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.

Dr Mary Stewart (President)

Energetics

Mary is the CEO of Energetics. For more than twenty years, she has advised some of Australia’s largest businesses on strategic approaches to energy and climate risk management. She is an internationally recognised expert on life cycle assessment as it applies to resources and in the development of carbon footprints and carbon neutral positions. Mary is the BINGO (business, industry, NGO) observer on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Technology Executive Committee’s Implementation taskforce. She was invited to take up this position by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The taskforce supports technology needs assessment, collaborative technology development and transfer, and the uptake of existing clean mitigation and adaptation technologies. Mary strongly believes that energy efficiency is the first fuel and a vital part of the answer as we strive to meet both short term (2030) and mid-century targets, and keep global warming below 1.5°C.

Merrily Hunter (Vice President)

MAC Energy Efficiency Group

Merrily Hunter is Founder and Director of MAC Energy Efficiency Group, a group of companies dedicated to the Australian energy market’s transition to greener technologies. Merrily started MAC in 2014 and grew it from a start-up consultancy to an organisation of more than 200 installers and employees. MAC is now one of the largest energy efficiency service providers in South Australia. Prior to MAC, Merrily headed up energy efficiency compliance for AGL. Her 15 years of experience spanning the Energy industry includes leading multinationals and start-ups, building compliance teams and designing the award winning EEIQ training platform. Merrily has a passion for climate change mitigation, technology innovation and has expert knowledge in Government Energy Efficiency policy.
John Huggart (Treasurer)

John 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.

Jane Butler

AGL
Jane is the Head of Product, Strategy and New Technology at AGL and has over 18 years’ experience across energy efficiency consulting, cogeneration, industrial utilities management, commercial solar and demand response. Jane brings a unique combination of skills and an understanding of the technical manufacturing realities of energy efficiency, and we are delighted to have her join the Board.

Ryan Dillon

Websters Group

Ryan Dillon is the founder of Websters Group, an award-winning consultancy focused on delivering energy efficiency upgrades within health care and industrial sectors. In 2019, Websters Group reached an important milestone having identified $10M in cost saving for their clients. With a Master’s Degree in Applied Finance and 10 years energy & water auditing experience, Ryan brings finance and engineering disciplines together to help businesses obtain investment grade energy improvements on site. Websters Group also directly co-funds equipment, installation and engineering with minimal upfront cost for projects via an internal investment fund. Ryan has a strong entrepreneurial focus and interest in deploying disruptive business models that can scale at the speed required to meet our collective climate requirements. He strongly believes energy efficiency will play a key role over the next nine years (towards 2030) in addressing climate change and limiting temperature increases to 1.5 degrees. It is time to rapidly scale up the capacity of the energy efficiency sector in Australia so we can meet this challenge!
Liz Fletcher (Marketing and Communications Expert)

Birdwood Energy

Liz has spent more than a decade traversing the energy sector and growing businesses that help the transition to net zero. Over the years, her marketing, policy and strategic skills have been put to use at TransGrid, Flow Power, the Energy Security Board and others. Today she heads up birdwood business energy where the team are combining proven experience with the best technology and a real understanding of business problems to build the business case net zero at Australian businesses. In her spare time, she is the Marketing and Communications Expert on the Energy Efficiency Council board and sits on the Advisory Panel for the Business Renewable Centre.

Scott Ferraro (Training and Professional Development Expert)

Monash University

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.
Andrew McCluskey
Siemens

Andrew has worked for Siemens in Western Australia for seven years. He currently works as the Regional General Manager reporting to the CEO and also as the WA Branch Manager for the Building Technologies division. Most of his working life has focussed on technology in commercial buildings, hospitals and manufacturing plants. Andrew has a technical background having started his working life as an electrical technician in Victoria, working on robots and automation systems. Before joining Siemens Andrew held State Management roles at Schneider and Honeywell. Andrew has studied in electronic and management areas and is currently completing a MBA.

Caroline Ottmann
Schneider Electric

Caroline is Director of Strategy, Innovation and Corporate Affairs at Schneider Electric. She brings over ten years of international experience across technology and energy industries in a series of consulting, strategy, commercial and transformation roles. She is passionate about the energy transition and leads Schneider’s Pacific sustainability commitments and new energy landscape strategy, covering key topics including energy management, energy efficiency, safety, sustainability and cyber security.
Claire Richards

Enel X

Claire is an energy regulatory specialist with experience in both the government and private sectors. As Manager of Industry Engagement and Regulatory Affairs at Enel X, she has combined her passion for smart energy management with a deep knowledge of Australia's electricity system and regulatory reform processes; knowledge she built in roles at the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) and the federal government driving policy change across the electricity supply chain.

Immediate Past-President

Prof. Tony Arnel, Deakin University

Professor Tony Arnel was the Council's President from 2014 until 2021. Tony is an Industry Professor at Deakin University and was the Global Director of Sustainability at leading consulting firm Norman Disney & Young. 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.

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.

EEC Life Fellows

2022 - Sara Gipton, Life Fellow

Sara served as the Council’s Treasurer for nearly six years from February 2015 to October 2020, and her outstanding contribution to the Council and its mission, especially as a non-member in a voluntary capacity, is undisputed.

Sara is a passionate and recognised leader in climate change policy, carbon markets and corporate sustainability. Using her broad and extensive experience, Sara 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, her strong focus on relationships 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.

2020 - Stuart Macfarlane, Life Fellow

Stuart was a founding Board member of the Council in 2009, served 10 years on the Board and was awarded a Life Fellowship in 2020.

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**

**2018 - 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.

**2017 - 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.
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