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### Local Plumbers Wising Up On Water

A group of Alice Springs plumbers has taken part in training focused on the sustainable use of water.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts Water Conservation Officer Michelle Walker said the training, funded by the NT Government and Power and Water Corporation, covered latest water saving technology, environmental impacts of plumbing services, appliances and household practices, and how to facilitate water and cost savings.

Ms Walker said *GreenPlumber®* training, developed and run by the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia, enhances the capacity of plumbers to communicate information to householders relating to energy efficiency and water conservation.

She said NT-licensed plumbers who undertake the training will also be eligible to participate in the expanded NT Waterwise Central Australia Rebate Scheme for 2007-08.

"It is the first time this training has been held in the Northern Territory and is very timely given the current social focus on water and energy-related issues," Ms Walker said.

Earlier this week, Natural Resources Minister Marion Scrymgour announced the \$100,000 NT Waterwise Central Australia Rebate Scheme would provide Central Australians the chance to increase water savings.

"A feature of the Scheme is a Plumbing Rebate of up to \$500 for plumbing-in a rainwater tank to the household, or installing an NT Government approved greywater diversion device," Ms Walker said.

"Under the 2007-08 Scheme, licensed plumbers who have undertaken *GreenPlumber®* training will be able to offer eligible plumbing services to householders wanting to claim the rebate.

"Water conservation in the arid zone is very important and the NT Government is committed to enabling household water savings."

For information on how to apply for a Plumbing Rebate or for a list of trained GreenPlumbers, phone 8951 9209, email [Waterwise.NRETA@nt.gov.au](mailto:Waterwise.NRETA@nt.gov.au) or visit the Waterwise website at [www.nt.gov.au/waterwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/waterwise).

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