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## NEW IMO WEBSITE

The new-look IMO website will be live in August. The revised site will feature our new corporate branding and will be noticeably more streamlined than its predecessor. Navigation has been simplified increasing the site's efficiency.

We've aimed to create a more useful tool for all Market Participants. All information, including supporting and historical documents found on the previous site, has been retained but will be presented in a more organised format.

The previous site was created quickly and in a somewhat arbitrary fashion due to the pressure of time at the beginning of the Market. Considering its modest beginnings, the site has performed well.

However, as we enter a more mature operational phase, it is important the website is more reflective of our core values of efficiency and transparency. As we operate in an information-rich environment, it is essential our website is able to support this transparency and our heightened data requirements.

This update denotes phase one of the new IMO website. In 2010 we will launch phase two which will see improved



functionality across the entire site. The range of accessible and downloadable data will be significantly improved as will the search facilities.

Our website enables us to connect with all Market Participants and provides a forum to communicate and disseminate information quickly and easily. The improvements to be made to the site over the next twelve months will enhance this ability.

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## REAPPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN



The IMO is pleased to announce the reappointment of Mr John Kelly as Chairman of the IMO.

In May 2009, the Minister for Energy; Training, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, advised that Mr Kelly had been appointed for a further three year term. Mr Kelly was a founding Director and appointed Chairman in April 2006.

John's career in the power industry is extensive, with terms in SECWA and Western Power where he worked in a management capacity in

electricity generation, distribution and on major construction projects.

In the 70's and 80's he was responsible for the operation of major power stations and later became involved in projects including the upgrading of the Dampier to Bunbury natural gas pipeline, the development of two gas turbine power station sites and a major thermal power station.

In the mid 1990's John had a significant role in separating SECWA into Alinta Gas and Western Power before initiating Western Power's new electricity marketing group and heading up the electricity distribution division as General Manager until his retirement in November 2000.

Between 2001 and 2002, John served as a member of the four person Electricity Reform Task Force (ERTF) which recommended, amongst other initiatives, a wholesale electricity market and a market governance structure that ultimately led to the establishment of the IMO.

The IMO welcomes John's reappointment as his continued involvement is highly regarded and of great value to the energy industry as a whole.

John holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) degree from the University of Western Australia, a Graduate Diploma in Business Management and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is also a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

## NAME CHANGE - MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The Market Administration team, headed by Troy Forward, has recently been renamed the 'Market Development' team to more accurately reflect its functions and responsibilities.

The role of the Market Administration team has expanded and matured along with the WEM.

The team includes Jacinda Papps (Senior Analyst), Fiona Edmonds (Analyst) and Ken Phua (Analyst). Troy Forward remains Manager of both Market Development and System Capacity.

The new name reflects the emphasis on the team's goal of improving rather than managing the status quo.

To contact Market Development, please email [market.development@imowa.com.au](mailto:market.development@imowa.com.au)





## DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CAPACITY MARKET

The IMO operates a Reserve Capacity Mechanism to ensure that an appropriate level of system capacity is maintained within the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).

In January, the IMO issued a Request for Expressions of Interest for new generation and Demand Side Management capacity to be available for service during the period October 2011 through to October 2012.

The purpose of the expressions of interest process was to provide the IMO with an indication, from existing and potential new Market Participants, as to the amount of new generation and new Demand Side Management capacity they are willing to make available as Reserve Capacity in the SWIS for the 2011/12 capacity year.

A total of 26 Expressions of Interest were received totalling 1,278.8MW of new capacity. This response indicated strong, continuing interest in the provision of capacity to the Western Australian Wholesale Electricity Market.

In May this year, the IMO published a Reserve Capacity Mechanism Review Report which stated that the Reserve Capacity Mechanism was performing extremely well and that this strong performance was expected to continue particularly given other projects on the development horizon in the coming years.

The 2009 Statement of Opportunities Report has recently been published updating the demand forecasts and setting the Reserve Capacity Target for the 2011/12 Reserve Capacity Year. We expect a marginal reduction in demand forecasts as a result of the global financial crisis.

This report can be found on our website at [www.imowa.com.au](http://www.imowa.com.au) in the 'What's New' section. Other information relating to the Capacity Market can be found on our website in the Reserve Capacity section.

## TRAINING UPDATE



The IMO training courses continue to be extremely popular and are booking out months in advance. Due to an expanding interest in the Market, we are also receiving requests for extra training sessions from Market Participants and the organisations that service them (i.e. lawyers, consultants).

Since the IMO restructured the market training in September 2008, four half day courses have been offered. The first course, the Market Overview, is an introductory course suitable for people who have no prior knowledge of the industry or for those wanting a refresher course.

The other three courses are designed to cover the more complex aspects of the industry including the Reserve Capacity Mechanism, Market Operations and STEM, and Non-STEM Settlements.

To date, the IMO has conducted 20 training sessions with over 200 attendees. We have another 14 sessions scheduled for the rest of 2009 (one every fortnight) with over 120 people registered. All courses, except for the Market Overview, are fully booked for this year however we are considering running additional courses. We will be releasing next year's training program on our website shortly so please register your interest early to secure a place in 2010.

For more information, visit [www.imowa.com.au/market\\_training.htm](http://www.imowa.com.au/market_training.htm) or contact **Robbie Flood, Senior Operator** T: 9254 4315 E: [robbie.flood@imowa.com.au](mailto:robbie.flood@imowa.com.au)

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**Courses are free of charge to all Market Participants.**

A fee of \$165 is charged to other attendees. More information can be found at [www.imowa.com.au/market\\_training.htm](http://www.imowa.com.au/market_training.htm)

**Market Overview - 2 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec 2009**  
(9am - 12pm)

**Market Operations & STEM - FULLY BOOKED**  
(9am - 12pm)

**Reserve Capacity Mechanism - FULLY BOOKED**  
(9am - 1.30pm)

**Non-STEM Settlements - FULLY BOOKED**  
(9am - 1.30pm)

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## CHANGES TO THE MAC

In December 2006, the Market Advisory Committee (MAC) was established to provide an advisory forum to the IMO in regard to rule changes, procedure changes and general electricity market and South West Interconnected System operation matters.

The MAC, made up of representatives from the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM), has played an extremely important part in the WEM's formative years and continues to fulfil a vital role for the industry.

The IMO would like to take this opportunity to thank all MAC members for their time and input thus far and to advise, with regret, that original members Jenni Conroy, Kristian Myhre and Robert Pullella have resigned from the committee.

We are however pleased to welcome new members Stephen MacLean, Corey Dykstra and Chris Brown.

The IMO is currently looking to restructure the MAC so that it is better placed to serve the interests and requirements of the Market in the future. Recently a review of the Constitution and Operating Practices was undertaken to ensure the MAC is as efficient and productive as possible.

For more information about this review please go to [www.imowa.com.au/ConceptPapers.html](http://www.imowa.com.au/ConceptPapers.html)

### The Market Advisory Committee members are:

Allan Dawson	IMO	Chair
Ken Brown	System Management	System Management
Ky Cao	Perth Energy	2nd Independent Retailer
Shane Cremin	Griffin Power	1st Independent Generator
Corey Dykstra	Alinta Sales	1st Independent Retailer
Andrew Everett	Verve Energy	Generator - Verve Energy
Steve Gould	Landfill Gas & Power	2nd Independent Generator
Peter Huxtable	Water Corporation	Large Contestable Customer
Stephen MacLean	Synergy	Retailer - Synergy
Peter Mattner	Western Power	Network Operator
Troy Forward	IMO	IMO
Jason Banks	Office of Energy	Small Customer Representative Observer
Chris Brown	ERA	ERA Observer

### Contact the IMO:

We welcome your feedback at any time. If you would like more information or would like to receive a copy of **WATT'S ON** please email us at [imo@imowa.com.au](mailto:imo@imowa.com.au)

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## Spotlight Jacinda Papps

Jacinda joined the IMO in 2008 as Senior Analyst in the Market Administration team after spending six years working on electricity market reform in New Zealand. Recently she competed in the WA Half Ironman Championships in Busselton which included a 1.9km swim, a 90km cycle and a 21.1 km run. She was 6th fastest female and had the fastest amateur cycle time in her age group.

Jacinda has been selected to compete for New Zealand in the World Long Distance Championships to be held in Perth in October.

Most mornings she's up at 4.30am and in any given week she manages to combine 25 hours of training with her full time job at the IMO. Jacinda loves the competition of triathlon and the mental and physical challenges it brings.

Her colleagues at the IMO wish her every success in October.

