

# GAMAA Minutes

AGM

30/08/2018

GAS APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION of  
AUSTRALIA Inc.

ABN: 76 660 439 676

MINUTES OF THE 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT 1.15 PM ON THURSDAY 30 August 2018  
AT L2, 441 ST KILDA ROAD MELBOURNE

## ATTENDEES

Ross Jamieson (Deputy Chair)	SIT Gas Controls
Gareth Jennings	Rheem Australia
Leon Bogers	Rinnai Australia
Anthony Edwards	Robert Bosch
Paul Bains	Comcater
Peter Faase	Dux Hot Water
Ian Forte (Skype)	Electrolux Home Products
Paul Bonsak	IAPMO
Anson Du	IAPMO
Chris Blogg	Rinnai Australia
Dora Bettridge	VIPAC
Michael Llewelyn	APA
Chris Wealthy	AGA
Chris Devlin	AGA

## IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Onley	GAMAA Executive Officer/Secretary
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## APOLOGIES

Andrew Creek	Sit Gas Controls
Darren Ford	Glen Dimplex
Murray Reckdale	Techrite
Dushan Wickramarathna	Scandia Heating
Anubhav Anand	Techrite
Billy Tabourlos	AGA
Peter Giannuzzi	Concorde
Rebecca Searcy	SAIGlobal

## **Probity Compliance**

The Executive Officer confirmed that the meeting had been conducted in accordance with the GAMAA's protocols on Compliance with Part IV of the Trade Practices Act and that the Standing Agenda item on Trade Practices compliance had also been reviewed and its contents observed throughout the meeting by those present. Further that the minutes of this meeting duly record that the activities of the meeting were conducted in accordance with the Protocols and in compliance with the Act.

## **1. Welcome and Announcements**

The Deputy Chair Ross Jamieson welcome attendees to the 54<sup>th</sup> GAMAA AGM 2018

Ross announced Andrew Creek was an apology and was not able to attend.

## **2. Approval of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting – 31 August 2017**

The minutes were accepted as true and correct

Moved: Paul Bonsak

Seconded: Chris Wealthy

Carried

### **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

No matters arising

## **3. Financial Report**

The Executive Officer presented the audited financial report for the year to 30 June 2018. The financial report was accepted.

Moved: Anthony Edwards

Seconded: Paul Allwood

Carried

## **4. Appointment of Auditor**

The Chair announced that Paul Fox – Super Audit Services as the Association’s Auditor for financial year to end 30 June 2019.

Moved: Paul Allwood

Seconded: Gareth Jennings

Carried

## **5. Presidents Report**

The Deputy Chair Ross Jamieson, presented Andrew Creek’s 2017/18 President’s Report

27 August 2018

GAMAA Annual General Meeting

Members of GAMAA, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide you with an overview of the activities of GAMAA through the preceding 12-month period and by chance this year being our 61<sup>st</sup> year of representing the gas industry.

We continue to represent the interests of our members our industry generally to ensure the viability and safety of all consumers of gas utilising the appliances, equipment and services provided.

Your elected Councilors have all continued to work positively in the wide and various sectors of the domestic and commercial gas industry and have all achieved significant gains in the sector represented.

Having each member elected as councilor continuing their portfolio responsibilities for an extra year has increased the potency of their deliberations.

Your Executive Committee comprising; Gareth Jennings [Rheem], Ross Jamieson [Sit Gas Controls], Leon Bogers [Rinnai], Paul Allwood [Seeley International], Anthony Edwards [Robert Bosch], Ian Forte [Electrolux Home Products], Peter Faase [Dux Hot Water], and Paul Bains [Comcater], are providing insights into a wide and effective coverage of our gas appliances. The enthusiasm and skill provided by each will ensure that we are well and strongly represented.

We have all seen the sentiment and intense pressure from various sectors which are challenging the continuing viability of gas as a viable fuel of choice for Australian consumers. You can be assured we are engaging with every level of Government to ensure our pro-active gas voice is being heard.

We have increased our ongoing work in conjunction with other gas focused associations and organisations to maintain our important position as a fuel of choice. These include:

- Australian Gas Networks (AGN)
- Energy Networks Australia (ENA)
- Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT)
- Gas Energy Australia (GEA)
- Australian Industry Group
- Standards Australia
- Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC)
- Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)
- Australia Building Codes Board (ABCB)
- Future Fuels CRC
- and numerous Government departments

As you would be aware through our updates in our weekly industry newsletter Gas Connections, GAMAA has made a major commitment to participate as a key partner in the Future Fuels CRC.

The Future Fuels CRC will undertake research and development to transition Australia's energy infrastructure to a low-carbon economy using fuels such as hydrogen and biogas. Collaborating with over 60 companies, 6 universities, the energy market operator and 2 regulators the CRC will develop solutions for current infrastructure and equipment to use these new fuels today and well into the future. Future low-carbon fuels offer the potential to store and deliver reliable, clean, and affordable energy through both new and repurposed equipment.

This has only been achieved through the cooperation of a large number of parties working towards a single goal. The CRC will enable industry to leverage Australia's competitive advantages in renewable resources and its existing world-class gas industry and become a world innovator in low-carbon energy production, transportation and use. GAMAA's role will be key to unlocking valuable appliance testing data that will underpin future developments within this important project.

GAMAA continues to support The Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT) funded activity Gas Speak. Gas Speak 2018 was held this year 13-15 August Canberra in Canberra at the National Portrait Gallery. Again, this year we had some excellent presentations from the next generation of gas industry representatives. The objective of Gas Speak is to encourage an awareness and knowledge of the gas industry in Australia by providing a forum for young people to present papers, chair sessions, conduct syndicate discussions and develop the art of self-expression and communication. Gas Speak has been a successful and highly regarded gas industry event since 1982. It provides an opportunity for organisations to develop their younger staff and their communication skills, industry awareness and industry networks. This is an

extremely well regarded educational event and I encourage all our members to nominate young up-and-coming staff to apply next year's event.

Our GAMAA representatives who work across numerous Standards Committees have continued to ensure all our member interests are best served and I want to thank these hard-working individuals and their employers for their dedication and time devoted to ensuring that the Standards, which influence our Industry actually reflect reality and currency within the markets we all service.

All GAMAA Councilors and members recognise and appreciate the exceptional guidance and assistance provided by Ai Group's Membership Manager and our Executive Officer Jon Onley. Jon's attention to detail and the engagement with other Association executives provides us all with additional reach into our Industry. Our grateful thanks are extended to Jon and his staff.

I personally thank all who have contributed to GAMAA's success again this year for being recognised as the foremost gas appliance association in Australia. I especially want to thank our members for their contributions and who have actively promoted our ideals and expectations.



Andrew Creek OAM  
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## 6. Election of Councilors

Nominations for the GAMAA Council have been received and as the number did not exceed the number allocated therefore no election is required.

Andrew Creek decided not to stand for re-election.

To bring our Executive structure in line with our Constitution, two Vice Presidents were nominated at today's Executive Council meeting and Gareth Jennings (Rheem Australia) and Leon Bogers (Rinnai Australia) will fill those positions.

The Executive Officer presented the following list of councilors who have been elected to the GAMAA Executive Council:

### President

Member	Ross Jamieson, SITGas Controls	Elected
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### Vice President

Member	Gareth Jennings, Rheem Australia	Elected
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Member	Leon Bogers, Rinnai	Elected
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### Executive Council

Member	Ian Forte, Electrolux	Elected
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Member	Paul Allwood, Seeley International	Elected
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Member	Peter Faase, DUX Hot Water	Elected
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Member	Anthony Edwards, Robert Bosch	Elected
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Member	Paul Baini, Comcater	Elected
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The motion was put that the positions as nominated be accepted.

Moved: Paul Bonsak                      Seconded: Chris Wealthy                      Carried

The incoming President Ross Jamieson commended Andrew Creek on his outstanding contribution to both GAMAA for 26 Years and 20 years as President and to the gas Industry at large.

Ross provided The AGM an overview of Andrew's achievements:

Andrew has had a long association with the domestic gas industry in Australia.

As a young man he joined Vulcan Electrics from 1964 to 1971, I will let you all do the maths on how many years ago that was.

This followed by a period outside the gas industry with Australian Gypsum and in the smash repair industry where everyone can just cover over their mistakes.

But the gas industry still called, with Andrew re-joining Vulcan in 1981 until 1991 when Andrew decided to join SIT Gas Controls as Managing Director, position he held until 2012.

It was during this period that Andrew joined the Executive Council of GAMAA back in 1992.

He replaced industry legend Harold Seeley (12 years) as President in 1998.

In 2017 Andrew was recognized for services to the Gas Industry with an AOM for service to business, particularly to the domestic gas industry.

Andrew has held other positions such as:

- Board Member, Australian Gas Association Ltd, 1998-2015.
- Chair, Australian Gas Industry Trust, 2007-2010 and Director, since 2004.
- Member, Gas Industry Sectors Board, Standards Australia
- Member, AG-013 Components used for Gas Appliances and Equipment Committee, until 2004.

Andrew had some very large shoes to fill when he took over as President of GAMAA from Harold and he has left some very large shoes to fill albeit size 7 or 8.

I am honoured to be continuing the legacy that Andrew has left the industry with.

## **7. Other Business**

No other business received

## **8. Adjournment**

As there was no other business, Ross Jamieson closed the meeting at 1.40 pm