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Where has the year gone!

In writing this issue in the tail end of November I began to wonder just where the past twelve months had gone and to why the secretariat seemed to be behind the eight ball all the time.

During this time the Institute has continued to input into the wider infrastructure of plumbing with activities such as:

- ANZRA Conference in Fremantle Western Australia, the Institute supported the conference including a Plumbing Coalition Australia meeting held during the conference.
- At the above meeting of the Plumbing Coalition Australia (PCA) it was decided to run with a meeting in Canberra, as the PCA secretariat the IPA undertook the planning and logistics culminating in a full day meeting in Parliament House with round table discussions with government ministers and the hosting of a parliamentary luncheon.
- World Plumbing Council Executive Board meeting combined with promotion at the ISH Plumbing Exhibition in Frankfurt Germany.
- Skills Council Advisory Committee regarding the review of the plumbing and services training package, meetings in Brisbane and Melbourne.
- Designbuild Sydney – The Institute conducted the third Australian National Plumbing Forum, promoted the Institute through a display stand and held a Council meeting.
- Secretary and Chairperson for Plumbing Coalition Australia meeting in Sydney, June 2007.
- Re-introduction of IPA to Standards Australia committee system including the review of AS/NZS 3500 Part 5 and amendments to parts 1, 2 & 4 with IPA attendance at the last four meetings of what has obviously been a very long and heavy workload. The meetings we attended were in

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Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Sydney and ranged from 2 to 4 full days each.

- Plumbing Coalition Australia delegation to the National Plumbing Regulators Forum in Sydney.
- Designbuild Perth – The Institute conducted the fourth Australian National Plumbing Forum and promoted the Institute through a display stand.
- Plumbing Industry Commission Victoria – PlumbSMARTER – Hot Water Systems Roundtable.
- World Plumbing Council Annual Meeting and Worldskills International Competition in Japan.
- Regular Institute Council teleconferences through the year.
- And much more.

To complete the year:

- 29 November – Planning meeting in Sydney for a Plumbing Regulators initiative to investigate the potential for further reductions in flush volumes and implications on plumbing and drainage systems.
- 11 December - Plumbing Industry Commission Victoria – PlumbSMARTER – industry-government roundtable on sustainability skills for Victorian plumbing.
- 13 December – Plumbing Coalition Australia meeting in Sydney. This meeting ushers in a new era in the ongoing evolution of the PCA that has seen a group with strong opposing views meld into an organisation prepared to consider various opinions for the common good. The Institute will step down as convenor/secretary at this meeting in favour of a twelve month rotation system.
- 17 December – Institute Council teleconference.
- Xmas break!!!

Well as you can see from the above your Institute Council and Secretariat have been busy promoting your Institute and presenting a broad range non-sector view promoting national consistency at every opportunity. To maintain this level of input into matters affecting the wider plumbing community we need your help. Planning has begun on an exciting 2008 and we will expand on where you can help in the new year.

Australian National Plumbing Forum – Sydney & Perth 2007

Well the 2007 round of IPA forums and exhibitions is over and what a resounding success they have been with six excellent speakers over the Sydney and Perth events and a continuous stream of inquiries at our exhibition booths. But where were the members? Sure we welcomed some to each event ranging from those with memberships going back 30 or more years and in Perth a new member of only several weeks.

In 2008 we are planning to hold forums at Designbuild Melbourne (June) and Perth (October) so any ideas for themes, speakers and sponsors will be most appreciated.

Standards Australia:

A couple of ways of keeping in touch with what is happening at Standards Australia:

Electronic Newsletter e-news <http://www.eneews.standards.org.au>

UP Magazine (hard copy) email a request to rebecca.ball@standards.org.au and provide your postal address.

Reviews of AS/NZS3500 Parts 1 to 4 are now impending so if you have any pet hates or suggested improvements please forward to the Institute Secretary for inclusion in future committee meetings.

Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after.

Comments on matters raised in E-INSTITUTE or suggestions for future issues are welcome and may be sent to the Editor at:

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