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## Resources and Energy Group AMMA marks 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

AUSTRALIAN Resources and Energy Group AMMA has today reached another milestone in its Centenary Year – the employer group’s 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

AMMA’s first AGM was held in Melbourne a century ago in 1918. Its first President of the Board was Mr G.C. Klug, a highly respected mining identity who forged his career in Kalgoorlie and Broken Hill.

Mr Klug was General Manager of mining firm Bewick, Moreing and Company when he delivered the following wisdom on improving workplace relations in AMMA’s first-ever [President’s Address](#):

*“The world must bend its energies to the reweaving of the industrial fabric, and the readjustment and improvement of the relations between employer and employed, involving a careful and complete survey of the industrial position, and compelling a united and general effort to re-establish our industries on such a footing as will conduce to their preservation and expansion, the promotion of a better spirit between capital and labour, and contentment amongst the workers.”*

Over the next 100 years the development of Australia’s resources industry would be intrinsically linked to the development of the Australian economy and communities. So too would AMMA remain at the core of mutually-beneficial workplace outcomes for employers and employees.

While Melbourne in 2018 is unrecognisable to that of 1918, today’s AGM [Address](#) of AMMA’s current President, ExxonMobil Australia Chairman Richard Owen, had strong parallels to that of his earliest predecessor.

“There is no doubt that as we celebrate this significant milestone Australia’s resources and energy employers are experiencing a time of transformative change,” Mr Owen said in today’s AMMA AGM.

“Within this backdrop, the consistent themes among companies that make up AMMA’s membership have been resilience, transformation and cautious optimism. Uniting communities and ensuring Australians understand the integral contributions resources and energy employers make to the country’s wellbeing has been a key focus for AMMA over the past 12 months.

“AMMA celebrates its 2018 Centennial Year at a time when some membership organisations are struggling for relevance due to hyper-connectivity, political concerns and cost pressures.

“However, AMMA is getting on with the job and remains in an exceptionally strong position to continually improve value and service to members in 2018 and beyond.

“The AMMA team is honoured to provide support to members and be the conduit of the wonderful community of interest we bring together to engage and collaborate.”

**AMMA is Australia’s largest and most diversified employer representative body for the resources and energy industries. It exists to support the industry in delivering employment, national prosperity and creating a brighter future for all Australians.**

[Learn more](#) about AMMA’s Centenary Year Celebrations, including the 2018 Gala Dinner.

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***List of AMMA presidents (1976 – present)***

Sir Arvi Parbo	Western Mining	1976-1978
Mr George Mackay	Electrolytic Zinc Company of Aust.	1978-1982
Mr Charles Copeman	Consolidated Gold Fields Group	1982-1985
Mr Tom Barlow	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	1985-1987
Dr Stuart McGill	Esso Australia	1987
Mr Campbell Anderson	Renison Goldfields Consolidated Ltd	1988-1989
Mr Charles Allen	Woodside	1989-1991
Mr Karl Stewart	Comalco Smelting	1991-1994
Mr John Quinn	Newcrest Mining Limited	1994-1997
Mr Terry Palmer	Comalco	1997-2001
Mr Ross Brewer	P&O Maritime Services Pty Ltd	2001- 2002
Mr Graeme Hunt	BHP Billiton Iron Ore	2002 – 2004
Mr Tony Palmer	Newcrest Mining Limited	2004 – 2006
Mr Charlie Lenegan	Rio Tinto Australia	2006 – 2007
Ms Eve Howell	Woodside Energy Ltd.	2008 – 2010
Mr Ian Smith	Newcrest Mining / Orica Limited	2010- 2015
Mr Graeme Hunt	Broadspectrum Limited	2015- 2017
Mr Richard Owen	ExxonMobil Australia	2017- current