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National Plumbing Forum - Perth

Back in Perth we bring you the second forum for 2008.

The Australian National Plumbing Forum

Friday 17 October 2008

2:00pm to 6:00pm including Fellowship Function

Only \$33.00 including GST

Following our successful forum in Melbourne, we continue the exciting series of forums for plumbers and plumbing. To increase local input into this important calendar event we have joined forces with the **Master Plumbers and Gasfitters Association of WA**. The venue remains at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in conjunction with the Designbuild Plumbing Show and Exhibition.

EDUCATION – A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

This Forum will continue the theme from the successful Forum held in Melbourne June 2008 with emphasis on achieving an Industry Consensus on the way forward to achieve consistency across Western Australia for the implementation and assessment of the new National Plumbing Training Package.

We will also explore how far we have come on the journey towards expanding the National Training Package to allow for a Hydraulic Services Design Stream into Certificates IV and Diploma and take a look at current Industrial Relations and Sustainable Plumbing.

- Speakers:

Peter Gow – Department of Housing and Works – The Plumber and 5 Star Plus.

Wayne Collyer – TAFE – Consistency in Training across Western Australia.

Murray Thomas – MPA Skills – The Private Training Provider's view on Consistency.

David Johnston – Workplace Relations & management

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Adelaide**

10 -12 November 2008

<p>Consultants – Industrial Relations - Current Climate and likely changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report by AHSCA on implementation of a Hydraulic Services Design Stream into Diploma • Open Forum / Panel Discussion – Plumbing Industry view of the Training Journey – Time for you the Delegate to have your say. • A Cocktail Function and Fellowship to close the event. <p>To Register online go to:</p>	
<p>http://www.designbuildexpo.com.au/page/australian_national_plumbing_forum.html</p>	
<p>International Emerging Technology Symposium (Something a little different that the Institute has been involved in)</p> <p>The International Emerging Technology Symposium –co-hosted by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and the World Plumbing Council (WPC), Aug. 19-20 was a huge success. <i>Experts from around the world introduced ways in which the manufacturing, engineering and trade industries are devising solutions to international regulatory developments on such topics as water, sanitation and health; water and energy efficiency; water reuse; solar and other renewable energies; and fat, oil and grease discharges. To view brief interviews of these experts, go to the link below The webcast of the symposium will be available in the near future.</i></p> <p>Once the webcast is available we will provide the link in E-Institute.</p> <p>Also see IAPMO Press Release below:</p>	
<p>http://iapmovideos.com</p>	

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**International Emerging Technology Symposium
Provides Glimpse to the Future**

Chicago, Ill. (Aug. 27, 2008) — Those who were unable to attend the International Emerging Technology Symposium, a forward-glimpsing clearinghouse of ideas and solutions presented by plumbing industry leaders and co-convened by IAPMO and the World Plumbing Council on Aug. 19-20, will soon be able to view the entire event online.

A host of innovators and industry heavyweights gathered in Chicago to present future solutions to today's challenges within the manufacturing, engineering and trade industries as they pertain to water and energy conservation, sanitation and health, renewable energies and the sustainability of the environment. The two-day event presented an often sobering picture of dwindling resources, but offered great promise for the future, carried forward by an industry well prepared to lead the charge toward healing the planet.

"Our hopes and goals in approaching this symposium were to bring together the best and brightest minds in the plumbing industry, the experts in environmentally-conscious plumbing system design, installation and maintenance," said IAPMO Executive Director Russ Chaney, "but the level of determination and committed involvement we received from this top echelon of the industry was truly remarkable. It far surpassed my greatest expectations."

The international panel shared ideas and compared experiences based upon differing geographic and economic concerns, bringing to light a world in which one country's or continent's imminent crisis is another's triumph — and how the two can learn from each other.

"I think while people in the industry believe that water saving is very much on the mind of the U.S. public, I'm not quite sure it is," said Jeff Patchell, publisher of *World Plumbing Review*. "Only in the last 18 months in Australia, after more than a decade of trying, the penny has finally dropped; water efficiency is a mandatory thing going forward. I think (America's) tipping point may be two or three years away, but you'll know when it happens. All of a sudden, everything you're doing is almost imploding into one point that unless it's got a water saving aspect to it, you don't even try. I think (the U.S. plumbing) industry has to do everything it can to bring it together and work as one. This symposium has been a great start to that."

Stephen L. Johnson, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, delivered a keynote address that was right on point, commending the organizers and participants for taking up the challenge on their own.

"As I look at it, it's one thing for policy makers in Washington D.C. to talk about the challenges of water quantity and water quality," Johnson said. "It's a whole different thing to have the leaders of both manufacturers and the actual installers taking hold and wanting to commit to these new technologies — new technologies that are good for the consumer, good for the environment and good for our economy."

A series of Webinars archiving the symposium will soon be available for viewing online at www.iapmo.org. In the meantime, please direct your Web browser to www.iapmovideos.com to watch interviews with participants, organizers and panelists conducted during the event. For more information, please contact Maria Sol Alba at (708) 995-3005 or Career.Services@iapmo.org.

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Training Package – Continuous Improvement

Further to the outcomes from the Australian National Plumbing Forum held in Melbourne the Skills Council National Plumbing Industry Reference Group did reconvene in July as the Plumbing and Services Review and Continuous Improvement Reference Group. This group is

continuing to work on outstanding issues arising from the recent review of the training package including the development of a new pathway for plumbing designers into the higher certificates and the identification of sustainability issues contained in the present certificate III.

The Institute Secretary represents the IPA on this important committee, any member wishing to contribute views on the following or other training matters should provide in writing to the Secretary at secretary@plumbing.org.au :

- Environmental sustainability knowledge and skills, where should they sit within the overall training package.
- Use of Certificate IV for contractor licensing
- Minimum of 5 streams in Certificate III (Apprentice Training)
- A pathway for cadet plumbing designers into Certificate IV and beyond.

From the Skills Council (CPSISC) July – August 2008 Newsletter

Training Package Review Updates

CPC08 Construction Training Package

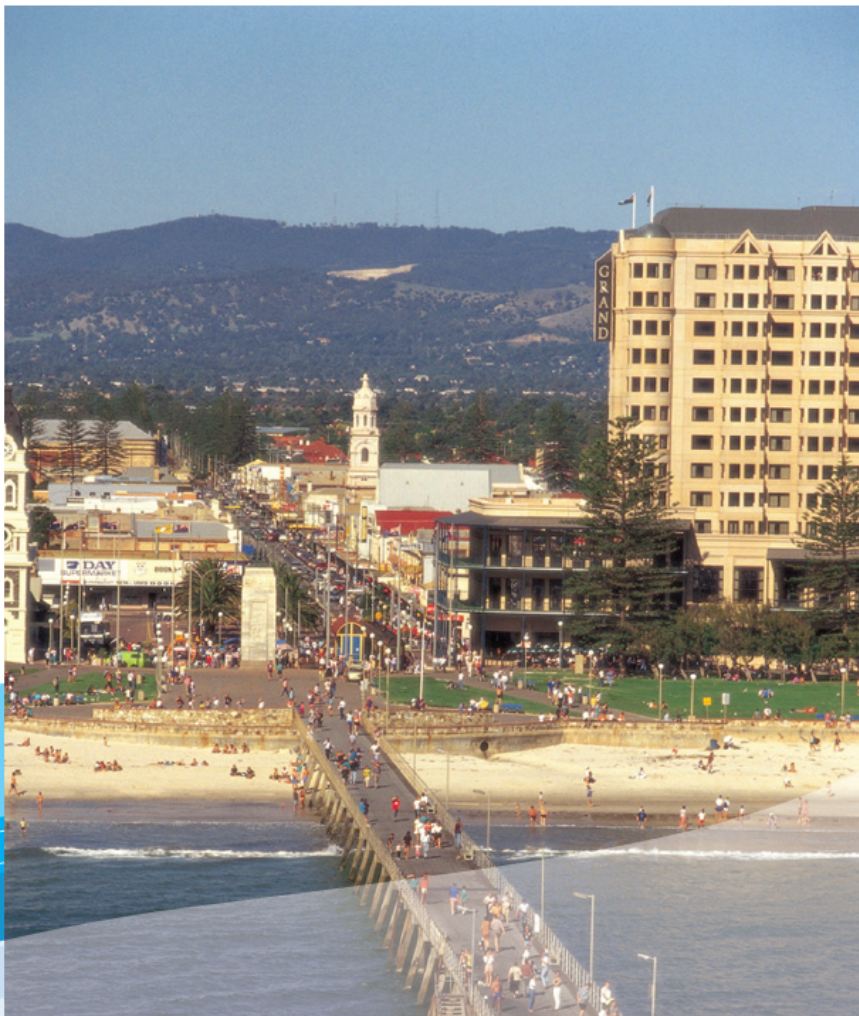
The CPC08 Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework Training Package was submitted to DEEWR for endorsement on 9 January 2008. A teleconference with State Training Authorities was held on 14 March 2008. Following a meeting in Melbourne on 6 June 2008 organised by DEEWR, a revised submission will go to DEEWR by 23 July 2008, and is currently with the National Quality Council (NQC).



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10 – 12 November 2008 Stamford Grand Hotel Adelaide, South Australia



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Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after. If you are not already a member why not join and really help us provide a voice for plumbers and plumbing. Simply email the Secretary below.

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