



AGA NewsFlash

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2018 AGA Gas Industry Forum



The 2018 AGA Industry Forum will be held at Oaks on Collins, 480 Collins St Melbourne VIC on 27th & 28th November. The theme of the Forum is **"THE FUTURE OF GAS"** and there is a very exciting list of Speakers for the event. Those Registered for the Forum may also choose to join other delegates at the Welcome Dinner on Tuesday 27th November commencing at 5:30 p.m. with pre-dinner drinks.

The Keynote Dinner Speaker will be Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO FAA FTSE. This is a must see event and we strongly recommend you register early to be assured of a seat.



A distinguished list of Speakers for the Plenary Sessions will give insight to the opportunities and challenges for the gas industry and keep us abreast of the

many current issues and developments facing our industry. Speakers include Dr Dennis Van Puyvelde Head of Gas Energy Networks Australia, Enzo Alfonsetti Manager Type A Gas Appliance & Component Safety ESV & GTRC Chair, Vikram Singh, Lead Advisor for Low Carbon Transformation Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, Claire Johnson CEO Hydrogen Mobility Australia, John Griffiths CEO Gas Energy Australia, Bill Tabourlos Group Manager Technical Operations of AGA.

The Forum will conclude with a Farewell Dinner at the Wharf Hotel, World Trade Centre 18-38 Siddleley St Melbourne where you can network with colleagues and enjoy city views and waterfront ambience. Once again we urge you to book early to avoid disappointment.

You can register on-line by clicking on the image above or [HERE](#). Alternatively, you can contact our event organisers **Kylie or Sandi** if you have any questions:

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AGA Annual General Meeting



The 57th Annual General Meeting of The Australian Gas Association Ltd will be held on 27th November 2018 at "Oaks on Collins", Level 1, 480 Collins St Melbourne VIC 3000 commencing 4:00 p.m.

The AGA Chairman and Directors extend a warm invitation to all AGA Member Organisations to attend the AGM. All Members are encouraged to attend the AGM at which Chairman Chris Devlin will deliver his Annual Report and audited Financial Statement.

The venue for the AGM was chosen for the convenience of AGA Members wishing to also attend the 2018 AGA Industry Forum which will follow the AGM commencing with pre-dinner drinks at 5:30 p.m.

To assist with event coordination, please advise Mrs Sandi Hubbard (shubbard@aga.asn.au) or Ms Kylie Birt (kbirt@aga.asn.au) if you will be attending the AGM.

LPG Cylinder valve connection update – Safe & Connect



Industry stakeholders agreed last year that a change of the LPG cylinder valve outlet was needed from the current POL (Type 21) connection due to increasing LPG gas leakage incidents. The possible alternative solutions which were discussed and agreed upon were as follows:

- POL (Type 21) valve with back-check,
- QCC with Type 21 internal threaded valve
- Modified QCC without an internal Type 21

Given that the LPG cylinder connection is referenced in a number of Standards under a range of Standards Australia committees, it was recognised that a coordinated approach is required for the update. As a result, on the 31st August 2018, a project proposal was lodged with Standards Australia to initiate the simultaneous amendments of the following Standards:

AS 2473.2

Valves for compressed gas cylinders Outlet connections (threaded) and stem (inlet) threads

AS 4627

Quick-connect devices for gas

AS/NZS 1596

The storage and handling of LP Gas

AS/NZS 5601:1

Gas installations General installations

AS/NZS 5601.2

Gas installations in caravans and boats for non-propulsive purposes

AS 4621

Regulators for use with liquefied petroleum - Vapour phase

AS/NZS 5263:0

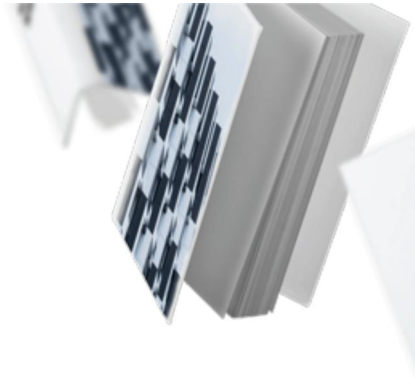
Gas appliances General Requirements

AS/NZS5263.1.7

Gas appliances Domestic outdoor gas barbecues

In addition, Standards Australia will be hosting the Safe + Connect Forum this October to further discuss the transition process with Stakeholders. AGA will be heavily involved in this process and will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Standards Update



AS/NZS 5601.2:2013 Amd 3:2018 (Gas installations, Part 2: LP Gas installations in caravans and boats for non-propulsive purposes) has been published on **24 September 2018**.

Also, AS/NZS 5263.1.12 (Gas appliances, Part 1.12: Gas pool heaters) is out for public comment ending on **21st November 2018**.

If you would like to submit any comments, you may forward them to our Group Manager, Technical Operations, Mr Bill (Vasilios) Tabourlos [btaborlos@aga.asn.au], or directly through the Standards Australia website: [Click Here](#)

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