



Official Newsletter of IPA

**Merry Christmas
and a
prosperous
new year
to all our readers.**

From the IPA Council and Secretariat,

we wish you all a happy and safe festive season

and look forward to an exciting and productive year in 2018.

Just a short message today, so close to the festive break, with items to read now or in the new year. The Institute has completed a busy year of drafting Standards and plumbing research and there is still much to be done in 2018. The IPA standards project to include some basic information as a minimum standard for circulating heated water systems has past most hurdles and will or should be published in the new year together with several other revisions. The IPA thanks and congratulates those willing volunteers to our project that managed to overcome the hurdles and stayed the long two-year course (longer for some) from project proposal to final draft.

The drafting process has highlighted many shortfalls in the knowledge base for designing and installing the complex systems that are modern circulating heated water systems, International and local research is proving that these systems are not as simple as they look and require skills and knowledge beyond the historical training and regulation of plumbing in Australia. It must be remembered that Australian Plumbing Standards referenced in regulation are Minimum Standards and only supply the basic building blocks. To design and install the more complex systems requires knowledge and understanding well beyond the minimums. The IPA has begun collating information and in 2018 will be calling on the wider plumbing industry to support further research to go beyond the minimums.

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