



# our news

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## Business Update: September 2025

*Kia ora,*

**As winter begins to draw to a close, I'm encouraged by the resilience across our industry and our team. Our recent outage highlighted Methanex's role in keeping New Zealand's power system reliable when it matters most. We continue to work closely with gas suppliers, regulators, and the government to help navigate the energy shortfall. At the same time, it's clear that we need changes to policy settings to stimulate upstream activity. We remain focused on removing obstacles, advocating for practical solutions and doing everything we can to improve the energy outlook in a challenging environment.**

The cold season has also provided inspiration to our broader team to support our local Waitara community. The WISE Charitable Trust does a great job of ensuring that local whānau are kept warm and healthy through the winter months by supporting them to keep their homes adequately insulated and heated. I am always impressed by the lengths our employees go to, to get behind worthy causes every year, raising thousands of dollars to support our community.

Aside from fundraising efforts, our team has been kept busy with the safe restart of our Motunui 2 plant. As many will be aware, a restart is a lot more complex than flicking a switch, so I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure that we restarted production efficiently and safely.

Globally, the acquisition of two new plants in Beaumont, Texas and another (currently idled) plant in the Netherlands is now complete. It's been fantastic to welcome our new team members to the Methanex family and to expand our international manufacturing potential even further.

In the newsletter this quarter, we're looking at how we keep safety top of mind in all of our activities, checking in with the Taranaki Health Foundation, plus taking a sneak peek at our newly renovated control room.

*Noho ora mai,*

*Stuart McCall*  
Managing Director,  
Methanex New Zealand.



Our new plant in Beaumont, Texas.



The plant in Delfzijl, The Netherlands.



## The Million Steps Challenge

In September, the Taranaki Health Foundation, in partnership with Methanex New Zealand, called on the community to lace up their walking shoes and take part in a brand-new fundraising initiative – the Million Steps Challenge to support the new Methanex Neonatal unit at the Taranaki Base Hospital.

If you've noticed a few more people pounding the pavements, that's because the event challenges teams of four to collectively walk one million steps to raise funds for local neonatal care. Every dollar raised goes directly to the Methanex Neonatal Unit, a key part of the New East Wing Building currently under construction.

"The Million Steps Challenge is a fun, healthy way for people to get involved in making a real impact," says General Manager of Taranaki Health Foundation, Grant Carter. "We're thrilled to be partnering once again with Methanex, who have been long-time champions of



improving health care in our region. This event is not only a great way to encourage wellbeing and community spirit – it will directly benefit some of our most vulnerable patients and their families."

It's not too late to jump online to support the Million Steps Challenge with a donation and to check out how many steps we've done so far for Taranaki's tiniest patients: [millionsteps.thf.org.nz](https://millionsteps.thf.org.nz)



## TARANAKI FOUNDATION AMBROSE GOLF

SUPPORTED BY METHANEX

FRIDAY 10TH OCT 2025 | NEW PLYMOUTH GOLF CLUB

### DETAILS:

- ✓ Register by 10:30am, 11:00am mass tee off
- ✓ Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin competitions
- ✓ Teams of 4 @ \$200 per team
- ✓ Auction and prize giving

On Friday 10th October we will be holding the 2nd Annual Taranaki Foundation Golf Day and you are invited to join us! Golfers of all levels are welcome to sign up for a day of ambrose golf, fantastic prizes, thrilling auction prizes and plenty of banter as you make your way around the course. Spaces are limited so get in quick if you're keen to take part.

We are actively seeking prizes for auction. Sponsors who gift a prize valued over \$500 can enter a team for free (normally \$200 for a team of four).

All proceeds raised will go towards the Methanex STEM Learning Fund, established through the Taranaki Foundation.

The Taranaki Foundation is a charitable community foundation with a vision to nurture and grow the prosperity of our region through community giving, partnerships and philanthropy.

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## STAFF PROFILE: TONY MARTIN



Tony Martin, Mechanical Supervisor,  
Methanex New Zealand.

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**Former Taranaki rugby player and Methanex Mechanical Supervisor, Tony Martin, thrives as part of a team; whether that’s on the field or in the workshop. Tony says working with others is the highlight of his day. “The team of guys I’ve got make everything easy; they’re forward-thinkers, and they’re great at working through problems. They make my job a lot easier.”**

Tony grew up just down the road in Waitara where sports were a huge part of his upbringing, especially rugby. He played for Clifton before being selected, as a nineteen-year-old, for the Taranaki team in 1992. He played 23 games, including three internationals against the British Lions, Samoa and Tonga. “We didn’t win but we didn’t get a hiding,” he jokes.

“Growing up in Waitara was great, the freezing works were in full swing. I actually did my apprenticeship as a fitter welder at AFFCO. It was close to home and there was a really good range of work on offer.”

Tony joined the Methanex team in 2014 during the Waitara Valley start-up after a long stint in Perth as a boilermaker. Tony is a father to five children and a grandfather of two. His advice for anyone wanting to move into a technical trade is to be ready to learn. “Be confident in your abilities – you’ve been put there for a reason.”



Tony in his Taranaki rugby days in the early 1990s.

## BUSINESS LEADERS’ HEALTH AND SAFETY FORUM CELEBRATIONS

**Methanex New Zealand was recently recognised as one of the 54 remaining founding members of the Business Leaders’ Health and Safety Forum, at its 15th anniversary event at Parliament in Wellington.**

The Forum is an organisation supporting CEOs and senior leaders to develop their health and safety leadership, with the aim to improve health, safety and wellbeing outcomes in New Zealand.

Managing Director, Stuart McCall received the Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Methanex from Hon Brooke van Velden, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety.

At Methanex, safety is our number one priority. We work hard, as a team, to ensure that all of our people get home safely every day. This celebration was a time to recognise and reflect on the Responsible Care journey we’ve been on over the past fifteen years with this group, and the years before, and to look forward to our continued focus on putting our values and safe practices into action.

“Since 2010, we have been proud to stand alongside like-minded businesses and their CEOs – sharing experiences, exchanging insights, and leveraging our combined skills and influence to create safer and healthier workplaces across New Zealand,” said Forum Chief Executive Francois Barton.

Stuart McCall said “I was truly proud to celebrate Methanex’s strong safety culture at this event, but the recognition

belongs to our entire team. Every person who works with us is a critical part of our commitment to Responsible Care. Thank you for your efforts in keeping yourselves and each other safe.”



Hon Brooke van Velden, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety awarded the Certificate of Recognition to Stuart McCall, Managing Director for Methanex New Zealand.

# Q&A WITH PLANT MANAGER, ALISTAIR SIMMERS



Alistair Simmers, Plant Manager,  
Methanex New Zealand.

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## How was the recent outage?

The winter outage was a great success. We used this time to improve the safety and reliability of our equipment by removing vulnerabilities. We also completed a lot of maintenance work, like the removal and repair of the rotor inside our main syngas compressor. But what I'm happiest about is that we completed all this work safely. Throughout the outage we only had one minor first aid event and this reflects really strong health and safety management by both our own team and by our contracting community.

## How's the plant running at the moment?

The plant is running really well and I'm proud to say that we achieved a milestone of two years since our last unplanned outage or plant trip. This is a great record and reflects the professionalism and quality of work that goes into operating and maintaining our plant on a daily basis.

## What's been happening in the control room?

Our control room is the hub of our whole plant. It's vital that it's safe, secure and fit for purpose. Over the past few months, we have been modifying the control room so that more of our operations team can be located inside it, improving safety for that team. We have also taken the opportunity to move our permit issuing area out of the control room so that the operators can focus more consistently on what they are good at, which is safely operating our plant.

## What have you got coming up?

We have a few major projects progressing over the coming months. We have just taken one of our big storage tanks at the Port out of service so we can undertake some inspection activities on it, ensuring its integrity and safety for future operation. Some of our cross-country pipelines are also coming due for statutory inspection so you may see some activity around our pipelines to support this, especially our main methanol pipeline between our Waitara Valley site and the Port. We are also close to commissioning a project at Motunui that will help reduce our carbon emissions and water treatment chemical consumption by improving the way we recycle water within the process.

## What are you most proud of, so far, in 2025?

There have been so many amazing successes so far in 2025. At the top of the list is definitely the engagement from the entire team (employees and contractors) in safety. The team has really focused on having conversations about hazards and ensuring these hazards are well managed. This has definitely flowed through to our broader health and safety performance year-to-date.

The other thing I'm incredibly proud of is the care and attention to detail that the entire team has continued to show despite the uncertainty about gas supply. Under these conditions it is sometimes easy to lose focus on the tasks at hand leading to drops in safety and/or reliability performance but, throughout, the professionalism and quality of work being exhibited by the team has been outstanding.



The Control Room is the hub of our plant. Now that it's been renovated, it's safer and more secure for our team.

*Haere tonu i tau mahi pai!  
Keep up the great work!*



## Your questions answered

Want to know more about our operations?

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