



The Beauty of Gas

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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 use of this energy asset.

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New Beauty of Gas Website and Facebook competition a success!

The new Beauty of Gas website and the Facebook competition have percent been a hit!



The Facebook page is Gas NZ's first venture into social media and the page has had around 5000 views. This has resulted in over 400 entries to date. It was set up to attract people to the new Beauty of Gas website which went live on March 3.

As a result of the Facebook competition the Beauty of Gas website has had over 830 new visitors with around 25 percent of those individuals returning to the site multiple times. This has resulted in over 1800 page views in three weeks!

To see the new website go here www.thebeautvofgas.co.nz

To attract people to the new website and the Facebook page, four iPad mini's were offered as prizes, once a week for a month. The winners of the first two iPad's, Jenn Nicolson and Olivia Marsden, have been announced and they are both ecstatic.

Olivia Marsden is studying Art Therapy and has recently purchased a new house in Wellington with her partner. She came across the Beauty of Gas website and Facebook page while looking at the different heating options available for their new home which she and her partner Ben, a builder, will be renovating.

"The website was very informative, not only did it give us an idea of the benefits of gas but also the cost as well, which is practical when you're budgeting for renovations.

"I'm so glad I entered the competition, we currently only have one laptop between the two of us, so the iPad is fantastic for me. I can't say thank you enough! My birthday was actually in the same week I won so it was perfect!"

New Chairman for GANZ

GANZ has a new chairman - Stuart Dickson from Powerco.



Mr Dickson was elected at the AGM on March 13 and replaces Craig Muirhead who had been in the role for 5 years.

Mr Dickson had been a member of GANZ for about a year before putting his hand up for the role of Chairman.

"I feel very strongly that the gas industry needs an effective industry body and the need will only increase to respond to changes arising from commercial and technical regulations, technology changes and the market. I hope my experience in the gas industry will help GANZ develop to meet those needs," says Mr Dickson.

He believes the current state of the industry is positive.

"The supply side of the gas industry continues to be buoyant with good levels of exploration activity. With economic activity growing, there is an increasing demand for gas, but gas growth still faces challenges from alternative fuels, misconceptions about cost, efficiency and environmental impact. Because of this it is particularly important for the gas industry to work together effectively."

Mr Dickson says he hopes to achieve a number of things as Chairman.

"I would like to see a broadening of the membership of GANZ, with greater participation by contractors and retailers and stronger links to other related industry bodies. I would also like to strengthen GANZ's position as the technical representative of the gas industry."

Heads Up for Gas NZ Forum 2014!

The 2014 Gas NZ Forum will be held in Queenstown this year.

The venue has just been decided.

Gas NZ CE Peter Gilbert says it will be held at the Heritage Queenstown on the 5th, 6th and 7th of November.

"Mark your diaries; this is going to be a fantastic forum at a beautiful location. It would pay to book your flights to Queenstown now to make sure you get the best deal."

Further information about the forum will be announced soon.

Escea wins access to European market

Dunedin based Escea is about to break into the market in Europe after getting a top certification from authorities there.



Escea now has a 'best in class' rating which means it has approval to sell its gas fires in Europe.

Escea already sells gas fireplaces in Australia, North America, UK and Scandinavia.

Managing director Nigel Bamford says Escea has recently been given an efficiency rating of 94 percent which makes it the most efficient gas fire currently available in Europe.

"One of our company values is waste is wrong. We are the only fireplace company in the world that has developed our own electronics. The model range we achieved the CE mark and the 94 percent energy efficiency rating on was our DX range."

This link gives a variety of images of this model.

plus.google.com/photos/model

Escea currently has 55 staff in Dunedin and makes around 15 to 20 gas fireplaces a day.

TVNZ 6 p.m. news has recently run a story on Escea breaking into the tough European market.

To see the full story click [here](#)

Final consultation on Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying qualifications

It is the final opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback and suggest any changes they think are required prior to the submission to list new qualifications for Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers.

Two of the new qualifications in particular will be of interest to those in the LPGA. These are the NZ Certificate in Gasfitting Level 4 and the NZ certificate in Gasfitting Level 5. Gasline readers may also be interested to see the inclusion, at a design level at Level 5, and installation at Level 4, of LPG installations for non-propulsive purposes in caravans and boats. This is in line with changes to industry standards.

The stakeholder groups working with The Skills Organisation as qualification developer have completed work on the suite of qualifications to replace existing qualifications for Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying.

Some changes have been made following consultation with industry in late 2013, and with input at both governance and expert levels, and close co-operation with the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board.

There are seven qualifications being circulated for final consultation before being sent to NZQA for their consideration and publication, and to the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board for their consideration. You can see them [here](#).

If you want to indicate support for the qualifications and/or provide any comments please contact Sally Evers, Qualifications Adviser at sallye@skills.org.nz

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