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## THE NEW MOMENTUM IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE



Carbon emissions have risen every year since 2015 apart from 2020 when COVID lockdowns around the world had an impact. But if we stand back and look through all the noise there have been some signs of incremental progress as people take time to consider the realities of such change and how to progress it without causing major disruptions to society.

Oil and natural gas will play a critical role for decades to come, as time is taken to look at how we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. There is no doubt that there will be an energy mix which will enable us to make choices but these changes needed

to tackle climate change must come as part of a well thought out and managed plan to be successful.

At the present time the social and economic costs are weighing heavily not only on decisionmakers but consumers minds and any renewable energy sources require substantially increased investment not only in new capacity but also in enabling technologies and most of all infrastructure. While it is thought that any decline in fuel consumption will come from the transport sector because it will realize the most significant shift into renewable fuel sources the reality is that the cost of wind and solar power needs to reduce significantly to contribute to such a dramatic change.

## MARINE BUNKERS REQUIRE A STRONG FOCUS ON COMPLIANCE

McFall Fuel now has personnel trained and in training to assist with the bunkering work with its need for a strong attention to detail. The Ports delivered to in the North Island are Whangarei, Auckland, Mount Maunganui, Napier, Taranaki and Wellington, with Taranaki and Mount Maunganui seeing the greatest demand for fuelling.

“The compliance paperwork that needs to be completed is very comprehensive and covers everything from sulphur content, delivered temperature, density, viscosity and volume. If this is not

## SUPPORT FOR WAIROA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST



McFall Fuel Area Sales Managers’ Rochelle Smith and Liam Edwards were part of a local face to face initiative to help Wairoa farmers with ‘parcels of kindness’ following the recent awful weather events. Liam is pictured heading out for the day to deliver to his area of the community. “What a day! It was a great success,” exclaimed Rochelle. “It will clearly take a long time to deal with the damage done in the area. The clean-up will obviously take many weeks for

some of these people from our delivery observations and with winter coming it will be extremely tough for some,” both observed.

Volunteers helped pack the ‘parcels of kindness’ for distribution for those who had offered to deliver the packs. Vouchers and products were donated and the North Island Rural Women New Zealand members donated baking for distribution. “It was great to connect with the community in such a positive way,” said Rochelle.



completed accurately the Chief Engineer of the ship will not give sign off. The Tier 1 plan is also extremely important when it comes to compliance on the bunker trailers. With the significant increase in demand for marine bunkering work we need to be well prepared to meet the demands of our day to day customers along with the ships which may be faced with changing days and times,” said Tony Davies, Manager Forestry & Marine Services.

# What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

## DRIVER TRAINING UNDERWAY AGAIN



Over the past two years the ongoing disruptions of lockdowns and the traffic lights saw the Driver Training Programmes suspended and so it was exciting to see them return in May. Drivers drawn from Wellington, Gisborne, Manawatu, Auckland, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, and Mount Maunganui spent two days covering everything from fire training to vehicle stability, fatigue, and nutrition. Defensive driving is a very important part of the training along with the importance of work time and logbook rules plus the static roll threshold and the tank wagon layout. There is also a focus on the types of customers delivered to with a focus on manual handling eg lifting hoses, 3 points of contact, and remembering to bend knees. The benefits of understanding hazard identification, emergency procedures, and spill response were also shared. All of this helps drivers to be safe plus more effective and efficient in their roles on our roads as well as up those driveways and forestry routes to be navigated.

## FUCHS TEAM FROM AUSTRALIA PLEASSED TO VISIT AGAIN



The Australian based members of Fuchs always enjoy visiting McFall Fuel's Lubricant base in Mount Maunganui and were pleased to do so again. Fuchs has always prided itself on being the largest independent lubricant manufacturer for the past ninety years. The family owned company has now seen three generations at the helm and are very committed to technical leadership, innovation, and finding the right solutions. "Over the past two years like everyone else we have been navigating a rapidly changing environment and working hard to produce the high quality products that are synonymous with Fuchs despite the global and supply chain issues," said Mark Blacker, General Manager—Automotive Australasia. "The unprecedented conditions have placed significant pressure on our global and local procurement experts when it comes to things like raw materials. Our technical and manufacturing Teams' are working tirelessly to maintain product availability and where possible develop alternative solutions while keeping to our high standards."

## TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO HEALTH & WELLBEING AT WORK

Recently a Wellness Seminar was offered to all staff to take advantage of and the uptake was higher than anticipated. Kerry Bisset-Larsen, People & Culture Adviser who organised the opportunity said, "it was all about considering what will help you achieve optimal health and well-being and become the best version of you. The focus on the five functional pillars of health have grown out of experiences people encounter."

The pressure on businesses to deal with the costs of long COVID sensitively is made difficult because there is a great deal of confusion around what it actually is. As we begin to dissect what people are experiencing it has become apparent that COVID may well have triggered a virus that was dormant within them that previously may have not caused issues. People are not only reporting depression, anxiety and fatigue but also joint pain, insomnia, gut issues and more. The key is to work towards optimal health by eating well and exercising sensibly.



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