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**February 2018**

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **FEBRUARY 2018**

16 February - Women's Plumbing Alliance - Evolving Your Business Workshop - Calamvale QLD - [READ MORE](#)

21-24 February - WWETT 2018 - Indiana Convention Centre Indianapolis USA - [READ MORE](#)

22 February - Toowoomba Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - Newtown QLD - [READ MORE](#)

22-24 February 2018 - ISH India Powered by IPA - Bengaluru India - [READ MORE](#)

### **MARCH 2018**

11 March - World Plumbing Day - [READ MORE](#)

21-22 March - WA Major Projects Conference 2018 - Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre - [READ MORE](#)

27 March - PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting - Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre - Unit 6 / 306 Albert Street Brunswick Victoria - [RSVP HERE](#)

### **MAY 2018**

2-4 May - Designbuild - Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre [READ MORE](#)

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

17 May - Gold Coast Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

18 May - World Plumbing Council General Meeting + Four Pillars of Plumbing Forum - Los Angeles California - [READ MORE](#)

22 May - Plumbing Supply Forum - Rydges at Sydney's International Airport Terminal [READ MORE](#)

#### **JUNE 2018**

20 June - PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting - Standards Australia - 20 Bridge Street Sydney - [RSVP HERE](#)

26 June - Cairns Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

28 June - Townsville Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

#### **JULY 2018**

20 July - Plumbing & Gas Industry Awards 2018 Queensland - [READ MORE](#)

#### **AUGUST 2018**

14 August - Mackay Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

16 August - Rockhampton Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

22 August - PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting - Wellington New Zealand TBC

#### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

20 September - Hervey Bay Plumbing & Gas Trade Expo - [READ MORE](#)

#### **OCTOBER 2018**

18 October - PPI Group Annual General Meeting - venue TBC

26 and 27 October - Two day Indian Plumbing Conference with a Four Pillars of Plumbing theme - Mumbai India - [READ MORE](#)

#### **2019**

11-15 March 2019 - ISH Frankfurt - Frankfurt Germany - [READ MORE](#)

11-13 September 2019 - 12th Triennial World Plumbing Conference - Melbourne.



### **Welcome to 2018!**

From all of us at the Plumbing Products Industry Group we wish you a happy and successful 2018, and we are looking forward to a new year that brings new challenges and opportunities in the plumbing industry. The first Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled for 27 March at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre,

6/306 Albert Street Brunswick Victoria. SAVE THE DATE!

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## **PPI Group's response to the ABCB's WaterMark Point of Sale Discussion Paper**

The PPI Group has prepared and lodged a detailed submission to the ABCB, supporting point of sale. View the submission paper under the heading PPIG Submissions, by logging in to the members area on the website.

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### **NEW PRESS RELEASE**



The Hon. David Littleproud MP Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

## **Latest press release from the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources**

Please read yesterday's media release from The Hon. David Littleproud MP Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, in regards to Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme.

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## **World Plumbing Day coming up!**

The World Plumbing Council will hold two new competitions for World Plumbing Day! Best video of World Plumbing Day celebrations by a WPC Member and Most innovative promotion of the plumbing industry's vital contribution to well-being and health by a WPC member. US\$2,500 and US\$1,000 up for

grabs! Check the World Plumbing Council website regularly for updates.

## Example of World Plumbing Day promotion video



PLUMBING  
SUPPLY  
FORUM 2018

### Registration is now open - Plumbing Supply Forum 2018!

The next Plumbing Supply Forum is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at Rydges Sydney International Airport Terminal. An exciting and relevant program is currently being finalised. If you have overseas affiliates, this is a great opportunity to introduce them to the Australian industry.

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### Improved water rating website

An improved water rating website for WELS products has been launched which features a plethora of updated information while not changing the functionality. Suppliers and developers can now check advice on what to do when they include regulated products in property developments.

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## **NCC 2019 Public Comment Draft open for feedback**

The NCC 2019 Public Comment Draft sees a number of proposed changes resulting from major project work done by the ABCB and the Proposal for Change process. These changes aim to deliver a contemporary code without compromising minimum standards for buildings and plumbing systems. Feedback is invited on the proposed changes by COB Friday 13 April 2018.

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## **NCC 2016 Volume One Amendment 1 preview available**

In preparation for the adoption of NCC 2016 Volume One Amendment 1 by all States and Territories from 12 March 2018, the ABCB has released a preview of the Amendment which contains changes relating to fire safety in high rise buildings and evidence of suitability.

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## **Standards Australia submit new proposal on water efficiency**

Standards Australia has submitted a proposal for a new International Standard on water efficiency labelling with the help of Singapore, Malaysia, China and New Zealand. An international standard will benefit Australian consumers and manufacturers by reducing manufacturing costs, and will help other countries implement water efficiency schemes.

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## 2018 AHR Expo Overview Trailer

Missed the 2018 AHR Show in Chicago? Mechanical Hub Media was at the 2018 AHR Expo, which hosted more than 2000 exhibitors and attracted over 65000 industry professionals from the USA and 165 countries worldwide. Check out this quick recap and stay tuned for more videos featuring the latest products and technology.

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## Are water flexible hoses a major risk to home owners?

According to research conducted by general insurer IAG, flexible braided hoses accounted for 22% of water damage claims in Australian households in 2016, with the claims most likely to be for kitchen and bathroom damage.

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## Australia's first lead-free push-button tap

Galvin Engineering's inventive and talented team of engineers developed and tested the lead-free Ezy-Drink push button taps and they are ready for installation in schools and public places. An electronic activated system has been developed to complement the Ezy-Drink range for use in schools where taps could remain unused for extended periods during holidays.

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## Let's talk stormwater

Months of design, pages of specifications, and thousands of dollars go into the design of a stormwater treatment system. So why do we spend so little time thinking about the flow control devices that make them work? Check out this great read on bypass design and external diversion structures as compared to treatment units with internal bypass capability.

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## Gas supply to Perth's new stadium

ATCO Gas Australia was awarded a contract by the stadium builder, Multiplex, to connect the new stadium to Western Australia's gas network. As part of the works, ATCO Gas Australia installed a custom twin stream meter set that is capable of supplying pressure of 20 kPa.

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## Changes are coming to GST as from 1 July 2018

From 1 July 2018, the good and services tax (GST) will apply to retail sales of low value physical goods (\$1000 or less) that have been imported to Australia and sold to consumers. The existing processes to collect GST on imports above \$1000 at the border are unchanged.

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## Amazon puts itself above Australian law

Amazon Australia appears to be off to a rocky start with the Australian plumbing industry and the law of our land. A search of taps on [www.amazon.com.au](http://www.amazon.com.au) brings up a vast array of products that is being marketed direct out of China and in some cases local retail organisations.

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## Cape Town water crisis

Residents in the South African city of Cape Town have been urged to turn off toilet taps and warned to "save water as if your life depends on it" to avoid the supply being shut off. A severe drought has forced the city's municipality to limit consumption to 50 litres per person per day.

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## Patent pending, new TV tray!

Seen on Pinterest. Fine dining with a toilet seat doubling as a tv tray. Cutting a tough steak would probably destroy the back of your neck!

Best wishes,  
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