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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 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.



John Huggart (Treasurer)

Energy Action

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.



Bruce Easton (Secretary)

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.



**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.

**Andrew McClusky****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.





Mark McKenna

Norman Disney & Young

Mark leads NDY's Global Sustainability Group - a collective of highly skilled sustainability professionals that work across 5 continents to create leading sustainability outcomes for buildings, infrastructure, towns and cities. As an architect with deep experience in sustainable design and research-led solutions, Mark has significant experience leading high profile sustainability projects and research programs across multiple market sectors, both in Australia and overseas.



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 Arnold, 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 Fellowships

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 Fellowships

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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