



**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
Association of
Australia**

**GAS
Connections**

Special GAMAA Technical meeting - a meeting you can't afford to miss!

SAVE THE DATE:

When: Wednesday 30th October

Where: Ai Group Level 2. 441 St Kilda Melbourne

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. (Lunch will be provided)

Members will have received a calendar invite last week for this special meeting from Ai Group. If you have not received an invite and would like to attend please contact

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Queensland releases hydrogen strategy

Gas Today

The Queensland Government has released its \$19 million plan to help establish a hydrogen industry in the state.

The [Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy 2019-2024](#) lays out the state's plan to facilitate hydrogen as a new energy source, including investing \$15 million to support an industry development fund.

The strategy is focused on five areas:

- supporting innovation
- facilitating private investment
- effective policy frameworks
- building community awareness and
- facilitating skills development.

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the fuel could be as beneficial to the state's economy as natural gas has been.

"In the 60s it was the space race. This century is all about energy," she said.

"Queensland is at the forefront of hydrogen development."

Queensland Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning Cameron Dick said the five-year plan would help drive the development of a sustainable and competitive industry.

..... Mr Dick said he would be meeting with business leaders and energy companies in Japan this week to discuss hydrogen opportunities, with Queensland having celebrated its first export of green hydrogen to the country in March this year. Read the full article [here](#).

Adelaide suburb first to get cleaner blend of gas

Australian Gas Networks

The transition by South Australia to a cleaner energy future has reached a new milestone. Residents in parts of the Adelaide suburb of Mitchell Park will by mid next year, become SA's first natural gas customers to receive a blended 5% renewable gas – a combination of natural gas and renewable hydrogen.

The renewable hydrogen will be produced at nearby Hydrogen Park South Australia.

First announced in February 2018, Australian Gas Networks (AGN) - part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) – will construct and operate a A\$11.4 million hydrogen production facility to produce renewable hydrogen at the Tonsley Innovation District, south of Adelaide.

AGN received a A\$4.9 million grant from the South Australian Government's Renewable Technology Fund to build and operate the project.

The renewable hydrogen will then be blended with natural gas and supplied to 710 customers in southern areas of Mitchell Park via the existing natural gas network. Read the full article [here](#)

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Standards Australia - vacancies and workshops

GAMAA as a nominating organisation to Standards Australia has the opportunity to provide members to represent GAMAA on various committees. We currently have vacancies on the following committees:

- AG-001 Gas Appliances
- AG-006 Gas Installation
- ME-070 Liquefied Natural Gas Storage and Handling

If you are interested in representing GAMAA on one of these committees please contact rjamieson@sitgas.com.au

Part of the requirement of sitting on Standards Committees is that information will be “Committee in Confidence” there have been a number of occasions where this requirement has not been respected.

Standards Australia has workshops in October on how to write an Australian Standard, it covers the principles of writing clear, performance-based standards, with exercises in-class to delve further into some of the finer points of drafting. All current committee members will have received this notification. The dates are:

Melbourne

- Tue 08 October 2019
- Wed 09 October 2019

Sydney

- Tue 15 October 2019
- Thu 17 October 2019

Brisbane

- Wed 23 October 2019

Ai Group Leading the Australian Performance Indices

Each month Ai Group releases real-time performance indices for the manufacturing, services and construction sectors. These national indices are constructed from survey data collected from businesses Australia-wide, on a representative sample basis.

View the August performance data [here](#)