

Proud to be members of the following associations.



**National Safe Work Month** is happening again this October! This is a time to focus on safety in your workplace to reduce death, injury and disease. This year's theme is:

*Be safe. Be healthy. Because....*



## Backflow Conference

Two of our team members recently attended the *2015 National Backflow Prevention Conference*, hosted by the Backflow Prevention Association QLD Inc. & The Institute of Plumbing Inspectors QLD. The theme of the conference was "*Overcoming the Challenges*" and this related to the diversity of interpretations around Australia of the backflow requirements within the plumbing regulations. The BPAA believe we should have common rules and regulations across our industry and this conference focused on areas of difference and seek to identify ways to unify the national approach. This conference brought together experts and regulators from all areas of Australia to discuss and provide information needed by backflow professionals today. Absolute Plumbing Qld are committed to always improving our knowledge and product skills.

### What is Backflow?

It is the undesirable reversal of flow of fluids, chemicals, or any other foreign matter into the public drinking water system. There are two forms of backflow. 1. Backsiphonage (usually caused by the loss of pressure in the drinking water system i.e. a broken watermain) & 2. Backpressure (caused by pumps, elevated piping systems or thermal expansion) Depending on what contaminant is mixed with the drinking water, you could be drinking water laced with poison resulting in sickness or even death.

### Can Backflow be prevented?

YES. The backflow of undesirable contaminants into the drinking water can be prevented. A cross connection is a physical connection between the water supply and any source of possible contamination. By eliminating or controlling all actual or potential cross connections, the drinking water system can be protected.

## PINE RIVERS Show

Absolute Plumbing Qld were proud sponsors of the Education Section again at the 2015 Pine Rivers Show.

**Well done** to all of the children who had their school work on display. And **Congratulations** to those who received prizes for their work this year.

