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**MAY 2020**

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **MAY**

19 May 2020 - Plumbing Supply Forum - Pullman Hotel Sydney Airport - [READ MORE](#) - **POSTPONED**

### **JULY**

17 July 2020 - Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards - Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane - **POSTPONED, will be combined with the 2021 celebrations on Friday 23 July 2021.**

### **AUGUST**

11 August 2020 - PPI Group General Meeting - TBA - [Contact Mr Stuart Henry](#)

### **SEPTEMBER**

2-3 September 2020 - Trades Industry Conference - Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC) Brisbane [READ MORE](#) - **RESCHEDULED to 1 and 2 September 2021.**

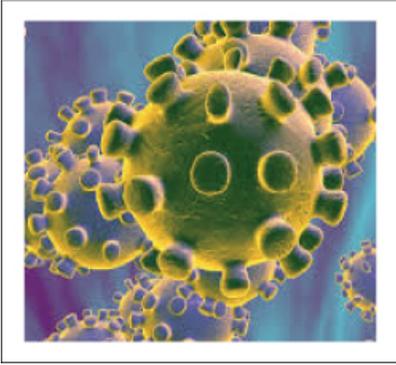
### **OCTOBER**

22 - 23 October 2020 - The Asia Pacific Water for Health and the Environment Conference - Newcastle NSW - **POSTPONED until 2021 with date TBC.**

27-29 October 2020 - DesignBUILD - Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - [READ MORE](#)

### **DECEMBER**

9 December 2020 - PPI Group Annual General Meeting - TBA - [Contact Mr Stuart Henry](#)



## **COVID-19: mitigating transmission via wastewater plumbing systems**

By its very design, the wastewater plumbing system is a harbinger of pathogenic microorganisms with the potential to enable airborne transmission of viruses such as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

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## **Update from the Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup**

A list of Australian Standards and WaterMark Technical Standards that will be impacted on a reduction of lead in drinking water, will be circulated to all PPI Group Members in the next week with the request to update with standards that may have been missed. The updated list will then be sent to ABCB and Standards Australia for consultation.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MR STUART HENRY](#)



## **ACIF Update Report - April 2020**

This publication is to provide information about what has been happening in different sectors of the construction industry over the past few weeks, and what may be expected over the next few weeks, as Australia and the world deal with COVID-19 pandemic. Now available for purchase at \$50 + GST.

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## Plumbing industry faces flow on effect of COVID-19

An increase in the purchase of bidet products, which can help reduce toilet paper use, has seen the ACCC outline the dangers of individuals trying to install products themselves. Australia's independent consumer authority has reminded consumers these products should be certified through the WaterMark Certification Scheme and installed by a professional plumber.

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## Free 2020 NCC Seminar videos are available

ABCB have produced 12 videos which are focused on highlighting changes included in the NCC 2019 Amendment 1. The videos are available to watch for free on the ABCB YouTube Channel or from their Resource Library.

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## Australian sewage test could reveal virus hotspots

Aussie researchers are working on a new sewage test that could soon help identify coronavirus hotspots. Researchers from the University of Queensland and the CSIRO are developing the test, which finds genetic traces of the illness in raw sewage. It's hoped it will not

only identify specific areas where COVID-19 is present but also the approximate number of infected people.

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## **DesignBUILD expo - dates changes from April to October**

Due to the coronavirus, DesignBUILD has decided to postpone their expo this year until 27 to 29 October 2020. Many companies in the construction industry are being affected by this virus, in terms of events, travel plans and also to some degree supply chains to and from China.

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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.

[SIGN UP AND GET INVOLVED!](#)

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