



## SWAN APAC Alliance Planning Group

### Goal

To accelerate smart water and wastewater development in the Asia Pacific region through the SWAN Forum's collective, global industry expertise and collaborative partnerships.

<https://www.swan-forum.com/swan-apac-alliance/>

### Objective

The SWAN APAC Alliance will be utility-centric, create tangible results, and be open for all regional water sector actors including Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, and Korea. All Alliance members will have free access to all research and events through 2019, but after then will need to join SWAN to receive full access.

### Methodology

Only SWAN Members will be able to participate in the Alliance Planning Group. To learn more about SWAN global membership benefits, click [here](#).

Each Alliance Partner will select one or more individuals from their organisation to collaborate and volunteer a small portion of their time. The value added from becoming a SWAN APAC Alliance Partner will more than offset the time cost of participation. The Alliance Planning Group will be divided into the three subgroups, each with a Task Group Leader. Each Task Group Leader will develop a three-year action plan, coordinate subgroup communication, monitor progress on action plan tasks, and report back to the full Alliance quarterly on activities.

The APAC Alliance Planning Group is chaired by George Theo, CEO of Unitywater. The three Planning Subgroups include:

- 1) **Communications:** *Chair - Hugh Chapman, Advanced Infrastructure Analytics – Xylem*
  - Responsible for developing content for all Alliance events (e.g. webinars, annual workshop) and publicising these events and the benefits of smart water solutions throughout the region.



- 2) **Partnerships:** *Chair – Martine Watson, Acting Executive Manager Customer Delivery, Unitywater*
  - Responsible for creating strategic regional partnerships (e.g. water utility groups, policymakers, academic institutions).
- 3) **Research:** *Chair - Keshvinder Singh, Consultant Project Delivery, AVEVA*
  - Responsible for gathering best regional smart water practices and collecting smart water case studies and relevant reports for the [SWAN Research Portal](#).

The SWAN Forum will provide any necessary administrative support and look to the subgroups for ideas on technical research reports.

## 2018-19 Accomplishments

Key Alliance accomplishments for 2018 included:

- 1) Host introductory webinar to provide an overview of the Alliance, featuring leading regional utility speakers (**Held in May 2018 feat. Unitywater, PUB, and Watercare**).
- 2) Build collaborative regional partnerships (**Held joint, Smart Water Workshop with PUB at SIWW in July 2018**).
- 3) Gather regional case studies and white papers for the SWAN Research Portal. (**Collected numerous case studies**).
- 4) Host second webinar on a tailored, regional topic (**Held in Nov. 2018 feat. Sydney Water, Queensland Urban Utilities, and Coliban Water**).
- 5) Hold first Alliance workshop partnering with a local organisation (**Planned for 22-23 July 2019 at Noosa Heads, Australia**).

## Interested in joining the APAC Alliance Planning Group?

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