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May 2018

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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](#)

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

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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

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](#)

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

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



Lead in Drinking Water – PPI Group Position Paper

PPI Group Policy position

Research project - Lead in plumbing products and materials

The PPI Group has formed a Lead in Drinking Water Working Group to identify critical issues for the future, and has developed a detailed position paper regarding the ABCB and Professor Mark Taylor from Macquarie University's research project. All documents are available on the PPI Group website. Please click the READ MORE button below to view these documents.

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Plumbing Supply Forum 2018 - just 3 weeks away!

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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Australia taking the lead on an international water efficiency standard

Australia has been successful in securing international support to establish a new International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) project committee on water efficiency labelling.

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The new compliance and enforcement strategy for 2018-2020 is now available.

The strategy sets out the approach to maximise compliance with the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005. Industry stakeholders contributed their views on where to target resources, to ensure compliance and enforcement activities are as effective as possible.

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The logo for Design Build, featuring the words "DESIGN" and "BUILD" stacked vertically in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a bright yellow square.

Compliance and conformance top of the education agenda at Designbuild 2018

Product compliance and conformity – informed by the Grenfell Tower tragedy in London last year and also the 2014 Lacrosse building fire in Melbourne – is a critical issue being tackled at DesignBUILD this year, addressed particularly through a panel discussion hosted by the Building Products Innovation Council's Rodger Hills featuring ACIF Chair Norman Faifer.

[VIEW THE PROGRAM](#)



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science**

Building Ministers' Forum - 27 April 2018 - Communiqué

The Building Ministers' Forum (BMF) held its first meeting for 2018 on 27 April in Melbourne, to decide on a range of significant measures that will benefit the Australian building, plumbing and construction industry and the wider Australian Community.

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The Bunnings Warehouse logo, with the word "BUNNINGS" in white, bold, uppercase letters above the word "warehouse" in white, lowercase letters, both set against a dark green rectangular background.

Sunday Times report - Dodgy plumbing removed from Bunnings shelves

Bunnings is removing stock from its shelves after it was pointed out that some of its plumbing range doesn't comply with Australia's WaterMark Certification Scheme.

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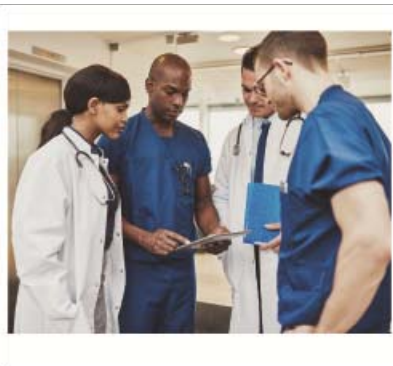


Metallic fittings and end connectors under review in AS 3688

Metallic fittings and end connectors used in water supply and gas systems have been under review in AS 3688 to tighten the thread profiles. Manufacturers should be looking into the new Standard to ensure that their products still meet compliance.

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Antimicrobial copper - stop hospitals making you sick

For the first time researchers in the UK and China have created a washable composite material from antibacterial copper nanoparticles that can be embedded in wearable materials like cotton or polyester.

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Demonstrating new or innovative products to meet the mandatory compliance requirements

If you have a new or innovative product that needs to meet the Evidence of Suitability requirements of the BCA, you may want to consider the product certification scheme, CodeMark Australia.

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Is hydrogen the future of domestic heating?

Surplus renewable energy could soon be converted to hydrogen and injected into Australia's gas networks to help decarbonise the nation's gas supply, if a trial in Adelaide proves successful.

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Energy Networks Australia Conference and Exhibition 2018



Donald Trump's tariff plan: is this really war or just trade policy?

A few weeks ago President Trump alarmed much of the industrialised world with his move to slap tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. Please click on the read more button to view an interesting paper from ASA (American Supply Association) on this topic.

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The National Water for Health and the Environment Conference

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. Registrations to open soon.

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Russian hackers allegedly targeting water utilities

The Trump administration recently accused Russia of engineering a series of cyber attacks that targeted American and European nuclear power plants and water and electric systems, and could have sabotaged or shut power plants off at will.

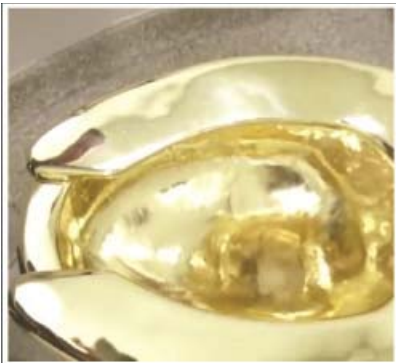
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Flight with 85 plumbers on board forced to return to airport due to toilet trouble!

It sounds like the start of a joke. How many plumbers does it take to fix a plane toilet? Flight DY1156 from Oslo to Munich got as far as the Swedish border before it had to turn back.

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A golden throne for the everyman

Introducing the golden toilet! The 18-karat gold creation is cast solid by the lost wax method and most importantly, it's fully functional. The toilet was created by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan as a replacement in New York City's Guggenheim Museum, useable by everyone, not just as an attraction.

[VIEW THE VIDEO](#)

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