

GAMAA Technical Committee meeting - SAVE THE DATE

The next GAMAA Technical meeting will be held on Friday 20 July 2018 at L2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne, commencing at 10am – Ezo Alfonsetti (ESV) will be joining the meeting ----To register please email associations@aigroup.com.au

Standards Australia Update

A full revision of AS 4617:2018 Manually operated gas valves has been published 28th June. This has resulted in better definitions for Type 2 valves which are appliance control valves and new classification Type 4 valves which are special purpose valves such as changeover valves, gate valves, needle valves, test points, multi-port and valves that do not shut off fully. Additionally, design and performance requirements for Type 3 valves with are polyethylene valves are now aligned with either ISO 4437-4 or EN 1555-4.

GTRC Scheme Rules

Following the recent announcement by Energy Safe Victoria to adopt the “Gas Equipment Certification Scheme – The Rules” as of 1st January 2019 for all new certifications and 1st January 2020 for all existing certifications, GAMAA identified a number of areas of concern. Your GAMAA Councillors Leon Bogers and Ross Jamieson have been active in engaging with the GTRC with the support of Australian Industry Group, Gas Energy Australia (GEA), Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association (CESA), National Association of Food Equipment Suppliers (NAFES) and Australian Water Heater Forum (AWHF) regarding these concerns.

During the recent GTRC Meeting in Hobart Ross and Leon successfully argued a case for replacing the requirement that manufacturers, importers and distributors of gas equipment sign a declaration that their “gas equipment was safe when normally used and **foreseeably misused**”, an onerous requirement, with a simple declaration that their “gas equipment is safe”. The GTRC agreed to remove the term “foreseeable misuse” from the rules and aligned the definition of “safe” to the scope of AS3645, which states “*to ensure that gas equipment is designed and constructed in accordance with good engineering practice such that it does not endanger the safety of persons (particularly children, the elderly and people with disabilities), domestic animals or property, **when correctly installed and maintained, and used in applications for which it was intended***”.

GAMAA regard this as a positive outcome for gas appliance and component manufacturers which is also a great example of what can be achieved when industry and regulators work together in a genuine spirit of co-operation and compromise.

This week there was the publication of the revised Version 2.0 of the Gas Equipment Certification Scheme “The Rules” that is now published on the GTRC website [view here](#)

Your GAMAA Councillors will continue to monitor developments in the adoption of “The Rules” to achieve the overarching objective of achieving harmonization of requirements across CAB’s, certificate holders and jurisdictions in Australia.

Climate Technologies Sale Announcement

22nd June 2018

Climate Technologies today announced that it has entered into an agreement to be acquired by Symphony Limited Climate Technologies, one of Australia’s largest privately-owned manufacturers of heating and cooling products, has entered into an agreement to be acquired by Symphony Limited, one of the world’s largest manufacturers of evaporative coolers.

Symphony Limited have also committed to a long-term lease with an option to buy Climate Technologies Salisbury manufacturing facility in Adelaide. Climate Technologies is responsible for some of the most recognised heating and cooling appliances in Australia, including brands like Bonaire, which has a 64-year history, and Celair, which has a 46year history.

Mr. Tim O’Leary, CEO of Climate Technologies, said he was delighted with the transaction as the company will benefit from an alignment with a business that could accelerate geographical expansion as well as provide improved ranging and supply efficiencies to current and future customers. “We have a clear plan to grow the business. There are significant local and global growth opportunities available to the business and the sale will assist Climate Technologies take advantage of those opportunities. Symphony will add significant value to our business and provide the platform to continue our commitment to our customers and suppliers, enabling Climate Technologies to remain at the forefront of the heating and cooling segment,” Mr. O’Leary said.



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