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# PLUMBING SUPPLY FORUM 2018

2018 Plumbing Supply Forum  
TUESDAY 22nd MAY  
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## DISRUPTION AND OPPORTUNITY ACROSS THE PLUMBING SECTOR

This year's event will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to update themselves on the major issues and influences that will affect doing business across the plumbing sector into the future.

We have an array of impressive presenters both from within and outside the sector. Some of the sessions will take the form of executive summaries by panellists, which will allow for more interaction between presenters and delegates.

8.00 am	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
8.45 am	<b>Conference Opening &amp; Welcome</b> Jeff Patchell: Publisher, Plumbing Connection Magazine
9.00 am	<b>Economic Forecast</b> <b>Robert Mellor – Managing Director, BIS Oxford Economics (Formerly BIS Shrapnel)</b> Robert is one of the most sought-after economic commentators on prospects for the residential/commercial building sectors. He will provide a valuable insight into how the market looks going forward, using BIS's up to the minute market data.
10.00am	<b>Non Conforming/Complying Building Product – issues that won't go away</b> Scott Michaels: President, Plumbing Products Industry Group and invited experts will hold a panel discussion to update attendees on the current status with Government and the evident situation in the marketplace.
10.30 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00 am	<b>Regulatory Panel Session</b> Stuart Henry: Executive Director, Plumbing Products Industry Group (PPIG) will lead this important discussion aimed at providing delegates with up-to-date information on the status of regulatory matters. This will include executive summaries by Standards Australia; Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB); Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme (WELS), and the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAZ-ANZ).
12.15 am	<b>Building Information Modelling (BIM) – What you need to know about BIM and how it affects your organisation.</b> A leading hydraulic design practitioner will present the current state of play with BIM, as well as glimpse into the future and how the industry needs to work together on this important business tool.
12.45 pm	<b>Luncheon</b>

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1.45 pm	<p><b>Keynote Presentation</b>  <b>Professor Stuart White: Director of the Institute of Sustainable Futures - University of Technology Sydney</b>          Prepare yourself for an illuminating address by Stuart – “The future of urban water and the plumbing industry: disruption and opportunity”.</p> <p>All areas of infrastructure are undergoing rapid change as a result of changing technology, rapid growth and changing community expectations, as well as shifts in the regulatory environment.</p> <p>The urban water sector is no exception, and this will have major implications for the future of the plumbing industry. Some of these changes and disruptions are arising from the use of smart metering, telemetry and controls including the Internet of Things, as well as advanced water efficiency, source separation, localised reuse and changes in regulation and ownership of utilities and water services.</p> <p>This presentation will focus on some of these changes and how they can benefit the water sector including the plumbing industry. It will particularly draw on lessons and examples from other infrastructure sectors such as energy use and supply, and case studies of leading examples from around the world.</p>
2.30 pm	<p><b>Skill training across the nation</b>          Without well trained installers, this industry would face serious challenges. It is vital the plumbing sector attracts the best of today’s youth to the trade, agree what they need to learn, train them well and continue lifetime training as technology/regulation continually evolves.</p> <p>You’ll hear how training is being delivered in varying ways for both apprenticeship and post-apprenticeship courses.</p>
3.30 pm	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>
3.50 pm	<p><b>The case for lead-free brass</b>          Lead is an emotional issue that keeps presenting in the mainstream media. Though producing lead-free brass is not as easy as it may sound, other countries have taken the leap forward. What should Australia be doing and should we be developing a road map? This important discussion will be lead by Peter Flynn of Reliance Worldwide, in conjunction with other PPIG members.</p>
4.20 pm	<p><b>In the trenches</b>          We’ll hear from some of Australia’s leading plumbing contractors as they put into context the day’s proceedings, as well as highlighting issues from across the supply chain that currently affect them.</p> <p>Their summary presentations will be followed with a Q&amp;A session.</p>
5.20 pm	<p><b>Wrap-up of the day</b>  <b>Stuart Henry: Executive Director, Plumbing Products Industry Group</b>          Stuart will put in perspective what we have learned from our speakers/presentations during the day.</p>
5.30-6.30 pm	<p><b>Networking Cocktails</b>          Your opportunity to mix with colleagues and peers and ask that question or two you didn’t get around to during the say’s sessions.</p>

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