

## Media Release



### GreenPlumbers® Finalists in National Banksia Awards

**- 1 June 2005 - GreenPlumbers® the fastest growing environmental plumbing initiative in Australia is a finalist in the prestigious National Banksia awards to be decided on Saturday night (4th June) in Adelaide.**

Mr Ray Herbert, Executive Director of the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia said: "The GreenPlumbers® mission to provide national industry recognised accredited environmental training for the plumbing industry had become extremely important given Australia's worsening water crisis."

Image right: Ray Herbert, Executive Director MPMSAA

In the past 5 years over 3000 plumbers have become accredited GreenPlumbers®, representing more than 1150 plumbing businesses across 6 states - NSW, VIC, QLD, TAS, ACT, WA.

"Over 1300 plumbers have been trained in the past 12 months."

Mr Herbert said that it is estimated that at least 70% of new sustainable building strategies will involve plumbing, such as solar hot water, water recycling, rainwater harvesting and greenhouse gas reduction.

"Since the program started in 2000 there has been enormous interest in developing further greenplumber training in partnership with local councils, governments, manufacturers for plumbing practitioners."

"However, it is most important that plumbing practitioners themselves understand the big role they must play in creating sustainable communities by giving essential green plumbing options to their customers. The New Generation plumber is a GreenPlumber® "

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