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## **MasterChef's fiery new season sets the scene for the sustainable future of the Australian gas stovetop**

Season 2024 of MasterChef Australia went to air last night with new contestants cooking up a storm on carbon-neutral gas-fired stovetops.

This year the MasterChef presents the future of Australian kitchens as we embrace and transition to carbon-neutral gas appliances. It portrays what can be if we invest in building a carbon-neutral gas industry on home soil.

GAMAA President Ross Jamieson said, "Watching the MasterChef contestants cook with Australian sourced renewable gas on gas appliances really showcases on the big screen that carbon-neutral renewable gas has a strong future in our country as we transition to a net zero economy".

"We know Australians love cooking with gas whether it's on their stovetop or their BBQ. We need to make sure that we keep the doors open for renewable gas cooking for our consumers.

"The Prime Minister's *Future Made in Australia Act* looks to bolster our green energy manufacturing capabilities in our own country."

Many of GAMAA's member companies have a well-built manufacturing base in Australia and have the capabilities to produce gas appliances in our country.

To this day, more than 60 per cent of gas appliances sold in Australia are made in Australia, with GAMAA members employing around 4000 people, many in regional centers.

"Our Australian gas appliance manufacturers and their workforce are ready today to support the clean energy transition. We already have the equipment, the skills, and the experience on home soil to create a thriving and competitive renewable gas appliance manufacturing base in Australia," said Mr Jamieson.

"GAMAA members have working since 2018 to undertake research to develop new industry appliance standards that will allow the safe operation and certification of appliances operating on renewable gases from the middle of this year."

"These standards will open the future door for Australian-made gas appliances certified to run on renewable gases and be readily available to consumers.

"GAMAA has long been supportive of the need to transition to a net zero economy and has consistently highlighted the important role of gas through this transformation."

"Renewable gas, including bio-methane and hydrogen are already being blended into natural gas supply in some areas and this will increase in the future as gas distributors advance their plans to achieve net zero. MasterChef provides us with a clear example of how this will seamlessly support consumers that want to use gas when they cook."

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