



## 2014 Executive Committee Nominees Summary

### **Kim BYRNE**

I am proud to have been associated with the Plumbing industry for more than forty years. I completed my apprenticeship with the Public Works Department of WA and on acquiring my Plumbing Licence (PL335) I commenced my own business in 1968 being mainly involved in new housing contracts.

With my wife, Maureen, I commenced the business of Altona Plumbing in 1976 as we expanded the business to include commercial and maintenance plumbing. In 2006, we became Altona Plumbing and Civil to encompass the diversity of our business as we became involved in civil drainage contracts. We have trained almost 50 apprentices during this time.

I am extremely proud that our three sons are today running a very successful business in which my wife and I continue to serve as directors.

My association with the MPGA began as a member over thirty-five years ago. My twenty-six years on the Executive Committee has included terms as Vice-President and President and I am currently serving as the Immediate Past-President. I would like to continue as an Executive Committee Member.

I am passionate about this industry. As it faces major challenges including the introduction of National Licensing, the adoption of the Plumbing Code of Australia as well as the State Government's review of plumbing regulations in Western Australia, I feel that with my experience I will be an asset to the executive committee of the MPGA.

### **Shane CALEGARI**

I have been in the Plumbing Industry for over 40 years.

I currently own two companies; Greasetrap Solutions and running JP Plumbing and Hydraulic Solutions.

I have been involved with MPA Skills and the Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of WA for over 15 years as a trainer. My passion and commitment towards our apprentices allowed me to not only train them, but also mentor them.

My son Justin has followed in my footsteps in the Plumbing Industry. My hobbies include prospecting and travelling.

**Bob GOODCHILD JP BA(Ed) Dip Eng AMIEAust**

I have over 43 years experience in the plumbing & gasfitting industry. During that time I have worked in many aspects of the trade including, mechanical services and being an inspector/compliance officer for both plumbing and gas regulatory authorities. As well as holding a plumbing contractors licence, I have gained degree level qualifications in education & science. I am also a member of the Institution of Engineers Australia and a Justice of the Peace. I have previously served on the Executive Committee for eight years.

With the plumbing industry undergoing many changes, I feel I can make a real contribution in how the industry is run and developing strategic direction for the future.

I currently run a plumbing consultancy business, with my main focus in training & development of plumbers at advanced level. I was awarded the World Plumbing Council educational scholarship in 2010.

My interests include, travel, walking and strong family ties.

**Lee JOHNSON**

Born 1962 Perth Western Australia. I have over 35 years experience within the Plumbing & Gas Industry. I am the owner operator of Nupipe (WA) Pty Ltd.

I have taught Plumbing and Gas on and off for the past 18 years. 3 years ago I stopped teaching to concentrate on my Plumbing business; I have always been passionate about the Plumbing Industry and believe I can contribute towards the development of Plumbing & Gas for the future.

I am married with 2 boys my oldest son James is an apprentice Plumber, my younger son Thomas is year 12 at school.

Outside of work I enjoy time riding my bike, fishing, spending time with my family, watching the boys play football and travelling with my wife.

**Matt JOHNSON (PL853)**

I have been involved in the plumbing industry for over 34 years since starting my apprenticeship at G A Plumbing Services and being self-employed for 26 of those years. I am currently Managing Director of both Johnson + Co Plumbing and Gas which is involved with commercial construction and fit out work, and Ace Plus (formerly Ace Plumbing & Gas) which is a multi service, maintenance based business.

I am nominating for a second year on the Executive Committee because I believe that due to my involvement in and knowledge of different areas of the industry I will be able to pass my experiences on to other members and advise on a broad range of industry concerns.

**Paul O'LEARY**

I have 28 years experience in the Plumbing Industry since completing my apprenticeship with A.V Jennings. Employed as General Manager of Prime Plumbing for 20 years and now own and operate Centreside Plumbing and Centreside Roofing.

I have nominated to continue my position on the Executive Committee to help ensure our industry has a voice and to enhance our industries requirements on training. I enjoy the time I have been involved with the Executive Committee and would recommend it to other like minded plumbers to nominate if you want to make a difference.

Outside of work I enjoy being with my family and not being at work.

**Phil ROGGIO**

As a business owner and licensed plumber, I have extensive knowledge in all areas of plumbing and gasfitting, and both "hands on" and university level education in business and management.

I am passionate about maintaining quality and the traditional skills of plumbing. I believe it is crucial to protect our trade from being broken up or deregulated. I have a strong focus on education, training, and mentoring, and in promoting plumbing as a professional career and industry body. I have nominated for the MPA executive committee as a way of contributing to an industry that I am proud to be associated with.

I am the owner/founder, and managing director of Lakeside Plumbing and Gas which has been established in Joondalup for 23 years. I have over 37 years' experience in the plumbing industry. In addition, I hold a Bachelor's degree and Honours degree in Psychology and have invested heavily in my own professional development, training in self-awareness, communication, and business. In 2011, following the completion of my studies, I returned to a full time role in my business with a greater understanding of business and a renewed enthusiasm for the plumbing industry,

I began my plumbing apprenticeship in 1975 with Marmion Plumbing, from which Hamersley Plumbing and later Instant Plumbing were formed. After gaining a good understanding of plumbing from working predominantly in the new housing sector, I branched out to gain experience in other areas of plumbing. I worked for Plumbers Co-Op as a counter hand and order clerk where I gained experience in plumbing supplies, and later became an estimator for Domestic Appliances. I worked for Lyons & Pierce in Karratha as a maintenance coordinator during the initial set-up of the Burrup Peninsular. After a year travelling in Europe, I returned to work as a maintenance plumber with Doug Rodgers & Sons. I came back to the construction industry as a subcontractor and worked on large domestic and commercial projects while studying at night school to qualify as a licensed plumber. I then worked as a supervisor for Collier Homes in the plumbing division, and at the age of 29, I formed Lakeside Plumbing.

I have two children, a daughter 23 and an 18 year old son. I enjoy the beach, boating, fishing, and follow the Moto GP.

**Derek ROWE**

I have been in the plumbing industry for 28 years. I completed my apprenticeship through Lyons and Pearce.

I worked for several mechanical service plumbing companies and during this time supervised jobs, some of which were undertaken overseas. Following this I moved to Kojonup to start up my own Plumbing business - Egabva Plumbing & Gas Services. I have been running this business for 16 years and as with many small businesses my wife Nilla has played a pivotal role in the administration. During this time I have also enjoyed training several apprentices.

Being in a regional area, our plumbing focus is very diverse from domestic plumbing and gas to commercial and light industrial plumbing.

I have been a member of the MPGA for 16 years. I feel the MPGA is important for plumbing in Western Australia to provide a united front on issues affecting the plumbing industry.

I am a passionate plumber who has served on the Executive Committee for three years and am looking to continue to support the plumbing industry and to bring to the Executive issues that regional plumbers are facing today.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, fishing, farming and being a member of the local Lions Club.

**Stephen SWAN**

I was born in Albany Western Australia in 1962 and started my apprenticeship with JA Hutchinson Albany in 1977.

I left Albany in 1986 and worked for several companies in Perth as a wages plumber in 1989 I started working as a sub –contractor for Atlas Plumbing then moving on to Boeing Plumbing in 1990.

In 2000 I started to grow the business away from sub-contracting and Swans Complete Plumbing was started initially it was myself, one tradesman and an apprentice. Swans has now grown to a team of 27.

I have always had a passion for the industry working on constantly improving professionalism and customer service not only in my own business but the industry as a whole. I have been a member of the MPGA for 13 years and have enjoyed the support and services that the MPGA it is refreshing to know there is an industry body working hard for everyone in the industry.

I am married with 4 children 2 which have followed me into the plumbing industry Michael has just completed his Contractors Licence with MPA Skills and Andrew who is a 3rd year apprentice.

When not at Swans Complete Plumbing I enjoy travel with my wife Laurelle and my main passion is motorbikes, we both enjoy boating and family.

**Peter THOMPSON (PL5820 GF1314)**

My family history is one of Plumbing with my Great Grandfather operating a Plumbing and Drainage business. My father was also a Plumber in Perth and was involved in the establishment of the Pre-apprenticeship scheme for the Plumbing Industry in WA. I now also have 2 sons in the industry.

I commenced my apprenticeship with Lyons and Pierce in Osborne Park where I stayed for 15 years. Over that period he was involved in Commercial Plumbing and Mechanical Services on major construction projects.

I joined Sanwell in 1985 and have been there ever since and am the licence holder for the Sanwell group.

I am passionate about our industry and believe I can pass some of that knowledge to the MPGA and Industry through the MPGA Executive.