



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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Introducing New LPGA board member Dean Golding

New LPGA board member, Shell Commercial Adviser Dean Golding, is hoping to bring an Upstream perspective to the board and gain an appreciation of the issues faced by the Downstream industry.



"There are big differences between the two parts of the industry, but I am expecting there to be synergies as well," says Mr Golding.

LPGA Executive Director Peter Gilbert approached Mr Golding because he was looking for participation from the Upstream sector. Mr Golding joined the LPGA board at the end of 2013.

"I want to understand the major issues faced by the Downstream industry and help to find solutions where there is a cross over with Upstream, and I will look for common areas for simplification and or improvement.

"One example of simplification is the potential to change the excise duty collection point from the manufacturer to the retail outlets for automix, to simplify what is currently a complex collection and drawback regime," says Mr Golding.

Mr Golding has worked for Shell for 26 years in various roles including finance and marketing in downstream marketing companies, refineries and in coal.

"For the past six years I have worked in Shell NZ's Upstream Commercial Team working on gas contracting, crude/condensate marketing, infrastructure sharing arrangements and LPG marketing.

"One of my favourite activities in my current role is working with Shell Todd Oil Services, Liquigas and the LPG wholesalers to trial different ideas to increase exports via the facilities at Oaonui and Port Taranaki, and through these efforts of working together we have more than doubled exports over the last 2 years."

AG001 committee meets in Wellington

Standard NZ has hosted the most recent AG001 committee meeting in Wellington in February.

"The meeting was very well attended and was very successful," says John Swarbrick, Technical and compliance Manager for Rinnai.

"We discussed 'jointing' of the standards and this is possible."

The joint Australian and New Zealand Standards committee AGOO1 is currently looking at updating all the appliance safety standards.

"We are currently in the process as an industry, of finalising NZ representatives to sit on the various workgroups for the different parts of the standards. These are BBQ's, Domestic Cooking Appliances, Space Heaters and Water Heating."

The first four standards in the Part 1 series are expected to be completed in 2015.

Review of the NZUAG code of practice for Utility Operator's Access to Transport Corridors

The first review of the National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors is being carried out this year.

The code was developed by the NZ Utility Advisory Group (NZUAG) and became a regulation under the Utilities Access Act 20120 in January 2012.

NZUAG administer the code in accordance with section 8.1 of the Act, which includes the requirement to undertake a review of the code biennially.

NZUAG will undertake the first review throughout this year.

It is planning to release invitations to participate in the review in April and to have it completed by the end of 2014.

NZUAG are required to have ministerial approval for all changes made to the code through this review.

Big changes for Beauty of Gas Website

The Beauty of Gas website has been updated to include much more information about the benefits of using gas, as well as giving the website a smart new look.



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

You may also have noticed that this Gasline looks a bit different too; the banner has been brought up to date to match the new Beauty of Gas website.

The new site goes live during March and to draw people to it the Gas NZ is running a special Facebook competition.

Up for grabs will be 4 ipad mini's which will be put forward as prizes once a week for a month.

To enter, people simply need to share the post about the competition, answer a question by visiting the new Beauty of Gas website and "like" the Facebook page. Entrants then need to 'private message' the answer. To see the Facebook page go here <https://www.facebook.com/beautyofgas>

To help draw people to both the competition and the website we are asking everyone who receives Gasline to share the Facebook page and website via their own social media channels and websites to increase the Beauty of Gas reach.

Gas NZ will monitor the page daily to track progress.

Gas NZ spokesperson Ray Ferner says the new website is a very positive initiative.

"This new Beauty of Gas website is a vast improvement on the old one and we believe it will help convince consumers about the benefits of gas and bring in many more customers."

Updated EECA tool showing how New Zealanders use energy

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) has updated the Energy End Use Database which shows how New Zealanders use energy and gives a snapshot of how energy use is changing.

"The updated database will provide local authorities, Government and the private sector with energy data to support development of New Zealand's response to energy security, climate change and business productivity," says EECA's Evaluation and Technical Manager Brian Fitzgerald.

Mr Fitzgerald says database users will be able to find the answers to detailed questions covering energy use by sectors, technologies, in buildings and in transport.

"For example councils can interrogate this database to help develop their district energy plans or consultants can assess energy use by fuel type and industry sector to help inform analysis and scenario modelling," says Mr Fitzgerald.

He says the Energy End Use Database will be relevant to local authorities, government, researchers and the private sector. EECA also uses the database to help develop and refine its own energy efficiency programmes.

"There are many factors affecting energy use, including population growth, oil prices, energy systems and infrastructure and it's important for users to have access to the best available information sources."

The Energy End Use Database draws information from a number of sources including MBIE's Energy in NZ and Statistics NZ's NZ Energy Use Survey. You can access the Energy End Use Database at <http://www.eeca.govt.nz/energy-end-use-database>

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