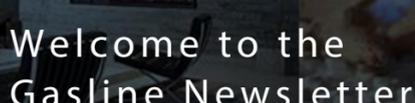
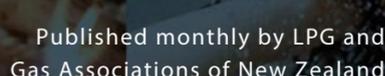




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### Introducing New Industry Chief Executive



On 1 September the LPG Association (LPGA) and Gas Association of New Zealand (GANZ) welcomed Janet Carson as Chief Executive.

In her new role, Janet will, on behalf of both organisations, lead gas industry policy engagement, advocacy and industry development at this pivotal time for New Zealand's energy sector.

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### Gas Forum Postponed



Due to ongoing level 2 restrictions and level 3 for Auckland, and uncertainty about future COVID levels, we are postponing the forum.

This was a difficult decision, but is the right thing to do amidst the uncertainty - and health concerns - as the country fights Delta.

We intend to reschedule the forum in the New Year and will publish the postponement date as soon as it's confirmed.

### New International Renewable Gas Projects Confirmed



The New Zealand LPG sector will soon be able to draw on new global research to advance renewable LPG (rLPG) and renewable DME (rDME) thanks to new projects confirmed by the World LPG Association this month. The blending of rDME with LPG is one of the most promising pathways to decarbonise LPG says Albert de Geest, Chief Executive of Liquigas, who represents LPGA members on the global renewable LPG working group.

Mr de Geest says while there may be some regulatory complexities in getting rDME blends to market for widespread household use, an rDME blend is a viable substitute for LPG and people will not notice any difference using it.

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### New Hydrogen Research Cranking Up



Hydrogen potential cranked up a notch this month with Air New Zealand and aircraft manufacturer Airbus announcing research into the opportunities and challenges of flying zero-emission hydrogen aircraft in New Zealand.

Air NZ sees hydrogen (along with battery electric aircraft) as a realistic option for its short haul and regional routes, providing another interesting case, where gas (in the form of hydrogen) offers solutions to the challenge of decarbonisation.

The gas industry is similarly working hard to understand how it can best serve future users of zero emissions hydrogen. GANZ member, Firstgas, published a landmark study into the conversion of gas networks in New Zealand and has committed to trialling the use of hydrogen in existing gas pipelines, and work on green hydrogen production is also moving fast with Meridian Energy and Contact Energy advancing plans for a green hydrogen plant in Southland.

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### Recognising The Importance Of Gas



Genesis Energy says that far from being yesterday's fuel, gas should have a bright future in NZ, helping to transition us neatly to a lower carbon future. Yes, coal use will drop, the hydro lakes will fill up and wind, geothermal and solar will all become more prevalent, but gas will continue to have a strong role to play in NZ's energy future.

But, the company says, for that to happen we need to properly recognise the importance of gas and, importantly, focus on allowing appropriate investment in the market.

"NZ seems to have fallen out of love with gas," says Genesis Chief Executive Marc England, "but we urgently need to re-think that. We need policy that allows us to invest in a future with gas." Marc talks specifics about what's needed for that to happen ... and what's not.

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