



New President Takes Office

Introducing BRUCE MONK.

Born in Taranaki, the heart of the modern natural gas industry, it was inevitable that from a young age Bruce would make a career in the industry that fuels both industry and the places we call home.

This commenced in 1977 when Bruce was accepted as a trainee by the then City Gas Department in New Plymouth. The training he was provided gave a broad overview of the gas industry from mains to flame and established the foundation for a career spanning:

- gas utilisation
- installation inspection
- sales and marketing
- pressure control
- metering
- network engineering
- contract/construction management
- corrosion protection
- asset management.

“Given my diverse background of experience, I intend to continue the growth of the institution and build on the initiatives put into place by my predecessors” says Bruce. “I look forward to the coming year and want to see the NZIGE increase its visibility to those thinking of a career in the gas industry, and those already involved”.

Video Linked 2014 AGM a Success.

The recent Annual General Meeting of the NZIGE (September 5, 2014) was held simultaneously in two alternate venues for the first time.

The two venues at the offices of Landis & Gyr Auckland, and EDM I Wellington were linked by a video conference facility.

The NZIGE Council had been aware of flagging numbers at successive previous AGM's, and to lessen the financial burden on members, and enable a broader attendance elected to trial this modern technology.

Largely praised as successful, this means of bringing members together without the costs of travel etc. will be expanded in the future.

The usual business was conducted seamlessly with active contributions from both venues participants.

The Annual Report and Financials were accepted, as was the budget for the upcoming year. The NZIGE remains in strong fiscal position and despite increased expense budget is forecast to remain in the black for the 2015 year.

Notably the Institution has called again for funding requests from members who wish to take advantage of the sponsorship funds allowed each year. More on this later in the newsletter.

No New Council Members Nominated.

Bruce Monk takes up the office of President with Nick Foster now Past President. Pip Wrenn continues as Secretary/Treasurer.

(See list of Council members elsewhere in this newsletter)

Previous Past President Dan Hynson is no longer serving on Council, and the Council offers a serious vote of thanks for your efforts on behalf of NZIGE Dan.

Council is now at minimum strength and calls for interested members to declare any desire to participate on Council. Just email the Secretary at: secretary@nzige.org.nz



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New Council Elected

The new NZIGE Council is comprised:

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- President: **Bruce Monk**
- Vice President: **Victor Gradowski**
(Temporary)
- Past President: **Nick Foster**
- Member: **Anak Lumb**
Ben Smith
David Whitfield
Philippa Wrenn
- Honorary Secretary/Treasurer
Philippa Wrenn

Council Needs You!

As discussed at the AGM, Council continually finds itself constrained by the details within the existing rulebook.

A glaring example is the make-up of Council and the specified terms within. Council was unable to elect a Vice President at the AGM from the members who agreed to be on Council, and has subsequently appointed Victor Gradowski temporarily. – Thanks Victor.

If you're not sure what or how to contribute to your industry, nominating yourself for Council is a great place to start.

Meanwhile Council has embarked on a holistic review of the existing rule book with a view to enabling more flexible and timely actions as we go forward. We need to accept the necessities of the changing nature of organisations like ours, and create a durable environment which will better enable us to attain our objectives.



Gas NZ Forum 2014 held in Queenstown

Gas NZ Forum 2014. 5-7 November.

This year's joint Gas Industry event was held at the Heritage Hotel in Queenstown, during some stunning weather which showcased the outstanding scenery the region has to offer.

The first day was opened by Tony Smith, President of the LPGA, and brought an excellent line up of speakers presenting up to date information on the state of the gas industry both in NZ and also in Australia and the rest of the world.

The networking events were all fully subscribed and enjoyed by all, and the day was topped off after evening drinks with conversations over a great meal, interrupted only by the irrepressible Gary McCormack who drew his fair share of laughs with a thought provoking discussion, albeit a little one-sided...

Day two was opened by the NZIGE's President Bruce Monk, and saw the group split into two streams, broadly focused on General and Technical topics before coming together for the final presentations and the closing by Stuart Dickson, Chair of GANZ.

Forum Sponsorship well Subscribed.

Main Forum	Platinum	Nova Energy
Forum Dinner	Gold	Elgas
Golf networking event	Silver	Powerco
Wine Tour networking	Silver	Liquigas
Lake Cruise networking	Silver	Uhlenberg Haulage Ltd
Welcome Cocktails	Silver	Vapor Gas Equipment
Pre-dinner Cocktails	Silver	Contact Energy
Plenary Sessions I & II	Bronze	SecoGas
Plenary Sessions VI & VII	Bronze	Standards NZ
Thursday Lunch	Bronze	Landis+Gyr
Friday Lunch	Bronze	Geogas

Members are encouraged to support these companies openly making their support known. Without it these events would be much more difficult to organize and continue.

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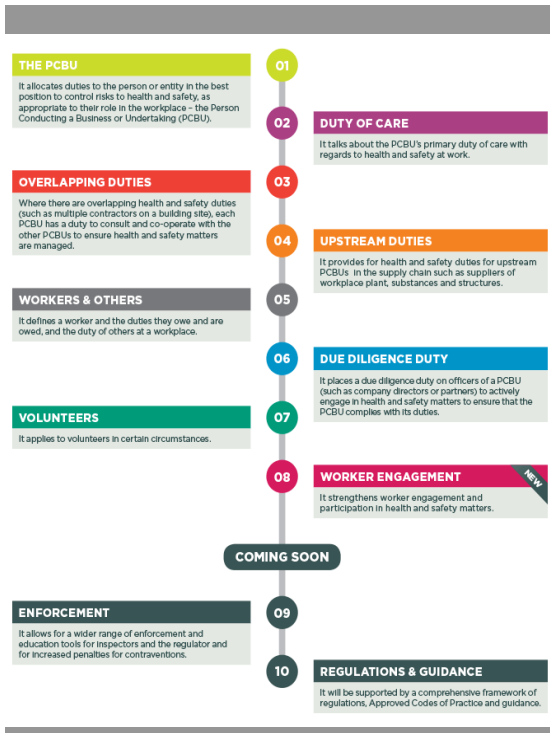


Safety in the Use of Gas.

Maintaining a public safety system which is comparable with the best in the world was the focus of the New Zealand gas industry's recent consumer safety initiative.

The LPG and Gas Associations, working with Energy Safety, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board; have recently run a national gas safety campaign to remind and encourage consumers to install, use, and maintain gas appliances safely.

The website www.gassafety.org.nz promotes all the tips consumers need to know to use gas safely and efficiently, both in the home and while caravanning.



Health and Safety Reform Bill.

The Bill was introduced into Parliament in March 2014. It is currently before Parliament's Transport and Industrial Relations Committee, which is considering public submissions on the Bill.

Once the Bill is passed, it will be several months before the new Health and Safety at Work Act comes fully into force in 2015. This will enable the supporting regulations to be made, and WorkSafe NZ to finalise the supporting guidance and approved codes of practice.

The new law will be supported by education and information. WorkSafe NZ is developing a range of guidance material that will be in place in plenty of time to help you through the transition.

The latest update from WorkSafe NZ (www.business.govt.nz/worksafe) focuses on Points 1 to 8 (left). Future updates will explain the framework of supporting regulations and guidance. Future updates will also include additional issues identified as being of particular interest to stakeholders.

Who Has The Primary Duty to ensure Health and Safety?

It is important that members understand the Duty or Primary Care and the responsibilities of a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking, known as a PCBU.

It is recommended all members check out the WorkSafe NZ website which has all the information you will need to know.

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Sponsorship Funding Available.

Perhaps you are not aware that NZIGE budgets a sum of money each year for allocation to member(s) for the betterment of the Industry as a whole.

This could be used to attend training, attend a relevant conference or Gas Industry event; either domestic in NZ, or International.

Applicants must be paid up members of NZIGE, be able to demonstrate relevance to the Gas Industry, and be prepared to provide or present a brief report on their experience or outcomes etc. so that any potential benefit may be disseminated across the membership.

Any and all applications are considered on their individual merits without prejudice, at the next scheduled Council meeting. Simply email a request for consideration including cost and benefit to:

secretary@nzige.org.nz



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