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THE CALL FOR LOWER SPEED LIMITS



The call for lower speed limits on roads is gaining momentum. The Government has a Speed Management Guide which is designed to improve safety by making sure that the speed limits on different roads match the environment and the characteristics of the road. Road deaths

and injuries have increased since 2013 and the Guide introduced in 2016, proposes that a number of changes need to be made in a range of urban and residential areas as well as rural roads. The Saddle Road in Manawatu is a good example of where speed limits have been reduced from 100 km/h to 80 and 60 km/h. The goal is that with the 10% of high risk roads identified and having had the necessary changes made there will be 200 fewer serious injuries and deaths from crashes each year. The Speed Management Guide is all about the collaboration between central Government and local councils who should know their roads best, to make sure that the speed limits on the roads are set where they should be and that these roads are safe.

However, the reality is that all of this work on creating safer roads relies heavily on the capabilities of the drivers using the safer roads. Modifying peoples driving habits and reducing distractions while driving is also part of the equation. 60% of members surveyed by the AA indicated that they had been on a road where they were not sure of the speed limit which is not surprising. The challenge for us all is to be aware of the different speeds that are now being applied to our roads because we are no longer the two speed country we were with speeds set at 100km/h or 50km/h

PIONEER CONFERENCE VISITS IN AUSTRALIA

Prior to the Pioneer Conference commencing in Melbourne a group of the Agricultural Contractors were given the chance to visit a number of different large scale farming operations around both Victoria and New South Wales. The group also visited the Fuchs Manufacturing Plant in Melbourne and found the lab the most fascinating.

The Almond Farm captured the imaginations of a number on the tour because of the sheer scale of the farming operation. Irrigation is



a major cost for all farming sectors. The almond farmer explained how water was so central to his operation and when he talked about the water required to meet their needs it was always described in mega-litres.

The water has to be purchased on an allocation system from the State Government and there are no guarantees as to when the farm will be granted their allocation for use.

BUILDING CHANGES AT HOCKING STREET

There are a number of changes already completed or about to get underway at the McFall Fuel Head Office in Mount Maunganui. The yard has just undergone the changes required to be signed off as a Transit Depot. Part of the requirements are that full shut off can be achieved should there ever be an issue on site. The work on the Office is about to begin to meet the needs of the changing Company Structure. The Planning Team originally saw two planners working out of the Mount and now there are four. The Finance & Administration Team has seen more personnel employed to meet customer demand more effectively and the Tank Asset Team has also been added to. Additional space for drivers has become more important with increasing numbers working out of the Hocking Street Yard. Over the next three and a half months while the building programme is completed staff will work out of either 19 Hocking Street or across the road above the Next Step Gym. "We are determined that there is no interruption to our daily business while the work is carried out," said Allan McFall. "We have planned carefully for this and so there should be no impact on our ability to meet the needs of our customers."



What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

FARM TANKS NEED TO BE SAFE



McFall Fuel is committed to Zero Harm—no harm to people, no harm to the environment, and no accidents. One of the areas that requires constant oversight when it comes to driver safety are the tanks being delivered to. Farm Tanks have recently had a heightened level of discussion in fuel industry forums. The concerns are that there are still large numbers of tripods being used on farms around the country along with a number of farm tanks that have been adapted from the old tripod or other tanks.

McFall Fuel have a Lease to Own offer which has been designed to help farmers meet the expectations of safe tanks on farms as cost effectively as possible. There is also the opportunity to purchase outright and the chance to personalize the tank that you purchase. Find out more about ensuring that you have a safe farm tank by talking to your Sales Rep.



WAIPA KING COUNTRY LIFE EDUCATION TRUST



The Waipa King Country Life Education Trust works with around 6500 youngsters in 32 schools. The rapid growth in the Region will see a second classroom set up in 2020 along with a second educator on the road. The charity encourages young people to make healthy choices. Each year lessons are provided about their body's, friendships, their identity, food and nutrition, and helpful and harmful substances. Over the year a small percentage of preschool children along with Year 1 to Year 8 pupils have the opportunity to learn more about themselves, about how to be resilient, as well as about relationships. McFall Fuel has supported the Waipa King Country Life Education Trust for about 10 years by supplying fuel for the tractor unit and the educators car. We have supported the Waipa King Country Life Education Trust for as long as we have because the school visits in the communities within which we work always generate such positive feedback about the differences made by the lessons. This is important when it comes to positive choices for young people in such a complex world.

MCFALL LOYAL



The McFall Fuel Loyalty Programme was launched in August 2013 and since then has grown as more customers have looked to join and different rewards have been added to the offer. The most recent addition to the loyalty offer were the Gather Bags which are the ideal replacement for plastic bags. Able to be stored tidily and so light to carry they come in a 6 or 4 bag option. The main bag can



be used as a bottle carrier once the 4 or 6 large bags are removed. Each bag has two mesh produce bags and an insulated bag included.

Those who have Gather Bags are impressed with how much they hold and how effective the system is when it comes to making shopping easy. To find out more about McFall Loyal and Gather Bags talk to your Sales Representative or go to www.mcfallfuel.co.nz

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