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The revolution is here: Australia embraces LNG as marine fuel

Fremantle, Australia: The who's who of the Australian *LNG as marine fuel* movement gathered yesterday as EVOL LNG announced that Fremantle is now ready as Australia's first LNG Bunkering Port.

This is on top of the announcement in April that Woodside and Siem Offshore Australia Pty Ltd – using Wärtsilä design, dual fuel engines and LNGPac™, will be launching their first LNG fuelled offshore support vessel in 2017.

Banu Kannu, GM Marketing Wärtsilä, said “this is a clear demonstration of what a group of driven people can do. LNG as marine fuel for Australia is no longer idealistic – it's realistic. It's happening. Congratulations to the Australian maritime industry”.

SeaRoad Shipping will launch the LNG fuelled vessel Searoad Mersey II later this year. It is expected to enter six-days-a-week overnight Bass Strait service between Devonport and Melbourne in December and has been at the forefront of LNG as marine fuel technology in Australia.

The sense of achievement was palpable last night as the LNG fuelled vessel movement has been driven by industry. Although it's not quite a champagne popping, back slapping moment yet. Everything is still on ice until the arrival of a vessel that can actually use the bunkering infrastructure now available at Fremantle Port. But the feeling is, it's not far away.

As one industry insider said, “LNG fuelled ships is a no-brainer for Australia. Gas is Australia's bread and butter – we own it – there's security of supply, it's scattered around the nation and it's environmentally sound. Watch this space”.

MIAL will be hosting an LNG as Marine fuel Seminar in September. If you would like to know more please call 03) 9647 6000.

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