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DEADLINE LOOMS FOR OVERHEAD TRIPOD TANKS



The Fuel Distributors Industry Safety Committee encouraged a collective approach to phasing out the overhead tripod tanks a year ago. At that time Allan McFall said, “our commitment to the collective fuel industry stance to end the service life for overhead tripod tanks to remove the risks that these tanks present was a priority for McFall Fuel.” At the same time meeting the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the 2017 HSN0 regulations is a great step forward when it comes to the safety of people in the work environment.

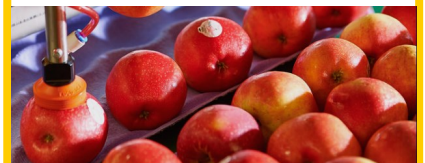
Since 2013 McFall Fuel have tried to encourage customers to move on from the Tripod Overhead Tanks with the lease to own offer which was originally 24 months and now is also available as 36 months. The uptake from customers who realize that this has really been coming for the past twenty five years has been really impressive.

As the deadline looms the industry reminders have gained momentum from other members of the Fuel Distributors Industry Safety Committee. While the work with our customers who are yet to change their Overhead Tripod Tanks is seeing the final push carried out by the McFall Fuel Sales Team. The aim is that if we all work together we should come very close to achieving the desired result.



ROBOTS ARE SOLVING LABOUR CHALLENGES

Each day the media has stories about the ongoing labour shortages New Zealand is facing particularly in the Primary Industries. Research and innovation has become essential work as the world continues to face an uncertainty that appears to have no end in sight and so alternative solutions need to be found. Robots are not uncommon overseas in the dairy industry but are still relatively new on New Zealand dairy farms. The use of Robots in a number of other agricultural type activities is beginning to gain momentum. Imagine walking about nine or more kilometres a day to pick asparagus by hand or standing and watching the fruit and then selecting the right apple and placing it correctly in the



CROSSING THE BORDER—NZ STYLE



For most New Zealanders crossing borders is something that happens overseas. However, in order to control the movement of people from Auckland to other Regions because of Delta, checkpoints were put in place to ensure travel was business related or for approved purposes. The border has impacted on McFall Fuel in different ways. “The Auckland Drivers who needed to cross the border willingly had Covid Tests so that they were able to continue to work

and meet customer needs,” said People & Culture Adviser Kerry Bisset-Larsen. In addition, when the freight delivery driver who had been in the Bay of Plenty returned a positive test, customers called McFall Fuel to see if any of their staff using Fuelcards had been at the BP Tauriko at the times provided. We were able to quickly provide the information required and remind our customers of the importance of using the Covid Tracer App as a great precaution to take as well.

packing for ten hours a day. We have all heard stories about fruit not being harvested or packed on time because no one is willing or available to do it and the losses to the growers that occur. Robots have become game changers and offer a way to resolve these employment challenges but any solution needs to be backed by first class research and testing plus cost effectiveness. The pace of technology development has grown exponentially since 2020 and now the questions are what else will benefit?

What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

MCFALL FUEL'S NEW APPROACH TO DRIVER TRAINING

McFall Fuel has always been pleased to secure new talent when needed to enhance staff capability. However, future proofing employment needs has become evident as we move further into the uncertainty we continue to be faced with. A review of current training programmes and approaches has given rise to developing a cadetship or a training programme that prepares new fuel delivery drivers in house. "We have had a number of personnel in other roles indicate a desire to train as fuel delivery drivers and the introduction of a scholarship for a



customer in the Taranaki has inspired the Team to look at this seriously," said CEO Sheryl Dawson. It is important that McFall Fuel continues to grow people from both within and outside the business to ensure that our high expectations and first class standards are maintained.

"The cadetship hopes to provide the necessary knowledge and experience for people drawn from other transport sectors or who are new to the transport industry," said Training & Safety Manager Michael Crandon. "The Team have pulled together the training modules which will be tested in the field next month and will be working on creating lesson plans to meet different learning styles that we have come to appreciate." There is a great deal of excitement about looking at the current training and how it is delivered alongside this approach.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STATISTICS GIVE CLEAR WARNING

Studies have shown that the switch in times for daylight saving while only an hour can be a more than a nuisance. An increase in the number of traffic accidents, heart attacks, strokes, and workplace injuries is well documented. A 6% increase in fatal car accidents in the week following the change in Spring has been identified not only in New Zealand but other countries where that additional hour of sun comes at the expense of one hours sleep. The risks appear to be highest in the morning. The first days of the transition can be as long as two weeks for some people. The jet lag like symptoms make it hard to pay attention and cause delayed reaction times which increase the risks on the road and at work. Easing into the time shift, forward or back, is recommended.

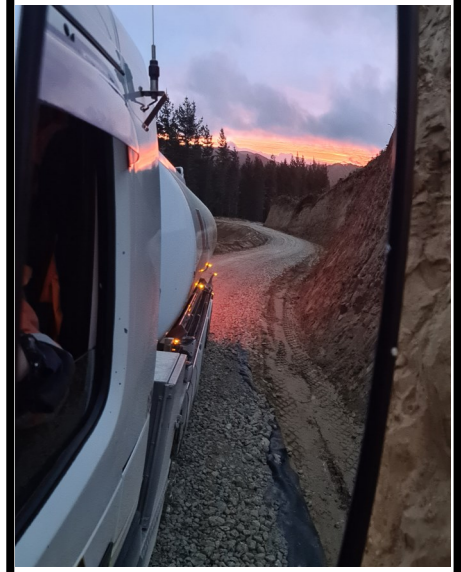
FLEETWASH—20 Litres or 200 Litres



McFall Fuel supply the same vehicle Fleet Wash to customers as is used on both heavy and light McFall Fuel Fleet, with great success. Available in both 20 litre and 200 litre containers the Fleet Wash can be delivered with your lubricant supplies and the empties can be collected. Customer feedback has been extremely positive from a wide range of the sectors including ag contractors and transport. Many have commented on how effective it is in dealing with road

grime, oil, and grease. Like all washes the strength used depends on the level of grime that is on the vehicle and whether hand washing or pressure washing your fleet you can raise the minimum levels suggested to remove the tougher grime.

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