## **BLUE HANDLED BALL VALVES OPERATION & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Philmac blue handled ball valves operate by using a handle to turn a ball located in a body through 90°. The ball has a hole through the centre of it which allows water to pass through when in the open position.

To turn the valve on, the blue handle needs to be turned 90° until the blue handle sits in-line with the body of the valve. To turn the valve off rotate the handle through 90° until it is at right angles to the valve body. Care should be taken when closing the valve. It should not be closed too quickly or water hammer may result.

Philmac blue handled ball valves are sold in the open position with the blue handle directly in line with the body. This protects the ball and ensures no scoring has occurred, therefore every valve arrives in excellent condition.

The valves have been designed for water to flow through in either direction and for this reason there is no specific inlet or outlet. In some instances it may be appropriate to mark the direction of water flow where it may not be obvious in which direction the water flows.

## **Ball (Female Inlet/Outlet)**



 Apply PTFE tape or approved sealant to the male thread the blue handled ball valve is to be screwed in too. Sufficient tape needs to be applied to ensure a watertight seal



 Screw onto a male thread or screw male thread into the valve by hand until firm



 Using a pipe wrench or multigrips on the end caps only, further screw the blue handled ball valve into the male thread until tight. Where necessary ensure the male thread is held stationary to avoid it from moving. Do not use pipe wrench or multigrips on the body of the blue handled ball valve.