

## MEDIA RELEASE

### HEADLINE: WA Plumbing Industry Expo to launch in 2024

A consortium of leading plumbing industry groups has come together to launch the WA Plumbing Industry Expo which will take place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) from Friday, 9 August to Saturday 10 August 2024.

MPA Skills Trade Training has brought together the biggest, most relevant names in the industry across several disciplines: The Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc (IPA); Backflow Prevention Association of Australia (BPAA); The Plumbing Products Industry Group (PPI Group); The WA Chapter of the Association of Hydraulic Services Consultants of Australia (AHSCA WA) to help launch this much-needed industry event.

The Expo will open on the Thursday evening with an exclusive, exhibitor-only networking event, followed by the expo itself across Friday and Saturday featuring two dedicated workshop rooms with seminars, product demonstrations and panel discussions from industry experts. The Expo will conclude on the Saturday evening with a 300 pax black tie gala dinner and awards night.

The Expo has already attracted support from industry leaders with Galvins Plumbing Supplies securing the position of headline sponsor of the Expo and Ascora Trades Job Management for the Gala Dinner.

MPA Skills CEO Ben Dahlstrom said more details on the Expo and special guests would be made in the coming weeks and was encouraged by the support shown so far.

“On behalf of the Expo group, I would like to thank Galvins Plumbing Supplies for their incredible support of what will undoubtedly be the biggest plumbing industry event in WA for a decade,” said Mr Dahlstrom. “The *2024 MPA Skills & Galvins Plumbing Supplies WA Plumbing Industry Expo* will showcase the best in product, services, manufacturing and knowledge and I look forward to sharing more details about the Expo in coming weeks, including a significant strategic announcement from MPA Skills.”

AHSCA WA Chapter President Paul White said he believes the industry will respond strongly to such an event, particularly as it covers all facets of plumbing in WA.

“Having dedicated exhibition space for hydraulic consultants, backflow prevention, suppliers and manufacturers, along with information on training, employment and hot button industry issues, bodes well for this Expo and we are encouraged by early support,” said Mr White.

PPI Group Executive Director Stuart Henry added: “Conversations I have had with East Coast manufacturers suggest this Expo will be well represented by leading edge companies and we are pleased to be part of the group launching this event.”

Backflow prevention workshops and information sessions will feature strongly at the Expo and be driven by the WA Chapter of the BPAA which has recently launched. BPAA President Jeffrey Parsonage said: “fresh from our national conference this year we will be bringing across the latest developments in backflow prevention and also information from the Legionella Management Advisory Group which sits under the BPAA umbrella.”

IPA President Michael Jarrad said, “this Expo goes to the core of our mission and IPA is proud to be a project partner.”

“It will be a shining example of how best practice, innovation and goodwill within the plumbing fraternity will come from the sharing of information, ideas and technology.”

A comprehensive *2024 MPA Skills & Galvins Plumbing Supplies WA Plumbing Industry Expo* prospectus will be available to interested exhibitors soon and will feature details about the various packages on offer, along with information on the black-tie gala dinner awards categories. This two-day event will be supported by a strong multi-platform media campaign including endorsement from VIP guests and influencers.

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### **Note to editors:**

MPA Skills Trade Training is WA's biggest trainer and employer of plumbing apprentices and tradespeople. MPA Skills is also renowned in the sector for its industry-leading apprentice and advanced training solutions and boasts a network of thousands of plumbing industry specialists.

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The Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc (IPA) is a professional body representing the craft and profession of plumbing in Australia. It has been established since 1954 and is governed by a council, elected from its members who represent the interest of its six state-based chapters.

<https://plumbing.org.au/>

The Plumbing Products Industry Group is the association of Australian and New Zealand manufacturers and importers of all plumbing product, associated valves / meters and plumbing and fittings, and manufacturers of materials used in the fabrication of these

products.

<https://www.ppigroup.com.au>

The Backflow Prevention Association of Australia Inc. (BPAA) is a professional body specifically dedicated to Backflow Prevention. It is a volunteer organisation made up from members across all aspects of the plumbing and water supply industry. It's members include local authorities, manufacturers, plumbing contractors, education institutions and training providers.

<https://www.bpaa.org.au/>

The WA Chapter of the Association of Hydraulic Service Consultants of Australia (AHSCA WA Chapter) is a non-profit, professional organisation dedicated to the advancement of the Hydraulic Services Engineering profession within Western Australia. The AHSCA WA Chapter has a membership that represents approximately 95% of practicing Hydraulic Service Consultants in WA.

<https://www.ahscawa.com.au/>