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PUKEKOHE LAND FIGHTING OFF URBAN SPRAWL



There are growing fears that the unique soil of Pukekohe which is ideal for growing fresh food year round will be lost to the ever advancing urban sprawl. The fertile and highly productive soils produce just over one billion dollars to the Auckland economy through the fruit and vegetable production in the area. What makes the soil ideal for market gardening is that they have evolved from weathered volcanic rock and the strength lies in the soil being able to be

cultivated over and over again. With the projected growth of Pukekohe's population and the increasing pressure that land prices are bringing on this valuable land the challenge will be to hold onto this unique market gardening area. Pukekohe has clearly made its mark as a first class producer of fruit and vegetables for the local market but 90% of the onions go to the international market.

At the same time our food production system is under pressure to increase production without impacting on the environment. The challenge is to hold onto the quality land rather than be forced to land where more fertilizer will need to be applied and the growing conditions will not be as good. Surprisingly, New Zealand does not have that much first class soil with most of our soil being suitable for pasture and forestry and not much else. Therefore, looking after our highly productive land will see the sustainability of one of our key food producing areas and an eye will need to be kept on Horowhenua and Canterbury to ensure that these areas are not faced with the same threat.

NEW 4950 CARRY TANK PROVEN TO BE A WINNER WITH FORESTRY & CONSTRUCTION

McFall Fuel was pleased to see the development of the 4950 carry tank by Fuel Storage because it has been something that customers have been asking for. It also means that deliveries to remote locations can be planned for much more effectively around other work. "Since the tanks introduction in January there have been increasing numbers of requests for these tanks by both forestry and civil construction companies," said McFall Fuel Tank Asset Manager



Stuart Argent. "The tanks can also be fitted with fuel monitoring units which is a plus. For those customers without access to electricity we are able to offer solar power. The only challenge left to overcome is access to cell reception in some of the areas where the tanks are located. A solution to this is currently in development."

HEALTH & WELLBEING TO THE FORE

The Autumn Issue of Boardroom saw an article in which Work Safe CEO Phil Parkes states he wants directors on boards to focus closely on wellbeing and productivity. He is also looking for a shift in thinking about health and safety as a compliance issue. In other words a move from rigidly defining obligations as boxes to be ticked off, to actually applying a health and safety lens to all business activity. It is apparent after listening to people across a number of businesses that the time has come to ask the hard questions such as are you under pressure? And have you got the tools you need to do the job? Being on the front foot when it comes to the wellbeing of employees is very much a pointer to sustainability. Taking time to understand the mental strain that employees are under is not an easy task and this is an area where individual needs will vary widely.

There is no doubt that Covid has seen a change in a number of peoples priorities from work being number one to family comes first. Lance Burdett, Founder & Director of Warn International has recently said that at present we are managing uncertainty and in many minds this equals adversity. Adversity is a fact of life. Resilience is that quality that allows some of us to be knocked down and get up again. Rather than letting difficulties or the seemingly impossible take over and take our resolve away, we find a way to rise and stop the negative self talk in ourselves and our workplaces and just carry on.



McFall Fuel staff enjoy a fruit basket in each location each fortnight

What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

SUCCESSFUL WORK



At the recent Forest Safety Conference in Rotorua, Fiona Ewing, the National Safety Director of FISC, spoke of the need to focus on *successful work* and believes that the time has come to look at safety in a much broader context. "There have been great innovations from learning reviews which are worker centric and based on the how things are done from their perspective." In her recent work with silviculture crews the 'Daily Debrief' is proving invaluable. "The focus is on clarity of purpose. Beginning with what went well and then moving on to what did we learn and what can we improve is a great way to round out their working day. Thanks, acknowledgement and recognition follow with a brief outline of the plan for the next day. In general it takes no more than half an hour."

This level of involvement is more engaging for those carrying out the work, than the traditional pushing everything down or the use of a tick box exercise. In the end it is recognised that worker engagement is integral to successful work and producing good health and safety outcomes. Facilitating learning and enabling people to engage and learn how to perform better is gaining momentum in the workplace. More people are wanting to contribute to not only the standards in the work activities they carry out but also see the collective performance of the Team reach the desired results and outcomes. At the end of the day it is merely a shift in language and attitudes to achieve successful work.

WINTER IS FAST APPROACHING—ANTIFREEZE



It appears that winter might finally be happening and what better time to think Anti-Freeze and be prepared before the cold weather really sets in. Maintain Fricofin, HDD Concentrate, or Premix should meet the needs of all sectors. Maintain Fricofin is a super high performance coolant additive based on mono ethylene glycol. Free from nitrite, amine and phosphate.

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If using a different antifreeze remember to drain the cooling system of all existing antifreeze to prevent the different types reacting together and blocking the cooling system.

KIHIKIHI SPEEDWAY SEASON FINISHES ON A HIGH



McFall Fuel is proud to be a sponsor of the Kihikihi Speedway. The club

was established in 1954 at the Kihikihi Domain just outside of Te Awamutu. A passionate group of locals are still very involved with what is known as a family friendly venue and a competitive race track.

The Andrew Edwards Memorial which has been held annually since 2017 is seen as a celebration of racing as well as a memorial for the promising young man who raced car 71. The 2021 event certainly lived up to its billing. "The greatest racing of midget cars that anyone has seen in quite some time with multiple lead swaps each lap and often with the cars running three to four wide. A massive crowd to support the Andrew Edwards memorial has grown over the years," said Warren Whittaker a club stalwart.

The winner of the event was Hayden Guptill, with Hayden Williams in two and Aaron Hodgson third. All are from the BSL stable.

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