

Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia

## **GAS** Connections

## Australian Gas Networks (AGN) - new website

Ai Group is part of AGN's Victoria/Albury Reference Group and through engagement with this group provides comments and information that feeds directly into AGN's customer engagement strategies.

Their new website provides a simplified journey for AGN customers and stakeholders and contains key information about natural gas, including the connection process, combining information previously contained across eight separate websites.

For AGN <u>stakeholders</u>, this new site replaces previous stakeholder website and contains information which is easier to navigate and provides ample opportunity to <u>Have your</u> <u>say...</u>

Both Ai Group and GAMAA continues to work closely with AGN on opportunities to grow the take up of natural gas through out AGN's catchment areas in Victoria (mostly Melbourne), South Australia (mostly Adelaide) and Queensland (mostly Brisbane), as well as in smaller centres in New South Wales (Albury, Wagga Wagga) and the Northern Territory (Alice Springs).

Major projects currently underway, or planned, are:

| South Australia | <ul> <li>Tanunda</li> <li>McLaren Vale</li> <li>Buckland Park (12, 000 homes over 25 years)</li> <li>Gawler East</li> </ul>            |
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| Victoria        | <ul> <li>Merrifield (37, 000 homes over 20 years)</li> <li>Heathcote/Wandong Junction</li> <li>Koo Wee Rup</li> <li>Mildura</li> </ul> |
| Queensland      | • Ripley Valley (50, 000 homes over 20 years)  |

AGN networks and assets are operated and maintained by APA Asset Management - a valued GAMAA member.

## Vale - Russell Brown

As reported in the GEA newsletter

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of an industry legend and Gas Energy Australia Honorary Member Russell Brown. Russell passed away peacefully on the 7<sup>th</sup> October after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Russell was a respected leader in our gas technical community, a brilliant gas engineer and friend to the Association. Russell contributed much to the LPG industry through a range of committees, helping set the standards for our industry.

Russell had a long history in the gas industry which began with his own plumbing and installation business. In 1976, Russell began working with the Gas and Fuel Corporation as a maintenance supervisor and transferred to the LPG Department of the Gas and Fuel Corporation, Heatane Gas, in 1983. Russell's career at Elgas began in 1993, when Elgas acquired Heatane Gas and he became National Technical Projects Manager for Elgas.

Russell was a leader in both the Safety, Standards and Technical Committee and Transportation Committee and his resolute reasoning, technical insight and camaraderie will be sorely missed.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday 15 December - GAMAA Technical Committee meeting & Christmas Lunch

We are planning to hold our next Technical Committee meeting and Christmas Lunch on 15 December at the Sandringham Yacht Club with the Technical Committee meeting commencing at 9.30am. The Christmas lunch is schedule to commence at 12noon. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.