Plumbing Newsflash

Proposed changes to *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* and other legislation

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Newsflash is to advise of workshop dates for industry training on the proposed changes to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* and the introduction of a new Part of the Queensland Development Code (QDC).

**Background**

South-east Queensland (SEQ) is experiencing the effects of the worst drought on record. Despite recent moderate inflows from rain in August and September 2007, the combined level in the region’s major water supply storages remains at an historic low. The *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* has been amended to allow wider use of treated greywater, a new Part of the QDC has been drafted and other Parts have been amended to support water saving initiatives.

Also, changes to the Plumbing and Drainage Licensing System are proposed.

**Workshops**

Workshops to be conducted by the Plumber and Drainers Board and Master Plumbers Association of Queensland (MPAQ) have been arranged to provide an overview of the following:

- Greywater related changes;
- Water meters in multi unit and non-residential areas;
- Blackwater re-use trials in SEQ sewered areas;
- Licensed work - on-site sewerage facilities; and
- Competence based licensing.

To register for the following workshops, please contact MPAQ on (07) 3252 1266 or via their website www.mpaq.com.au.

Further seminars are proposed for other regional (e.g. Rockhampton and Bundaberg) and south-east Queensland locations in November / December. These will be announced shortly in a further Plumbing Newsflash.
23 October 2007
- Pendicup Place, 365 Samsonvale Rd, Joyner (cnr Gum St) – 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Geebung-Zillmere RSL, Newman Rd, Geebung – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

24 October 2007
- Caboolture Show Ground (Gamgee Rooms), Beerburrum Rd, Caboolture – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

25 October 2007
- Ipswich RSL, Downs St, North Ipswich – 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Nerang RSL, 69 Nerang St, Nerang - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

30 October 2007
- Geebung-Zillmere RSL, Newman Rd, Geebung – 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Toowoomba Motel and Events Centre, 2 Burnage St, Toowoomba – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

6 November 2007
- Barry Jones Auditorium, 40 South St, Ipswich 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

7 November 2007
- Geebung-Zillmere RSL, Newman Rd, Geebung – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

8 November 2007
- Redlands Boat Club, 1 William St, Cleveland – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

13 November 2007
- Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, 122 Lake St, Cairns – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

14 November 2007
- HIA Conference and Training Venue, 25 Blackhawk Boulevard, Thuringowa – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

15 November 2007
- Shamrock Inn, Nebo Rd, Mackay – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

20 November 2007
- Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club, Old Burleigh Rd, Broadbeach – 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Bundaberg City Council Civic Centre, 188-190 Bourbong St, Bundaberg – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

21 November 2007
- Carina Leagues Club, Chadwick Hall, Creek Rd, Carina – 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Mantra Amphora, Buccaneer Dr, Urangan – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
22 November 2007

- Maroochydore RSL & Ex-Services Club, Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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