



**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
Association of
Australia**

GAMAA AGM - Save the date Thursday 30 August 2018

The 54th GAMAA AGM will be held on Thursday 30 August at 1.15pm at Ai Group, L2. 441 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. A light lunch will be provided before the commencement of the AGM. More information will be provided later this week.

Brown Marmorate Stink Bug - Biosecurity (Import Australia) - UPDATE

Ai Group Member Update 8/8/2018

Further to our alter in last week's Gas Connections, the final measures have now been published on the [BMSB webpage](#).

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources have now included an additional page, [Preparing to import during the BMSB](#), to assist industry on the requirements to manage the seasonal measures prior to exporting goods to Australia. The treatment rates have also been published on the main [BMSB webpage](#). As noted in the recent update, the approved offshore treatment providers for the [Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme](#). Please note this list will be updated as they add more approved treatment providers.

More updates to the BMSB webpage will be made later this week, including details for onshore management of goods and scenarios from queries that we have been receiving from industry to assist importers and brokers before the season commences.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources will continue to make updates to the BMSB webpage and will advise as these changes are made. As advised, we are preparing for industry sessions (either face-to-face or webinars or a combination of both) for the week commencing 13 August 2018 and will provide these details soon.

If you are unsure of any of this information, please contact Carolyn Macgill, Ai Group's Manager Association Services direct: Mobile 0401 963 013, Email carolyn.macgill@aigroup.com.au, who will endeavor to assist you as much as possible.

World Gas Conference - Natural gas, available, accessible and affordable

ENA 3 August

Twelve thousand global gas leaders recently met in Washington DC for the World Gas Conference and we were there. We look at the role of gas from a North American perspective and how it compares with Australia's gas outlook. What lessons can we learn and how do we make the most of our abundant natural resources?

On 27 June this year, the COAG Energy Council released a report addressing frequently asked questions about the supply of natural gas. On the other side of the planet, gas experts were discussing the future of gas and maximising its potential. While the meeting and the COAG report address a lot of common issues such as unconventional gas, the major difference between the North American and Australian perspectives is price and availability. [Read more](#).

Venice predicts Victorian gas shortages

Gas Today 30 July 2018

The Australian reported that Venice Managing Director Kym Winter-Dewhirst said shortages on the southeast coast were likely to increase "from the beginning of next year when the reserves in the Otway Basin start to decline quite rapidly".

The forecast is divergent to the Australian Energy Market Operator's June assessment that the gas market would continue to improve and no supply gaps were expected before 2030.

Mr Winter-Dewhirst, who previously worked as a government relations executive for BHP, also said Venice was expecting further constraints which would result in a tightening of gas prices.

Venice is currently seeking government approval to develop an LNG import terminal in South Australia, to be supplied by Japanese-based Mitsubishi.

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