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NEWSLETTER

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## MORE TO FLOODING THAN MEETS THE EYE



“The challenges that the flooding has created in the wider Gisborne community continue for those living in the area. We managed to reach the last 3 logging crews with fuel 22 days after the original event. These crews have still been working and have been either meeting the McFall Fuel Tanker beyond the road closures or towing their trailer tanks to town up to three times a day. These roads however are still not open to logging trucks but the contractors are taking each little win as a huge positive. There are many farmers who have vast areas of highly productive land covered with silt which will render it useless for months, and in some cases years to

come. They have also endured having no power supply and extensive damage to their homes, property, and livelihoods,” said Sean Howell, the Operations Coordinator. “Even those selling their livestock because the feed had gone, have had to herd the animals up to 12km to reach the stock truck because the roads were just so impassable.”

“One of our Gisborne drivers was unable to make it to work for 3 days until he assisted a forestry contractor to clear a track. We still have 8 of our original roads closed and now SH2 our main northern access road has a slip. Just reaching some of our customers in the last week of June was a huge effort by the team. Communicating to achieve access and going the extra mile to accommodate our customers is very weather dependent at present and there are unpredictable and changing needs to cope with. We are a few runs behind due to this extreme weather event, and appreciate the patience shown by our customers in a trying time, but all in all we coped extremely well with the help of others.”

## THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PET DAYS SEEM UNLIKELY

The McFall Fuel Staff who have



traditionally supported local schools and communities with the annual calf and pet days are hearing they may not occur this year because of Mycoplasma Bovis. Biosecurity New Zealand is expecting to find more infected properties than the current 41 active infected properties nationwide as at the end of June. The tracking of animal movements continues.

In the North Island there is one active infected farm in Hastings, one in Pahiatua, and two in Cambridge with the last confirmed positive test results for the disease to come from a property in the Wairarapa which is a sheep and beef farm. The disease was discovered on the farm near Masterton through the ongoing tracing of animal movements from other affected farms. As with all farms faced with this situation the property is placed under legal controls that restrict movement. To meet the desired aim of eradication of the disease means that eventually the cattle will need to be culled on those farms infected.

## SECTOR CONFERENCES IN JULY & AUGUST THIS YEAR



The Pioneer Conference is in the first week of July on the Gold Coast in Australia and Forest Industry Safety Conference is August 8 in Rotorua. McFall Fuel is a sponsor for both of these events. The Pioneer Conference is focused on industry research and innovation in maize silage, new hybrids, and other uses of maize grain. Mycoplasma bovis and what it means for agricultural contractors working on dairy farms will also be covered. While the Forest Industry Conference is about leadership and the conversations needed to achieve long term sustainable safety within work cultures. Technology solutions making safety processes seamless and smart will also be on the agenda.

# What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

## THE LAND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT



McFall Fuel like a large number of businesses has been impacted on by the Land Transport Management (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Act 2018. July 1, 2018 marks a significant day in New Zealand history. The RFT Scheme makes it clear no more than one scheme can be in force at any time in any area and the maximum duration is generally 10 years. The maximum rate is 10 cent per litre for fuel and is GST exclusive. This means that while Auckland is the first there is the possibility for this amendment to be rolled out across the country in years to come.

It has already been demonstrated that applying for an exemption may not be as straightforward as the words within the act imply and so it is anticipated

that any applications for rebates for fuel not used on public roads will be just as challenging to begin with. The liabilities around moving fuel in and out of the Auckland Region will rely heavily on the monitoring put in place on the Regional Fuel Taxpayers.

The fines for committing an offence are in the case of an individual not to exceed \$15,000 and in the case of a person or organization other than an individual, the fine will not exceed \$75,000.

## THE ART OF SAFE WORK



Training, coaching and mentoring are the key to the art of safe work. This approach will achieve far more than the command and control or the 'do as I say' model.

Safety leadership requires practical solutions to ensure success and this means decreasing the reliance on words on paper. By increasing the visual and practical/doing learning opportunities for people the better the understanding of the safety expectations will be. Sharing conversations rather than telling conversations are also the way forward.

In the words of Daniel Pink, 'the science shows that the secret to high performance is not our biological drive or our reward and punishment drive, but our third drive — our deep seated desire to direct our own lives, to extend and expand our abilities, and to live a life of purpose.'

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