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### Your Good Health is our Business!

## Celebrate World Plumbing Day – 11 March 2015

It's International Plumbing Day (11 March) and the Master Plumbers' Association of Tasmania (MPAT) is calling on Tasmanians to reflect on the essential role that plumbers play in ensuring our public health and environmental wellbeing.

Master Plumbers Tasmania Executive Officer Angela Ayling said 'Our good health and sanitation is something most of us just take for granted. We turn on the tap to clean drinkable water and we flush the loo without a second thought – but without our high plumbing standards and the expertise of our plumbers, life would be much different. The extraordinary contribution that the plumbing industry makes to our health, pristine environment, economy and prosperity, is too often overlooked. World Plumbing Day gives us a chance to say thank to the plumbers that make the essentials in life so good.

'Good plumbing is not just about the water we use and want to get rid of in our homes, but also about sustainability, energy usage and management of water supplies into the future. Population growth, coupled with an increase in urbanisation, means that that management of water supplies and waste water services is of paramount importance in Australia.

'Plumbing plays one of the most vital roles in managing the health and safety of the local community, as well as the wider community. It is for this reason that it is so important that our master plumbers are publicly recognised for their hard work and long studied skills.'

Some Fun Facts about Plumbing:

- Did you know that a survey of 11,000 doctors by the British Medical Journal in 2007 voted hands down that the world's greatest medical milestone since 1840 was sanitation?
- Albert Einstein was named an honorary member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union after saying publicly that he would become a plumber if he had to do it all over again.
- The word "plumber" dates all the way back to the Roman Empire. In Rome, pipes were originally made from lead, which is "plumbum" in Latin. People who worked with lead were called Plumbarius, which was eventually shortened to the word we use today.
- Famous plumbers include John Farnham, Ozzy Osbourne, Michael Caine and Gabriel Byrne.

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