



**Gas Appliance
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AGN opens up a new NG market in Victoria

Great news for GAMAA appliance manufacturers.....

For the first time ever, hundreds of home and business owners at Wandong-Heathcote Junction - a flourishing region about 60km north of Melbourne - will soon be able to connect to natural gas after the construction of a \$6 million pipeline.

And in a major new development, Australian Gas Networks (AGN) - the country's leading gas distribution company - announced today the project has been expanded to include businesses and households on the western part of the town, an area not included in the original planning.

The milestone development is a significant boon to the district with hundreds of local homeowners and businesses expected to connect natural gas directly to their properties over the next 20 years.

AGN is driving the history-making \$5.8 million project to install about 17 kilometres of gas reticulation mains within Wandong-Heathcote Junction following a near-\$5 million funding commitment by the Victorian Government.

"Australian Gas Networks is delighted to be at the forefront of such a vital, history-making infrastructure project that is delivering such a key energy source to the region of Wandong Heathcote Junction," AGN's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Andrew Staniford, said today.

...."The response we have received from property owners - keen to hook up to natural gas as soon as they can - has been very positive.

It is anticipated over 650 homes and 20 businesses in the area will connect to natural gas over the next two decades.

Mr Staniford said a major marketing campaign was underway at Wandong-Heathcote Junction to advise potential new customers of the new natural gas network.

He urged new customers to take advantage of a range of AGN rebates of up to \$1500 to install natural gas appliances.

From 1 January, a range of new rebates are now available to support existing home customers' connection costs. They include a \$500 "new connection" rebate, a \$500 rebate for a natural gas central heater, space heater and/or dedicated natural gas hot water system, and a \$100 rebate for any other natural gas appliance.

[read the full press release here](#)

GAMAA Technical Committee meeting - Thursday 6 April 2017

Meeting details:

Where: Ai Group - L2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne

Time: 10am to 3pm

RSVP: Essential for registration and catering purposes – please email associations@aigroup.com.au and advise your attendance.

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