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New Year, AGA Goals & Future Planning

2015 has been a very busy year for AGA and much has been accomplished. Collectively, we have achieved improved safety outcomes in relation to portable outdoor gas appliances such as column & area heaters, barbecues, portable cartridge cookers & heaters and gas cartridges.



We have received positive feedback from Members and Customers regarding the reduction in the turnaround times for certification projects and laboratory testing services and further improvements in customer service for 2015. Whilst these achievements are pleasing, there is no time to rest on our laurels and, therefore, we are planning further improvements to our processes this year in order to deliver higher quality customer service and technical depth. AGA's goals for 2016 include reduced Certification and Testing turnaround times, improvement of our national Standards, the introduction of safer LPG cylinder connections and the introduction of new certification processes to cater for individual (one-off) gas appliances.

Each of our Members and Customers will have a dedicated Client Manager to assist with all matters relating to product certification and laboratory testing as well as any general enquiries that may arise. In addition, AGA is able to represent the views of its Members during the Standards Australia writing process with supported laboratory testing to action Standard upgrades when and where required.

AGA would like to wish all of its Members and Customers all the best for 2016 and we look forward to working with you and helping you to achieve your goals and deadlines.

Two AGA identities retire

Two well known AGA identities have retired in January this year after long and distinguished careers in the Australian gas industry. Stephen (Choppo) Chopping and Anthony (Tony) Stevenson decided it was time to hang up their boots leaving big shoes to fill.

Stephen has been in the Australian gas industry for most of his career specialising in HR, administration and quality systems and was instrumental in the development and maintenance of AGA's quality system processes. Stephen joined AGA in 1994 and will be sorely missed.

Tony, a chemist by profession, started his career at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology where he worked as a lecturer before joining the Scientific Services Division of the Gas & Fuel Corporation where he established his reputation as an expert in gas quality and analysis. Tony has passed on his knowledge to many of the engineers at AGA and will be greatly missed.

We thank Steve and Tony for the outstanding contributions they have made to our industry and wish them all the very best in retirement.

[Photos from their retirement lunches](#)



New Flame Safeguard requirement for domestic gas cooking appliances



As outlined below in the "Latest Standards Updates" article, AS/NZS 5263.1.1 has now been published. One of the new requirements which comes into effect on 1st July 2017 involves the introduction of flame safeguards on all burners on domestic cookers. Government regulatory authorities advise that all affected Certificates must be updated and issued before that date.

For any further queries, please contact our Group Manager, Technical Operations, Mr Billy Tabourlos.

Latest Standards Updates

The Standards for "Domestic gas cooking appliances" (AS/NZS 5263.1.1) and "Gas fired water heaters for hot water supply and/or central heating" (AS/NZS 5263.1.2) were published on 11th February 2016. In conjunction with AS 5263.0, these now replace AS 4551-2008 "Domestic gas cooking appliances" and AS 4552-2005 : "Gas fired water heaters for hot water supply and/or central heating" respectively.

Accordingly, all Certifications for gas cookers and gas water heaters must now be updated to requirements of the new standards. Please contact your Client Manager for more information.

The Standards for "Gas space heating appliances" (AS/NZS 5263.1.3), "Domestic outdoor gas barbecues" (AS/NZS AS 5263.1.7) are expected to be published in the near future - we will keep you posted.

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