



E-NEWSLETTER

August 2017

SAVE THE DATE:

AUGUST 2017

24, 25 and 26 August 2017 - National Backflow Prevention Conference - Sunshine Coast Queensland. Registrations are now OPEN! [READ MORE](#)

SEPTEMBER 2017

5 to 7 September 2017 - ISH Shanghai & CIHE 2017 [READ MORE](#)

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. [READ MORE](#)

14 and 15 September 2017 - Construction Innovation 2017 Forum - Melbourne Convention Centre. [READ MORE](#)

20 September 2017 - PPI Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Sydney. Venue TBC. [RSVP HERE](#)

OCTOBER 2017

12 October 2017 - Plumbing & Gas Summit - Victoria Park, Brisbane [READ MORE](#)

17 October 2017 - Annual Bathroom & Kitchen Business Conference, Belfry Hotel & Resort, Sutton Goldfield, UK. [READ MORE](#)

19 October 2017 - PPI Group Parliamentary Forum - Plumbing Meets Parliament - Parliament House Canberra [READ MORE](#)

NOVEMBER 2017

5 to 10 November 2017 - Community Plumbing Challenge - Jakarta Indonesia [READ MORE](#)

13-16 November 2017 - PMI 2017 Conference Spirit of Collaboration - Sonoma, California [READ MORE](#)

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15 and 16 May 2018 - Emerging Water Technology Symposium (EWTS) - Ontario, California. [READ MORE](#)



Important documents now available on PPIG website (members only access).

Dear members, all agendas, minutes, government submissions and other important documents are now available on the PPIG website under Members Downloads. Just go the website and type in your username and password at the top right corner.

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PPI Group signs Memorandum of Understanding with Master Plumbers Australia

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aims to foster a closer working relationship between the two organisations, suppliers and installing contractors. As part of this, industry information in areas of common interest will be shared and both organisations will consult on national issues.

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Promoting the need for restored national water infrastructure

PMI has traditionally advocated for water-efficient plumbing products, particularly those certified by the WaterSense program. However, lead-in-water crises in American communities - coupled with concerns about waterborne pathogens such as Legionella, water main breaks and leaks, drought and their collective impact on water infrastructure - led PMI to begin an advocacy effort focused on water infrastructural issues.

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Search for NSF certified plumbing and related products

The Public Health and Safety Organization (NSF) has an online list of products and systems that have been certified by NSF International and Australian-based certification organisation Global-Mark. The partnership combines Global-Mark's experience in testing and

certifying plumbing products to national and international standards.

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NEW: InkWELS e-newsletters

InkWELS has returned, the e-newsletter of the Water Efficiency and Standards Scheme. We encourage you subscribe to this newsletter and to forward the below link to other stakeholders.

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What is a NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement?

NABERS is a national rating system that measures the environmental performance (energy, water, waste and indoor environment quality) of commercial buildings. Register to keep up to date with NCC 2019 energy efficiency developments and ensure you're across proposed changes, understand how they will affect you and know when you can have your say.

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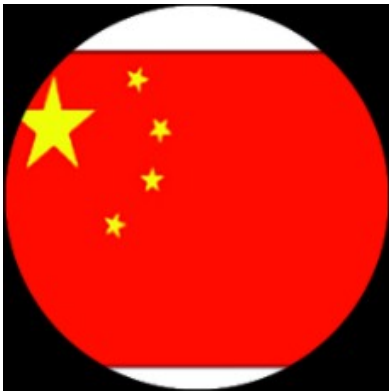
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Latest Green Star News

Minimum requirements have changed for greenhouse gas emissions with a 5 Star Green Star certification now required to receive 3 Green Star points in the "Greenhouse Gas Emissions" credit as well as being 25% more efficient than a benchmark building. Similarly with a 6 Star Green Star building, it must get a minimum of 6 points and show efficiency equal to 40% above the benchmark.

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Should we welcome Chinese investment into Australia's construction industry?

Not surprisingly, the construction unions have been the most vocal in their opposition, arguing it will eventually erode wages, working conditions and building quality through the use of imported non-compliant and even deadly building materials.

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Call for Federal Government to establish a National Fire Industry Safety Commission

The PPTU and the NFIA are calling for the Federal Government to establish a National Fire Industry Safety Commission to lead the way forward on a national licensing framework initiative, to deliver outcomes and life safety confidence to the Australian community.

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Everyone needs to get on the BIM train

As the Australian construction industry continues to look for ways to become safer, more efficient and more innovative, the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) is gaining traction. What it means is that everything is virtually build off-site, before teams hit the ground, which means savings on time and waste. Visit the 2017 Forum in Melbourne that offers an insight into BIM development and practices (for more info see "save the date" at the top of this newsletter).

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Water and sanitation for health facility improvement tool (WASH FIT)

WASH-FIT is a risk-based, continuous improvement framework with a set of tools for undertaking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) improvements as part of wider quality improvements in health care facilities.

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Did you know that dogs are enlisted to sniff out water leaks in Western Australia?

In an Australian-first, the Water Corporation has conducted a trial using two specially trained sniffer dogs, springer Spaniel Tommy and cocker spaniel Emma, to detect hidden leaks in areas where other methods are unsuitable or where human access is difficult.

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The importance of brand names

Barry Urquhart of Marketing Focus was recently interviewed on radio about the nature and importance of brand names. It is a telling insight on the application of brands - good and bad.

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Ending this e-newsletter on a "comforting" note..

Introducing the Bumper Dumper. If you love camping and don't want to miss the comfort of having a proper toilet, then the Bumper Dumper is the solution.

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