



Office of **Energy**

Office of **ENERGY WA**

Gas FOCUS

Gas Inspection Branch

The Gas Inspection Branch of the Office of Energy is headed by the Chief Gas Inspector, Graham Stewart.

Graham is ably supported by his team of two Senior Gas Inspectors, three Gas Inspectors and clerical staff.

Functions of the Branch include:

- investigating reports of serious gas incidents (fire, explosion, etc) and breaches of regulations
 - auditing industry practices
 - monitoring and auditing the supply activities of gas utilities and independent gas producers
 - monitoring and auditing the performance of consumer's installation inspections by gas suppliers
 - approval of appliances
 - carrying out inspections of automotive, caravan and marine craft installations
- keeping industry advised of changes in standards



*Chief Gas Inspector,
Graham Stewart*



*The Gas Inspection Branch team (pictured left to right, top to bottom):
Senior Inspector Ian Foster, Clerical Officer Graeme Hodge, Graham
Stewart, Inspectors Lee Whittington, Carl Deimel and Barry Mounfield,
Receptionist Nola Hart and Senior Inspector Kevin Hooper*

Register of Employees

Regulation 18 of the Gas Standards Regulations 1983 requires that a person who has in his employ a person to carry out gasfitting work must maintain a register which contains the following information:

- the name and address of each person employed
- the gasfitter's identifying number
- type of Certificate of Competency, Permit or Authorisation.
- classes of gasfitting work
- Any endorsements/restrictions, eg. "Must work under supervision until completed Gas 2 course"

The Register must be made available for inspection when requested by a gas inspector.

Incident Reporting

All gas incidents must be reported to:

- the employer
- the relevant gas supplier, and
- the Office of Energy

The Office of Energy has established an all hours Freecall number for all gas (and electrical) reports.

During business hours, the calls are diverted to the Office of Energy Leederville Office (09) 422 5200. Outside of business hours, the calls will be diverted to an after hours answering service. The Freecall number may be used from anywhere within Western Australia and will be listed in the forthcoming edition of the white pages telephone directory.

For reports of gas or electrical incidents:

Phone 1 800 678 198 (all hours)

Change of Address

Regulation 17 of the Gas Standards Regulations 1983 requires that, if a gasfitter changes address, the gasfitter is to inform the Office of Energy *in writing* within 14 days of the change.

If the change of address details are not forwarded to the Office of Energy, the offender is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000.00.

Gasfitters are reminded to notify the Office of Energy, in writing, of changes of address.

Notice of Defects

Regulation 22 of the Gas Standards Regulations requires a gas fitter who has been given a Notice of Defects by a Gas Inspector to rectify that work within 7 days and return the Notice to whoever issued it (gas supplier or Office of Energy).

A Notice of Defects must not be ignored. An offence is committed if the defective work has not been rectified within 7 days.

Should a person be unable to rectify the defect(s) for any reason within the required time, or disputes the recorded defect(s), the matter must be discussed further with the relevant Inspector. Once issued the Notice will be effective, until the defects have been rectified and the Notice returned.

A facsimile of the Notice of Defects form is included at page 4.

IGNORING A NOTICE, OR RETURNING IT WITHOUT THE DEFECTS HAVING BEEN RECTIFIED, MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION.

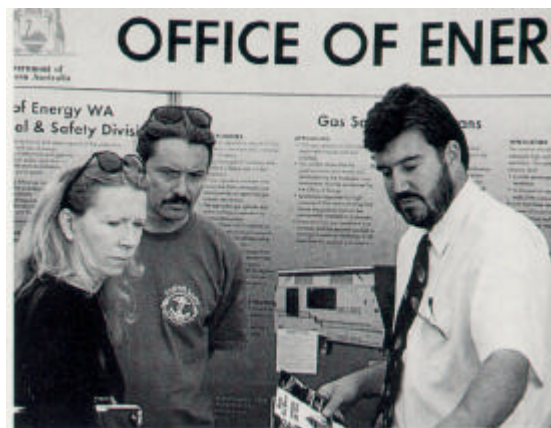
DO NOT PENALISE YOURSELF

Using Gas Safely in Caravans and Tents

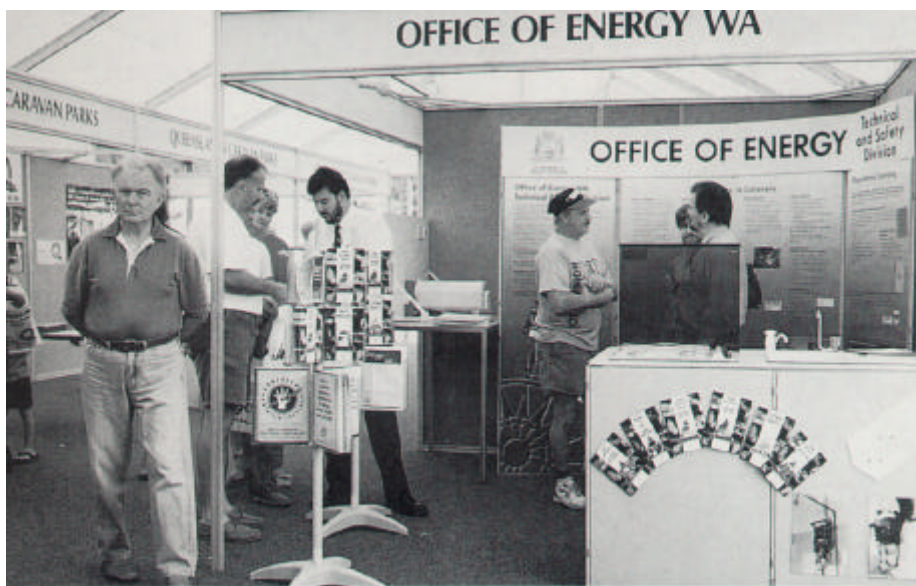
Staff of the Office of Energy attended the recent Caravan, Camping and Park Home exhibition at Sir James Mitchell Park in South Perth.

A display featuring safety of gas installations, particularly in the caravan and camping environment, proved a popular drawcard during the four days of the exhibition. Staff were available to assist people with enquiries related to both gas and electrical matters and were pleased with the contacts that were made.

The Gas Inspection Branch will also carry its gas safety message into the boating fraternity. Safety displays have been set up at marinas around the metropolitan area.



Gas Inspector, Carl Deimel, discussing gas matters with people at the Office of Energy stand



Gas Inspector, Carl Deimel, and Electrical Inspector, Peter Wright, in attendance at the Office of Energy's stand at the Caravan, Camping and Park Home Exhibition

NOTICE OF DEFECTS
GAS STANDARDS ACT 1972

INSTRUCTIONS TO GAS FITTERS

This notice is to be signed by you and returned to the issuing Inspector or his office within 48 hours of rectification of the defects.

NOTICE NO. **W 011930**

TO: GAS FITTER

GAS FITTERS NAME.....

BUSINESS ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NO.....

REGISTRATION NO.....

Grade of Certificate of Competency

A B C D E F

This Notice is in reference to the following gas installation:

OWNER/OCCUPIER NAME		BUILDER'S NAME		VEHICLE OR VESSEL LICENSE NO. (IF APPLICABLE)
UNIT/FLAT	LOT NO.	STREET NO.	STREET	SUBURB/TOWN

PRELIMINARY/COMPLIANCE NOTICE NO.....

The gas fitting work carried out by you at the above address has been inspected and fails to comply with Schedule 5 of the Gas Standards Regulations 1983. The following defects are to be rectified within **7 DAYS** of the date of this notice.

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INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE.....

BUSINESS ADDRESS.....

NUMBER.....

DATE.....

I certify that the above defects have now been rectified and the gas fitting work now complies with the Gas Standards Regulations 1983.

GAS FITTER'S SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....