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LOCAL COMPANIES APPLAUDED FOR GREEN PRODUCTS

Products made by Clayton-based Dux and Adelaide manufacturer Climate Technologies have both been named as finalists in the national *GreenPlumbers*® Awards – an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry.

Dux's Airoheat solar heat pump has been declared a finalist for the Energy Efficient Product of the Year category for its potential to reduce water heating costs by 65%. The hot water heater works just like a refrigerator in reverse, using air to heat the water inside the tank.

Climate Technologies' Bonaire H2Optimiser is a water conservation kit specifically designed for Bonaire evaporative air conditioners. The kit conditions water as it circulates through the system enabling maintenance water to be held for longer periods and giving water savings of up to 45%.

H2Optimiser is a finalist in the Innovative Product of the Year Category.

Winners will be announced 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.

The potential for water and energy savings has been highlighted by finalists in this year's awards.

David Waterman, State Manager (Victoria/Tasmania) at Dux, says that using Airoheat can make a substantial difference to energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

"Over ten years Dux Airoheat can save up to 32.4 tonnes of greenhouse gas, which is the same amount of gas released by 10 family cars over that same period," says David.

Rod Gill, Technical Training Manager at Climate Technologies says the H2Optimiser is an ideal accessory for Bonaire customers who are looking for ways to make further energy and water savings around the home.

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“When installed into a Bonaire Air Conditioner, the H2Optimiser kit reduces the number of normal bleed and dumping cycles, drastically reducing water usage,” says Rod.

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