PLANNING CHECKLIST

Your tapware schedule, room by room

A planning checklist to take to your builder or architect, before rough-in.

Across the luxury builds and renovations we've been part of, the smoothest projects have one thing in common: the tapware was planned early. Many key decisions sit behind the wall and need to be locked in at rough-in, well before tiles go on. Work through this list with your builder, architect and plumber, and tick it off as you go.

PROJECT	BUILDER / ARCHITECT	ROUGH-IN DATE

01 Before you start: the whole home

- [ ] **Water pressure.** Premium mixers and rain showers have minimum and maximum pressure requirements. Ask your plumber to check before you choose, and fit a pressure limiting valve if pressure is likely to spike.
- [ ] **Hot water system.** Confirm compatibility. Some mixers perform best with particular systems.
- [ ] **Compliance.** Is everything WaterMark certified and lead-free compliant? Since May 2026, new tapware installations in Victoria must meet lead-free requirements.
- [ ] **Lead times.** Confirm availability early so tapware doesn't hold up your final inspection.
- [ ] **Trades briefed.** Make sure your plumber and tiler know the products, their dimensions and rough-in depths, and the tile cut-out sizes.
- [ ] **Ventilation.** Check extraction and ventilation are correctly sized for each bathroom.

02 Ensuite & main bathroom

- [ ] Wall-mounted or deck-mounted basin mixer?
- [ ] If wall-mounted: spout length matched to the basin, so water lands in the centre, not on the edge. This doesn't need to be locked in at rough-in; it can be finalised up to fit-off.
- [ ] Spout height above the basin rim confirmed against your vanity and basin choice
- [ ] Bath filler type (wall spout, floor-mounted freestanding or deck-mounted) and position relative to the bath
- [ ] Handheld shower at the bath? Useful for cleaning and for bathing kids. Worth adding one in the shower too, to make cleaning easier.
- [ ] Heated towel rail? You'll need an electrician at rough-in too
- [ ] Heated floors? If the flooring is coming up anyway, now's the time to add them. They make the room much more comfortable.

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03 Shower

- [ ] Overhead, handheld, or both (our most recommended setup)
- [ ] Ceiling- or wall-mounted?
- [ ] Shower head height to suit the tallest regular user
- [ ] Mixer position: can you turn the water on without standing under the cold stream?
- [ ] Diverter or separate controls if you're running two outlets
- [ ] Rail height for the handheld, or a fixed wall bracket
- [ ] Diverter height on dual showers: if kids use the shower, can they reach it?
- [ ] Shower arm reach: does it cover where you need the water, without ending up too close to the opposite wall or shower screen?

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04 Powder room

- [ ] A statement piece: this is the room guests see, so it's a great place for a feature finish or sculptural spout
- [ ] Spout-to-basin match (powder room basins are often smaller or shallower, so splash is common)

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05 Kitchen

- [ ] Main sink mixer: pull-out or pull-down spray, gooseneck or straight. A pull-out needs enough clear space under the sink for the hose, so avoid cupboards there. Ideally no shelf; if there is one, it needs a cut-out.
- [ ] Pot filler above the cooktop? It needs a water line in the wall at rough-in
- [ ] Butler's pantry or scullery sink tap

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06 Laundry

- [ ] Laundry mixer with enough height to fill buckets
- [ ] Washing machine taps or stops in an accessible spot
- [ ] Finish: no need to choose yet. When you do, carry your main finish through or choose a practical option for this room.

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07 Outdoor

- [ ] Garden taps? Plan their positions now; the finish can be chosen later.
- [ ] Outdoor shower for pool or beach homes, ideally with hot and cold
- [ ] Positions planned with your landscaper, not left to the end

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A TIP FROM THE FIELD

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