

## Newly Elected GAMAA President

At last week's GAMAA Executive Council meeting and AGM, Ross Jamieson was elected and endorsed as the new GAMAA President taking over from Andrew Creek OAM.

Ross is the Managing Director of SIT Gas Controls Pty Ltd who develop and manufactures systems designed for the safety, comfort and performance of gas equipment.

Ross has been with SIT for just over 7 Years and has been their MD for the last 5 years. Prior to taking on the role of MD, Ross was the Technical Sales Manager at SIT.

Prior to Joining SIT, Ross was South Eastern Regional Sales Manager for HOERBIGER who are known throughout the world as a leading player in the fields of compression technology, drive technology and hydraulics.

Ross has a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering and over the years has proven to be a valued contributor to the GAMAA Executive.

In his new role as GAMAA President, Ross will be ably supported by a refreshed GAMAA Executive Council structure that is:

### Vice Presidents

Gareth Jennings, Rheem Australia  
Leon Bogers, Rinnai Australia

### Executive Council

Ian Forte, Electrolux Home Products  
Paul Allwood, Seeley International  
Peter Faase, DUX Hot Water  
Anthony Edwards, Robert Bosch  
Paul Baini, Comcater

I am sure you will join us in congratulating Ross on his new appointment.

## Open Flued Gas Heaters - Update

Following on from the Coroner's findings into the unfortunate death of Sonia Sofianopoulos in July 2017; GAMAA has been working with John Bradley the Secretary of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Energy Safe Victoria and other key state and national industry bodies to ensure the Coroner's finding can be enacted effectively and efficiently.

In response to these findings, GAMAA has identified, in conjunction with Energy Safe Victoria, the need to modify the Australian product standard used for mandatory product certification, AS/NZS5263.1.3 "Gas space heating appliances", to ensure safe operation of open flued space heating appliances in negative pressure environments.

The Australian Standards AG-001 committee responsible for the AS/NZS 5263.1.3 has formed Working Group WG21 which has already commenced work on drafting the required changes to testing and compliance requirements. Further, a test room has been built at the AGA laboratory to enable the required testing to take place. The changes will result in the safe operation of new open flued space heating appliances in negative pressure environments.

GAMAA will keep members informed as other actions are implemented.

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#### GAMAA Christmas Lunch & Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 22 November

Venue: Sandringham Yacht Club - Jetty Road Sandringham

- 9.30am to 12noon - Technical Committee meeting - Training Room
- 12noon to 4pm - Christmas Lunch - Olympic Room

Separate invites will be sent to all members in the coming weeks for the Technical Committee Meeting and Christmas Lunch.



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