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SOLAHART DONATION TO PLUMBING APPRENTICES

The recent presentation of two 300 litre Solahart hot water units by General Manager, Tony Schirripa and Sales Manager, Keith Kavanagh of Solahart South West to the South West Regional College of TAFE will enable apprentices undertaking the Certificate III in Plumbing and Gas Fitting to become competent in the installation of solar heated hot water units.

“With the environment and finance being an ever increasing concern for our society, plumbers are now at the coal face in providing solutions for home owners that cater for both the environment and the ever important domestic budget. Having the future plumbers of the South West working on the latest technology in solar hot water systems allows them to be confident in their advice to the public and provides them with the knowledge on how to install a Solahart hot water system correctly,” Keith Kavanagh said.

Speaking on behalf of the Faculty of Building and Construction at the College, Portfolio Manager Barry Sharp said, “The plumbing lecturers and apprentices are overjoyed at receiving this very generous donation. The benefits to apprentices and trade training are, of course, invaluable and we are extremely appreciative of this donation and others that have been made by local industry in the past which has contributed to the establishment of a well equipped training facility allowing apprentices to continue to be able to gain first class trade training in the South West.”

“The demand for qualified plumbing trades people will continue and the College, with the support of local industry, is taking a leadership role in providing a healthy pool of qualified trades people for the industry and is now be adding to its raft of training programmes through its delivery of the Plumbing Contractors Licence course,” he said.

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“Plumbing training is an expensive, resource-hungry training programme and the donation of the Solahart solar hot water units ensures that the apprentices are given the opportunity to work on current equipment to adequately prepare for today’s workplace. In extending my thanks to Solahart, I know that I am expressing the appreciative responses of both our lecturers and the apprentices as I reiterate our thanks for their commitment to training the future generation of tradespeople through this donation,” Barry Sharp said.

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