

Victaulic announces a new branch launch for 2018

Brisbane, Australia – 27 March 2018 – <u>Victaulic</u>, the world's leading manufacturer of mechanical pipe-joining systems, continues to strengthen its Australian offer by opening a new 3,205 square meter branch facility in Eagle Farm, Brisbane, due to be open before April 2018.

The new branch, the company's third Australian site will support continued growth within the region, servicing territories stretching from the Hunter Valley to Far North Queensland, as well as inland to Industrial & Mining Regions as well as the Northern Territory. The new branch will host Customer Care and Distribution staff on a 3,205 square meter site.

Adam Kelso, Operations Manager, Australia, said, "After many years of continuous operation in Australia, we are very excited to extend our commitment to this important market. The Brisbane branch is a significant addition to Victaulic's portfolio, giving us the footprint and capabilities to provide next day service to all major hubs within Australia which will enable us to have product where it's needed, when it's needed. It marks the next phase in Victaulic's long term strategy to provide a truly national service model with coverage across Australia."

"With our new presence in Brisbane, our stock holdings will allow immediate order fulfilment for shipments to all regions rather than a potential two to four-day wait time from our Melbourne warehouse. This latest initiative demonstrates our commitment to all regions and allows us to better support the communities that we serve," Mr. Kelso said.

A new training hub

The new Brisbane branch will feature a 50 square metre Visitor's Experience and Training Centre. The dedicated customer and employee training facility will feature the latest innovations from Victaulic and provide programs for training installers within the region.

"We are committed to partnering with the industry to provide local training programs for end users – including engineers, installers and contractors. Our training programs will provide continued education on installation best practices of our products across industries," added Mr. Kelso.

Victaulic's History in Australia

The Brisbane branch is the single largest initiative embarked upon in Australia, and follows the launch of its first Australian branch almost 10 years ago in Melbourne. A Perth branch was opened in 2013 to further support growth in the Western Australia region, particularly within the mining sector.

Continued growth in Australia



For more than 100 years, mechanical joints have improved the installation, operation and maintenance of piping systems, with large scale adoption on steel pipe in the mining, commercial building and fire protection markets. Victaulic is also a world-leading producer and supplier of fire safety products, and the business is committed to ongoing innovation and improvement across the industry. Victaulic has identified rapid growth in commercial, industrial and mining construction projects, which has led to increased demand for products and services. This new hub aims to meet these demands and support the growth across markets.

About Victaulic

Victaulic is the originator of the grooved mechanical piping system. Since 1919, Victaulic has been the world's leading producer of grooved mechanical couplings and pipe-joining systems. Used in the most demanding markets, Victaulic innovative piping technologies and services put people to work faster while increasing safety, ensuring reliability and maximising efficiency.

The company has 15 major manufacturing facilities, 28 branches worldwide and over 3,600 employees who speak 43 languages across the globe. With more than 900 active global patents, Victaulic solutions are at work in 115 countries across diverse business lines including oil and gas, chemical, mining, power generation, water and wastewater treatment, military and marine, as well as commercial building and fire protection.

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