



Water wise: Workers install the 180,000-litre tank at Kilbreda College, Mentone.

## School water award

A GREEN project conducted by Clayton-based Chadoak Plumbing and Drainage at Kilbreda College, Mentone has won the *API Magazine* GreenPlumbers Commercial Project of the Year Award at the 2007 GreenPlumbers Awards.

The award recognised work by the company in designing and constructing a below-ground water tank to harvest and use rainwater collected on the college.

Recognising the educational value of this project, Chadoak utilised the hands and minds of Kilbreda College students to assemble a 180,000-litre geo-

fabric cell tank, reducing labor costs for the school.

Company managing director Peter Griffen said: "Having the school involved made it a success.

"Not only was the educational aspect important in terms of what we could contribute to the community, but the work of the students themselves, actually made the project a success."

The tank was placed under the sports field with collected water being used to irrigate the sports grounds and supply water to cisterns in the change room facility.

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vative training and accreditation initiative developed by the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Association of Australia as the gateway to a "green" plumbing business. -

"We recognise the great potential of plumbing technologies in helping to protect the environment." Mr Griffen said.

"All our staff have now received their GreenPlumbers accreditation and we now provide our customers with specific information on sustainable plumbing services through our website, particularly on installation of rainwater tanks."