

# Flow Back

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: [www.waternz.org.nz/backflowprevention.html](http://www.waternz.org.nz/backflowprevention.html)

## A word from the Chairman – Richard Aitken

As the year progresses the talked about changes to the IQP National register are well underway, along with the creation of a NZ Standard for backflow testing. The year is progressing as expected with a hefty workload, and I encourage anyone who wishes to be involved in a sub-committee to contact Diana for details.

Richard Aitken

## Projects Update

– Diana Staveley

### Standards

The NZ Standard: field testing of testable backflow prevention devices and verification of air gaps. This is now in to its second draft for feedback with the standards development committee, which is well represented from across the whole backflow industry. I'm pleased to say that it's starting to look like a NZ relevant document. If you want to be involved please post a comment on the web forum above or contact me directly.

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### IQP

The committee spent a large chunk of the last meeting working through what we believe the entry criteria for the national register for IQPs should be. Richard has continued lobbying for the Backflow Group as part of IQP Technical Advisory Committee "to raise the bar". Please add your support where possible.



## 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

The New Zealand Water Backflow Group submitted an article to the PDA and BOINZ for publication in April/May. This was outlining the group's main objectives for 2010. We are currently working on an article for the Master Plumbers Journal that we have been asked to provide for the September edition, as well as several other documents for the relevant industries involved in backflow protection.

If anyone would like us to provide an article for their publication, please email the group or post a comment on our web forum.

## Training and Education

### – Kevin Healy

Regional meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Hokitika - 6th August

Palmerston North - 23rd August

Southland - end of August

Watch this space for more information on these events to come!

## Conference

### – Graeme Mills

The Conference 2011:

It has been agreed that Nelson is the likely venue for the 2011 Backflow conference.

Approval is being sought from the WNZ board to hold this conference and it is expected that this would only be a formality.

A budget is now being prepared to ensure that the Conference will be viable and given the result of the 2009 conference in Wellington this should not be an issue.

Part of the planning will be to have a well know key note speaker and considering 2011 will be election year there should be no shortage of options. It is also planned to include a Ladies program for the Saturday.

So mark your diary now for the Backflow Conference Nelson 4/5 November 2011.

#### We would love to hear back 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.