GAMAA

Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia

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SAVE THE DATE - GAMAA CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: Friday 29 November 2019

Venue: Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) - Jetty Road Sandringham

- 12noon to 4pm - Christmas Lunch - Olympic Room
- Registrations will close Friday 22 November at 12 noon.
- Free parking

Members will receive a Christmas lunch email invitation that will allow them to register and pay electronically through Eventbrite. If you have any questions please contact jon.onley@aigroup.com.au

Please note: As in previous years, we will be holding a GAMAA Technical Committee meeting preceding the Christmas lunch - A separate calendar invite will be sent to members for this meeting.

- 9.30am - 12 noon SYC Training Room.

2019 AGA Industry Forum

Registrations for the 2019 AGA Industry Forum are closing soon, and seats are filling fast.

Welcome Dinner on Tuesday 19th November 2019

Forum on the Wednesday 20th November 2019
Held at the Oaks on Collins,480 Collins St Melbourne Vic 3000, from 8:30am to 5pm

Speakers will include:

David Norman, CEO Future Fuels Cooperative Research Centre
"A Collaborative Pathway to a Hydrogen Horizon"

Mr Hideo Nakanishi, Chairman & CEO Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association
"Japan's National Hydrogen Strategy"

Dr Daryl O'Brien, Director Technical and Regulation, Victorian Building Authority
"Preparing for a Hydrogen Future"

Enzo Alfonsetti, Manager Type A Gas Appliance & Component Safety, Energy Safe Victoria, and Chairman, Gas Technical Regulator's Committee
"Regulatory Update"

Vikram Singh, Lead Advisor, Low Carbon Transformation, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group
"The carbon transformation".

Samual Lee Mohan, Manager Innovation Projects Gas Australia, ATCO
"ATCO's Clean Energy Innovation Hub".

Ross Jamieson, Chairman Standards Australia Committee AG-013
"Transition from Type 21 POL to the QCC type LPG coupling"

Bill Tabourlos, Group Manager Technical Operations, The Australian Gas Association
"The evolution of the gas industry"

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NSW: crackdown on dangerous use of gas appliances in restaurants

Australia Institute of Health and Safety

The NSW Government has launched a crackdown on operators using portable gas appliances dangerously in NSW restaurants, after a recent SafeWork NSW blitz of restaurants, cafes and bakeries found an alarming rate of workplaces were using the appliances unsafely.

“During the blitz SafeWork visited 432 food businesses, where they found 99 were using portable gas appliances in breach of work health and safety laws,” said NSW Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean.

“We’ve seen shocking cases of workers with horrific injuries when gas appliances aren’t used correctly, and have caused explosions and fires,” he said.

“We are taking a zero tolerance approach to any business which chooses to blatantly flout the rules and seriously risk the safety of workers and consumers.

“The safety of staff and customers absolutely must come first.”

In the three years to July 2016 there were 18 workers compensation claims, costing more than $200,000, for hospitality industry workers injured in incidents involving LPG cylinders.

Most recently, a 35-year-old man suffered severe burns when a gas cylinder stored in a cafeteria at a Lismore racecourse exploded.

Minister Kean said commercial kitchens should be cooking with gas connected to fixed mains or industrial cylinders, which must be stored and handled in accordance with dangerous goods laws.

“The use of portable gas appliances indoors puts workers and customers at risk of fire, explosion and asphyxia,” he said.

“If you must use a portable gas appliance in your business, ensure it is only operated in well-ventilated areas, regularly check for leaks, turn it off when it’s not in use, and avoid storing it indoors.”

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