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Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 – Melbourne:

Once again the IPA will be at Designbuild 2010 and The Plumbing Show to be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 23 to 25 June 2010. For those of you planning to visit Melbourne at that time keep Thursday 24 free to attend both the Show and the IPA Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 with the theme of:

Sharing experiences in water conservation

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Training Package - Feedback Wanted:

Stakeholder Consultation Re: Continuous Improvement of CPC08 Plumbing and Services units of competency

- Please distribute to your relevant networks -

The National Plumbing and Services Training Advisory Group (NPSTAG) have provided CPSISC with a number of proposed enhancements to current CPC08 Plumbing and Services units of competency.

These proposed changes include the **embedding of sustainability principals** along with a number of other minor 'Continuous Improvement' changes.

Attached is a summary document of the proposed 'Continuous Improvement' changes. Separate to the NPSTAG proposed changes, this document (on the last page) also identifies two separate 'Continuous Improvement' proposals (Item 90 & 91) that have been forwarded to CPSISC for consideration. These include:

- Wording change to unit CPCPCM4003A Produce 2-D architectural drawings using CAD software
- Proposal to include unit CPCPRF4001A Plan, size and layout roof drainage systems as an Elective in the CPC40909 Cert IV in Plumbing and Services – Hydraulic Services Design Stream.

Your feedback will inform the *National Plumbing and Services Continuous Improvement Reference Group (NPSCIRG)* who will in turn, make recommendation to the *CPSISC Construction Industry Advisory Council (CIAC)*.

You are encouraged to click on the following web link:

http://www.cpsisc.com.au/projects/CPC08_units_of_competency to view all units with the proposed changed highlighted using 'Track Change'.

Feedback should be provided using the CPSISC's online feedback mechanism –CIMS. Alternatively, feedback can be provided via email to – Joan Whelan – Email: joan.whelan@cpsisc.com.au, Ph: 03 9578 0563 by **C.O.B. Friday 4th June 2010**.



Media Release

2010-2011 Budget is good news for the Construction and Property Services Industries

Mr Lindsay Fraser, Chair of the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC) congratulates the Rudd Government on the 2010-2011 Budget initiatives. Mr Fraser said that the Budget will be a huge boost for our industries. Some of the highlights are detailed below.

Investing Skills for Sustainable Growth

More than \$660 million will be available in training, apprenticeships and adult literacy and numeracy to ensure Australia has the skills it needs to support a growing economy.

This major new investment in Australia's skills is part of the Government's plan to maximise the opportunities ahead so we can face the future with confidence.

The four-year skills package will deliver:

- up to 39,000 additional training places in sectors facing high skills demands through a \$200 million investment in a new Critical Skills Investment fund;
- support for around 22,500 new apprenticeship commencements through an \$79.4 million extension of the successful Apprentice Kickstart aimed at small to medium businesses;
- an offer to the States and Territories to provide a guaranteed entitlement to a training place for all Australians under the age of 25 years to ensure young people have every opportunity gain a qualification;
- Numeracy, literacy and language courses for up to 140,000 Australians to improve their quality of life, career prospects and productivity; and
- Better training for the 1.7 million Australians studying in the vocational training system.

Skills for Recovery

The Government will invest around \$300 million to boost the skills of our workforce, particularly in the construction, infrastructure, renewable energy and resource sectors.

Over \$200 million has been provided for the establishment of a Critical Skills Investment Fund to deliver up to 39,000 new places in sectors where there is a high demand, addressing emerging skills shortages in partnership with industry.

Around \$80 million will go to extending our Apprentice Kickstart program to deliver around 22,500 apprenticeship positions over the next six months and almost \$20 million will go towards the modernisation of apprenticeships.

A better training system for the future

The Government will invest over \$243 million to strengthen the quality of vocational education to deliver higher quality training to more students.

The package extends key elements of the Education Revolution to the vocational education sector. Reforms include:

- an expansion of income contingent loans through the VET FEE-HELP program to help Australians to gain higher level technical and trade skills;
- a Quality Skills Incentive scheme to lift the standards and performance of Australia's largest vocational education providers, including TAFEs;
- the establishment and operation of the new National Vocational Education Regulator and Standards Council; and
- A MySkills website linked to the new national regulator to provide greater transparency and robust comparable information for people when selecting a provider.

Foundation skills for our workforce

A significant number of working age Australians do not have adequate numeracy, literacy and language skills and as a result, are unable to secure high-value, high-reward employment and progress their careers. Addressing this problem will improve national productivity and improve the lives of Australians.

Accordingly, the Rudd Government will provide around \$120 million over four years to ensure that 140,000 Australians receive assistance through the language, literacy and numeracy programs to improve this fundamental shortfall in our workforce.

The workplace program will provide workers with a practical means to improve their skills without having to give up their job to study.

To view the Joint Media Release from the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister and The Hon Wayne Swan MP, Treasurer, go to:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100511_171800.aspx

Mr Fraser said that CPSISC is delighted to be involved in the above key initiatives and we look forward to assisting the government in implementing these policies in the future.

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Apprentice Kickstart Programme:

Further to the above, DEEWR has announced the extension of the highly successful Apprentice Kickstart program.

This provides an increase in the commencement bonus for employers taking on new apprentices from \$1,500 to \$4,850

This program commences in May 2010 and will be available over the next six months.

Applications for KickStart Apprenticeships should be made through an Australian Apprenticeship Centre.

For further information on employing an apprentice see the Australian Apprenticeship Website

- <http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/employer/>

From the World Plumbing Council:

WPC launches Education and Training Scholarship for 2010

The World Plumbing Council is pleased to invite applications for its 2010 Education and Training Scholarship. The Scholarship (which has been renamed after a review) is available to anyone involved in plumbing industry education and training. The award for 2010, which is worth a maximum of US\$10,000, will enable the successful applicant to travel to another country to investigate aspects of industry education and training.

WPC Chairman, Robert Burgon commented: "The WPC has previously awarded six Scholarships which have allowed individuals involved in industry training to travel to a range of countries and see how industry training is managed. We have reviewed the terms of the award and believe that this significant Scholarship should lead to benefits for industry education and training worldwide. We look forward to receiving a good number of quality applications before the closing date of 31 July 2010."

For further information and to download an application form visit www.worldplumbing.org

Emerging Technologies Symposium:

Follow the link below to a report on the recent Emerging Technologies Symposium co-convened by IAPMO and WPC in Ontario, California USA on 11 and 12 May 2010.

Link to IAPMO Green Newsletter

<http://forms.iapmo.org/GreenNewsletter.asp>



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Australian National Plumbing Forum

2010

Sharing experiences in water conservation

You are invited to an afternoon of brief informative presentations and lively discussion with plumbing industry colleagues. While visiting the National Plumbing Show, take this opportunity to network and meet likeminded people, share ideas and knowledge. The afternoon will conclude with drinks and fellowship. We hope you can join us!

The Institute of Plumbing is hosting the Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 at National Plumbing Show, DesignBUILD Exhibition Melbourne. The theme for the forum is 'Sharing experiences in water conservation'.

The forum is series of presentations with moderated opportunity for questions and discussion including audience participation.

Venue: National Plumbing Show
DesignBUILD 2010
Melbourne Exhibition Centre

Date: Thursday 24 June 2010

Time: 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm with fellowship and drinks to follow

Cost: Free

Information: www.designbuildexpo.com.au

Registration: To attend the forum, visitors must have a ticket to DesignBUILD.

Register online for your free ticket to DesignBUILD and save \$20!

Visit: <http://www.designbuildexpo.com.au/>

Also register to attend the free plumbing forum

- Email the names of attendees to plumbingforum@optusnet.com.au

- Mail this cover page with your details to:

P O Box 4241, Frankston Heights VIC 3199

Name/s:

Program

- 1.30 pm Registration
- 2.00 pm Meet and greet
Open
Michael Jarrad, President, Institute of Plumbing Australia
Moderator: Stephen Movley, Secretary, Institute of Plumbing
Australia
- 2.05 pm Water Conservation Solutions Program
Cleaner Production Team, City West Water
- 2.35 pm Water efficient product/service
Supplier/sponsor
- 2.45 pm Plumb smarter project
Plumbing Industry Commission Victoria
- 3.15 pm Water efficient irrigation practices
Chris Bennett, CEO, Irrigation Association Australia
- 3.45 pm Water efficient product/service

- Product supplier/sponsor
- 3.55 pm Chisholm water industry initiative
Michael Anderson, Project Manager, Chisholm Centre for Sustainable Water Management
 - 4.25 pm Questions and discussion
 - 5.00 pm Close
- Fellowship
Beer, wine, soft drink and hors-d'oeuvres

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.

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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