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SUSTAINABLE PLUMBING SOLUTIONS – GREENING MELBOURNE HOMES

The foresight and commitment of Brent Papadopoulos has seen him named Cbus GreenPlumber® of the Year at the national GreenPlumbers® Awards, and his company Sustainable Plumbing Solutions awarded the Envestra GreenPlumbers® Domestic Project of the Year for 2007.

Brent received the prestigious award at the national GreenPlumbers® Awards lunch in Melbourne, an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry with prominent manufacturers, industry figures, and GreenPlumbers® in attendance.

Sustainable Plumbing Solutions received the Envestra GreenPlumbers® Domestic Project of the Year for a new Brighton home that was made water-efficient with the help of an excavator, after the project was deemed ‘too hard’ by the builder.

Brent Papadopoulos, Director of Sustainable Plumbing Solutions, said, “When I started my company five years ago people would say to me ‘Rainwater tanks? Solar hot water? Grey water? Why would you want to do that, there’s no market for that, there’s not enough work to keep you busy!’

“People didn’t understand why I chose to specialise in what we call today ‘green plumbing’.

“Since then I have seen the industry grow and expand at a rapid rate. People are realising they can make a huge difference to their ecological footprint by making the right plumbing decisions.”

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 is the platform upon which the MPMSAA, on behalf of the plumbing industry, acknowledges 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.

To date there are more than 5,500 plumbers representing over 3,300 plumbing businesses that have completed one or more GreenPlumbers® training sessions

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Brent says that over the past 12 months, his company has installed over 200 above ground rainwater tanks, including a number of individual projects with storage capacities in excess of 180,000L.

His work also extends to promoting sustainable plumbing practices.

“Through relationships with a number of organisations that are concerned about the environment we have produced a number of informative brochures that help educate our clients on the environmentally-friendly options that are available to them,” says Brent.

“I see my company playing an essential role in educating the public about what can be done in an everyday home to reduce water use, greenhouse gases and energy consumptions,” he says.

Sustainable Plumbing Solutions has also moved into promoting grey water treatment systems that are relatively new on the market for domestic use, educating home owners on the benefits of grey water for year-round irrigation.

MPMSAA Chief Executive Officer Ray Herbert said, “Brent’s passion and persistence have made a tremendous contribution to the *GreenPlumbers*® and most importantly, to the Australian environment and wider community.

“Similarly, the vision and consistent achievement of his team at Sustainable Plumbing Solutions is a significant benchmark of what it takes to pursue a truly sustainable future.”

As the sponsor for the Domestic Project of the Year Award, Envestra demonstrated its ongoing commitment to the delivery of environmentally sustainable solutions, and the significant outcomes and objectives of the *GreenPlumbers*® Awards.

Sponsor of the prestigious *GreenPlumber*® of the Year Award, Cbus is involved in its members' futures. Cbus Property specialises in developing five-star energy efficient buildings.

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