

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 energy asset.

## Gas NZ Industry Forum 2017



The Gas NZ Industry Forum is returning for 2017 on the 7, 8 and 9 of November, at Wairakei resort in Taupo.

Confirmed speakers include John Kidd, head of research for Woodward Partners and Andrew Caseley, the new CE of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA). A spokesperson from the Gas Industry Company (GIC), will discuss LPG networks and bulk facilities.

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## New report says the city of Leeds can be converted from natural gas to 100% hydrogen



A recent report in the UK suggests the city of Leeds can be converted from its existing natural gas network to 100% hydrogen, reducing carbon emissions drastically, and switching with minimal disruption and no change to the price of gas for the consumer.

The H21 Leeds City Gate project aims to determine the feasibility both technically and economically, of converting the existing natural gas network to 100% hydrogen.

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## OnGas staffer wins national health and safety award for innovative idea



Nick hard at work.

Photo credit: Michael Schultz Photography.

OnGas Senior Driver, Nakia (Nick) Holland, has won a national health and safety award with a smart idea for reducing health and safety risks at work.

The New Zealand Health and Safety awards credited Nick's idea by awarding OnGas 'Workplace Best Initiative to Address a Health Risk Award'.

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## Gas NZ Industry Forum to include debate on the role of gas in a zero carbon future



Attendees at this year's Gas NZ Industry Forum will enjoy some robust debate on the role of gas in a zero carbon future.

The debate is a first for the annual forum, giving attendees the opportunity to explore the future of gas and contribute to important discussion on the role of gas in New Zealand.

The debate will take a New Zealand focus on what is a global issue – what role does gas play in a zero carbon future?

The panel will feature several experienced industry players including Gas Industry Company CEO, Steve Bielby, Business NZ's John Carnegie, Green MP and chair of GLOBE New Zealand, Kennedy Graham and the CE of First Gas, Paul Goodeve. Well known energy commentator, John Hancock, will moderate the great debate.

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## Varsity students to study methods of securing 45kg cylinders



The LPG Association has enlisted the help of University of Canterbury students to check whether the current method for securing 45kg LPG cylinders to resist seismic activity is appropriate.

45kg LPG cylinders are positioned and fixed to the outside of a building by certified gas fitters using chain 'straps' which are themselves connected into the wall behind the cylinders.

LPGA Executive Director Peter Gilbert says the cylinders have been secured this way for many years and there have been no obvious problems with this approach. However, there is no hard evidence to validate its effectiveness.

"We know this system works. It secured cylinders throughout the Canterbury earthquakes, but we don't have formal calculations that this method works better than another, which is why we have got the University of Canterbury on the job."

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## STORY IDEAS?

**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:info@lpga.org.nz).

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