



Media Release

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First major customer in South Gippsland get connected to Natural Gas

Multinet Gas today is pleased to announce that Burra Foods is the first major customer in South Gippsland to connect to natural gas at a function held at Burra Foods. Multinet Gas CEO Hugh Gleeson said "he was delighted as a result, that natural gas will bring substantial cost savings and operating efficiencies to Burra Foods and enable them to expand their operations and be more competitive in these tough economic times".

At the function celebrating the connection included Peter Batchelor, MP – Minister for Energy and Resources, Jacinta Allan, MP – Minister for Regional and Rural Development, the Mayor of South Gippsland - James Fawcett and other local council and community representatives

Multinet Gas and Red Energy have been undertaking new natural gas connections for a number of residents in Lang Lang and Korumburra in order to trial and bed-down their systems and new connection processes. We can say to date, that over 20 residents in Lang Lang and Korumburra have since connected to natural gas for the first time and several hundred residents in Lang Lang, Korumburra and Leongatha are now in the process of arranging natural gas connections.

Residents and businesses in Lang Lang, Korumburra and Leongatha (the towns where pipeline construction has already been completed) can now begin arranging gas connections and in Wonthaggi and Inverloch (where construction is ongoing and gas to be available soon) will be advised about how they can arrange connection and the incentives available to them if they make the switch to natural gas. Ongoing information is provided to residents in these towns on how to arrange connections.

"Natural gas is safe, convenient, environmentally friendly and economical and very important for the continued development and growth of towns in the area. Now that Red Energy is on board, up to 10,000 businesses and residents will be benefitting from this project" said Hugh.

Jemena East is Multinet Gas's primary contractor, responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the new gas network. Jemena Marketing Manager James Wong said that information is now being rolled to residents in South Gippsland.

"With Red Energy now in place, we have started to inform people about how they can access natural gas. A number of information sessions have been planned over the coming weeks explaining the connection process and what incentives we are making available to encourage people to make the switch to natural gas," Mr Wong said.

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Residents and business owners who would like to arrange a gas connection are encouraged to do so by undertaking the following:

1. Ensure that natural gas is available in their street and location by visiting www.multinetgas.com.au.
2. Apply to Red Energy on **131 806** for a gas service and retail supply contract, who will arrange for Jemena (on behalf of Multinet Gas) to install that service.
 - a. Jemena will plan the service via its contractor and install the new gas service (usually within 20 working days).
 - b. If the residence is less than 20 metres from the front boundary, there will no cost involved. If, however, the residence is more than 20 metres, then the installation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a cost will be involved.
3. Arrange a qualified gas fitter to assess the suitability of their appliances/fitting line and/or arrange conversion to natural gas as applicable. The gas fitter will issue a certificate of compliance for the installation when completed
4. The gas fitter/resident will coordinate with Red Energy to arrange a meter fix.
5. Jemena will then install the gas meter and the gas fitter will arrange final connection.

Residents can ring 1300 131 689 (Mon-Fri 8.30am- 5.30pm) for further queries.

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