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Gas New Zealand 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.

GAS INDUSTRY MEETS WITH ENERGY AND RESOURCES MINISTER SIMON BRIDGES



LPGA executive director Peter Gilbert and the chair of Gas NZ Ray Ferner have met with the Energy and Resources Minister Simon Bridges on September 17.

"The meeting went very well. The Minister is interested in the downstream gas industry and understands it is a good story for New Zealand. He understands that gas continuous hot water is not only good for the consumer, it is good for New Zealand too," says Mr Gilbert.

Mr Gilbert says it's the first time the downstream gas industry has met with the Minister following his appointment earlier in the year.

"It is important to establish contact and put across our message to the Minister of just where the downstream gas industry fits in the big picture in New Zealand. It is also important to ensure ongoing government support."

Mr Gilbert says he is delighted that Mr Bridges will be opening the upcoming forum in Auckland on October 24.

GAS SUPPLIER TO THE PACIFIC GETS A NEW CUSTOMER IN THE COOK ISLANDS

Matson Bulk Fuels & Gas general manager, Campbell Hope, has been in the Cook Islands overseeing the construction of a new LPG Cylinder filling station.

Toa Petroleum Ltd has branched out into the gas business, and plans to introduce LPG mix into the existing butane market in Rarotonga, together with the new service of home delivery.

Toa Gas Ltd will import LPG from Matson Bulk Fuels and Gas in Auckland. The LPG purchased from Ogas, is loaded into ISO Tanktainers at the Liquigas Depot in Wiri, Auckland.

After it is shipped to Rarotonga, the ISO's are trucked from the wharf to Toa's site, where the LPG is pumped into cylinders using an air actuated pumping system coupled to a set of scales. The scales are set to a prescribed weight depending on the cylinder size, and the air controller automatically cuts off the supply once this weight is reached. The cylinders are then distributed to retail outlets and sold on a 'swap-a-bottle' basis around the island.

This new gas business has involved constructing a filling station at the Toa site – a project overseen by Campbell Hope, an LPG Test Certifier in Auckland. As the Cook Islands fall under the NZ ERMA/OSH authority, Campbell has used the LPGA Cylinder Fill Training package and has successfully passed nine of the Toa Gas staff through this system.

"Because of their background with petroleum products, the boys did really well. Safety is already a big word for them," said Mr Hope.

Mr Hope is now also overseeing a similar project in Vanuatu.

Matson supplies gas to a large portion of the Pacific, including Tuvalu, Aitutaki, Lae, Nauru, and Niue, all of which enjoy this pumping system.



Duane Gukisuva (right) is in charge of filling and delivering Toa's gas bottles – each small bottle takes about 38 seconds to fill. He is pictured here with Matson Bulk Fuels and Gas general manager Campbell Hope, who has overseen the construction of Toa's gas facility.

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GAS HOT WATER CHEAPEST ACCORDING TO NEW ENERGYWISE TOOL

EECA's Energywise website has just had a new hot water heating tool added to it comparing the costs of different energy sources for heating water.

Gas NZ chair Ray Ferner says it clearly shows that gas fired continuous flow hot water is the cheapest option by far in most cases, particularly in new build situations and if the current system needs replacing.

"This is hugely useful for customers to be able to compare both running costs and purchase costs of different water heating options," says Mr Ferner.

"The results of the comparisons are very good news for both consumers already using gas for hot water heating and those who are choosing to install a gas fired continuous flow hot water system for the first time. It is also great news for the gas industry too."

The link to the new Energywise hot water heating tool is:

<http://www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/water-heating>

GAS SPOT MARKET COMPETITION

Two new spot gas markets were launched in early September and will compete head-to-head for the first time in New Zealand.

NZX's spot gas market launched on September 2, while just a day later Transpower's emTrade went live.

Transpower's chief executive Patrick Strange says, for the first time, the major gas industry players have a central platform for buying or selling gas anonymously.

NZX's head of energy Erich Livengood says the spot gas market is small compared with the larger equities market but it will expand over time.

He says having two players working with the industry, talking to industry about what they want in a market will lead to a competition of ideas.

Both companies say it is too soon to say whether they will both survive.

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

LPGA WELCOMES A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

The LPG Association has a new Executive Committee member – Andy Sibley from Contact Energy.

Mr Sibley is Head of Operations Support at Contact.

"My role within Contact includes the oversight of the infrastructure of our reticulation network in Christchurch and Queenstown, as well as managing engineering of Contact's LPG national business."



This tied in very nicely with becoming a member of the LPGA Executive Committee where I hope to provide value in sharing Contact's LPG experiences and taking away lessons from New Zealand LPG operations as whole."

"The other facets of my role include main generation support and one stream of my work is the further integration of LPG into the main Contact business," says Mr Sibley.

He says he joined the board to gain awareness and get feedback about the key issues affecting the LPG business within New Zealand.

"We want to really demonstrate the benefits of LPG to New Zealanders as well as providing safety assurance for the industry."

"I believe the state of the industry is good and has enormous potential to grow and we need to be more open to the benefits of LPG and to push those benefits to the public."

Mr Sibley and his family moved to New Zealand from the UK for his role at Contact about two and a half years ago.

"We all love it here, we will never go back."

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