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**DONCASTER PLUMBER'S GREEN PROJECT
IN LINE FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Work on an eco-village project by Doncaster-based engineering and plumbing company Walter J Pratt is set to be highlighted in this year's national GreenPlumbers® Awards – an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry.

The licensed GreenPlumbers® were engaged by developers Landmatters to design and construct a waste water system for a 110 block eco-village at Currumbin, Queensland. The installed system is designed to allow the village to be self-sufficient, treating black and grey water for irrigation, toilet flushing and wash down use within the village.

Walter J Pratt's work in the design and installation of this system has seen the company being announced as a finalist in the Commercial Project 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.

Walter J Pratt's work on the Currumbin eco-village project has helped the community become water self-sufficient.

Adrian Pratt from Walter J Pratt says that the system is designed to take nothing from the Gold Coast's water supply, with the village receiving its water from an underground bore, rainwater harvesting and treated recycled water from the sewage treatment plant.

“The system installed at the Currumbin eco-village is designed to treat approximately 55,000 litres of raw sewage a day, returning the reclaimed water for toilet flushing, wash down and irrigation.

“Annually the system will produce in excess of 20 million litres of recycled water, for the residents, and will fully treat its own waste, eliminating the need to send in excess of 20 million litres of treated waste to ocean outfalls,” says Adrian.

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