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A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO TANK SAFETY

Over the past month a significant amount of discussion has occurred around tank and site safety in the fuel industry. This has largely been driven because of the serious injuries that have happened in a number of instances involving Tripod Tanks. In many ways it is indeed fortunate that a death has not occurred to a fuel delivery driver considering the poor condition these tanks are in. McFall Fuel have a checklist which deals with not only the safety of the tank but also the site being delivered to. For example some of the questions asked about tanks are about the way the legs are attached to the tank. Are they rusty or bent? Is the bracing straight and undamaged? Site obstructions on the way to the tank like overhanging trees or hedges that need pruning are common while the quality of the road or race to the tank may have been impacted on by bad weather. The area surrounding the tank needs to be kept clear of any debris as a recent accident revealed where it was this that caused the serious head injuries.



Over the coming months the Sales, Drivers and Operations Teams' supported by Training & Safety will be using the checklists to ensure that all tank assets we deliver to meet the industry standards. "Our Team have a responsibility to help customers understand what the industry standards are but then it is up to the customer to make sure that their tank meets these along with the necessary site requirements," said Allan McFall. "Strong communication and collaboration can very quickly resolve most of the situations our fuel delivery drivers are faced with on a daily basis and we have taken the approach that we are here to help to make it as easy as possible. Safe fuel deliveries are essential."

TARANAKI SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR 2020



Simon and Natasha Wilkes

Natasha grew up in Hawera and Simon is the townie from Rotorua. A university relationship in Dunedin saw Simon decide on dairy farming and so he began on a dairy farm in Balclutha while Natasha finished her Masters in Dietetics. Then off to the Manawatu where Natasha was the Manager of the hospital kitchen and Simon was Manager of a 600 to 700 Dairy Farm at Waitarere Beach. Simon made the most of his time and went to Massey University and completed a Bachelor of Science with an Ag major. The parents of twin boys have been for the past two seasons 50/50 Sharemilkers on Natasha's family farm which has seen a fourth generation jersey herd develop Breeding Worth. "We complement each other with Simon focused on pastures, livestock, and the farm environment while I am Health & Safety, Finances and Human Resources. We look after and value our staff and we are delighted with the targeted improvements made in the herd," said Natasha.

GISBORNE YARD WELL UNDERWAY



McFall Fuel's yard development is underway in Gisborne again following several delays. The location in Aerodrome Road will provide much needed fuel storage for delivery in the Region as well as an Office space for the Gisborne Team and a distribution location for the lubricants. This commitment to the Gisborne area is a significant and important one which adds to the Regional approach that McFall Fuel is taking across the North Island. The next big move will be

a similar style of development in New Plymouth to support the growing delivery and service needs of the Taranaki-Whanganui Region. Both developments will provide the same opportunity for the drivers, operations, and sales staff to work together in the same space rather than in separate locations as is the current situation in Gisborne and New Plymouth.

What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

SAFELY MANAGING FUEL ON FARMS



Hawkes Bay

Gisborne



Taranaki Whanganui



Manawatu Wellington Wairarapa



Bay of Plenty Waikato King Country Central Plateau

Take time to go over your tank and see if it has signs of significant rust pitting leading to wet rust or has product weeping from welded seams.

Any dents or damage needs to be assessed extremely closely. It is important to note that tripod stands cannot be retrofitted. Also, make sure your farm has safe access for fuel delivery. This includes safe all-weather entry and access to your property. If you have bridges and the tanker will need to go over them to access the fuel storage, the bridges should be able to take the weight of a fully laden fuel tanker. Best access and requirements must be discussed with our Team. The Farming Team are keen to help customers at any time by bringing their farm tank safety checklists and take time to go over these on site with you so that you have peace of mind. Their contact details can be found on the website.

Call us today to go over the farm tank safety and site checklists.

FOREST INDUSTRY HOLDS A SUCCESSFUL WEBINAR SERIES

McFall Fuel sponsored one of the Webinar sessions in the revamped Forest Industry Safety & Technology Conference and presented a case study in another.

The McFall Fuel sponsored session 'Why Cultural Factors Matter Most' was a focus on improving safety through culture. Bringing Maori culture through Te Kupenga Mahi which is the Maori network within Kiwi Rail and Toll NZ has seen achievements improved in the workplace. The objective of strengthening whakawhanaungatanga (relationships) among employees and associated partnerships at all levels of the organisations has realised a number of positive outcomes for Māori, for KiwiRail and for New Zealand. The sharing of knowledge and the increasing the awareness of cultural, social and economic issues has seen Te Ao Maori embraced in these workplaces.



Ruia te kakano, kia puawai tatou.
Sow the seeds of unity, so we may blossom together

Mike Crandon and Tony Davies presented the review of a truck rollover incident the Company had experienced in January 2019 along with the findings and actions that arose out of this event. This was well received and generated discussion because the major contributing factor was the design of the road surface which has now been rectified.

MAKE THE MOST OF PAINTS & DYES

July's promotion supports locally made paints and dyes that McFall Fuel have available for forestry, construction, and farming. "Our source of Spraywell markers is Damar Paints which is based in Rotorua," said Area Sales Manager Ann Morrissey, "and they work closely with us to meet the needs of our customers. For July we are offering sanitizing pouches and a hygiene product with each purchase."



Forestry Log Marking Paints come in 400ml cans in blue, red, and green, and are available in a carton of 12. These are great for marking the required information on logs and are easy to apply and be seen. Ideal for Construction and Earthworks Upside Down Paints are available in white, light blue, fluoro

green, yellow, orange, red and pink. They leave a mark that is easy to apply and be seen on a variety of surfaces such as grass, gravel, cement, timber (damp or dry), steel drums, roads, plastic wrap, and more. Our Harvester Dye for Harvester Heads is NZ made and has better reliability. We have samples for trial so please contact us to find out more about this exciting development.



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