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April 2017

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3-5 May 2017 - Designbuild - International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour Sydney

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4 May 2017 - Launch of ACIF Forecasts May 2017 - International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour Sydney

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9-12 May 2017 - National Manufacturing Week (NMW) - Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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14, 25 and 26 August 2017 - National Backflow Prevention Conference - Sunshine Coast Queensland. Attention sponsors: BPAA is inviting sponsors to be part of this growing conference.

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

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200114 visitors at ISH!

ISH has once again demonstrated its significance as world's leading trade fair. 2482 exhibitors from 61 countries, including all world-market leaders, launched their latest products onto the world market on an area of 260000 square metres in Frankfurt am Main.

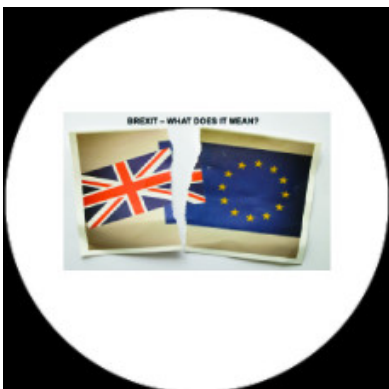
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March 11 World Plumbing Day

Now in its sixth year, World Plumbing Day (WPD) is a global event held on 11 March that was initiated by the World Plumbing Council (WPC) as a way to highlight the important role plumbing plays in the health, safety and sustainability of communities. Recognising World Plumbing Day on 11 March, a new YouTube clip supporting the upcoming release of the improved WaterMark Product Database is now available.

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Implications of Brexit on the European Plumbing Industry

The divorce settlement with the EU must be agreed upon before the commencement of any new negotiations or trade deals that could have the potential to affect the bathroom industry. As a result of Brexit, the regulations that the bathroom industry have been following for years are most likely going to shift, which

leaves the fundamentals of which these organisations are founded upon "up in the air".

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Australia adopts International Standard for BIM Data Sharing

The most commonly used BIM (Building Information Model) authoring applications in Australia are all able to import and export files in an IFC format. Adopting ISO 16739 as an Australian Standard formally recognises its value, increases awareness of it within the local industry and makes it more accessible.

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2017 NCC Information Seminars concluding!

Following the success of this year's National Seminars, a series of webcasts based on both the BCA and the Performance live sessions (along with an update on the PCA for 2019) are due to be launched on the ABCB website in May.

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Launch of the ACIF Forecasts

On 4 May at an industry breakfast at Designbuild in Sydney, the Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF) will be launching the next ACIF Forecasts for the building and construction industry, outlining the prospects and challenges ahead for residential building, commercial building and engineering construction sectors for the next 10 years. Register NOW!

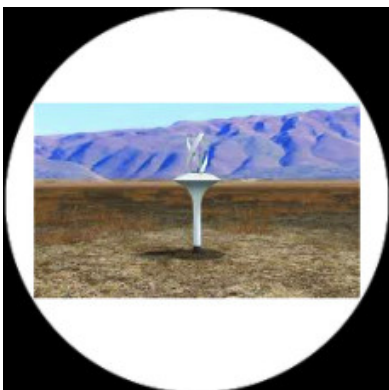
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AS/NZS 3500.5:2012, Plumbing and Drainage - Housing Installations

Following widespread consultation with key industry stakeholders, including the Australian Building Codes Board, AS/NZS 3500.5:2012, Plumbing and drainage - Housing installations, will be withdrawn with no future revisions planned by Standards Australia.

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A machine that pulls water from the air. Literally

More than 600 million people lack regular access to clean drinking water. An by 2030, half of humanity will live in areas where the demand for water outstrips the available supply. That is why entrepreneurs Nancy Curtis and Don Zacherl from VICI Labs are experimenting with a device they call WaterSeer, which pulls moisture out of the air using nothing but wind power and basic physics.

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Report examines shower-based water savings

A new independent Max Performance (MaP) research report has examined whether reduced shower flow rates have resulted in people taking longer showers to compensate. The report compares results from the 1999 and 2016 North American Residential End-Uses of Water.

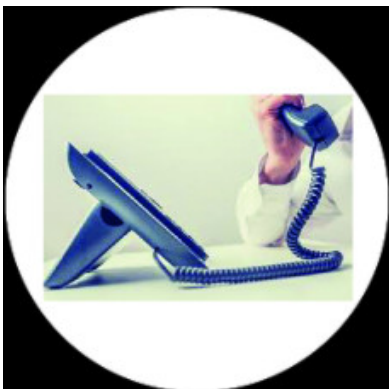
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Innovation & Productivity Report released

More than 200 industry leaders and workers in construction and related fields were surveyed and showed that 9/10 respondents believe it is valuable to stay up to date with the latest technology in the workplace, and 9/10 agreed that increased productivity was a primary benefit of implementing new technologies. Click the read more button to download a copy.

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It's 2017. What's the value of cold calling in sales?

"Cold calling is dead" is not a universal truth. Let's be blunt. The people who buy this belief are the ones who are too lazy or too scared to get on the phone and make phone calls. Read Mark Hunter's version on the value of cold calling.

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Application of Temperature Control Requirements for Heated Water

The Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS), Application of Temperature Control Requirements for Heated Water has been released for public comment. Responses to the questions contained within the RIS are invited until COB Friday 21 April 2017, and can be emailed to abcbris@abcb.gov.au.

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MPAQ appoints 2017 female plumbing ambassador

Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland (MPAQ) has appointed Carlie Low as the female plumbing ambassador for 2017. The female plumbing ambassador will play an important role with MPAQ throughout 2017 promoting plumbing to women and encouraging them to consider it as a future career path.

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Food for thought

Consistently around 78% of adult Australians declare they prefer and would intend to buy Australian-owned products. The sentiment is commendable, but qualified with when all other things are equal. It is often a subjective rationalisation of why at point-of-purchase these buying intentions fall from 78% to the low 40s.

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