

PSF2022

PLUMBING SUPPLY FORUM

THE PREMIER BUSINESS EVENT
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN PLUMBING INDUSTRY

Tuesday June 7th, 2022
Pullman Sydney Airport Hotel

BE IN THE KNOW

The PSF 2022 offers a unique opportunity for anyone with a commercial interest in the plumbing industry to gain first-hand knowledge of the most important issues affecting the sector, both now and into the future.

This one-day event brings together the key industry and regulatory influencers for you to hear and network with.



PRE-EVENT DELEGATE NETWORKING DINNER AT THE PULLMANN SYDNEY AIRPORT

6.30 – 9.00pm Monday June 6th (Optional)

Hosted by the Plumbing Product Industry Group, this pre-conference option provides the opportunity to network at this informal stand-up dinner.

BBQ Buffet Style (Food only – drinks at bar prices)

Cost – \$75 per head

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TUESDAY JUNE 7TH: CONFERENCE PROGRAM - MORNING SESSIONS

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| 8.00 AM | REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS |
| 8.50 AM | CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME |
| 9.00 AM | DOMESTIC FORECASTS FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION Tom Devitt, Economist for the Housing Industry Association (HIA) will provide an up-to-minute national overview (with State breakdowns) of the Australian building and construction sector data for the new build and renovation sectors. The HIA economic data is always a highly-valued takeaway reference for delegates' business planning purposes. |
| 10.00 AM | THE OUTLOOK FOR COPPER, METALS AND ALLOYS SUPPLY The impact of metals supply is an important factor the plumbing industry supply chain that is increasingly under pressure. Demand for copper by new industries is adding supply/price pressure, and there's no ready substitute. Add COVID and the geopolitical situation with Ukraine into the mix and it's a difficult equation. The PSF welcomes Piers Montgomery, an analyst with CRU, the leading provider of this sector's analysis. Piers has 20+ years experiences across natural resources and will share his outlook of the market, now and into the future. |
| 10.20 AM | THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR INDUSTRY SUPPLY CHAIN Over the past 12-months the product supply situation here and overseas has had a significant impact. Overall building costs have risen in the order of 30% and plumbing materials are no exception. Someone who has a first-hand global view of these matters is Jörg Rudolph, Group Vice President of the Swiss-based NEOPERL Group. As a worldwide market leader, NEOPERL supplies leading tapware, plumbing, heating, filtration, and appliance manufacturers (OEMs) and the wholesale and retail trade around the world with innovative solutions. Jörg will share his worldly views on the current supply market and what to expect in the future. |
| 10.45 AM | MORNING TEA |
| 11.10 AM | BUILDING CONFIDENCE REPORT UPDATE - (Keynote Presentation) In 2017, the Building Ministers Forum (BMF) commissioned Professor Peter Shergold AC and Construction Legal Expert Ms Bronwyn Weir to undertake an assessment of the effectiveness of compliance and enforcement systems for the building and construction industry across Australia. Their report, Building Confidence (BCR), was considered at the Building Ministers Forum in late April 2018 and released to the industry. There was widespread acceptance of the report and its recommendations by both Government and industry. Ms Weir will detail an update on the progress of the BCR implementation program and what it means for building and construction industry suppliers and regulators, charged with overseeing compliance. |
| 12.10 AM | THE CHANGING CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENT - (Keynote Presentation) The NSW Building Commissioner, David Chandler OAM, is actively using enforcement powers to address unsafe, defective or non-compliant developments, to enhance consumer confidence and drive behavioral change in the building and construction industry. The work that he and his department is undertaking is being well received by industry and consumers. Stepping in for David at the PSF, to explain what the Building Commissioner's program is achieving is Matt Whitton, who heads the department's compliance team. This is good news for the plumbing industry, as non-compliance (of approved product) has undermined the industry for many years. Since the new ACT came into force, the NSW Building Commissioner has issued over 30 Stop Work Orders, Prohibition Orders, Building Work Rectification Orders and Enforceable Undertakings to the commercial construction sector. Let's hope other States are taking notice. |
| 1.00 PM | LUNCHEON |

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| 2.10 PM | INTRODUCING THE ABCB'S NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE The plumbing sector has a very strong linked relationship with the Australian Building Codes Board, which is responsible for the WaterMark program. The PSF will provide its new CEO, Gary Rake, with the opportunity to hear firsthand what makes the industry tick. Though Gary is only a few weeks into the new role, we'll hear about the direction he sees the ABCB heading and how we can be supportive of the WaterMark program. |
| 2.25 PM | TRANSITION TO LEAD-FREE PRODUCT & THE POTENTIAL FOR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES <i>Chaired by Stuart Henry – Executive Director, Plumbing Product Industry Group</i> This issue will have widespread impact across the plumbing industry over the next three years, and beyond. This afternoon session is devoted to an in-depth review of the matter from all angles. And with a very long industry tail, it is important that everyone clearly understands these changes, to level the playing field. Key presentations will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Mark Taylor, (Chief Environmental Scientist EPA Victoria) – the case for lead-free in the community? • Anne-Maree Campbell, (Director-Product Certification – ABCB) – the 2022 NCC's new lead-free requirements and what it means for suppliers, resellers, designers, and plumbing practitioners. • Graham Clark, WaterMark Operations Manager IAPMO Oceana – how the US introduced reduced lead copper alloy product and what has been the aftermath for the industry. Whatever could go wrong? |
| 3.25 PM | PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY BENEFITS OF A REGULATED SCHEME The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act (WELS) was introduced in 2005 and since that time has served the plumbing industry well. Rachel Connell, the First Assistant Secretary Water Division, Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment will provide and update on the success of the scheme and what it is doing to reduce the amount of water inefficient plumbing product at point of sale in outlets and also the growing presence of them online. |
| 3.40 PM | AFTERNOON TEA |
| 4.00 PM | Q&A PANEL SESSION WITH THE AFTERNOON PRESENTERS <i>Chaired by Scott Michaels, PPIG President & Managing Director, Zetco Valves</i> This is your opportunity to ask the hard questions directly of the expert panel and better understand the how, why, and when with the changeover of copper alloy products. Scott Michaels will also provide closing remarks. |
| 5.00 – 6.30 PM | NETWORKING COCKTAILS |

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