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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

to all our readers.

From the IPA Council and Secretariat we wish you all a happy and safe festive season and look forward to an exciting and productive year in 2014.

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### COAG's Christmas Present!

At its meeting on Friday 13 December 2013 COAG finally put the ailing NOLS to rest. In its post meeting communique (see <http://www.coag.gov.au/node/516>) COAG indicates that the majority of States had a number of concerns including potential costs and have agreed to work together via the Council for the Australian Federation (CAF) to develop alternative options. If you read the COAG Communique you will note that 22 COAG Councils have been reduced to eight but what they do not understand is that plumbing and its associated callings is, to varying degrees, involved with all eight of the proposed councils.

For the past 6 to 8 years various Governments and their Bureaucrats have stuffed around with our profession and industry of plumbing and gasfitting seeking some form of nationally consistent licensing and the only thing that they have proved is that they are incapable of managing and unable to understand the critical nature of the work of

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plumbers and gasfitters in their protection of public health and safety and the environment. For the past 12 Months we have had the ludicrous situation of a Taskforce and Steering Committee that are way past their use by date enforcing their blinkered view to the detriment of a Licensing Authority that was trying to tidy up the mess. Millions of dollars have been expended over the years a large portion of which has been freely given, in time and expertise by industry stakeholders including peak national bodies supported by their state based counterparts with memberships of both employers and employees that are plumbers and gasfitters, regulators, trainers, manufacturers, standards makers and a myriad of other stakeholders.

Rather than simply accept the governments methodology of dealing with failure by junking the past investment and reinventing the same bureaucratic mess under a new oversight department with a nice new logo and letterhead industry needs to take ownership of its considerable investment in this process, fine tune the consensus reached two years ago and take it to fruition.

It can be done, this Institute a long time champion of consistency in all things plumbing was some 50 years ago charged by industry to developing an Australian Uniform Plumbing Code and after many years of lobbying Canberra we wrote our own Uniform Plumbing Code and although I have not researched our records I firmly believe that the current AS/NZS3500 suite of standards used across Australia and New Zealand with reasonable uniformity grew from the original IPA Code so uniformity and consistency can be achieved by Industry despite of government inaction.

Stephen Movley  
Editor

**Thinking of studying Certificate IV in 2014 or know someone that is?**

**This offer is not restricted to members and is available for applications from all involved in plumbing including member's employees.**

**Please forward this to your associates or others that may be interested.**

**Applications open 25 November 2013 and close 21 January 2014**

**To apply please complete and send the attached application form.**



## **A LIMITED OFFER FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING STANDARDS AND TEXTS FOR THOSE STUDYING FOR CERTIFICATE IV IN PLUMBING AND SERVICES**

### **The Offer:**

The Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. through its IPA Foundation offers one time assistance to a limited number of students (up to 8) undertaking studies in 2014 towards a Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services (includes any of the five streams).

The offer is designed to provide some assistance to those students finding it financially restrictive to continuing their studies in plumbing by providing at no charge a set of the plumbing and drainage standards AS/NZS 3500 Parts 0,1,2,3 & 4. Where a recipient can demonstrate that they have existing access to AS/NZS 3500 standards the IPA Foundation may at its discretion offer to assist in purchase of alternative standards or text books applicable to the recipients course of study up to the value of \$250.00.

The offer also includes a free copy of the E-Book - Selection and Sizing of Copper Tubes for Water Piping Systems by Barrie Smith on DVD valued at \$66.00.

### **Particulars:**

Applicants must complete and submit by post, fax or email the attached application form by the due date and to the address as shown on the form.

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