

## Andrew Creek OAM

Andrew Creek has been awarded an OAM in this year's Australia Day Awards that were announced yesterday. It was awarded to Andrew in recognition for his "service to business, particularly to the domestic gas industry".

Andrew held the position of Managing Director of SIT Gas Controls from 14 October 1991 to his retirement from the position on 31 December 2012 (21 years). Prior to joining SIT, Andrew spent many years in senior roles at Vulcan Australia. Andrew has held the position of President of GAMAA since 1998 (19 years) and was awarded GAMAA Life Membership in 2012.

Andrew is well known for his love and passion of the gas industry and has given back many hours to help support Australian Manufacturing and the community more broadly. Andrew's roles on the boards of the Australian Gas Associations and Australian Gas Industry Trust (AIGT Chair between 2007 & 2010) along with his tireless work representing the gas industry with Standards Australia is testament to his deep seated love for the gas industry. Andrew currently is a member of the Standards Australia Gas Industry Sectors Board a position he has held for many years.

Not only is Andrew respected by his business colleagues and associates he also holds a senior position at the Sorrento Sailing Coota Boat Club and is a long standing senior member at the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and also officiates when the SYC holds international events. For a number of years Andrew participated in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race as a crew member.

Andrew and his wife Patricia (Trish) have recently opted for a sea-change and now live in Sorrento regularly commuting to Melbourne for business and family commitments.

I am sure all GAMAA members and gas industry stakeholders will join the GAMAA Executive in extending whole-hearted congratulations to Andrew on being Awarded this fabulous honor.

## GEA Budget Submission highlights many benefits of gaseous fuels

GEA 20 January 2017

GEA's 2017-18 Pre-Budget submission encourages the Commonwealth Government to promote diversification into other energy sources, including gaseous fuels, rather than just renewables to ensure Australia's energy security is maintained. This is the same argument made in a recent submission to the Tasmanian Energy Security Task Force and a letter to the Finkel Review of the security of the National Electricity Market in light of the recent power shortages and disruptions in South Australia and Tasmania. [Read more here](#)

## Failure to harness gas robs Australia of jobs and lower emissions

GEA 20 January 2017

Gas Energy Australia CEO John Griffiths, today welcomed the call from Federal Energy Minister Frydenberg for action to increase gas supply to protect local jobs. Mr Griffiths also emphasised that the issue goes beyond simply protecting current jobs.

"Regrettably, because we have been so focused on renewables – the technology for which is largely imported – we may lose our technology leadership edge in what is a niche area of opportunity for Australia." [Read full article](#)

## LNG, low commodity prices, blanket moratoriums - can the domestic market recover?

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The triple whammy of the ramp up of CSG-LNG projects in Queensland, moratoriums in NSW, VIC and the NT and low global commodity prices mean the domestic gas market on Australia's east coast is facing one of the most challenging times in its history.

Large users face higher prices and uncertainty when looking for long term contracts. Gas producers are unable to produce in certain regions and facing significant uncertainty in others.

## UK study – NG to Hydrogen

Northern Gas Networks in the UK are investigating converting their Natural Gas networks to hydrogen. The link below is the report that found it economically and technologically feasible, as well as a short film explaining the project.

Film & Report links:

<http://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/2016/07/watch-our-h21-leeds-city-gate-film/>

<http://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/H21-Report-Interactive-PDF-July-2016.pdf>



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