



**Gas Appliance  
Manufacturers  
Association of  
Australia**

### **Welcome new GAMAA members**

I would like to let you know that Aurora Climate Systems joined GAMAA late last year and it was remiss of me not to formally announce them joining GAMAA before this. Aurora are known nationally for their high efficiency range of Archer Gas Space Heaters. Aurora are a Melbourne based family business and we welcome them into our family.  
<http://www.auroraclimatesystems.com.au/>

Another very new member is Scandia Heating who joined GAMAA in early July. Scandia, similar to Aurora is another long running family business who traditionally have produced a range of market leading wood heaters but have now seen the light and are in the final stages of putting together a range of gas space heaters. With their extensive experience in wood fueled heaters I am sure their new exciting range of gas heaters will help grow our gas space heating market.

<http://www.scandiastoves.com.au>

### **GAMAA AGM**

GAMAA will hold its 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 September.

The AGM will be held at L2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne and will start at 1.15 pm with a light lunch starting at 12.30. All members are welcome to attend. Attendance forms will be sent to members shortly.

### **Queensland Government goes forward on exploration**

The oil and gas industry welcomes the release of Queensland's first exploration forward plan.

Queensland's first exploration forward plan released yesterday will deliver certainty and opportunity to the state's resources sector and local communities in the state's north-west, central and south-west.

Minister for State Development and Natural Resources and Mines Minister Dr Anthony Lynham released the first annual exploration program today, setting out the 826 square kilometres of land to be made available for minerals, coal, and petroleum and gas exploration over the next 12 months.

The seven areas range from Cloncurry in the north-west, though the Bowen Basin in central Queensland, to near Surat in the south-west.

The areas to be released are:

- 102 sq km for minerals exploration in Queensland's North West Minerals Province, to be released by September 2016
- 451 sq km for petroleum and gas exploration near Surat and Injune between October and December 2016
- 273 sq km for coal exploration between Middlemount and Blackwater in the Bowen Basin between April and June 2017.

"The forward plan announces the release of exciting prospective areas for natural gas exploration near Surat and Injune," said Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Chief Executive Dr Malcolm Roberts.

"Finding and developing gas reserves in this area will deliver significant benefits to local communities and Queensland as a whole.

"Past exploration successes have led to Queensland's world-class LNG industry and ensured secure local supply of gas for Queensland households and industry.

"More than 13,000 people are directly employed in Queensland's gas industry. Developing new gas reserves is essential to sustaining these jobs and, in time, creating more jobs.

"The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Dr Anthony Lynham, is to be congratulated for leading a more transparent approach to acreage releases.

"The forward plan follows extensive consultations with local communities, farmers, traditional owners and the industry". Article from Gas Today

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