



'Our Gas Industry, Your Gas Association'

Corporate Partner Program **2024**





A word from the QGA President

Let me introduce myself... I'm Rockie Whitbread, President of the Queensland Gas Association (QGA), and it is with great enthusiasm that I extend to you an exclusive invitation to become a Corporate Partner with us. Our collaboration promises to unlock a wealth of mutual benefits and opportunities within the dynamic gas industry.

My journey in the gas sector has been driven by a deep-seated commitment to promoting gas safety and education. Joining the QGA as a member many years ago, I was immediately captivated by the community's collaborative spirit, rich exchange of industry insights, and the array of member benefits. My dedication to the cause swiftly led to my roles as QGA Treasurer and, now, as President.

The heart of the QGA lies in its dedicated team: four executives and a number of committee members, all volunteers whom passionately work to enhance our industry's sustainability for future generations through membership growth and corporate partners support. Our reputation for delivering top-notch professional development, offering technical advice from industry experts, and championing our sector is unparalleled.

Also; one of our key services we provide is facilitating Type A gas approval applications in Queensland, ensuring the safety of gasfitters and end-users alike. This is just one of the many ways we uphold our commitment to industry excellence and safety.

As you read through this partnership package you will get to know and have a greater insight into our wonderful association, along with a detailed partnership proposal that outlines the various partnership levels and benefits.

I warmly invite you to explore this opportunity to join us in shaping the future of the gas industry. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to the possibility of working with you and your business as Corporate Partners.

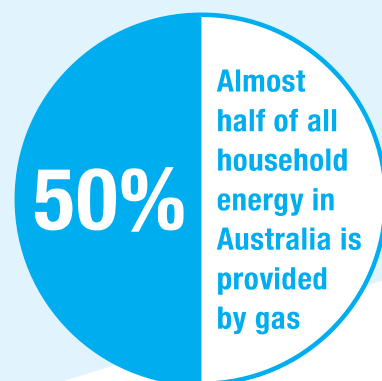
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rockie Whitbread'. The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'R' and a cursive 'Whitbread'.

Rockie Whitbread
QGA President



Why is the gas industry important in Australia?

The Australian gas industry plays a crucial role in supporting the nation's economy and energy security. It is a key employment sector, providing jobs to a vast number of Australians. Additionally, the gas industry contributes to lowering energy costs for consumers. As a primary energy source, it supplies nearly half of the household energy across the country. Importantly, its carbon intensity is notably lower than that of grid electricity, aligning it more closely with environmental sustainability goals. Current efforts to decarbonise gas further reinforce its vital role in providing Australians with energy for cooking, heating, and hot water, without the need for drastic changes in daily life.



Gas is changing for a better future... WELCOME RENEWABLE GAS!

Hydrogen-Future Fuel

The Role of Hydrogen in Australia's Energy Future

Hydrogen stands at the forefront of Australia's transition to a sustainable energy economy. It is not just an alternative fuel; it's a versatile energy carrier that can integrate into various sectors. With its ability to be used in transport, energy storage, and electricity generation, hydrogen presents a multifaceted opportunity for innovation and investment.

As the QGA explores the transformative potential of hydrogen in Australia's energy landscape, we recognise an unparalleled opportunity for strategic partnerships in this exciting venture. Here's why hydrogen represents a future fuel of choice and how your organisation can play a pivotal role in this journey:

- **Aligning with the QGA in harnessing hydrogen as a future fuel** offers a strategic opportunity for your organisation to be part of a clean energy future, drive innovation, and gain a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving market.
- The QGA welcomes the opportunity to discuss how we can collaborate towards a goal of a greener future.
- As a valued corporate partner, you will have exclusive access to the latest developments and insights in the rapidly evolving hydrogen sector. Our partnership offers a unique platform to engage with key players and innovators driving the hydrogen revolution in Australia.
- **In-Depth Hydrogen Sector Insights** - Stay informed with cutting-edge information and news about hydrogen, a renewable energy source poised to play a pivotal role in Australia's energy landscape. Our focus extends beyond general updates, diving into technical advancements, policy shifts, and market trends that are shaping the future of hydrogen.
- **Strategic Networking Opportunities** - Connect with industry leaders, hydrogen specialists, and key stakeholders, including renewal LPG and future fuels experts, as well as approval authorities. These interactions offer invaluable opportunities to forge strategic alliances, explore collaborative projects, and gain insights from the forefront of hydrogen technology and application.
- **Technical Advancements and Applications** - Dive into the technical aspects of hydrogen production, storage, and distribution. Understand the intricacies of electrolysis, steam methane reforming, and emerging technologies in green hydrogen production. Explore how hydrogen is transforming sectors such as transportation, with fuel cell vehicles, and energy, through its potential in grid stabilisation and as a storage medium.
- **Economic Transformation Potential** - Grasp the economic implications of hydrogen as a key driver in Australia's future economy. From creating new industries to enhancing export capabilities, hydrogen offers a unique chance for Australia to lead in a global clean energy market.



By partnering with the QGA, your organisation will not only be at the vanguard of the hydrogen sector but also contribute to shaping a sustainable, economically vibrant future. Your involvement and support are crucial in navigating and capitalising on the opportunities that hydrogen presents.

The QGA is “The Gateway” to the Gas Industry

Joining as a Corporate Partner with the QGA offers a suite of benefits to enhance your business.

Here are eight key reasons to consider:

1. **Networking Opportunities:** Forge connections with industry professionals at exclusive events, driving growth and innovation.
2. **QGA The Hub:** Stay ahead in sustainability by engaging with key future fuels like hydrogen, green natural gas, biomethane, and renewable LPG.
3. **Increased Exposure:** Boost your visibility through advertising on the QGA website, members' portal, and social media platforms.
4. **Speaking Opportunities:** Share your expertise and promote your brand to a targeted industry audience.
5. **Event Showcase:** Increase the visibility of your events through targeted QGA advertising.
6. **Product Introductions:** Launch and showcase your products to an industry-specific audience.
7. **Technical Support:** Get immediate access to industry experts for technical queries, ensuring smooth operations.
8. **Industry Insights:** Stay informed with the latest industry news, compliance updates, and standards.

These benefits are tailored to elevate your market presence and industry engagement, key for thriving in today's competitive landscape.

The Foundation of the Queensland Gas Association (QGA)

The QGA was first established back in the year 2000 due to the need for gas approval certification of non-mass production gas appliances in Queensland. The QGA was first driven by the commercial cooking industry initially, and since then has evolved to include other Type A gas devices including caravan and marine gas devices. The association facilitates gas approval applications for Type A gas devices in Queensland. We assist and carry out gas approvals for individual Type A gas devices to ensure the safety of gasfitters and end users. A number of our association committee members are approval authorities and can carry out gas approval certification. The QGA has assisted with the process of safety testing/certification of *over 15,000 Type A gas devices* in Queensland over the years.

Over time the QGA became a membership-based association also and is run by professionals for professionals within the gas industry. The committee is made up of four executives and also has a number of its members which form the members' committee.

All are unpaid volunteers who commit their expertise for the success of our industry. We believe our partners and QGA members are the most important people when it comes to the success and continued growth of the Queensland Gas Association.

The association has established a reputation for delivering well-informed development technical sessions, interesting field trips, along with providing technical advice from our range of member specialists. The QGA have and will always be an advocate for the gas industry as a whole. Now the hub for the emerging future renewable green gases, like hydrogen, biomethane and sustainable LPG, the gateway to renewable zero emission gas.

The Association also works closely with the Gas inspectorate, Resources Safety & Health Queensland (RSHQ - www.rshq.qld.gov.au).



A man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue polo shirt, is leaning over and working on a wall. He is wearing grey work gloves and is focused on his task. The wall is made of reddish-brown bricks, and there are orange pipes running vertically along it. A white cable is also visible on the wall. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the industrial or construction setting.

Our Mission Statement

QGA's mission is to represent the interests of the Queensland Gas Industry, interest groups and individuals through education, industry promotion, self-regulation, and industry standards.

Our aim is to reinforce the entire education of Gas Safety Awareness for all concerned throughout the State of Queensland and beyond.

Meet the QGA Leadership Team

Our QGA committee is made up of four executives, who all proudly volunteer their time to be that voice within the gas industry, by providing and educating gas safety awareness throughout Queensland and beyond. They all dedicate their time to the association as their passion has always been withing the gas industry, and they like to share their wealth of experience and knowledge in order to promote gas safety awareness, and to continually raise standards within the industry.



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Who are our QGA Members?

Our members are all those who are involved in the gas industry such as gasfitters, plumbers, manufacturers and suppliers, government employees, retirees, and apprentices. As your dedicated association, the QGA creates value for its partners and members, provides the opportunity for meaningful community engagement, educates, and provides leadership. We as an association are dedicated to continuously raising standards within the gas industry.

Not only that, the QGA also recommends gas specialists (partners and members) through our website to the general public from a display map, which includes their contact details and information about their businesses. This provides great exposure for our partners and members.

- ✓ Partner Exposure
- ✓ Industry Support
- ✓ Industry Networking
- ✓ Raising Standards
- ✓ Technical Support
- ✓ Industry Education



Meet our Life Members

Jeff Ritchie & Glenn Hanna

(Pictured from L-R: Former QGA President Darrel Vecchio, Jeff Ritchie, Glenn Hanna and Bill Date RSHQ Chief Inspector)

Both Jeff and Glenn received their QGA Life Member award and certificate at the 2018 Gas Industry Awards, for their dedication and support through the years for the Queensland Gas Industry.





QGA Members Field Trips

Joining the QGA opens the door to exclusive and otherwise inaccessible experiences to some gas people. Our close ties with the gas industry have enabled us to offer our members unique and educational field trips, providing them with invaluable insights and hands-on learning opportunities.

Imagine stepping inside the heart of the energy sector with visits to locations like the Oakey Power Station and the Willawong Landfill Gas Power Station.

These are not just trips; they are behind-the-scenes experiences that broaden knowledge and deepen understanding of the gas industry. Our members get up close and personal with the inner workings of major energy facilities, gaining perspectives that are rare and highly sought after.

These field trips are more than educational outings; they are a gateway to the real world of gas energy, offering a glimpse into the complexities and innovations driving the industry. As a member of the QGA, you are not just observing; you are participating in a journey of discovery and professional growth. This is an exclusive benefit, reserved for those who are part of the QGA community, providing experiences that are not just memorable but also pivotal in professional development within the gas industry.

Your involvement in the QGA isn't just about being part of an association; it's about being part of a privileged group that gets direct access to some of the most dynamic and significant sites in the gas industry. It's an opportunity to step beyond the ordinary and immerse yourself in extraordinary learning adventures.



QGA Professional Development/Technical Presentations (Sessions)

The QGA takes pride in offering a rich array of Professional Development (PD) Sessions, which are usually requested by members and designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of our members in the dynamic field of the gas industry.

As a potential corporate partner, your support directly contributes to the continuation and expansion of these invaluable learning opportunities.

Our PD sessions are meticulously curated to cover a wide range of crucial topics, ensuring that our members stay at the forefront of industry knowledge and practice. Some of the notable sessions we've hosted include:

- **Practical & Theoretical Ventilation:** A deep dive into the essentials of ventilation in gas systems, balancing practical know-how with theoretical understanding.
- **Hydrogen: Biomethane, green natural gas.** Exploring the future of gas in the energy mix, focusing on hydrogen's and green gases role and potential.
- **AS/NZS5601.1:2022 Update:** Keeping our members updated with the latest standards and regulations in gas installations and safety.
- **Industry-Leading Presentations:** Featuring experts from renowned companies like Elgas and Agas, providing insider insights and industry trends.

These sessions are not just presentations; they are interactive platforms where members can engage, ask questions, and gain direct insights from industry experts. This fosters a proactive learning environment, encouraging members to stay abreast of the latest developments and best practices in the gas industry.

By aligning with the QGA as a corporate partner, your brand gains visibility as a supporter of continuous professional development and industry excellence. Your partnership assists in nurturing a well-informed, skilled, and competent workforce, crucial for the advancement and sustainability of the gas industry. This association not only amplifies your corporate social responsibility but also positions your brand as an integral contributor to the growth and development of the gas sector.





Queensland Gas Association Industry Gas Awards Event 2018

The QGA hosted the Gas Industry Awards in August 2018 at the Eatons Hill Hotel, and what a great event it was! Over 180 attendees for our industry.

We celebrated and shone a light on the high achievers of the gas industry, including outstanding Apprentices, Gasfitters, Type A and Type B trades people, Gas Service Technicians, innovation to major gas companies, up and coming businesses and other individuals who have excelled in the gas industry.

Join our Partner Program and reap the rewards through our great benefits and services

As a partner of the Queensland Gas Association, you'll access several valuable benefits:

- 1. Networking & Support:** Continuously connect with industry peers and access ongoing support to enhance your professional relationships and insights.
- 2. Brand Exposure:** Promote your business through our website, social media, and newsletters, increasing visibility across a wide audience.
- 3. Technical Sessions:** Participate in educational sessions led by experienced professionals to expand your team's knowledge and capabilities.
- 4. QGA The Hub:** Engage with the future of energy, including hydrogen, green natural gas, biomethane, carbon capture, and renewable LPG.
- 5. Efficient Fuel Initiatives:** Explore the transition to zero-emission fuels by 2050 and understand gas's role as a backup to renewable sources.



- 6. Introduce your product range** and any new products on the market to a wide audience within the industry via QGA meetings, website, members portal and our social media platforms.
- 7. Upcoming Events!** Let us support you in spreading the word within your industry.

These streamlined benefits focus on advancing your business's influence and sustainability in the energy sector.



Become a QGA Partner

	Platinum Corporate Partner \$12,000	Gold Corporate Partner \$7,400	Silver Corporate Partner \$3,800	Bronze Associate \$1,400
Promotion as partners of the Association to QGA members	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company name, logo and profile (link embedded) on a designated partner webpage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company profile and logo placed on public display map of QGA website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to QGA member only events and communications	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to exclusive QGA member only offers and discounts	✓	✓	✗	✗
Company logo featured in editions of the QGA newsletter to members	✓	✓	✗	✗
Promote new product launches through the QGA website <i>(relevant to the gas industry)</i>	✓*** (to members and public)	✓** (to members and public)	✓* (members portal)	✗
Attend quality PD/Technical Sessions at discounted rate >	✓ (includes up to 3 company representatives)	✓ (includes up to 2 company representatives)	✓ (at discounted rate)	✓ (at discounted rate)
Included Social Media sponsored articles on QGA social media platforms (Facebook and LinkedIn) > ^	✓ (3 articles)	✓ (2 articles)	✓ (1 article)	✗
Includes your business Presentation at QGA Professional Development/Technical Session > ^	✓ (includes 2 per annum and Including your business advertisement material at session representatives)	✓ (includes 1 per annum)	✗	✗
Conduct Presentation at Professional Development/ Technical Session	✓^	✓>	✗	✗
Company logo display and website link (embedded) on QGA Home Page	✓	✗	✗	✗
Promote Partners upcoming events in News Section of QGA website >	✓ (3 events per annum)	✓ (2 events per annum)	✓ (1 event per annum)	✗

The QGA Partner Program offers great networking opportunities and corporate partner exposure. The QGA partner benefit options run as per 12-month contractile agreement.

* Once per annum

** Twice per annum

*** Three times a year

^ Dates subject to availability. Terms and conditions may apply.

> Subject to time slots provided by association.



