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### AGA Board Welcomes New Director

AGA Chairman Mr Chris Devlin has announced the appointment of Mr Malcolm Young as an Independent Director on the AGA Board following the retirement of Mr Colin Bickell.



In announcing this appointment, Mr Devlin said that Malcolm would bring extensive gas industry experience to the Board and noted that he is an experienced Consultant/Project Manager in the energy sector and former Gas & Fuel Corporation Senior Executive. He is a qualified Professional Engineer and Member of The Institution of Engineers Australia with postgraduate qualifications in business administration, heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Malcolm has over forty seven years' experience in natural gas marketing, appliance sales, installation, maintenance, safety and technical regulation and also in natural gas distribution asset management, particularly in the areas of planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, safety and technical regulation.



In welcoming Malcolm to the Board, the Chairman also paid tribute to Mr Colin Bickell who recently retired. Colin had a very close association with AGA over many years before becoming a Director and serving as Chairman of the Board for six years and Deputy Chairman for five. We wish Colin all the very best in retirement and sincerely thank him for his outstanding contribution to AGA and the broader gas industry over many years.

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### AGA Industry Forum - 24th November 2016

AGA will hold an Industry Forum on 24th November 2016 at "Oaks on Collins", 480 Collins St Melbourne Victoria 3000 - so mark this date in your diaries.



The Forum will focus on the challenges facing manufacturers and importers in Australia and overseas markets, and some of the measures being taken to address them. Whether you are a manufacturer, importer or exporter this Forum will be of keen interest to you. An exciting list of speakers will provide delegates with the latest information from a regulatory perspective and outline new requirements that will have implications for your business or area of interest.

International speakers will provide an insight to the gas safety management regimes in other countries, including requirements for Australian companies to access overseas markets.

Registrations will open soon and we look forward to seeing you at the Forum.

## The value of AGA

It's often difficult to quantify 'value' and the question is how well AGA and its Members jointly contribute to the Australian industry and general community. AGA services have grown over the years and one of our core principals of the company is "to support efforts of industry in improving the safety, reliability and environmental performance of products for the benefit of the Australian community".

This core principal remains solid over many decades and to illustrate this, below is an article written by AGA's former President, J A Madsen, from *The Australian Gas Journal*, November 1966, at a time the industry was dealing with the discovery of natural gas. The challenges we face today are different and we strive to continue to meet our 'Objects' of the company and defined in AGA's Constitution (available on AGA's web site).

# The inestimable value of A.G.A.

**N**ever before has the Australian gas industry been faced with such fundamental changes and exciting possibilities. Never before have so many problems needed to be solved so quickly.

The discovery of natural gas in Australia is the biggest revolution that our industry has ever experienced — even gas undertakings geographically distant from the discoveries will be affected because, even if not adjacent to a natural gas pipeline, condensable hydrocarbons in the form of L.P. gas will be available in great quantities.

As the incoming President, I wish to remind members of the great role our Association can play in helping the industry through its transformation.

Over the years, we have fostered the Association as a meeting ground for the exchange of information, as a forum to discuss problems common to our industry, and as a jointly-sponsored enterprise to undertake projects which for one reason or another we did not desire to undertake alone.

If any illustration is needed to emphasise the importance of the Australian Gas Association in the Natural Gas Age, I might mention the pooling of resources on conversion to natural gas and on other distribution matters.

The strength of the Australian Gas Association is the envy of other industries. I am sure all members will agree that the A.G.A. is a friendly, co-operative Association, united on major issues, the instrument of a close-knit well organised industry. Let us keep it that way and develop it to our mutual advantage.



PRESIDENT, THE AUSTRALIAN GAS ASSOCIATION

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## Latest Standards Update



AS 4627 (Quick-connect devices for gas) is out for public comment again until the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016, which includes some minor updates following the comments received in June 2016.

Also, a reminder that AS/NZS 1596:2014 Amd 1 (The storage and handling of LP Gas) is now out for public comment, until the 1st November 2016.

If you would like to submit any comments, you may forward them to our Group Manager, Technical Operations, Mr Billy (Vasilios) Tabourlos [btaborlos@aga.asn.au], or directly through the Standards Australia website: <https://sapc.standards.org.au/sapc/public/listOpenCommentingPublication.action>

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