

WIOG National Water Taste Test 2019, Sponsored by IXOM



About the WIOG National Water Taste Test 2019

The WIOG National Water Taste Test is a fun and exciting way to raise awareness of the quality of New Zealand's drinking water and to recognise the efforts of local water service providers in delivering valuable water services to their communities.

The event is designed to find "New Zealand's Best Tasting Tap Water" and is open to all municipalities, both councils and utility operators.

The Grand Final of the **WIOG National Water Taste Test** will be conducted at lunch time on Thursday 9th May 2019 at the **WIOG Conference, Addington Raceway & Events Centre, Christchurch.**

WIOG National Water Taste Test Winners
2018 – Waikato DC
2017 – Sicon/Selwyn DC
2016 – Palmerston North CC

How to Enter

STEP 1 – Register your organisation through the conference registration at <http://www.wiog.org.nz/Conference-Registration>

STEP 2 - Enter your sample at the venue by **10am on Wednesday 8th May 2019.**

Eligibility

1. All water providers/councils in New Zealand are invited to participate in the WIOG New Zealand Water Taste Test.
2. Each water provider/council is asked to nominate one preferred sample for inclusion in the competition.
3. Where businesses operate multiple water supply systems, the decision regarding which water sample to enter is left up to each water business.
4. All entries must have been in compliance with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards for the past 12 months and had no boiled water notices for the past 12 months.

Requirements

1. Samples must be submitted by 10.00am on Wednesday 08 May 2019 in a clearly marked container with the name of the water business it represents and the location/town from where the sample is derived.
2. We require 3 litres of the sample water which must be provided in 3 x 1 litre sealed containers.
3. Samples must be taken post all treatment processes of the chosen water supply system.
4. Samples need to be delivered to the conference venue at room temperature. Cooled samples will not be admitted.
5. Samples will be served at room temperature, to help the judge's better taste, appreciate and rank each sample.

Competition Judging

Heats

1. Heats will be conducted during the Lunch break on Wednesday afternoon 08 May 2019 at the conference venue.
2. The competition will be divided into a number of heats, with entries placed in each heat randomly drawn by WIOG staff.
3. Each heat will have a heat co-ordinator.
4. Heat judging will be undertaken by guests at the Wednesday lunch break reception who shall taste all samples and select their most favoured water sample by giving it one vote.
5. The sample with the most votes will be judged the heat winners and the winners will proceed to the Grand Final to be held on the main stage during the conference lunch break on Thursday afternoon. This may change depending on the amount of entries received.
6. In the case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the heat co-ordinator from those that are tied.
7. The Grand Finalists will be announced on the Wednesday evening and we would appreciate a representative from each business being available for the main judging at lunch time Thursday.

Grand Final

1. As with the heats, the origin of each sample will not be revealed. The samples will be judged by a panel of 1 person nominated by each of the following - WIOG, WIOA, IXOM and guest.
2. Samples will be judged on a point scale from good to best.
3. Scores will be aggregated and the winner will be the sample with the highest combined score. The winning water business and water supply location will be announced at the WIOG Conference Awards Dinner on Thursday night.
4. Only the identity of the four grand finalists and the supplier of the winning sample will be announced – Grand Final or Heat samples will not be ranked, nor will any of the scores be released.
5. The decision of the judges is final.

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