



**E-NEWSLETTER**

**February 2017**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**14 Feb-16 March 2017** - ABCB /Standards Australia 2017 NCC Information Seminars  
Following the introduction of the 3-year amendment cycle, the ABCB will be undertaking presentations in all capital cities specifically designed for the practical application, clarification and understanding of the Building Codes of Australia.

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**14 to 18 March 2017** - ISH 2017 in Frankfurt Germany

The world's biggest showcase for innovative bathroom design, energy efficient heating and air-conditioning technology and renewable energies.

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**29-30 March 2017** - Water Industry Operators Association Conference in Canberra.

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## **ISH 2017 focuses on health issues**

ISH will take place in Frankfurt am Main from 14 to 18 March 2017. Alongside its display of many different sorts and kinds of plumbing and sanitation products, the leading world trade fair for the combination of water and energy will, to a large extent, be concerned with the topic of the "Gesundbrunnen Bad" (Health Fountain Bathroom). Not least because of this, professionals in the field expect to find a host of new innovative products and ideas relating to wellness and well-being.

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## **International standards for quantities and units are under revision**

With increasing demands for unified measurement in many areas, such as global trade, manufacturing, energy productions and health, it is important that the International Bureau of Weights and Measurements revise and check the standards to ensure they are as relevant and accurate as possible, and aligned with the International System of Units.

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## **Water saving product schemes across the world**

Labelling water-using products is a growing practice across the globe, with many initiatives being implemented. Labelling not only provides the consumer with sufficient information to make an informed choice at point of sale, it also provides the manufacturer with a competitive tool and aids research and development for greater sustainable products.

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## **Warning that "warm water" systems in apartment buildings pose legionella risk**

Leading plumbers fear many of Melbourne's new apartment buildings pose a legionella bacteria risk due to their energy-efficient "warm-water" systems. The plumbers' concerns come as documents show Victoria's building regulator took nine months to exercise its power to demand a solution for the legionella risk in the warm-water system of North Melbourne's George apartments.

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## **The BCA and Performance-based solutions Seminars are filling fast..**

Register NOW for your nearest February/March venue! The development of this Building Code of Australia (BCA) session specifically designed for the practical application, clarification and understanding of the BCA has attracted strong interest.

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## **Building Ministers' Forum**

The Building Ministers' Forum (BMF) met in Perth on 14 December 2016 and agreed on a range of significant measures that will benefit the Australian building, plumbing and construction industry and the wider Australian community. The BMF will reconvene in Sydney in March 2017 to continue this important national dialogue.

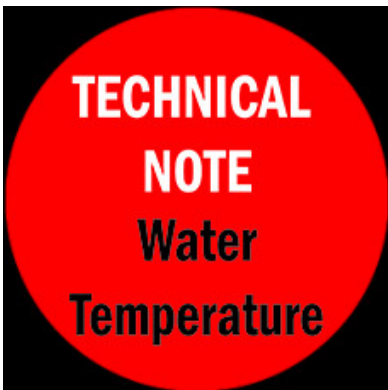
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## **Standards Australia Seminars Nationwide**

In February and March, Standards Australia will be hosting information seminars across the country to update stakeholders on their operations and future directions. Please click the "read more" button to RSVP your attendance.

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## **Temperature control in heated water services**

This technical note has been issued to advise the plumbing industry about the current requirements for temperature control in heated water services in Western Australia. It is now compulsory to provide temperature control when an existing solar water heater is replaced with a new solar water heater, regardless of make and model.

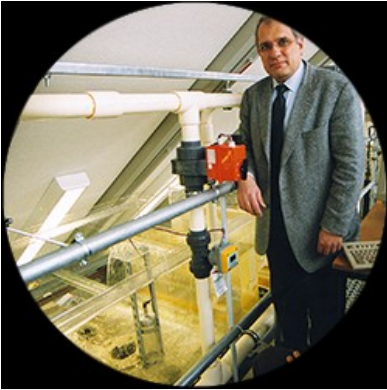
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## **Australia adopts International Standards for Refrigeration Safety**

Strong industry and government engagement sees Australia adopt ISO standards for refrigeration safety. The adoption of these standards is a really important step as the HVAC&R industry transitions to a low emission future.

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## Principles of good plumbing design

Once a plumbing system is installed behind a cavity, building occupants and facility managers are unaware of the system's actual performance. The University of Applied Sciences at Gelsenkirchen near Duesseldorf in western Germany has a plumbing lab, a learning and research facility that offers its students an "eye to the world" of what really goes on in plumbing systems once they are installed.

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## WaterMark Information and Resources Survey

The purpose of the survey was to better understand which WaterMark resources are accessed, how useful they are and what other information and resources may be useful. The results are being used to inform an ABCB WaterMark Education Strategy.

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## World Plumbing Council's Research Database

The World Plumbing Council's Research Database has now been operational for almost 2 years. It was created in order to provide users with the opportunity to learn about what is happening around the globe regarding research efforts pertaining to plumbing and water related issues.

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## Ideas from Europe

It is always interesting to scan the globe and see what ideas and innovations are taking place outside of Australia. "Plumbing Connection" has listed a few new products from an inventive company in Sweden.

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## Momentum

That will be, and should be, the mantra for commerce during 2017. Momentum will precede profits, sustainable growth, enhanced productivity, more expeditious decision-making and, above all else, improved confidence.

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