Our board

The Energy Efficiency Council Board of Directors is elected by our members and represents a broad cross section of the industry.

The Board oversees the strategic direction and financial management of the organisation. A number of sub-committees drive the development of key projects activities and report to the Board.

Prof. Tony Arnel

Norman Disney & Young (President)

Professor Tony Arnel is Global Director of Sustainability at leading consulting firm Norman Disney & Young and is industry professor at Deakin University. He also serves on various boards including Forest and Wood Products Australia and the Sustainable
Melbourne Fund. He is the former chair of both the World Green Building Council and the Green Building Council of Australia. Tony is a Life Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Mary Stewart

Energetics (Vice-President)

Mary is the CEO of Energetics and worked in energy efficiency and productivity across Energetics’ mining and industrial clients for more than ten years. She has conducted EEO site assessments for more than 30 mine sites, is an expert in LCA and has completed many NCOS assessments. Mary is Executive Director of Energetics and Non-Executive Director of the CEEC, with extensive governance expertise. Mary is the first Australian business observer (BINGO) to the UNFCCC where she is on the Innovation, RD&D taskforce and brings a thorough understanding of national and international pressures.
and challenges. Mary strongly believes that energy efficiency is the fifth fuel and a vital part of the answer as we strive to meet mid-century targets and keep global warming below 1.5

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**John Huggart**

Energy Action (Secretary)

John is the CEO of Energy Action and has a strong background in energy gained with retailers and new technology start ups. His industry roles have spanned sales, marketing, strategy, service & operations and business unit P&L accountability, including leading engineering services and project teams.

John is a passionate leader who is inspired by driving strategic change, building winning teams and achieving improved outcomes for customers, partners and shareholders. He has strong commercial and technical acumen with ability to build success based on clear
plans and accountability.

Sara Gipton
Treasurer

Sara is a recognised leader in climate change policy, carbon markets and corporate sustainability. She provides strategic advice to business and governments in meeting the opportunities, challenges and risks that climate change brings. She is known for her values driven leadership and the quality of the outcomes she delivers. Sara is an expert for the Australian carbon market, corporate disclosure and the complex workings of carbon legislation. She holds graduate and post graduate qualifications in science, accounting and sustainability, is a Chartered Accountant and a graduate of the AICD’s course, and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2011. Sara has attended leadership programs at Harvard University’s Kennedy School and Cambridge University Institute of Sustainability Professionals.
Liz Fletcher

Marketing and Communications Expert

Liz Fletcher is a highly sought-after marketing and communications professional who brings a wealth of industry and member experience to the Board, including most recently at Flow Power and with time at Transgrid. Liz has built marketing and communications teams from the ground up and been integral in successfully taking good ideas to market and securing funding, including leading the Flow Power team that secured $2.4M funding in ARENA’s demand response program.
Scott Ferraro

Monash University (Training and Professional Development Expert)

Scott Ferraro is currently Program Director of the Net Zero Initiative at Monash University, and was previously Head of Implementation at ClimateWorks Australia.

With an engineering background, he is a leader in net-zero emissions strategy, and brings with him a deep understanding of the opportunities for carbon reduction across energy, transport, industry and building sectors.
Bruce Easton

Ecovantage

Bruce is the CEO of Ecovantage and President of EECCA (the peak body for energy efficiency certificate creators). Bruce is a long term contributor to the development of, and expert in, energy efficiency schemes having worked in the provision of energy efficiency at the household and business level for over a decade. His experience covers efficiency schemes in Victoria, NSW and South Australia. Bruce is passionate about using energy efficiency to remove wasted energy (and water) and unnecessary cost to business and households - especially disadvantaged households struggling with energy costs. He is a determined advocate for market based schemes contribution to the economy and the fight against climate change.
Merrily Hunter
MAC Energy Efficiency Group
Merrily Hunter is the Founder and CEO of MAC Energy Efficiency Group, a quality assurance and training organisation that specialises in energy efficiency. Merrily started MAC in 2014 and has grown it to 10 professional staff spread across three states, working with Government and businesses delivering training, compliance inspections and quality assurance services. MAC developed the online training platform, EEIQ, which delivers best practice industry training to installers in remote and regional locations. Merrily has extensive energy efficiency industry experience prior to MAC, including managing the energy efficiency compliance for AGL, and is a passionate climate advocate with expert knowledge in Government energy efficiency policies.
Paul Lang

Schneider Electric

Paul is an accomplished energy sector professional with 25 years of experience gained initially as an engineer working for manufacturers of industrial energy consuming equipment, and then enhanced working for Tier 1 energy retailers (Origin and AGL) and managing a multi-million dollar energy efficiency capital program for Coles Supermarkets. Paul has experience as a consultant and a GM of energy efficiency and energy management services to large and small consumers, and currently works with Schneider Electric’s Energy and Sustainability Services customers to deliver energy efficiency and demand solutions to help them save money and energy. Paul has Bachelor degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Economics and has undertaken further studies in Renewable Energy.
Ross Thomspon
Siemens

Ross is a member of the Siemens Pacific Executive Leadership team and in addition to having Regional General Manager duties for QLD across all Divisions for Siemens in Australia, is also Head of Siemens Energy & Performance Services (EPS) business across the Pacific. EPS focuses on demand side and energy efficiency as well as Distributed Energy Systems (which is primarily energy supply side centric). Ross is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Trustee for the Committee for Economic Development of Australia, and a member of various Industry & Commerce groups such as the Australia Germany Chamber of Commerce and Ai Group. Ross is a guest lecturer, mentors start-ups and entrepreneurs through the QLD Government’s Mentoring for growth initiative, and holds degrees in International Business and Strategy (MBA).
Our advisors

Alan Pears, Senior Advisor

Alan Pears AM is a Senior Industry Fellow at RMIT University and also does consulting work. He has worked across all aspects of sustainable energy in policy, program development, public education and specific projects, and is a well-known commentator on sustainable energy issues. In the industry sector, Alan helped to develop SEDA’s Energy Smart Business program, the Commonwealth’s Energy Efficiency Best Practice program and, more recently, the Energy Efficiency Opportunities program.

Stuart Macfarlane, Founding Board Member

Stuart is a founding Board member of the Council and has served 10 years on the Board.

Stuart has qualifications in electrical engineering and illumination with post graduate studies in management. Stuart has a wealth of experience in electrical engineering, energy performance contracting and energy management. His background encompasses electrical design in the building services and manufacturing sectors, project management, electrical contracting and procurement.

Following many years of practice in Government and private engineering firms, Stuart commenced employment with Energy Conservation Systems in 1990 and has since been involved in many large energy management projects and energy performance contracts and has worked closely on various Government led energy management programs as well as having written and delivered numerous papers, lectures and training relating to energy conservation and energy performance contracting for consultants, energy managers and professional engineers throughout Australia, Asia and Europe.

EEC Fellows

Simon Helps, EEC Fellow

Simon has over 10 years’ experience in the cogeneration and clean energy industry, and has held a variety of senior roles in clean energy groups in Australia. This includes eight years leading the Energy Efficiency Council’s work on cogeneration policy, and is passionate about building the market for distributed energy in Australia.

Simon James, EEC Fellow

Simon is the founding President of the Energy Efficiency Council, holding the post as a representative of Honeywell from 2009 to 2013. He is a recognised industry leader in embedded utilities, energy efficiency, energy management, integrated buildings, intelligent buildings, automation and control and smart grid solutions, and under his leadership, the EEC become a highly influential and respected voice in the energy debate.

Careers
The Energy Efficiency Council is currently advertising one role:

Position Description: Senior Project Officer

Applications:

- Should include a CV and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria as outlined in the position description;
- Should be emailed to careers@eec.org.au; and
- Close Tuesday 28 July 2020.

Advertising & Promotion

There are a number of opportunities to promote high quality products, services and events in partnership with the Energy Efficiency Council.

Online Member Profiles

Profiles for all EEC members, together with details of their products, services and expertise can be found here on our website. This is an outstanding opportunity to promote your organisation as an industry leader. This opportunity is available exclusively to EEC members. Click here to find out more.

Website Banner Advertising

A range of banner advertising opportunities are available. EEC Sponsor members receive a complimentary online advertising package as part of their membership. Discounted rates are available for all other EEC members and standard rates are available for non-members. To find out more, contact us online here or call us on (03) 8327 8422.

Events Listings & Industry News

EEC Members and selected external partners can list their latest news and events on our website. To submit your story/event for consideration, send us details online here

Event Sponsorship

There are a range of opportunities to raise your profile at key Energy Efficiency Council events including:

- Sponsoring or exhibiting at the National Energy Efficiency Conference
- Sponsoring or supporting a National Energy Efficiency Forum or Energy Efficiency Leaders' Lunch

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