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Message from AGA's Managing Director & CEO

AGA is a not-for-profit member-based industry association, the objectives of which are to support Australian industry and businesses through the provision of the highest quality product certification, laboratory testing and product development services for the gas, plumbing, electrical and whitegoods industries. AGA and its predecessor organisations, date back to 1925 when the National Gas Association (NGA) was formed and the first gas appliance codes were written by the NGA. In 1962, the NGA and the Australian Gas Institute merged to form the Australian Gas Association (AGA) and has earned international acclaim for its contribution to consumer safety and its technical expertise. AGA has progressively expanded the suite of product certification services available to include plumbing, electrical and whitegoods products, all of which are recognised by the relevant State and Territory Regulatory Authorities. These services have been built on a proud product certification history spanning over 50 years.

AGA is committed to supporting the efforts of these industries in improving the safety, reliability and environmental performance of Products for the benefit of the Australian community. AGA also provides technical expertise and test facilities to assist government and regulatory authorities investigating safety-related incidents or developing strategies to improve consumer safety.



AGA's laboratory and product certification services are accredited to the international benchmark standards ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17065 and are monitored by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) and Joint Accreditation System for Australian and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) respectively. Accreditation to these international standards is important and AGA's laboratory and certification services were recently successfully audited by NATA and JAS-ANZ respectively, however, that is only part of the story. What is equally important, if not more so, is the organisation's commitment to consumer safety, customer service and technical expertise. These are the things in which we take great pride and pleasure in serving industry and our community.

If you would like to learn more about the services AGA offers you can visit our website at www.aga.asn.au, contact AGA either at office@aga.asn.au or directly by contacting your Client Manager or myself and we will be pleased to assist.

Chris J Wealthy
Managing Director & CEO

Annual General Meeting of AGA Members

The Australian Gas Association Limited held its 54th Annual General Meeting on 22 June 2016 at the AGA office. Chairman Mr. Chris Devlin thanked members present at the meeting for taking time out in their busy schedules to attend the AGM and he thanked all the other Members for their continued loyalty and support. Mr Devlin spoke about the historical significance and commercial importance of Natural Gas exploration in Australia. He emphasised that there are still untapped reserves of gas in Australia

and the local & export industries will see a significant boost in near future, but despite all that Australia does not have an overarching National Energy Policy. He highlighted the need for a comprehensive National Energy Policy to recognise and foster the interests of all stakeholders from wellhead to burner tip.

Managing Director & CEO Mr. Chris Wealthy also addressed the Members and briefly spoke about the current regulatory environment of the Gas Industry. Mr Wealthy also thanked Members present at the meeting and those who weren't able to attend for their continued support of AGA.

Members were served light lunch after the meeting and they used this opportunity to meet with the Directors, their Client Managers and network with other members.



2016 Gas Speak Colloquium

The Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT) will be conducting the 2016 Gas Speak Colloquium from Monday 29 August to Wednesday 31 August at The National Portrait Gallery, Canberra.

Gas Speak is an annual event that has been running since 1982 and the objective is to:

“To encourage an awareness and knowledge of the gas industry in Australia by providing a forum for young people to present papers, chair sessions, conduct syndicate discussions and develop the art of self-expression and communication.”

Gas businesses are encouraged to nominate young people from the gas industry for this event which is a well-regarded educational opportunity. There will be 30 delegate places available for applicants under the age of 40 years old who will be drawn from all areas of the natural gas industry with equal opportunity for applicants from exploration/production, transmission, distribution, retail and appliance sectors.

Noting the success of previous Gas Speak events, it may be expected that there are more nominations than vacancies. Nominations will be accepted in the order that they are received and at the discretion of AGIT so as to encourage broad participation from all industry sectors and businesses.

More information can be found on our website at <http://www.agit.org.au/site.php?id=417> or email at info@agit.org.au



Latest Standards Updates

The public comment process for most of the gas components Standards was initiated on 28th June 2016 and will be ending on the **30th August 2016**. The following Standards are affected:



- AS 4617 - Manual shut off gas valves**
- AS 4618 - Gas appliance thermostats**
- AS 4619 - Gas appliance thermostats**
- AS 4620 - Thermoelectric flame safe guards**
- AS 4621 - Regulator for use with liquefied petroleum – vapour phase**
- AS 4624 - Combination controls for gas**
- AS 4628 - Pressure and temperature limit devices for use with gas burners**
- AS 4629 - Automatic shut off and vent valves**
- AS 4631 - Limited flexibility connectors for gas**
- AS 4632 - Over-pressure and under-pressure cut off device**

The main change is to include alternative allowed markings regarding units of measure, such as mbar and PSI.

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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