowledge and understanding of the principles of the Bureau's Social Justice Strategy and a commitment to apply them in practice.

Eligibility Requirements:

Mandatory Qualifications - A degree or diploma of an Australian educational institution, or a comparable overseas qualification, which is appropriate to the duties; OR, other comparable qualifications, which are appropriate to the duties.

Contact

If you would like to know more about the Bureau of Meteorology visit <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Please read the selection documentation and if you have any queries specific to this position please contact **Dr Rob Vertessy, Deputy Director Water, Tel: (02) 6232 3501.**

Employment conditions for most Bureau employees are contained in the Bureau of Meteorology Certified Agreement 2006-2008 which is available on the website at: http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/ca_2006-2008.pdf

Applications

All applicants are advised to read the [General Information for Applicants](#) available on this website before submitting their application.

Applications should include a completed Bureau of Meteorology Application Cover Form, Résumé or CV, full details of qualifications and experience, and a Statement addressing the Selection Criteria.

Applications, which will be treated in confidence, should be forwarded, no later than COB Friday 23 October 2009

Applications can be lodged online at <http://www.bom.gov.au/waterjobs>

By email to: waterjobs@bom.gov.au

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Should you experience any difficulties with accessing the position information or have any questions relating to the application process, please contact the Recruitment Unit, by emailing waterjobs@bom.gov.au or Telephone (03) 9669 4583.