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Reminders for next week

2017 AGA Industry Forum - 28th & 29th Nov 2017

Please follow the link below for the forum schedule and to register:



AGA - Annual General Meeting - 30th November 2017

The 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Australian Gas Association will be held on Thursday 30th November 2017 at AGA's Head Office, located at 66 Malcolm Rd Braeside Victoria 3195.

Please contact our Mr Sajjad Junaidi (sjunaidi@aga.asn.au) to register your attendance and for catering purposes.

Outdoor Gas Area Heaters NSW Prohibition Order

Most readers would be aware that NSW Fair Trading raised concerns relating to the safety of outdoor heaters with an integral LP Gas cylinder. The concerns raised primarily related to the size and portability of these appliances because they can easily be taken indoors which could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.



Accordingly, NSW Fair Trading issued a Prohibition Order on 22nd October 2014 prohibiting the sale or supply of these appliance types in NSW. The Prohibition Order applies to appliances where the radiant heating surface, **OR** combustion product outlet, is less than 1.8 m from the ground.

The Prohibition Order referenced AS 4565:2004 which was the applicable Australia Standard at that time, however, this standard was superseded earlier this year when the new standard AS/NZS 5263.1.4 "Gas appliances Radiant gas heaters" was published.

Please note that the wording in AS/NZS 5263.1.4 differs from that of the Prohibition Order as it refers to appliances where the radiant heating surface **AND** combustion product outlet are less than 1.8 m from the ground.



To clarify this matter AGA conferred with NSW Fair Trading and can now confirm that if either the radiant heating surface, **OR** combustion product outlet, is less than 1.8 m from the ground, requirements of the Prohibition Order will apply and take precedence over AS/NZS 5263.1.4. Fair Trading has advised that the Prohibition Order will be amended to reference AS/NZS 5263.1.4 and remove the reference to AS4565.

FINAL CALL

Up to \$8,000 Available for Women's Leadership Development

Women currently working in the mining and resources sector have a final opportunity to register their interest in a scholarship worth up to \$8,000 to support participation in an accredited leadership development program.

Funding must be apportioned by the end of 2017 and it is unsure when these grants will be available again. Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form on the link below **prior to December 15, 2017**: <https://www.wla.edu.au/funding>

A limited pool of scholarship funding has currently been provisioned for women to participate in a range of leadership courses. Grants of \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$8,000 are allocated with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for women.

- Experienced senior and executive leaders are eligible to apply for an \$8,000 scholarship to assist their participation in the Advanced Leadership Program (ALP).
- Mid-level managers are eligible to apply for a \$4,000 scholarship to assist their participation in the Executive Ready program (WER).
- Early career managers are eligible to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to assist their participation in the Accelerated Leadership Performance Program (ALPP)

The Leadership Development Programs are arranged by Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) which is a national initiative committed to supporting the presence of women in business and community leadership roles. WLA is based on the belief that women represent an enormously under-utilised national resource. Through supporting a greater percentage of talented women to step up into leadership positions, tremendous cultural and economic benefits will follow.

ERAC and NSW Fair Trading Electrical Certification Information

AS/NZS 60335.2.6 – 2014 which was published 28 November 2014 to supersede the 2008 version included a major change that relates to a reduction in temperatures allowed for accessible surfaces. This is an improvement to safety outcomes and, therefore, equipment should meet these requirements as soon as possible.

ERAC have advised that for the Australian Capital Territory, New Zealand, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia jurisdictions, any current certificate will remain valid for the period listed on the certificate unless a safety issue arises. After that time, assessments to the new requirements would apply. Refer to this link for details - http://www.erac.gov.au/images/Downloads/Information%20Notice%20-%200017%20DoA-%20ASNZS%2060335%20-%202014%201_1.pdf

In the case of New South Wales, the new requirements become applicable after 30 November 2017 and for this jurisdiction

all certifications are required to be updated accordingly.

Latest Standards Updates

DR AS 4617 (Limited flexibility connectors for gas) is out for public comment which will be ending on **18th January 2018**.

Also as mentioned in our previous NewsFlash, DR AS 4631 (Manually operated gas valves) is also out for public comment which will be ending on **27th December 2017**.

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>

