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June 2017

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21 June 2017 - PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) - Reliance Worldwide Corporation, Eagle Farm (QLD).

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3 - 4 August 2017 - New Zealand Backflow Conference - Trinity Wharf Hotel, Tauranga.

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24, 25 and 26 August 2017 - National Backflow Prevention Conference - Sunshine Coast Queensland. Registrations are now OPEN!

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12 to 14 September 2017 - Mostra Convegno Expocomfort (MCE) Asia - Singapore
The exhibition will continue to focus on energy efficiency in HVAC-R, plumbing, sanitary accessories and solar energy equipment.

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20 September 2017 - PPI Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Sydney. Venue TBC.

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17 October 2017 - Annual Bathroom & Kitchen Business Conference, Belfry Hotel & Resort, Sutton Goldfield, UK.

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19 October 2017 - PPI Group Parliamentary Forum - Plumbing Meets Parliament - Parliament House Canberra

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May 2018 - Emerging Water Technology Symposium (EWTS) - Ontario, California.

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PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) coming up!

The next PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) will be held on 21 June 2017 at Reliance Worldwide Corporation, 27/28 Chapman Road in Eagle Farm (QLD), from 1.30pm to 5pm. Agenda and meeting papers will be circulated to members closer to the date.

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Plumbing meets Parliament 2017 event takes shape

The most important annual gathering of senior management across the plumbing sector, will take place on 19 October 2017 at Parliament House in Canberra. "Plumbing Meets Parliament" was established by PPI Group Executive Director Stuart Henry, who still manages the event. If you are interested in learning more about the event contact Stuart.

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Efficient plumbing not top of Trump's arsenal

The US plumbing industry, headed by their suppliers association PMI, is taking the fight up to the Federal Government to plead for continuity of the WaterSense program, a voluntary public-private partnership initiative to encourage the use of water-efficient toilets, showerheads and other plumbing products.

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IAPMO Oceana acquires HRL laboratory

IAPMO R&T Oceana is pleased to announce the acquisition of HRL's NATA-accredited gas appliance testing laboratory in Victoria. The deal signifies an exciting partnership between the 2 organisations - enabling HRL to focus on its core business and IAPMO to deliver a critical end-to-end gas appliance testing and certification service to its clients.

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Federal Budget 2017: What it means for business

If you're running a business, you'll have a vested interest in knowing the details of the latest Federal Budget. Handed down on 9 May 2017, the budget contains a number of measures stated to kick in, in the coming financial year. The proposed measures are yet to be passed in Parliament and may not all survive in their current form.

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Gutters, Downpipes and Overflow Calculator

The ABCB has now finalised its Gutters, Downpipes and Overflow Calculator. The calculator assists in developing gutter, downpipes and overflow designs that meet Part 3.5.2 of the NCC Volume Two. The calculator is now available for use and may be downloaded by clicking the read more button.

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ACIF Forecasts May 2017

The report shows that Engineering Construction is midway through a sharp downside. Demand in the sector that includes mining-related construction, plus roads, rail and other large infrastructure is coming off a record-breaking peak driven by the mining development boom to take second position behind Residential Building.

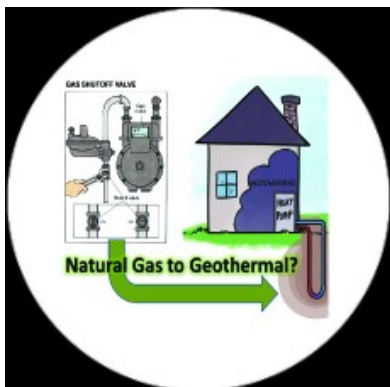
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How we ended up with lead piping and why removing it will be hard

Wonder materials like lead and asbestos are now seen as dangerous and extremely hazardous to health. The very opposite of good plumbing. We need the combination of strong effective regulation and well trained competent trades people to assure the security of a safe reliable water supply.

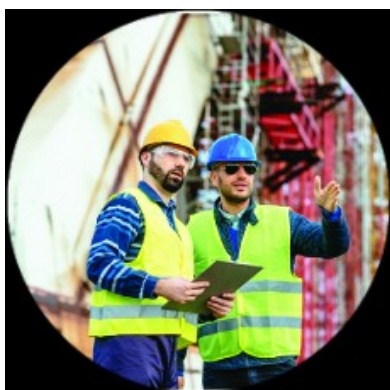
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Delivering on the promise of renewable energy

Utilising the heat migrating up from earth's 6100C inner core to produce electricity (geothermal energy) and to help comfort condition buildings year-round (geothermal HVAC) seems like a logical choice. The question is, why aren't we doing more of it?

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Major projects help

Are you working on a major project development in Australia or thinking about starting one? The Major Projects Facilitation Agency's new Major Projects Help Tool can assist you. Simply fill in some information about your project, and the tool will provide you with a tailored suite of fact sheets on the relevant Commonwealth legislative and regulatory approvals you need.

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Indonesia hosting Community Plumbing Challenge 2017

Community Plumbing Challenge (CPC) 2017 will be presented by the International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Foundation in association with the World Plumbing Council. The project will be based at a local school with a range of other promotional and participatory activities planned across Cicau Village in West Java during the event.

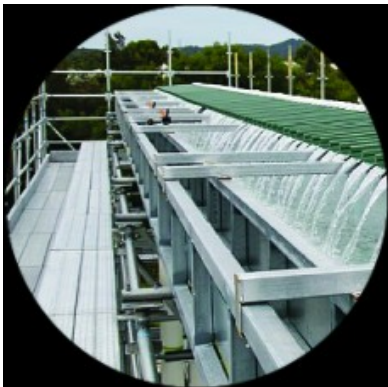
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A bit of history

In the 19th century, Chicago was raised over four feet with screw jacks to install the first sewer system in the US. The Chicago area lies along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. During 19th century, the elevation of the city was not much higher than the shoreline. So, there was little or no naturally occurring drainage on the city surface.

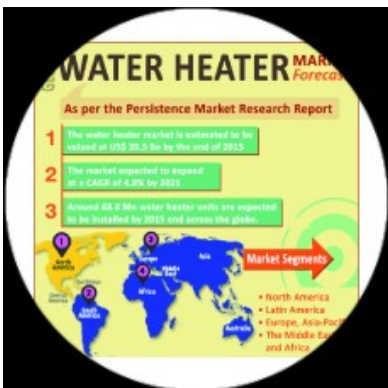
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Stormwater research on QLD TV

Plumbing consultants and architects visited the AHSCA stormwater testing rig project at the University of Southern Queensland to see how a roof drainage system would stand up to a stormwater event, from a shower through to a serious storm. The pumping system is one of a kind and fully programmable, allowing it to model any possible storm.

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Water heater market worth US\$52.8 Bn by 2021, globally

Expanding manufacturing and construction industry, increasing urbanisation, and rise in strategic alliances by various players to leverage market opportunity, are factors driving the growth of the global water heater market currently.

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The arrival of Amazon

Amazon's pending arrival will impact all businesses and consumers. Be prepared! Click the read more button to link through to a podcast of an interview which was broadcast on the topic by Barry Urquhart of Marketing Focus and Warren Moore of top rating Radio 2GB Sydney. Listen. Learn. Enjoy. Profit. Share.

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Ending this e-newsletter on a quirky note..

Introducing the Vertical Bath for those who love the feel of a long soak but don't have enough space in the bathroom for a normal tub. Once the bath is filled up to the level you want you can turn the supply off and enjoy the bath. Pressing the quick drain button drains the bath once your are done!

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