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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL  
WISH ALL A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS

### PRESIDENTS REPORT - DECEMBER 2007

Well it is that time of the year again, and what a year it has been for the Institute.

We have been involved with two Design-build Expo's, both here in Perth and Sydney. These have been a great success, and with a bit of planning for the one in Melbourne next year, we may just have another great one. So come on guys get your thinking caps on and come up with a theme for the next one.

Stephen, as usual has been very busy, attending functions/forums/meetings, etc, etc all around the country and overseas on behalf of the IPA. As mentioned in the E-Institute, the Institute is now back on the Standards committee, with Stephen attending these meetings as they occur and as required. This has given rise to my next topic.

Where to from here????? This is something that is always raised at every teleconference, and at our face to face meetings. We generally get the same answers; what's in it for me?? Does the Institute make a difference to what is happening in the trade?? Let's not forget how or why the Institute was formed in the first place.

A thought for comment:-The unfortunate reality of our profession is that it is/or has split into specialised

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sections (water plumbers, ‘second fix plumbers’, drainers, pre-lay plumbers, etc, etc), and this makes it almost impossible to be interested or passionate about the plumbing industry as a whole. It is only through associations like the Institute that we can get our profession back to a trade that takes pride in their work and has the skills to do the “whole” job. This is not to say that these “specialist” sections don’t take pride in what they do. It is just that the many of the “traditional” plumbing skills which may have learned over the years, have or will be lost to the future generations of the plumbing fraternity. It is time to go back to “grass-roots” and learn the “whole” plumbing trade, to take pride in the job and become passionate with what your industry is about. YOU can make a difference by becoming more involved with “your” Institute. A combine voice (through the Institute) will always be stronger than a single one. You only get out what you put in.

I look forward to any comments you may have in the next edition of the E-Institute. We may just talk about the direction of plumbing education next time.

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a safe, prosperous and happy Christmas and New Year. Until next time, Be Safe & Take Care.

Michael Jarrad  
President Institute of Plumbing Australia

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

In 2008 the Institute of Plumbing Australia will contribute by providing a voice for plumbers and plumbing on several important initiatives and ongoing programmes including:

- ✚ The Institute’s National Plumbing Forum will return to Melbourne at the Designbuild Exhibition in June. If you know of an interesting topic or speaker that should be heard please contact the Institute Secretary.

- ✚ AS/NZS3500 Parts 1 to 4 expire in 2008 and a complete review will be undertaken by the Standards Committee, if you have any pet likes or dislikes about the current 2003 Standard please forward to the Institute Secretary for inclusion in the Committee debate.
- ✚ A scientific study of the effects on plumbing systems and infrastructure of reduced flush volumes and grey water separation. The Institute is part of a highly motivated National and International Industry Wide Steering Committee chaired by the NPRF. More about that in the New Year.
- ✚ National best practice for plumbing training a skills council backed project looking at implementation issues for the plumbing and services training package.
- ✚ Managing the Flow, the report out of the Parliamentary Inquiry into regulating plumbing product quality. The Plumbing Coalition Australia is working to keep this report alive and kicking.
- ✚ And much much more but time for that well earned break.

From the Secretary/Editor and all at the Institute stay happy and safe through the festive season as we look forward to a busy and exciting 2008.

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

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