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## PLUMBING SUPPLY FORUM

THE PREMIER BUSINESS EVENT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN PLUMBING INDUSTRY

### TUESDAY JUNE 2ND: CONFERENCE PROGRAM - MORNING SESSIONS

8.00 AM	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
8.50 AM	CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME
9:00 - 10:00	<p>HIA PRESENTATION</p> <p><a href="#">Tim Reardon - Chief Economist for the Housing Industry Association</a></p> <p>The HIA headlines the day with its much-anticipated national forecast (with State breakdowns) of Australian building and construction sector data, covering both new build and renovation sectors. This data is always highly valued as a takeaway reference for delegates' business planning purposes, especially so in this volatile market.</p>
10:00-10:15	<p>WELS</p> <p><a href="#">Teresa McMaugh - Director - WELS Program</a></p> <p>The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) Act was introduced nationally in 2005 and since that time has served the plumbing industry well.</p> <p>Teresa McMaugh, Director of the WELS Program will update delegates on the management and continuing success of the scheme, and improvements that are underway that will further benefit industry and consumers.</p>
10:15 - 10:30	<p>ABCB</p> <p><a href="#">Anne-Maree Campbell - Director Product Certification - Australian Building Codes Board</a></p> <p>Delegates will be briefed on the latest updates/omendments to the WaterMark program, aside from Lead-Free, which will be extensively covered in the afternoon session. ABCB management will also detail which Australian Standards relevant to the plumbing industry are coming up for review.</p>
10:30 - 10:45	<p>STANDARDS</p> <p><a href="#">Rob Balding - Chief Executive Officer</a></p> <p>CEO of Standards Australia, he led the development of the organisation's FY26-30 strategy and currently oversees its operational delivery; raising the awareness of the importance of standards, strengthening government and industry relationships (on both the Australian and global stage), lifting financial discipline and enhancing people engagement.</p>
10:45 - 11:00	<p>REGULATORS PANEL</p> <p>This panel discussion brings together representatives from WELS, the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) and Standards Australia to provide industry participants with the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, and engage directly with regulators on key compliance and policy matters.</p>
11:00 - 11:25	MORNING TEA
11:25 - 12:00	<p>NSW BUILDING COMMISSION</p> <p><a href="#">Tristan Luther - Manager Building Inspections (Plumbing Operations)   Practitioner Compliance</a></p> <p>The NSW Government has introduced significant legislation aimed at improving the outcomes across the building and construction sector. Delegates will hear of the latest initiatives being introduced by NSW Building Commission.</p>
12:00 - 12:30	<p>PPIG UPDATE</p> <p><a href="#">Nick Tripp - Executive Director, Plumbing Products Industry Group</a></p> <p>The Plumbing Products Industry Group speaks for the interests of the industry, be it with Federal or State Governments/ Departments, or consumer lobby groups/activists. This update will detail the major issues ahead of the industry.</p>
12:30 - 1:45	LUNCH

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1:45 - 3:00	<p><b>KEYNOTE - INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY</b>  <a href="#">Eli Melham - President, APMEA - Watts Water Technologies</a></p> <p>Eli Melhem has served as President, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Africa of Watts Water Technologies since 2011. In the past ten years, Watts acquired businesses in New Zealand, Australia, Korea and Saudi Arabia and its business in the region grew quickly organically as well. Before joining Watts, Elie was Managing Director of Ariston Thermo Group's China operations. Elie worked for ITT Corporation from 1996 to 2007. While with ITT, he served as President China/Asia-Pacific, Residential and Commercial Water Group from 2006 to 2007, President - Water Technology Group, Asia-Pacific from 2002 to 2005, Country Manager of China from 1999 to 2001 and General Manager of Goulds Pump from 1996 to 1999. Before joining ITT, Elie spent eleven years with Avnet, Inc., where he held several engineering and management positions. Elie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and MBA degree from Northeastern University of the US. He lived and worked in the US, China, Malaysia, Taiwan and Lebanon and speaks English, Chinese and Arabic.</p>
3:00 - 3:45	<p><b>WATER EFFICIENCY - THE MANUFACTURER PERSPECTIVE</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will explore water efficiency through the lens of manufacturers, examining the practical challenges and opportunities in delivering compliant, high-performing products to the Australian market. Discussion will focus on innovation, testing, certification pathways, and the evolving expectations of regulators and customers. Hosted by Lee Sheppard of Neoperl, the session invites industry engagement and open dialogue the challenges facing water efficiency outcomes.</p>
3:45 - 4:15	<p><b>AFTERNOON TEA</b></p>
4:15 - 5:15	<p><b>1 MONTH IN! LEAD FREE PANEL DISCUSSION</b>  <a href="#">Scott Michaels - Zetco</a></p> <p>This panel discussion will examine the implementation of the Lead Free requirements coming into force on May 1 this year. Hosted by Scott Michaels of Zetco, the session will explore how the industry has adapted to the new obligations, certification and supply chain impacts. Discussion will also address the two-year grandfathering period for existing products and what it means for manufacturers, suppliers and installers navigating the transition.</p>
5.00 / 6.15 PM	<p><b>NETWORKING COCKTAILS</b></p> <p>This is when the real business gets done. It's your opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow industry delegates.</p>

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