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2017 AGA Industry Forum

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November 2017

AGA Chairman, Mr Chris Devlin announced today that the 2017 AGA Industry Forum will be held at the "Oaks on Collins" in Melbourne on 28th and 29th November. Mr Devlin said the Forum would commence with the traditional "Welcome Dinner" on the evening of Tuesday 28th followed by the Plenary Sessions and Farewell Dinner on Wednesday 29th November.

The theme of this year's Forum will be "Gas in a Climate of Change" which will be both topical and informative.

The Federal government has committed to a target of 26-28% reduction in emissions by 2030 on 2005 levels and this will have significant flow-on effects for the gas industry as other forms of energy production and utilisation are incentivised. Another key focus of Federal and state governments will be domestic energy prices and security of supply. All of these factors will drive energy policy as governments tackle issues associated with energy price, security of supply and commitments to the Paris Accord targets which, inevitably, will create challenges and opportunities for the gas industry, including manufacturers and suppliers of gas appliances, components and controls.

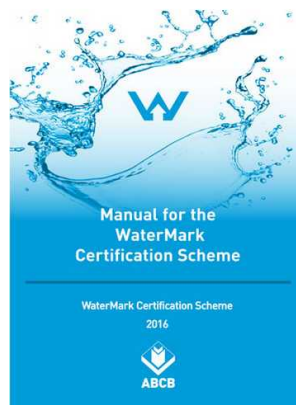
We are developing a very exciting program and hope to see you at the 2017 AGA Industry Forum. Please make a note in your diaries and keep the 28th and 29th November 2017 free. The "Oaks on Collins" is an excellent venue located in the heart of Melbourne's central business district at 480 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000. We will keep you posted in subsequent editions of NewsFlash when registrations open.

WaterMark Scheme Update

New publication - Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme

The framework associated with the improved WaterMark scheme has now been set and detailed in the Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme published by the Australian Buildings Code Board -

<https://www.abcb.gov.au/Resources/Publications/Certification/Manual-for-the-WaterMark-Certification-Scheme>



The key features of the improved scheme include:

- A single level of certification for all products i.e. removal of existing Level 1 and Level 2 product categories.
- The Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme which now includes all key documents associated with the scheme.
- A revised and tightened risk assessment process

We are now gearing up to offer WaterMark services under the improved scheme which will be progressively implemented from 1 August 2017. To allow Industry to adjust to the changes and allow enough time for key stakeholders to update to the new requirements, there will be a transition period.

We shall contact you in due course to assist you with the transition, however, if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Ivan Marsic – imarsic@aga.asn.au.



Outstanding Committee Award

Standards Australia Committee AG-013 > Components used for Gas Appliances & Equipment

Congratulations to the members of Standards Australia committee AG-013 (Components used for Gas Appliances and Equipment) for receiving the 2017 Outstanding Committee Award. The members of AG-013 under the leadership of the Chair Mr. Ross Jamieson, have worked hard and efficiently to update relevant gas component Standards in a short period of time. As always, if any of our members would like any matter raised on this committee please contact your representative on AG-013, Mr Billy Tabourlos.

For more information please go to

<http://www.standards.org.au/OurOrganisation/News/Pages/Winners-of-the-2017-Standards-Awards.aspx>

Latest Standards Updates

There have been no gas or related Standards published this month affecting AGA customer Certifications.

