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# Online Supply Chain Sustainability School paints a bright, green future

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The Master Painters Association (MPA) attended the July launch of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, an exciting new online sustainability initiative for the Australian construction and infrastructure industry.

Representatives from the industry partners behind the school, along with other invited guests such as MPA, attended the launch at the Clayton headquarters of Dulux Group – one of the project's founding partners. The event included a very informative tour of the Dulux Innovation Centre.

Sustainability represents both challenges and opportunities for the construction industry, including the painting and surface coatings sector. The demand for more sustainable practices and legislation is continuing to grow, as is the market for a greener,

more ethical and more sustainable construction sector.

### **Eight founding industry partners, backed by three state governments**

These factors have led to the establishment of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, which is an Australia-wide industry initiative based on the successful Supply Chain Sustainability School in the UK. It has eight founding partners including Dulux Group, and it receives funding from the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland state governments.

A particular focus of the school is assisting small-to-medium enterprises build their knowledge of sustainability and helping them access the growth opportunities sustainable construction presents.

### **E-learning modules and sustainability resource library**

The school provides an online self-assessment tool for businesses, e-learning modules, and a resource library addressing key climate topics



Tim Jamieson (left) from Dulux Australia, with Ross Banks from the MPA.

such as waste, water, carbon and environmental management.

The school aims to complement existing construction sector standards, rating schemes and frameworks developed by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia, the Green Building Council of Australia, and federal and state government departments.

More information can be found on the school's website at [supplychainschool.org.au](http://supplychainschool.org.au)



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Completing an apprenticeship with a group training scheme can be challenging, but the rewards are worth it.

So there was a great sense of achievement and anticipation when over 100 guests gathered at PICAC in July to celebrate the 2014/15 graduates from Plumbing Apprenticeships Victoria

(PAV), the plumbing industry's group training scheme. The MC was AFL legend Billy Brownless, who ensured it was a memorable event for both graduates and guests.

PAV graduates have often worked for a number of host employers, which gives them a variety of on-the-job training and mentoring. It also means they must learn to adapt to diverse work conditions and environments. As a result they graduate as skilled tradespeople and flexible employees within the plumbing industry.

In the 34 years it has been in operation, the PAV scheme has trained, mentored and placed over 2,800 plumbing apprentices.

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## **Plumbing Apprenticeships Victoria Awards**

Following the Graduation Ceremony, awards were given to the most outstanding apprentices in their respective years. Congratulations to all those nominated and to the winners.

### **1st Year - Stephan Putter**

*Sir Rohan Delacombe Award* sponsored by Cooke & Dowsett

### **2nd Year - Jack Dainer**

*Peter Pratt Award* sponsored by PBA Safety

### **3rd Year - Cameron Barr**

*Don Pritchard Award* sponsored by Incolink

### **4th Year - Aaron Bridger**

*Alfred Atherton Award* sponsored by A E Atherton