

# Flow Back

Newsletter from the Backflow Group

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The Backflow Group of Water New Zealand are looking to produce a bi-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: [www.waternz.org.nz/backflowprevention.html](http://www.waternz.org.nz/backflowprevention.html)

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## A word from the

### Chairman – Richard Aitken

As 2010 moves along your management committee has been working through its many projects, with several heading into their final stages. The National IQP Register is now entering the building stage with IQP Criteria at the fore, and the Backflow SIG being challenged for representation on the TAC - Technical Advisory Committee by another industry organisation. The appointment of the wrong organisation with no industry history or collective expertise would be an absolute disaster for the backflow

industry, and I encourage all members to pen their thoughts to [hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz](mailto:hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz) Please also consider putting your talents forward for the Management Committee, this is your opportunity to be involved in the industry and assist with the many tasks at hand.

Richard Aitken

## Projects Update

### – Diana Staveley

#### Standards

The NZ Standard: field testing of testable backflow prevention devices and verification of air gaps is moving along very well thanks to the day-long workshop hosted by Opus. Special thanks to Murray Ellis for working through the test procedures line by line and to Eric Palmer of the Master Plumbers for the technical writing.

A draft will be out for public comment once the drawings and test reports are complete.

#### IQP

The committee is still working on the entry criteria for the national register for IQPs. The deadline for this is November. The Backflow Group realises that Backflow is not just the domain of plumbers and water suppliers, and has been meeting with representatives of the fire industry and the irrigation industry etc to get their input.

#### Thank you to all those helping out on the various sub-groups:

Barry Beaurain	Brendon Harkness
Eric Palmer	Nick Fleckney
Murray Ellis	Jono East
Geoff Swainson	Ray Galt
Jonathan Mackay	Derek Staines
Fiona Gavriel	Andrew Vennmore
Stewart Weddell	George Little
Jon Lewis	Hugh Roscoe
Arch Murray	



## The Backflow Management Committee:

From left: Kevin Healy (Reliance Worldwide, Auckland), Diana Staveley (AWT Water, Auckland), Chairman: Richard Aitken (All About Plumbing, Christchurch), Hannah Dawson (SIG liaison - Water New Zealand, Wellington), Graeme Mills (Tauranga City Council, Tauranga), Aaron Buckley (Hydroflow, Christchurch).

## Publications co-ordinator

### – Aaron Buckley

We have written an article which has been submitted to the PDA and BOINZ newsletters, as well as The Plumbers Journal. It is aimed towards the plumbing industry about the importance of cross connection surveying and hydraulic design on sites. Please keep an eye out for this very soon. As always we are very keen on hearing from anyone who has thoughts or ideas on potential articles to put forward to the relevant industry - please email the group liaison.

## Conference

### – Graeme Mills

Due to the 2011 Rugby World Cup and the Water New Zealand Annual Conference for 2011 being held in mid November the proposed date of the 4-5<sup>th</sup> of November for the 2011 Backflow Conference will now need to be moved. We would like to hear back from you on when you think a good time of year would be to hold this.

#### Change of Date for the Backflow Conference

Please let us know when you think a good time of year would be – email the SIG liaison.

### 2010 Backflow AGM Notice

The committee will be holding their AGM at the 2010 Water New Zealand Annual Conference at the Christchurch Convention Centre on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 3.30pm.

You will be able to come into the Conference to attend the Backflow AGM, however if you are not registered for the conference you will only be allowed into the Backflow AGM – the rest of the conference/exhibition area is no access. Please see the registration desk upon your arrival to get the visitors pass and the directions to the room.

Are you interested in being apart of the Backflow Committee?

**The group are calling for all nominations to be in by 4pm 10<sup>th</sup> of September.**

Please find the nomination form on the Backflow webpage under Upcoming Events or email the SIG Liaison directly.

At the AGM the next committee will be announced along with these Backflow Awards:

- **Trainee of the Year** – for recognition of excelling in both theory and practical elements of the NZWETA course.
  - 2009 recipient: Tom Montague
- **The Golden Tap Award** – for contribution and service to the Backflow industry.
  - The 2009 recipient: Bob Clarke
- **In recognition** – for distinguished service and efforts within the Water NZ Backflow Group and Backflow Industry in 2010. – The 2009 recipient: Graeme Mills

- **In appreciation** – this award is awarded for the service as a member on the Backflow Committee.
  - 2009 recipients: Murray Ellis, Stewart Weddell, Wayne Shields, Jon Lewis, Brett Mattson, Craig Bowie and Hugh Roscoe.

## Training and Education

### – Kevin Healy

Regional meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

#### Palmerston North

Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm  
Masonic Hotel, 249 Main Street  
Please find the flier attached or on the Backflow webpage under Upcoming Events.

#### Whangarei

A meeting has been proposed for Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm.  
Watch the Backflow webpage or Web Forum for more detail on this coming soon!

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

Either post a topic on the Backflow Page of the Water New Zealand Forum: <http://forum.waternz.org.nz/>  
Or Email the SIG Liaison  
[hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz](mailto:hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz)

### COMPETITION:

We want to see the worst installation you have seen! Send in your photo and be in to win a prize or the booby prize!

Email the Group Liaison with your photo!  
[hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz](mailto:hannah.dawson@waternz.org.nz)