



The Beauty of Gas

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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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Gas Industry and Politics

The LPGA Executive Director Peter Gilbert and board member Stuart Dickson have recently met with Labour's Energy spokesperson David Shearer. "We discussed issues relating to the downstream natural gas and LPG industry and were able to brief Mr Shearer and hear his views," says Mr Gilbert.

Following the meeting Mr Gilbert sent Mr Shearer a letter breaking down key industry statistics with the intention of providing him with a better overview of the industry and its energy efficiency and carbon impacts, along with New Zealand's use of these fuels for space and water heating and cooking.

"We were particularly pleased that you see direct use of gas as a transition fuel, enabling New Zealand to take advantage of a low cost, low carbon option while we progress towards increasing our use of renewable. We agree with this sentiment," Mr Gilbert stated in the follow up letter to Mr Shearer.

"As discussed, the use of gas, particularly in the residential sector, has been positioned as a lifestyle energy source. While to some extent that is true, we need to emphasise that using gas directly for space and water heating and cooking, is extremely cost-effective and energy efficient."

Mr Gilbert concluded the letter by stating, "Our goal is to ensure that policy-makers and those in positions of influence in the energy sector appreciate that direct use of natural gas and LPG is considered a mainstream energy option."

CNG Bus tested in Mexico City

The first dedicated CNG Scania Euro 6 bus in Mexico has been introduced for urban transport systems.



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The vehicle, which is known for its green technology and low emissions, started testing on Line 4 of Metrobus Transit System in Mexico City in May.

The evaluation period of the new 15 metre Scania bus will take place over several weeks in areas of high passenger density in the Mexican capital.

Initial feedback is reported to be positive, including performance equivalent to diesel powered engines.

The 28 km route runs from the terminal Buenavista to the Historic Centre of the City of Palaces and arrives at Benito Juarez International Airport.

The World Heritage site was laid out over 500 years ago and has very narrow streets and tight turning radii.

After the test is concluded in Mexico City, the CNG bus will then be tested in different cities of the Mexican Republic.

Metrobus Director Guillermo Calderon says they will have to wait for the test results to analyze the possibility of incorporating this type of bus to one of the most important lines in the capital. "Undoubtedly, it is a good option to improve the environment of the City of Mexico," he says.

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](#)



NZ Fuels Summit in Auckland

A two-day New Zealand Transport Fuels Summit is being held at Auckland's Pullman Hotel on October 29 and 30 this year.

One of the key note speakers will be Patrick Hartley from Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

During his speech he will examine the alternatives to oil – coal- to- liquids, natural gas and biofuels.

Mr Hartley is the CSIRO's director of research for oil, gas and fuels and he will discuss the latest fuel technology developments and the international market drivers behind them.

Other fuel and transport specialists will also speak with key themes including fuel prices, risk management, security of fuel supply, and fuel efficiency.

New Zealand's transport industry is responsible for around 20 per cent of the country's carbon emissions.

The Transport Fuels Summit has been developed with a range of transport sector and fuel industry partners.

To see programme details go to www.fuels.co.nz

New Promotional Programme

Both the LPGA executive committee and GANZ board have recently met and endorsed a brand new promotional plan for the next year.

Now that the new Beauty of Gas website www.thebeautyofgas.co.nz has been launched and many new consumers have been sent to it, it is time to update the programme for the coming 12 months.

The new programme will focus predominantly on consumers (80%) and the balance will comprise initiatives targeting influences/officials/policy advisors.

The goal of the consumer activity is to enhance awareness and appreciation of gas (natural gas and LPG) and to continue the task of positioning it as a mainstream, modern/trendy, greener and cost effective choice for homes and light commercial enterprises.

Short promotional testimonials videos are proposed as a way of having actual users talk about the Beauty of Gas and to extol its benefits from their own perspective.

The videos will be used on the new website and linked to the Facebook page.

Competitions for consumers will also be run on both radio and the Beauty of Gas Facebook page.

"The new promotional plan will draw even more people to the new website which is already proving a hit with consumers who have told us it is clear, straightforward and very informative," says LPGA Executive Director Peter Gilbert.

Improving the safety of gas appliances and installations

Standards New Zealand has just announced it has published and reconfirmed several gas standards that will improve the safety of many gas appliances.

These include portable gas appliances, gas space heating appliances, domestic outdoor gas barbecues, decorative gas log and other fuel effect appliances, and existing gas installations.

The announcement was made on 16 June 2014.

It includes NZS 5266:2014 – gas appliances that aren't part of a recognised certification regime, NZS 5256:2014 – portable and uninstalled gas appliances, Gas space heating appliances, domestic outdoor gas barbecues, and decorative gas log and other fuel effect appliances and NZS 5255:2014 – existing gas installations.

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