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Newsletter from the Backflow Group

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The Backflow Group of Water New Zealand are looking to produce a monthly newsletter for you, the members – to keep you involved and informed on what is happening in the industry and the activities of the Backflow Group. For more information about the Backflow Group follow this link: <http://www.waternz.org.nz>

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A Word from the Chair

Social Media

The Backflow SIG are now on Facebook and LinkedIn. If you haven't joined these groups already please do so now. The committee looks forward to the discussions the members will create through these channels.



[Facebook](#)



[LinkedIn](#)

Please note: you will need to be logged in to view the Facebook page.

Greeting to all those who are involved with keeping our drinking water protected from potential contamination.

As the Backflow Group's new Chairman, I would like to place on record our thanks to the outgoing Chairman Richard Aitken. Richard was elected with the task of refocusing the group and I am sure you will agree that this has been achieved; Richard now takes on the role of Deputy Chairman. It is now up to me to continue that progress.

As a bit of background, I am a past Chairman of the Backflow Group and a plumber by trade. My current role is (apart from other things) managing the Tauranga City Council backflow policy.

Your committee's intention for the immediate future is to produce a Backflow Training event in Queenstown. We have decided to change the title from 'Conference' to 'Training Seminar' as this can usually assist in convincing you manager to approve your attendance. It is themed 'Training', because we have included an opportunity to gain Continued Professional Development points(CPD). So please get those delegate registrations in to Amy at Water New Zealand.

Other topics on the horizon are completing the Survey initiative and to re-institute the discussion with the Water New Zealand Board to create the approved backflow tester register and registration costs associated with this.

I look forward to seeing you all in Queenstown 23/24 April.

Graeme Mills

Remember to support the Australians..

Obviously not when the cricket or league is on but certainly when our fellow backflow comrades over the ditch are having a Backflow Conference, especially when it's in a great location like the Gold Coast.

The BPAA conference will be at the Sea World Resort 31st July - 1st August - info to follow.



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Backflow Group Training Seminar 2015
Mercure Resort Queenstown
23-24 April 2015



Wednesday 22nd April

**Backflow Training Seminar
fast approaching**

The prizes have been organised for the pub quiz, Graeme has ironed his Mickey Mouse tie and nearly all the speakers have been confirmed. The big event is going to plan and the number of delegates attending this year is looking rather promising. It's Queenstown – it's going to be great.

The Mercure Hotel rooms allocated for our event have quickly been snapped up. We have sold more than expected. Never fear, it's Queenstown and there is plenty of accommodation nearby. Please continue to complete your [accommodation booking form](#) and the lovely team at the Mercure, Queenstown will assist you to find alternative accommodation.

16.00-18.00	Registrations Open
16.30-18.00	CPD Course
18.00- 19.00	Cocktail Hour

Thursday 23rd April Program

8.30-9.00	Registrations
9.00 - 9.30	Backflow SIG AGM
9.30 – 10.00	Welcome
10.00 - 10.30	Morning Tea
10.30 - 11.15	Key note speaker, TBC
11.15 - 12.00	Master Plumbers Update
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 14.00	Hamilton CC Backflow Philosophy
14.00 – 15.00	Hamilton CC Backflow Philosophy
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon Tea
15.30 - 16.15	Plumbers update
16.15 - 17.00	Tauranga CC Backflow Philosophy
18.30	Pre-Dinner Drinks
19.00	Awards Dinner at the Skyline

Friday 24th April Program

9.00 - 10.00	Exhibitors Hour
10.00 - 10.30	Morning Tea
10.30 - 11.15	International Perspective of Backflow
11.15 - 12.00	Australian Backflow Perspective
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 13.45	Queenstown Backflow system
13.45 - 14.30	Survey Standard
14.30 - 15.00	Afternoon Tea
15.00 - 15.45	NZ Perspective
15.45 – 16.00	Farewell/Close
16.00 – 17.30	CPD Course
18.00	Backflow Pub Quiz/Happy Hour

**Do you have any queries? We
would love to hear from you!**

Post a topic on the Backflow page of the Water New Zealand Forum

<http://forum.waternz.org.nz>

OR

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