



E-NEWSLETTER

August 2018

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AUGUST 2018

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

16 August - Infrastructure New Zealand, Building Nations Annual Conference panel discussion on Water Sector Reform - Auckland - [READ MORE](#)

22 August - PPI Group Ordinary General Meeting - Meetings on the Terrace - Ramp Entrance, 152 The Terrace, Wellington New Zealand - [RSVP HERE](#)

23-24 August - BIM-MEPAUS Construction Innovation 2018 Forum - Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre - [READ MORE](#)

SEPTEMBER 2018

6-7 September - Trades Industry Conference 2018 - Brisbane QLD - [READ MORE](#)

13 September - ARE U OK? Day - [READ MORE](#)

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

OCTOBER 2018

16-18 October 2018 - Plastic Pipes inside buildings 2018 - Hilton Hotel - Cologne - Germany - [READ MORE](#)

17 October - PPI Group Annual General Meeting - venue TBC

18, 19 and 20 October - National Water for Health & the Environment Conference -

Melbourne - [READ MORE](#)

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

NOVEMBER 2018

5-8 November - 2018 PMI Conference - The Wigwam Resort, Litchfield Park, Arizona USA - [READ MORE](#)

2019

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

15-17 April - American Backflow Prevention Conference - Salt Lake City

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



Only 1 week to go!

Ordinary General Meeting coming up on 22 August 2018 in Wellington New Zealand. The agenda is available in the PPI Group Members area on the website. Guest speakers are: Hon Jenny Salesa, Caroline Heath, Professor Mark Taylor, Dr James Galloway, Martin Sawyers, Brett Lovett, and Dr Carol Grossman.

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Clear plan ahead for water efficiency

The global effort to increase water efficiency has been given a clear plan ahead following a recent meeting of international experts in Sydney. The international committee developing ISO 31600, Water Efficient Products - Rating, met recently at the offices of standards Australia in Sydney to progress work on the standard.

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Now is the time to sign up for membership of the PPI Group!

PPI Group is the premier voice of manufacturers and importers of plumbing products used in the Australian plumbing industry. The Association is well presented on all relevant plumbing industry Australian Standards Committees and other national committees and groups. PPI Group members work together to deliver quality, safe products, fit for purpose for use by industry and consumers for their benefit and the safety of the wider community.

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Drinking water standard gets refreshed

Requirements on the products which come into contact with drinking water, such as pipes and fittings, have been outlined in AS/NZS 4020:2018, Testing of products for use in contact with drinking water.

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AS/NZS 3500:2018 Plumbing and Drainage Parts 1-4

The above named standards have been published on 29 June 2018 following extensive work by industry, technical experts, regulators, and consumers to address the needs of the community.

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PCA Resource Toolkit

This toolkit provides an overview of NCC Volume Three, the PCA and its supporting publications, resources and material available from the Resource Library. This information is most relevant to those working within the plumbing industry.

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New version of the WaterMark Schedule-of-Products

Please be advised that a new version of the WaterMark Schedule-of-Products has been uploaded to the ABCB website. These schedules replace the current Version 2018-1 on 7 August 2018.

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[SEE NEW VERSION OF SCHEDULE OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS](#)



Waste pipe connection outlets and gratings, separate or integral

Specification WMTS-040 currently doesn't contain a materials section. Therefore the use of any material is not restricted within the WaterMark Technical Specification and the use of some materials may have adverse consequences when used in certain applications.

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Plastic Pipes Inside Buildings - 16-18 October 2018 Germany

Plastic Pipes Inside Buildings is the only international conference fully dedicated to this industry. The presentations will be delivered by experts representing various links in the supply chain: from raw material suppliers to component manufacturers, system suppliers and installers.

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PMI keeps tabs on tariffs as trade uncertainty remains

As the United States continues to levy high tariffs on products coming from China, the European Union, Mexico and Canada, some U.S. manufacturers are voicing concerns about how these tariffs are already affecting their business.

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New Zealand Plumbing World moves into eCommerce with eStar

The new website will initially sell Plumbing World's range of tapware and accessories. Plumbing World's eCommerce strategy is aimed at the consumer market including first home buyers and DIYers, who expect a range of online and in-store options.

VIEW THE NEW WEBSITE



RU OK? Day - 13 September

Mental health is a topic in the construction industry that should not be "swept under the carpet", but dealt with openly and frankly. It is estimated that around 45% of Australians will experience mental illness in their lifetime, while 20% are affected every year. R U OK? Day this year will be on 13th September.

FLY THE FLAG



18-20 October The National Water for Health and the Environment Conference

WaterMark scheme - Thursday 18 October - 2pm-2.35pm. New technologies, new innovations, case studies and workshops in backflow prevention, trade waste and temperature controlled water systems, brought to you by the Backflow Prevention Association of Australia Inc.

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Did you know that New York was shaped by steam?

With more than 161 kms of steam piping and nearly 2000 buildings served, New York's steam system is the largest in the world.

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Operations & strategy - The two hats of management

Taking the daily operational hat off to focus on the future can be a challenge for the most adept business owner or manager. The day to day running of our businesses and organisations often demand our all, leaving little energy and focus for anything else. The switch of hats, from operations to strategy needs to be a planned activity as more often than not, does not occur on its own.

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