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### **IPA MEMBER ROBERT GOODCHILD AWARDED WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP 2010.**

Robert Goodchild, IPA Member and a Principal Trainer/Lecturer with MPA Skills in Maylands, Western Australia, has been awarded the prestigious WPC Education and Training Scholarship for 2010. The Scholarship is worth up to US\$10,000 and allows the recipient to conduct a study tour to another country.

Bob Goodchild, originally from London, England, has worked in Australia for 17 years (having spent his whole career to date in the plumbing and gas industry). He is 56 years of age and has chosen to conduct his study visit to South Africa.

In congratulating Mr Goodchild, WPC Chairman (and Chairman of the Scholarship Panel), Robert Burgon said that there had been more applications for the award this year than for several years. "The Scholarship Panel had an extremely difficult task in coming to a decision as there were several applications of a similar high standard. In selecting Bob Goodchild, the Panel took into account what has clearly been a lifelong interest in industry training as well as his choice of country to visit. No previous Scholarship winner has visited South Africa and we believe that the proposed visit will be worth

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## Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) Scheme

### Stakeholder Forum

**Sydney Thursday 9 December 2010**

The third WELS scheme stakeholder forum will be held in Sydney on Thursday 9 December 2010, at the Bayview Boulevard, 90 Williams St Woolloomooloo 2011, in the ¾ Ballroom, level 1.

This forum is an opportunity for you to express your views and receive updates on the WELS scheme. The forum is open to all stakeholders including: businesses, industry associations, government representatives, consumer groups and conservation organisations.

So that we provide sufficient catering and seating for attendees, please RSVP by COB **Friday 26 November 2010** to [neill.patterson@environment.gov.au](mailto:neill.patterson@environment.gov.au) or telephone 02 6274 1665. Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

#### Forum agenda

- 9.00 am Arrival
- Approx 3.30 pm Conclusion

*The agenda is yet to be finalised, however, the intent of this year's forum is to discuss progress with the scheme during the past two years, including the increase in compliance and enforcement activities, expansion of minimum water efficiency standards, improvement of registration system, and importantly, to engage with stakeholders about the outcomes of the WELS scheme independent review. Once finalised the full agenda will be made available on the WELS website, [www.waterrating.gov.au](http://www.waterrating.gov.au), next week.*

Please pass this message on to others in your organisation who you think may also be interested in attending this forum.

Regards

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**Australian Flexible Learning Framework**

supporting e-learning opportunities

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Tuesday 16 November 2010**

### **\$2.65 million awarded nationwide for e-learning innovation**

More than 80 projects have been awarded a share of \$2.65 million to develop innovative e-learning training solutions across Australia in 2011\*.

The funding, provided by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework ([Framework](#)), supports the Australian vocational education and training (VET) system to embed e-learning and tailor training to meet learners' needs.

Led by registered training organisations (RTOs), the 2011 [E-learning Innovations](#) projects will:

- embed innovative e-learning solutions through business-training provider partnerships that target workforce development needs
- implement innovative e-learning practices that address the specific needs of a diverse range of learners.

The projects benefit the national training system by demonstrating the value of e-learning and providing guidance and resources to other training providers.

To find out more about the 2011 E-learning Innovations projects, visit: <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/innovations>

To view the 2011 projects by state/territory, go to:

- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
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- [Western Australia](#)

For updates on selected projects throughout the year, stay tuned to [Flex e-News](#) and <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/innovations/teamprofiles>

\*The funding has been allocated for a six month period, to the end of June 2011. This will bring the Framework funding cycle in line with other funding arrangements under the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations ([DEEWR](#)), which are based on a financial calendar year.

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**Another IPA Winner from Western Australia**

Ian Cordingley, past IPA Chapter President and Industry stalwart has been selected as regional winner of the **Jack Knight Medal** an internal company award for excellence across a multi discipline engineering consultancy. The award is designed to recognise truly exceptional people who provide leadership in key areas, innovate and enable positive change and shared values.

### **Selection and Sizing of Copper Tubes for Water Piping Systems**

[Selection and Sizing of Copper Tubes for Water Piping Systems by Barrie Smith](#) (the blue book) is now available in both DVD and E-Book download, visit [www.plumbing.org.au](http://www.plumbing.org.au) and follow the links.

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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