

# Flow Back

Newsletter from the Backflow Group

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The Backflow Group of Water New Zealand produced this 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 we move into the festive season I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the group over the last year, and wish everyone the best for the Christmas and New Year period. I have accepted the chairman's role for another two years, and look forward to chairing another successful year as we look forward to 2011.

Richard Aitken

## Projects Update

– Diana Staveley and Craig Bowie

### Standards

Well the New Zealand backflow standard for field testing and air gap verification is really just waiting on funding approvals so that it can be lodged with Standards New Zealand in the New Year. Currently we have approval from the Water Services Managers Group for funding; however as this is a National Standard that benefits territorial authorities and government further contributions are being sort from those bodies. We also have commitments from manufacturers and have had a considerable input from Master Plumbers and the Backflow Group committee. So the standard has truly been a collaborative effort. Many thanks to all involved.

## IQP

The National IQP register will commence again in mid February with the representative on the Technical Advisory Committee to be a member of both NZ Water and the Master Plumbers. The election of that person will be at the first meeting of the Backflow Group in 2011.

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

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



## The 2010/2011 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) Not Pictured: Craig Bowie (Backflow Services, Auckland).

**2010 Backflow AGM Notice**

The Committee held their 2010 backflow AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 3.30pm at the Christchurch Convention Centre. You can go to the Backflow Webpage for a copy of the AGM minutes.

**Publications co-ordinator**

– Aaron Buckley

The Backflow Group are conducting an online survey to gain information on how well the group communicates to its members and the industry. We are offering a FREE registration to our conference in Nelson, June 2011. Just click on the link below to complete the 2 minute survey and be in to win.

**WIN a free registration to the 2011 Backflow Conference in Nelson on the 3-4 June. Just fill in this 2 minute survey and be sure to leave your details! We want to hear from you!**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3S7PQDX>

As always we are keen for any ideas for future publications, published or electronic. Please contact the group if you would like to suggest one. Also, feel free to ask any questions or issues you may have regarding Backflow on the web forum.

**Conference**

– Graeme Mills

Planning is proceeding well for the 3-4 June 2011 Conference. The keynote speaker has confirmed his attendance and now there are only a few presenters still to be confirmed.

We have been in contact with Tourism Nelson to look at options for the conference dinner, either being held at another venue completely or having a progressive type dinner at a number of venues. The draft conference programme will be available on the Water New Zealand website in late January, but mark the date in your calendar now so that you are not disappointed. Delegate registrations will be open on the Friday until noon, and the conference will conclude on the Saturday evening after the dinner.

We will be looking for sponsors for the various opportunities in the New Year.

**2011 Backflow Conference**

The 2011 Backflow Conference will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June at the Rutherford Hotel in Nelson. Watch this space for more information to come.

**Training and Education**

– Kevin Healy

Several successful regional meetings have been held around the country this year including Hokitika, Palmerston North and most recently Whangarei which had a very good turnout with Water Engineers, Inspectors and Drinking Water Assessors attending the meeting. Plans are underway for regional meetings to be held after Christmas in Auckland and Hamilton at this stage. Watch the Backflow webpage or Web Forum for more details on this coming soon!

**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!

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Here is a picture of a small reservoir on a water blaster cleaning unit connected to an outside hose tap – a cross connection with no backflow, not even a hose tap vacuum breaker. Picture supplied by Graeme Mills

**Send in your pictures to the SIG Liaison!**

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!**



**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)