

**GAS APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION of
AUSTRALIA Inc.**

ABN: 76 660 439 676

**MINUTES OF THE 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 1.15 PM ON THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2015
AT L2. 441 ST KILDA ROAD MELBOURNE**

ATTENDEES

Andrew Creek (Chairman)	SIT Gas Controls
Gareth Jennings	Rheem Australia
Leon Bogers	Rinnai Australia
Anthony Edwards	Robert Bosch
Ian Forte	Electrolux Home Products
Ross Jamieson	SIT Gas Controls
Paul Bains	Comcater
Richard Calaby	Climate Technologies
Dora Bettridge	VIPAC
Anubhav Anand	Techrite
Wayne Quinn	Techrite
Murray Reckdale	Techrite
Chris Blogg	Rinnai Australia
Megan Lehtonen	IAPMO
Glenn Tate	IAPMO
Lokkay Tam	IAPMO
Georgia Kokosoulis	IAPMO
Chris Wealthy	AGA
Chris Devlin	AGA
Billy Tabourlos	AGA
Paul Hodolic	Keefer Bros

IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Onley	GAMAA Executive Officer/Secretary
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APOLOGIES

Peter Faase	DUX manufacturing
Paul Allwood	Seeley International
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Probity Compliance

The Executive Officer confirmed that the meeting had been conducted in accordance with the GAMAA's protocols on Compliance with Part IV of the Trade Practices Act and that the Standing Agenda item on Trade Practices compliance had also been reviewed and its contents observed throughout the meeting by those present. Further that the minutes of this meeting duly record that the activities of the meeting were conducted in accordance with the Protocols and in compliance with the Act.

1. Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcome attendees to the 51stGAMAAAGM 2015

2. Approval of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting – 4 September 2014

The minutes were accepted as true and correct

Moved: Richard Calaby

Seconded: Ross Jamieson- Carried

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

No matters arising

3. Financial Report

The Executive Officer presented the audited financial report for the year to 30 June 2015. The financial report was accepted.

Moved: Anthony Edwards

Seconded: Chris Blogg- Carried

4. Appointment of Auditor

The Chair announced that Paul Fox – Super Audit Services as the Association's Auditor for financial year to end 30 June 2016.

Moved: Gareth Jennings

Seconded: Paul Bains- Carried

5. Presidents Report

GAMAA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th August 2015

President's Report.

Members of GAMAA, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present to you an overview of the activities of GAMAA during the preceding 12 months.

The last year has been busy and rewarding in many areas. However there are issues that are requiring intense attention to ensure that gas remains a viable fuel of choice for Australian consumers.

Your elected council members continue to work together for the benefit of all members, and the maintenance and improvement of our position in this important industry.

Our Chief Executive Rod Brutlag has retired from this position after 16 years of valuable guidance and professionalism. Rod continued to prepare our weekly newsletter Gas Connections until the end of July and is now on holiday in the USA.

We thank Rod for his leadership since his appointment in 2008 and must acknowledge his efforts in forming the E3 Review committee "Trade Association Group" which successfully engaged with General Manager Mr David Walker to put a whole of industry perspective on the GEMS proposals.

I personally wish to record my thanks to Rod. We worked closely over the entire journey, and became close friends. Rod had a great knowledge of, and insight into similar associations in the USA and he worked tirelessly to keep the information supply to our members.

New councillor

GAMAA Council has co-opted Ross Jamieson to assist with some major inputs, while Richard Calaby has chosen to become a regular participating member of our Technical Committee meetings.

Council Initiatives

Last year I advised you of the list of critical issues confronting our industry. The first of these continues to be a significant issue.

The GEMS regulations introduction continues at great pace with the E3 committee (Federal Department of Industry and Science) creating a website where consumers can compare gas appliance energy efficiency directly with other forms of energy. This of course will be problematic for many reasons.

The E3 department purchased some 18 appliances, Flued space heaters, Flue less space heaters and Central heating furnaces which were tested against the requirements of the applicable Australian Standard. The results were not consistent and our members were required to explain the variations. Further discussions will take place in early September.

The other issue raised last year is the requirement to comply with the NMI (National Measurement Institute) use of SI units for pressure on all components. This will become a huge problem and issue for GAMAA members if not corrected.

GAMAA's representatives on Standards committees.

GAMAA is a significant "Nominating Organisation" to Standards Australia Gas Industry Sector. We have 38 representatives working on 17 Standards committees, and many are representing us on more than one committee. This is a very large contribution to the success of our industry, and we must thank our member companies and the individual "volunteers" who continue to strive to achieve our goals of safety, efficiency and world standard performance.

Standards Australia has recently appointed Jonathan Russell to be the Gas Sector Manager. GAMAA has appointed Ross Jamieson to be the primary contact and has already established a strong and valuable working relationship with Jonathan.

Australian Gas Industry Trust

GAMAA is a foundation member of the AGIT education trust fund.

AGIT assumed responsibility for Australia's Charter membership of the International Gas Union (IGU).

AGIT has successfully tendered for LNG18 to be held in Perth in April 2016. The Organising Committee is in full flight with the task of coordinating this very large event.

AGIT has successfully provided funding for training of apprentices through the Master Plumbers Association and the Brunswick PICAC facility. The contacts Mr Ken Gardner and Alexandra Mannell were established through GAMAA.

Gas Speak will again be conducted in Canberra in early September. It is disappointing that only one participant has been provided by a GAMAA member company. The Colloquium has been held continuously since 1982 this event has been a huge success for all participants. Once again Chris Blogg and I will be mentors.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all members of GAMAA for your participation and particularly those members of the Standards Committees who work tirelessly for the benefit of all. You are the backbone of our industry. To the members who actively support our Technical Committee meetings, I also extend our sincere thanks.

I also extend our thanks to our member company's management who continue to support the work of GAMAA. Your Councillors have dedicated many hours to ensuring that we remain relevant, and continue to address the matters that are important.

Thanks also to Ai Group for the professional administrative support.

Lastly I would like to thank Jon Onley our Executive Officer for his constant and reliable attention to details in all of our deliberations.

GAMAA has I believe conducted its affairs and involvement in our industry matters actively and professionally, and I am sure that we have made strong impressions on those with whom we have engaged.

Sincerely

Andrew Creek

8th August 2015

6. Election of Councilors

Nominations for the GAMAA Council have been received and as the number did not exceed the number allocated therefore no election is required. The Executive Officer presented the following list of councilors who have nominated for the Executive Council:

President

Member Andrew Creek, SITGas Controls *Elected*

Executive Council

Member Leon Bogers, Rinnai *Elected*

Member Ian Forte, Electrolux *Elected*

Member Paul Allwood, Seeley International *Elected*

Member Peter Faase, DUX Manufacturing *Elected*

Member Anthony Edwards, Robert Bosch *Elected*

Member Gareth Jennings, Rheem Australia *Elected*

Member Paul Bains, Comcater *Elected*

Member Ross Jamieson, SITGas controls *Elected*

The motion was put that the positions as nominated be accepted.

Moved: Paul Hodolic

Seconded: Richard Calaby- carried

6. Other Business

No Other Business Received

7. Adjournment

As there was no other business, Andrew Creek closed the meeting at 1.45pm