
Welcome to the **2011/12 Environmental Health Training Calendar**. EHA (QLD) INC. is committed to helping you develop and maintain the skills and knowledge you need to deal with the complex issues that you face in your daily work.

Based on your feedback we're pleased to be introducing additional courses and offering more training in regional areas this year.

In a field as dynamic as environmental health it is critical that you stay up-to-date, so register for a course today!

JULY

Darling Downs Regional Group Meeting

Date: 22 July 2011

Hosted by: Southern Downs Regional Council

Price: free

Air Modelling Workshop

Time and date: 1pm, 21 July 2011

Location: Warwick

Price: TBA

Air modelling is a complex specialised area that environmental health professionals need to understand and manage effectively. This workshop was requested by the 2010 Enviro-School participants after an overview of the topic was presented.

Proposed topics include:

- An introduction to air modelling assessments;
- Air modelling theory;
- Relevant legislation;
- Models used and how to decide if a model is appropriate;
- Reviewing and assessing an air quality report; and
- Case studies.

Places are limited.

South-East Queensland Regional Group Forum

Time and date: 12:30pm, 29 July 2011

Location: Ballymore Stadium, 91 Clyde Road, Herston

Price: free (members), \$10 (non-members)

The focus of this forum is disaster response and will include presentations from a number of EHOs who were involved in responding after recent disasters.

The *Disaster Management for Public Health* course that is normally held in Cairns is currently being updated to incorporate lessons learnt from the recent disasters. The course will be offered again in 2012.

Regional Group Meetings

The Northern, Central, Darling Downs and South-East regional groups meet to discuss environmental health issues relevant to their area. These meetings/conferences are important for the ongoing professional development of environmental health staff and also provide an important networking opportunity. Employers should encourage staff new to their area to attend regional group meetings and conferences to develop contacts with other local environmental health professionals who they can call on for advice.

For more information regarding the regional group meetings/conferences, please contact the relevant group organisers or e-mail qld@eh.org.au.

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Environmental Health - **IN RESPONSE**

71ST QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: 4-7 September 2011
Host: Townsville City Council
Location: Rydges Southbank, Townsville
Price: \$759 (members), \$1023 (non-members)

The theme of this year's State conference is *Environmental Health - In Response*. The aim of the conference is to explore the changes that need to be made to eliminate or minimise the impacts on the environmental health of our communities. The program includes presenters from a variety of disciplines who will share their expertise and understanding with the environmental health community in the wake of recent natural disasters.

The program also covers environmental health workforce issues and other relevant topics. Technical tours will be held on 7 September 2011.

The conference dinner will be held on 6 September 2011, during which the 2010 Environmental Health Excellence Awards will be presented.

More details are available on the EHA website. Register before 22 August 2011.

SEPTEMBER

North Queensland Regional Group Conference

Dates: 4 September 2011
Location: Rydges Southbank, Townsville
Hosted by: Townsville City Council
Price: TBA

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

EHA (QLD) INC. is pleased to invite nominations for the 2010 Environmental Health Excellence Awards.

The Environmental Health Excellence Awards allow us to celebrate and showcase achievements, success and innovation in environmental health that occurred in 2010.

The Awards will be presented at the State Conference Dinner on 6 September 2011.

Visit the [EHA website](#) to download the nomination form.

Who will you nominate?

SEPTEMBER

Noise Management Course

Facilitator: Frank Henry
Dates: 7-8 September 2011
Location: Townsville
Price: \$660 (members), \$880 (non-members)

Our experienced facilitator provides practical information and advice, focusing on the needs and issues encountered by government noise regulators and development assessment staff.

The course includes a refresher on the basics of noise theory and measurement, noise complaint investigation, noise report assessment and planning application assessment. A number of case studies are used to demonstrate the application of Queensland noise laws for assessing complaints, licensing industry and assessing planning applications.

Participants will gain an understanding of noise theory, measurement, legislation, consultant reports and investigation techniques. The course will further cover the health effects of and human response to noise, relevant national and international standards and the latest research and policy directions.

This is an exceptionally popular course with the last course booking out in less than a week! Places are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

OCTOBER

Best Practice Environmental Health Management

Duration: 1 day
Location: Brisbane (venue to be confirmed)
Price: \$330 (members), \$440 (non-members)

Real examples of innovation and best practice environmental health management will be presented and discussed, showcasing how different organisations are facing the challenges of increasing workloads with limited resources. Important national and state projects, research, policies and other developments will be presented. Emerging environmental health issues will also be discussed.

Panel and group discussions will focus on the challenges participants are facing.

Places are limited.

Environmental Protection Regulatory Tools

Dates/Location:
3 October 2011, Rockhampton;
10 October 2011, Townsville
17 October 2011, TBA (Darling Downs Region)
Price: \$200 (members), \$300 (non-members)

The environmental protection legislation can be complex to administer. There are several regulatory tools and it is hard to remember which tool to use when.

This one day workshop focuses on the environmental protection regulatory tools available to local government staff. The benefits, limitations and regulatory requirements of each tool will be discussed and real case studies will be used to highlight how individual tools or combinations of tools can be used to resolve complex issues.

The craft of writing good regulatory notices will also be discussed.

Participants will receive resources to help them select and correctly apply the environmental protection legislation tools in their workplace.

Places are limited.

Central Queensland Regional Group Conference

Dates: 21-22 October
Hosted by: Gladstone Regional Council
Price: TBA

NOVEMBER

Enviro-School

Duration: 2 days
Location: Brisbane (venue to be confirmed)
Price: \$660 (members), \$880 (non-members)

Last year's inaugural Enviro-School was a great success, with 100% of participants advising that they would encourage other environmental health professionals to attend this training.

The Enviro-School is an interactive workshop that enables participants to remain up-to-date on a number of practical environmental issues.

Several case studies will be presented and updates from State agencies provided. There will also be two detailed workshops, one focusing on assessing Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) applications and setting appropriate conditions, and the other on investigating offences and preparing a brief of evidence. There will also be group discussions so participants can discuss challenges their agency is facing and get advice from presenters and other participants.

To ensure the program meets your needs, please let us know if you would like a particular topic covered.

Places are limited.

Darling Downs Regional Group Meeting

Date: 18 November 2011
Hosted by: TBA
Price: free

Air Modelling Workshop & South-East Queensland Regional Group Forum

Date: TBA
Location: Brisbane
Price: TBA

Please refer to the air modelling workshop details in the July section of this training calendar.

Please note, the workshops listed in this calendar are subject to viable enrolment numbers.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

No training programs are currently scheduled for these months.

FEBRUARY

Environmental Health Risk Management Workshop

Duration: 2 days

Dates: 16 and 17 February 2012

Location: Rockhampton

Price: \$660 (members), \$880 (non-members)

The purpose of this workshop is to update and inform environmental health practitioners on:

- The basic procedures for assessing risk for a variety of environmental health issues; and
- The appropriate use of regulatory tools for the management of environmental health risks.

The workshop will consist of a series of presentations and scenario-based activities. Topics covered include risk and risk management frameworks, risk management tools and resources, and the use of risk-based approaches for managing environmental health programs.

The program includes a half-day workshop during which participants will be able to apply risk management techniques to a work related issue with the support of the course facilitators. Participants are encouraged to bring details of a program, policy or operational issue that they would like to work on during this session.

MARCH

Contemporary Food School

Duration: 2-3 days

Location: Brisbane (venue to be confirmed)

Price: \$660 (members), \$880 (non-members)

The contemporary food school helps environmental health professionals stay up-to-date on emerging food safety issues including developments in food science, legislation and compliance strategies.

The program includes case studies and presentations from various agencies which provide participants with practical ideas for tackling common issues. There are also updates from State agencies and group discussions during which participants can discuss challenges their agency are facing.

Places are limited.

MARCH

South-East Queensland Regional Group Forum

Date: TBA

Location: Brisbane

Price: TBA

North Queensland Regional Group Conference

Dates: TBA

Hosted by: TBA

Price: TBA

APRIL

Vector Control Workshop

Duration: 2 days

Location: Brisbane

Price: TBA

This workshop will assist environmental health professionals develop vector control plans. The Public Health Act tools used to control vectors will also be covered.

MAY

Public Health Workshop

Duration: 2 days

Dates: 1 and 2 May 2012

Location: Qld Rugby Club Ballymore Brisbane

Price: \$660 (members), \$880 (non-members)

This is the inaugural public health workshop and will have a similar format to the contemporary food school.

Emerging public health issues will be discussed and case studies highlighting best industry practice will be presented.

There will also be a session focusing on what agencies and resources are available to help tackle the underlying causes of public health risks, including mental health issues.

Places are limited.

Central Queensland Regional Group Conference

Date: 20-21 April 2012

Hosted by: Isaac Regional Council

JUNE

No training programs are currently scheduled for this month.



Contact the EHA (QLD) INC. office to register your interest in attending any of the courses listed in this training calendar. There is no obligation to attend the course, but registering your interest enables EHA to send further information about the course, including registration details, directly to you.

EHA UPDATE

The national Environmental Health Australia Board currently has 5 Directors who are drawn from the membership of Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia. The Board meets at least monthly with the State Association Presidents.

There are a number of projects being progressed or considered by the national Board including:

- Reviewing EHAs University Accreditation Policy for environmental health courses in conjunction with enHealth.
- Developing and implementing the certified environmental health practitioner scheme.
- Redesigning the EHA website to ensure it is more functional for the organisation and members needs.
- Implementing the organisational change from the current constitution to the new direction agreed to at the annual general meeting in November 2010.

In 2010/11 EHA (QLD) INC. delivered additional training, continued to engage Universities regarding environmental health graduate qualities and course accreditation, continued to work with other agencies to progress the actions of the Queensland Skills formation Strategy EHO Subgroup, published a 'how to guide' for an EHO cadetship program, continued distributing important and interesting information and case studies via the Queensland Environmental Health newsletter, and provided advice and assistance to many members and other stakeholders during the response to recent disasters.

This year we're providing even more training opportunities, specifically targeting the topics that you have asked for. We're also pleased to be able to offer some training for free to members. More training workshops are being provided in regional areas to increase regional training opportunities and minimise costs and time away from work for our regional colleagues.

EHA (QLD) INC. will continue to work with LGAQ and State government agencies to advocate on behalf of our members and to progress environmental health workforce issues.

EHA MEMBERSHIP

The following classes of membership are now available.

Member*	Graduate member	Fellow*
Associate member*	Student member (no fee)	Retired (no fee)
Temporary inactive (no fee)	Corporate member	

*reduced fee available for members working part-time.

Please visit the EHA (QLD) webpage or contact the office for more information regarding membership.

TRAINING IDEAS AND NEEDS?

Do you have a training idea or need? Please e-mail the details to qld@eh.org.au.



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