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CONGRATULATIONS:

>>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WATER AWARDS.

At the 2006 Water Awards held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre 13 October Kelly's Hot Water, Gas and Air took out the Residential Partners Award. Congratulations to Western Australian member Geoffrey Kelly and his team.

>>WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL TRAINERS SCHOLARSHIP.

Congratulations to Australian Applicant Geoff Moore from Mt Druitt TAFE in New South Wales on his award of this prestigious scholarship. The annual scholarship provides up to US\$7,500.00 towards travel and costs of a study trip. Geoff has chosen to visit Denmark to broaden his personal and professional development and to gain an insight into their culture, vocational training methods and working environment.

On completion of his study tour $Geoff\ will$ be expected to provide a report that the WPC will share with the world.

BACKFLOW:

Message from Backflow Association Victoria.

AIRAH is to meet in Melbourne for a short informative session for those interested in developments in the area of backflow prevention.

Members of the IPA may note the details of the meeting as follows.

The speakers are:

Robert Knowles - SA Water Development Services

John Doig - Development Manager Reece

Chris Coulthurst, Sustainable Water Officer, South East Water

When: November 1st 2006

Where: Beau Monde International, 934 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East VIC

Time: 6.00 to 8.00 pm

Cost: AIRAH Members free, Non members \$10.00

Parking: Under premises

ENQUIRIES AND RSVP to Emma Dowling emma@airah.org.au

WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL:

The WPC recently held its 2006 Annual Meeting in Chicago USA. Here are a few snippets from the meeting.

World Health Organisation:

> Secondment of a Plumbing Expert to work at WHO in Geneva for two years.

>>WPC have proposed an Australian for the role and it appears that he is acceptable to WHO.

>>The stumbling block is the cost to be born by WPC of US\$250,000 (US $$125,00pa \times 2 years$).

>>The Annual Meeting decided to put up US\$50,000 from WPC reserves subject to the balance of the first year being raised.

>>Two USA Organisations in attendance pledged US\$10,000 each and since the meeting another attendee has also pledged US\$10,000 but there is still a long way to go.

>>The starting date for the secondment is January 2007 but it appears that this will need to be postponed by 3 months or so. The WPC will be seeking to identify donor organisations over the next couple of months.

> NGO (Non Government Organisation) Status.

WPC is hopeful that the WHO meeting in January 2007 will grant NGO status on WPC.

> Health Aspects of Plumbing (HAP)

>>Stock of this publication now held in USA at IAPMO.

>>WPC will need to promote sales.

>>A pdf may be downloaded from

http://www.who.int/water sanitation health/publications/plumbin
ghealthasp/en/index.html

To-date some 4,000 copies have been downloaded.

VIC/QLD MPA Conference Cairns.

>> Syd Stolper USA (UA/Training) was invited to speak and attended with a number of USA Contractors and Officials.

>>Syd reported that he had presented a paper on the UA Instructor Training Programme and that it was well received.

>>Syd stated that an Australian delegation was to visit USA next year.

WPC 2006 Trainers Scholarship.

>>5 applicants from USA, Solomon Islands, Australia and UK.

>>The 2006 scholarship was awarded to Geoff Moore of Mt Druitt TAFE in NSW.

>>The original scholarship selection panel of three, including this institute, was expanded to five by inclusion of two past scholarship recipients.

Lead in Plumbing Fittings.

It was reported to the meeting that impending California legislation was to be enacted to limit the lead content of plumbing fittings to less than .25%. It was further reported that much of the manufacturing industry was against the Bill as it was full of misconceptions and did not target the items in most need of amendment and control.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members are the lifeblood of any organisation and your Institute is no exception. Your Institute Council took a decision to expand our exposure and input to the national scene on behalf of the wider plumbing community. We are working alongside and with the specialist organisations to maintain and improve the standing of plumbers and plumbing. All this takes time, effort and funding. What can you do? One thing that every member can easily do is replicate themselves, introduce new members to the only truly national organisation for the wider plumbing fraternity, the Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. Forward this newsletter to your associates, follow it up with a phone call. If that is too hard just provide the names and contact details of prospective members to the Secretary and we will do the follow-up.

Application forms are downloadable from www.plumbing.org.au/ipa howtojoin.htm

WHAT'S ON?

ANZRA Biennial Conference 2006 -

The Western Australia Plumbers Licensing Board in conjunction with the Australia and New Zealand Reciprocity Association (ANZRA) are hosting the next bi-annual ANZRA conference at the Maritime Museum at Fremantle, Perth on 27--30 November.

Find out what the licensing authorities, regulators and educators are doing in relation to the standards of plumbing, draining and gas fitting within the national and international arenas.

For further details or to receive a registration pack for the conference contact Lori Bennett at PLB WA Tel.08 9282 4333 Fax. 08 9282 4387 or email lbennett@docep.wa.gov.au

The next meeting of the Plumbing Coalition Australia is to be held in Fremantle, Western Australia on 28 November 2006. This meeting will be conducted as part of the ANZRA $24^{\rm th}$ Biennial Conference noted above.

TECHNICAL BOOKS:

Did you know that the NSW Chapter of your institute runs a mail order bookshop supplying all manner of technical books and Australian Standards.

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