

# Rainwater forum

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## Rainwater tanks – Facts and myths – A forum on the science of rainwater tanks and their risk management

You are invited to join Department of Health, CSIRO and PICAC speakers for a free rainwater forum at the State Library of Victoria.

This forum aims to broaden your knowledge of the facts and risks associated with rainwater tank management. The topics covered will be:

### CSIRO

#### Understanding the health risks of rainwater harvesting – Dr. Simon Toze

An assessment of microbial populations and pathogens found in rainwater tanks, their origins and health risk implications to household end uses based on a three year study of 80 rainwater tanks in South East Queensland.

#### The Condition of rainwater tanks – Dr. Magnus Moglia

Results from inspections of 400 tanks across metropolitan Melbourne to determine tank condition and householder attitudes towards rainwater tanks. This talk explores links between tank condition, system set-up and community attitudes with the aim to understand how to maximise water savings and minimise health risks from privately owned rainwater tanks (Smart Water Fund/CSIRO).

### Department of Health

#### Rainwater tank risk management

Department advice to home owners and Councils on minimising health risks associated with rainwater tanks. Case studies, lessons learned and what to look out for.

### Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC)

#### Rainwater tanks from a plumbing perspective – Shayne La Combre

The PICAC approach to using plumbing hardware and education to prevent potential health risks from rainwater tanks.

RSVP with your name, organisation, position and any dietary requirements to [water@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:water@health.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday 7 May 2014

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#### Who should attend:

- Local government environmental health officers/Sustainability officers
- State government departments
- Rainwater tank industry
- Water businesses

#### Event details

##### Date:

Wednesday 14 May 2014

##### Agenda:

9:30 am  
registration  
10:00 am–12:30 pm  
speakers and panel  
discussion  
12:30–1:00 pm  
lunch and networking

##### Location:

Village Roadshow  
Theatrette, State Library  
of Victoria, entry 3,  
ground floor, La Trobe St

