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**ARMADALE PLUMBER PROVES TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY
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A local plumbing company responsible for saving 2.6 million litres of stormwater from flowing into Melbourne's drain system has been named a finalist at the national *GreenPlumbers*® Awards – an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry.

Richard Playne and his company *Envirosmart Plumbing* regularly install rainwater tanks to toilets, laundries and irrigation systems in an effort to reduce water consumption in Victoria.

Envirosmart is also a leader in providing solar energy solutions and is the sole distributor of solar air heat exchangers from Canada. The system heats the home and provides fresh air to reduce dampness using solar energy.

The company's water and energy saving efforts have seen Richard Playne being named as a finalist for the prestigious *GreenPlumber* of the Year award, the highest accolade awarded at the national awards.

Winners of the 2007 *GreenPlumbers*® Awards will be announced at an awards luncheon to be held in Melbourne on Tuesday 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.

Richard says that educating customers is an important way to reduce water consumption and save the environment.

"I am educating customers on water saving and installing water saving products. They have proven to be cost efficient and environmentally sustainable," says Richard.

"Through these water saving products *Envirosmart Plumbing* has saved 2.6 million litres of stormwater."

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