

To answer some of your questions about joining **stormwaternet**, please read the text below.

### Do I need a Yahoo! email address to use Yahoo! Groups?

No, you can use any email address you'd like. Keep in mind that your email address will be visible to the owner/moderators of the groups you join and, if you post a message, to all other members of the group who receive message by email. Make sure you use an email address which you don't mind disclosing to them.

### What to do if you have received your invitation email:

First, decide if you want to be a part of the group.

If you're interested, just click **Join this group!** A page opens describing the group. After reading a bit about it, if you'd like to join, click **Join the group**. You will be asked to sign in or register for a Yahoo! ID to access all the web features of your group. Step by step joining instructions are contained at the end of this email.

If you prefer to simply receive the emails sent by this group, click **join the mailing list instead**.

### What is the difference between "Joining the group" or "Joining the Mailing List".

Put simply, when you're only on the mailing list, you don't get access to all the group's web features (Photos, Files, Links, Polls, Calendar.) However, you do receive the messages from other members of the group and are able to respond and post your own questions or messages.

### Can I see past group messages before I join?

Yes! On [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com), type **stormwaternet** in the search box under "Find a Yahoo! Group", then click **Search**. You will then be able to click on the name of the group to view past messages.

### How do I join the group?

#### **Join via the stormwaternet page:**

Once you've located a group to join (at [groups.yahoo.com](http://groups.yahoo.com), you can browse the Groups directory for **stormwaternet**), click **Join This Group** in the upper-right corner of the group's page.

You'll be asked to enter your Yahoo! ID. If you don't have one, register by clicking **Sign Up** at the top of the page.

Set your membership preferences. Choose a profile you'd like to display to the group, select the email address at which you'd like to receive group messages, choose *how* you receive group messages, and more.

### **Join the mailing list only:**

Yahoo! Groups recommends that you join a group via the group's page (above). But if you want, you can simply sign up for the mailing list for the group.

To subscribe to a group's mailing list via email, send a blank email to:  
[stormwaternet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:stormwaternet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

When you get the confirmation message, just reply to it...and your subscription will be complete!

### **How do I set up my Yahoo! Groups account?**

Joining Yahoo! Groups is easy! To get started you'll need to register for a Yahoo! ID and link it to any email addresses you wish to use for Yahoo! Groups.

#### **Registration**

1. Click on the Sign Up link on any Yahoo! Groups page.
2. Complete the registration form and click on **I Agree** button to accept the Yahoo! Terms of Service. **Note:** The Yahoo! ID you choose must be unique. It doesn't need to match your email address.
3. You should receive an email confirming your registration. **Make sure to record your Yahoo! ID and password. You'll need these to sign into Yahoo! Groups.**

### **What information is publicized when I participate in Yahoo! Groups?**

Your Yahoo! ID and part of your email address are listed on the Members page. Anyone clicking on your Yahoo! ID goes to that ID's Yahoo! Profiles page, which shows whatever information you've added — if any. A click on your partial email address allows other members to send you an email, without them seeing your whole address.

If you post a message — which sends each Group member an email — your entire email address is shown in the "From:" field, just as if you were sending them email directly.

We hope that this fully explains the process of joining **stormwaternet**. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email [jmcgraw@gemspi.com.au](mailto:jmcgraw@gemspi.com.au) or call 02 9744 5252 at any time.

One last thing .... If you decide to join stormwaternet ... remember this is **your** group. It is a tool that can be used to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of many other stormwater professionals. Use it well!

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