

# Media Release

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## **Keilor Park business wins PITA for commitment to training**

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A Keilor Park plumbing business has been recognised at the fourth annual Plumbing Industry Training Awards (PITAs) for their commitment to ongoing training within the plumbing industry.

Cooke & Dowsett was awarded the 2013 PITA Employer Award for their work implementing a “safety first” work culture in their business. The company was among four plumbing practitioners, a plumbing teacher and a training provider to also be recognised at this year’s Awards ceremony in Melbourne on Thursday, 14 March 2013.

Plumbing Industry Commissioner Greg Hyams said the PITAs encourage plumbing practitioners to commit to post-apprenticeship training and development throughout their career.

“Good plumbing is the backbone of a healthy society – and it can only be confidently provided by a well-trained plumbing professional,” said Mr Hyams. “Plumbers provide us with clean drinking water, effective sanitation, and safe access to gas for heating and cooking.”

“The Plumbing Industry Commission is proud to be able to help foster this talent and commitment to training through the PITAs, which are in their fourth year.”

As well as the recognition of winning a PITA Award, each of the seven category winners received a Certificate of Recognition, PITA trophy and \$1,000.

Scott Dowsett, of the company Cooke & Dowsett, accepted the award on behalf of the company. He said Cooke & Dowsett constantly encouraged staff to attend courses covering topics that ranged from OH&S and first aid, to back-flow prevention, polybutt welding, and environmental training.

“We expect every employee in our company to be an active participant in our safety program – including access to training,” said Mr Dowsett.

“We see the training completed by our employees as an investment in our company’s future.”

The Plumbing Industry Commission is a Victorian Government statutory authority that is responsible for maintaining the effectiveness and efficiency of Victoria’s plumbing regulatory system. The Commission oversees the licensing of plumbing practitioners, self-certification of plumbing work, and the monitoring of compliance through random audits and inspections.

For more information on the PITAs, contact the Plumbing Industry Commission on **1300 815 127** or visit [www.pic.vic.gov.au](http://www.pic.vic.gov.au)