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Gasline is published regularly as part of the industry's efforts to encourage the direct use of natural gas and LPG into households and small businesses. Using natural gas and LPG as a direct energy source offers numerous cost, environmental and energy efficiency benefits. Gas New Zealand hopes to educate consumers and policy makers about the many advantages of making wider use of this strategic energy asset.

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Kapiti-based gasfitter Steve Thomas, managing director of Thomas Plumbing & Gas Ltd, says he recently received a ‘pleasant surprise’ from First Gas.

“We have been presently surprised by our recent experience with First Gas, who quickly provided new connection quotes to our customers, and at a very reasonable cost.”

Steve says the response has given him and his employees a newfound confidence in recommending natural gas to customers.

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Kapuni plant helping scientists in world first
New Zealand’s first natural gas treatment plant has helped scientists develop a new way of verifying greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

GNS Science researchers have been working with staff of Vector’s Kapuni Gas Treatment Plant in South Taranaki for the past four years. The plant processes natural gas for the North Island’s gas-fuelled power stations, and thousands of industrial, commercial and domestic gas customers.

But grass growing downwind of the plant could play a large role in a world first – using radiocarbon measurements in the grass to verify the carbon dioxide emitted from the plant.

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Latest figures continue to show gas in positive light
The latest LPG sales figures show New Zealand’s gas industry continues to experience year-on-year growth, says Liquigas’ commercial manager Mike Bolger.

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Old Chch gas mains to be treated with caution
The discovery of a “live” cast iron gas main outside the Christchurch CBD is a reminder to treat any gas pipes with caution until tested.

The main was found near The Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, and although over 30-years-old, it was unscathed and still holding pressure.

Abandoned since the closure of Christchurch’s former coal gasworks in 1981, the main was due to be cut and removed to make way for a new storm water line.

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A call to action – register for Queenstown forum
Registration for the 2016 Gas NZ Industry Forum is going well says LPG Association executive director Peter Gilbert.

However, he’s announcing a call to action so industry stakeholders don’t miss out on the forum’s various opportunities.

Online registration is still open for this year’s event, hosted November 2-4 at the Millennium Hotel in the picturesque town of Queenstown.

Peter says the forum promises to be the one of the most informative gas industry events to date, with a workshop, a consortia of presenters and the chance to network.

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STORY IDEAS?
We are always looking for stories from both the natural gas and LPG worlds, as well as the wider gas community. If you have any story ideas for Gasline please email Daniel.

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