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**MOORABBIN COMPANY'S INNOVATIVE WATER PRODUCT
IN LINE FOR TOP INDUSTRY AWARD**

An energy saving hot water heater made by Moorabbin based Solarmax has been declared a finalist in the national *GreenPlumbers®* Awards – an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry.

The Aquamax Solarmax 440 is a split system gas boosted solar hot water system that uses at least 60% solar energy to heat water. Its energy efficient design reduces energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the impact of climate change.

While mainly relying on installed solar panels to heat water, the system also has a 5-star rated gas booster. The product has been named as a finalist in the Energy Efficient Product of the Year category at the 2007 *GreenPlumbers®* Awards luncheon, to be held in Melbourne on 20 November 2007.

GreenPlumbers is an innovative training and accreditation initiative developed by the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA) as the gateway to a 'green' plumbing business.

The *GreenPlumbers®* Awards are a way for the association to acknowledge the contributions made to the environment by individual plumbers and manufacturers.

So far the *GreenPlumbers®* training program has saved Australia more than 3 billion litres of water, equivalent to 4700 Olympic-sized swimming pools and millions of dollars in energy savings.

Saving energy and helping create sustainable solutions is what Aquamax is all about.

Geoff Nanscawen from Aquamax says that every aspect of their products, including the design, manufacture and use helps to contribute to a greener society.

“Many of the components of the gas storage system are made in-house from off-cuts of materials used for major components. This reduces wastage and promotes efficient production,” says Geoff.

“We use stainless steel in our products because it is highly corrosion resistant, and ensures that the products last for many years – reducing overall ongoing costs for our customers and reducing the need for the manufacture of spare parts for replacement and repair.”

“In our Aquamax Solarmax 440, these benefits are in addition to the 60% solar contribution as an energy source to heat water.”

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