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Powerco Welcomes James Kilty



James Kilty started this month as Chief Executive of GANZ member, Powerco.

At his pōwhiri in New Plymouth, James carried a tewhatewha, a special gift from Tūwharetoa - an iwi James has a close relationship with, having worked alongside them for nearly two decades in his previous role at Contact Energy.

At the pōwhiri, James emphasised that a focus on what Powerco does and delivers for its customers comes ahead of lines and pipes. He also shared his personal commitment to lifting safety and wellbeing, again reinforcing a people-first ethos that doesn't end at 5pm each day.

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US City Turns On Renewable Gas For Cars



Unveiling its fleet of gas government vehicles this month, a handful of municipal cars are now being run on a form of propane made from waste residue and sustainable products such as cooking oil and meat fat, according to Petersburg publication The Project Index.

The switch cost is US\$6,000 per vehicle; cost savings set at US\$49,000 a year.

Forty-nine Petersburg Police vehicles have been converted from gas to renewable propane autogas, which officials say burns cleaner and has far fewer emissions than traditional petrol.

According to Virginia Clean Cities, renewable propane differs from conventional propane in that it's made from a combination of waste residue and sustainable materials such as agriculture waste, cooking oil and meat fat. When it combusts, the renewable propane's level of carbon is four times lower than regular propane and five times lower than diesel.

Albert de Geest, LPGA Executive Committee member and Chief Executive, Liquigas says research being undertaken by Worleys and the LPGA explores the pathway needed to progress renewable LPG and rDME in New Zealand, products with similar benefits to renewable propane.

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Increasing Māui Pipeline Resilience



Firstgas is making good progress on its Gilbert Stream realignment project to increase the resilience of the Maui pipeline transmission network. The \$13 million project near Pukearuhe, 50km north of Taranaki, involves moving 370 metres of high-pressure gas pipeline inland because of the risk by cliff erosion.

The successful completion of this project and a further project on the Māui Pipeline, are important to ensure the ongoing reliability, integrity and safe operation of New Zealand's gas transmission system says Kevin Stretton, Firstgas Engineering & Projects Manager.

"We're also looking at how we can use our existing network to carry renewable gas such as green hydrogen and biomethane from 2030."

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Thank you Future Sure Partners



Phase 2 of customer campaign, Future Sure, launched this month thanks to funding from a range of members and supporters. Future Sure aims to drive positive conversation about the future of gas and the relevance of gas for today and for the future. The messages is simple: If you like today's gas, you'll love tomorrow's.

LPGA President, Cameron Jardine thanked the members and partners that have made the campaign possible. "I would especially like to acknowledge the support of the Master Plumbers Association. It is great to be able to bring our associations together to share with all New Zealanders what the future of gas looks like.

"Since the launch of Future Sure we have been able to position the campaign as a credible source with media and are being sought out for comment. We will continue to focus on stories that promote the longevity of gas and the pathway forward through a range of media," Cameron said.

If anyone would like Future Sure communication materials please contact sarah.moore@rinnai.co.nz. You can also visit the [Future Sure website](#).

Having A Say To Shape Emission Reduction Plan



On 13 October, the Ministry for the Environment released a discussion paper encouraging submissions to help shape the Government's emissions reduction plan, Te hau mārohi ki anamata.

GasNZ will be advocating for maintaining value in the current infrastructure; and policies that encourage investment now in hydrogen gas, biogas and bio-LPG so renewable supply can meet future demand.

Current LPG appliances are fully compatible with bio-LPG and modern gas appliances are able to run on a blend of natural gas renewable hydrogen (up to 20%) or biogas.

The technology also exists to supply a carbon-zero gas mix through the current natural gas network. There is work to do to ensure it can be produced affordably and at scale. However, the commitment is there, it will happen and we must maintain the infrastructure to pave the way.

Submissions close on 24 November. GasNZ will be making a submission and I'll be in touch with companies to seek input. In the meantime you can read the discussion paper [here](#).

Ngā mihi nui
Janet Carson
Chief Executive LPGA and GANZ

LPGA AGM



The 44th Annual General Meeting of the LPG Association of New Zealand (Inc) will be held on line Thursday 4 November 2021, commencing at 4 pm via Zoom.

All LPGA members invited to attend. Please contact [Colin](#) for Zoom details.