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Hello again to all you hydrographers, hydrometricians, resource assessment officers, and those of you who are called by other names either through your department or by your colleagues!

This newsletter comes to you as a combined edition due to the period of transition from the previous Office Bearers to the new group of Office Bearers, recently elected at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Conference has now passed and all would agree that it was a great success. While many acquaintances were renewed it was certainly good to see an air of co-operative discussions amongst those of our profession, after the years of not having a professional forum to exchange views and air ideas. The presenters covered a range of topics and issues from Dave latest technological advances on mapping streams in the Northern Territory to the daunting and challenging presentation by Glenn McDermott on how accurately we are doing our job!

2002/3 DEADLINES

(Subject to change)

For your information, and particularly for our Corporate Members' Advertisements, following are the dates I would like to have copy in my hands (or on my computer!)

ISSUE	DATE
August (Q)	16/08/02
September (M)	20/09/02
October (M)	18/10/02
November (Q)	15/11/02
December (M)	20/12/02
January (M)	17/01/03
February (Q)	17/02/03
March (M)	17/03/03
April (M)	16/04/03
May (Q)	12/05/02

The annual HUG meeting was also held at the conference and was of particular interest to all as it gave an idea as to the direction that HYDSTRA (the new Godzilla incarnation due to the merger of Hydsys and Time Studio) is expected to take.

This edition contains a potted summary of some of the news in our Association. More detailed information on the topics mentioned at this time is expected to be presented in more detail in the quarterly editions of the newsletter.

Mic Clayton

Our Corporate Members Are:

*Hydrological Services Pty Ltd, Bureau of Meteorology,
ECOWISE Environmental, Water Data Services
Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Davidson Measurement Pty. Ltd.,
Water and Rivers Commission of WA*

**Australian Hydrographers Association
Annual General Meeting, July 3, 2002
A Summary.**

A summary of proceedings from the Associations AGM follows – the full copy of the minutes will be published in the next quarterly newsletter.

▪ Election of New Office Bearers:

Chairperson – Les Marshall (SA)
Treasurer – Max Hayes (Vic)
Secretary – Scott Walker (NSW)
Publicity Officer – Mic Clayton (Tas)
Committee Member – Jim Tilley (NSW)
Committee Member Michael Lysaght (NSW)

- *State Representatives* were maintained.
- *Institutionalisation Sub – Committee* was disbanded
- *Training Sub-Committee* dissolved and new members elected : John Skinner, Paul Langshaw, Paul Corbett, Don Alexander, Dave Williams, Alex Springall, Nathan Rugless, Greg May

New Business

- *Corporate Membership* to be defined
- *Possible Association name change* – present a discussion paper regarding a possible name change in next quarterly newsletter.
- *Station Numbering* – Mike Matheson discussed issue of duplicate site numbers being used by different authorities
- *Newsletter input* – request from members for inputs to newsletters
- *Next AHA conference /AGM* – Member vote indicated biannual conferences preferred. Expressions of interest in hosting next conference from Queensland and South Australia.
- Proposed to hold next AGM in conjunction with annual HUG/Time Studio/Hydstra Conference – either Canberra or Hobart

**AHA Office Bearers and Contact
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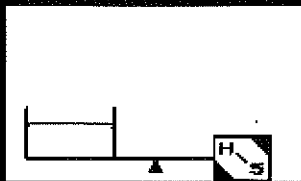
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FOR SALE

Valeport EM current meter.

Cost \$5,020 AUD (the cost of the most recent service by the manufacturers.)

The meter is the series 800 which has now been discontinued, but it is virtually the same as the series 802 (sales pamphlet found here: <http://www.valeport.co.uk/pdf/802.pdf>).

It has two heads but it is only possible to use one head at a time. Each head has two sensors that can measure along the both X and Y axes simultaneously. Each head is a 5.5cm discus.

The meter also has a data-logging device (DataTaker DT50) attached via RS232. Along with the RAM and 256kb removable memory card it can record over 80000 readings.

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Coming Editions of Newsletters

With the transition between editors of this newsletter and resolving some of the technology transitions associated it this edition may appear slightly sparse.

The newsletter is intended as a mouthpiece for our members and thus relies on you, the member, to provide input, discussion and even controversy if necessary!

I understand that collation of presentations from the conference is still underway and it is intended that summaries of papers will appear in future editions of the newsletter. Distribution of presentations to full time conference participants is still being prepared and papers may be made available on the Associations web site – after a review of space available to us and how best to make the papers available on the web site.

I need a volunteer for Twenty Questions – so come on , lots of you had good stories at the conference and its peripheral activities – put it down in writing and tell us about yourself.

Mic C.