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Welcome to Gasline, which is produced by Gas New Zealand.

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 use of this energy asset.

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Introducing New LPGA President Tony Smith

Tony Smith from Elgas is the newly elected LPGA President, having served on the Executive since 2007.



"I am proud of what I have observed whilst being on the executive over the last 7 years and it is my privilege to be able to now contribute as President to the organisation."

Mr Smith believes the LPGA is in good shape.

"I believe the LPGA has been a very successful organisation in its profile, what it has achieved for the LPG industry and at a more nuts and bolts support level as a reference organisation for standards and regulation, along with being an advocate to the broader industry.

More recently the LPGA has fostered a broader coalition within the gas industry in a real, value adding way. The organisation has ensured that it is fit for purpose and its members support it actively. As a not for profit organisation it has been robust, when many others have struggled during recent periods of economic uncertainty and belt tightening."

Mr Smith says he sees it as his challenge and opportunity to ensure that the organisation continues to achieve for the industry going forward.

"Membership is critical for the survival and relevance of any organisation. It is therefore important that the LPGA remains relevant and adds value and support for its members. Member only benefits and adding value to the industry must remain key priorities at a high level."

Mr Smith says there are two specific areas which offer significant change for the industry and will represent a large piece of work for the LPGA in the year ahead.

"Workplace HSNO Regulations are a key focus for change in New Zealand, driven from the Pike River situation and high accident rates across some industries that impact us all. It will be critical that regulation changes are worked through with the MBIE, reflecting an industry agreed position. It is also key that common positions between the industry and regulators are reasoned and agreed, and ideally adopt AS/NZ Standards where possible for consistency and clarity."

Tony says it is critical that the organisation is proactive and involved early as it will affect major hazard locations, transport and the daily operations of all gas industry businesses.

"As always it is important that the LPGA represents the LPG and gas industry with the Minister of Energy and other political parties, especially in an election year. It is also important the LPGA continues to build strong relationships with all key regulators and agencies to ensure they understand an industry perspective and that it is included in their thinking."

Tony says industry information, news and support in a value adding way, remains a key focus of the organisation, especially when there is so much change going on.

"In my view the ease of access, the relevance and value of the LPGA are all key to the ongoing success of the organisation."

Energy Excellence Awards

Entries for the annual Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards close this month.

The awards were launched by organiser Freeman Media in 2010, and are an annual opportunity to recognise excellence and achievement across the electricity, oil, gas and petroleum industries.

Deloitte is the principal sponsor and provides strategic guidance for the organisers.

The awards define and recognise the standout achievements in the energy sector and acknowledge individuals and organisations, and celebrate the contribution the sector makes to the New Zealand economy.

The awards are also a key opportunity to showcase the big success stories, people and companies from across the sector.

Categories include Energy Project of the Year (won by Contact Energy last year), Excellence in Health and Safety (also won by Contact Energy last year) and Energy Retailer of the Year (won by BP last year).

Entries close on May 14, finalists will be announced June 23 and the Awards function will be held on August 13.

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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](mailto:Daniel)

Gas NZ Competition in the NZ Herald

Gas NZ has just run its Beauty of Gas competition in the New Zealand Herald which says it attracted hundreds of entries.

The competition has run in the NZ Herald for the last three years and is held to draw people to the Beauty of Gas website which has recently been updated.

This year Rinnai and Aber very generously donated the prizes for the NZ Herald competition creating a total prize package of more than \$13,000.

Rinnai offered a new Rinnai Evolve 950 gas fire worth \$6127.00 and a Rinnai INFINITY VT 26 continuous flow water heater worth \$1725.00 as well as installation costs for both Rinnai products up to \$2000.00.

Aber offered a Paloma 27L 6 Star Continuous Flow Water Heater - worth \$1749.00 plus installation costs of up to \$1000.00.

The New Zealand Herald says the Gas NZ competition prize package was very appealing and the number of people who entered was 'right up there with other successful competitions they have run.'

The new Beauty of Gas Website has now had more than 3,500 page views and 1500 new visitors to it since it went live in March.

We will reveal the winners in next month's Gasline after they have been contacted by both Rinnai and Aber.

Gas hot water a hit on our dairy farms

Gas hot water heating is proving a success on dairy farms around the country after its launch in New Zealand in the middle of last year by Longveld and Bosch.

Longveld says the Bosch gas hot water heating system is gaining more and more traction from farmers and they have installations going in right around New Zealand.

The Longveld website now has both video and written testimonials from farmers using the system.

Grant Rowe is a third generation farmer with 550 dairy cows in the Bay of Plenty.



"We were looking for better high quality equipment that is reliable and able to save us time and money- that is where the Bosch gas water heating system ticked all the boxes for us. We were looking to upgrade our hot water system for cleaning our milk silo and also our milking plant and we're very impressed with the concept of the Bosch hot water system."

Craig and Kym McCullough are milking 610 Friesians in the Waipa District.



"We had heard about the Bosch dairy hot water system from a mate who had recently installed the system. We liked what we saw and got straight on it. The versatility is great, we don't have to worry, hot water is always there. We have hot water at the push of a button. Longveld were very good - they did the installation in between milkings."

To view other testimonials go to: <http://dairyhotwater.co.nz/>

Beauty of Gas Facebook competition update

The final two winners of the Facebook iPad competition have been announced.

John Balmer and Jackie Doherty have each won an iPad, bringing to four the number of iPads won during the month long Facebook competition designed to attract people to the brand new Beauty of Gas website.

John came across the Beauty of Gas website and Facebook competition when looking for gas providers.

"I was after information about getting gas installed at my parents' house. They have just brought a gas oven and aren't that good with computers so I was helping them out. The new Beauty of Gas website's list of gas providers made things really easy to see who was supplying gas in their area. I reckon winning the iPad must have been the result of some good karma."

Comments from other entrants in the competition included; "I love gas. I have it for hot water in winter. It's a plus for me during those cold winter months because I never run out," and "I love your new website! It looks aswesome."

Over the month of the competition the Facebook page has had around 8000 views. This resulted in nearly 500 entries.

25 percent of visitors to the Beauty of Gas website returned to the site multiple times. This resulted in over 1700 page views during the competition.

To see the new website go here [www.thebeautyofgas.co.nz](http://www.thebeautyofgas.co.nz).