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ACHIEVING SITE SAFETY IS TOP OF AGENDA



Working with customers to achieve site safety in both Forestry and Farming is very much on the radar for the rest of 2016. Our intention is to work closely with customers to assess new sites and gradually cover all sites we deliver fuel to, so that we can agree on each others non-negotiables and ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Meetings are now underway with the forestry sector. PF Olsen were the first of the Forest Managers to be met with and they, like McFall Fuel, have recognized the need to work with suppliers and contractors as part of each PCBU's

responsibility under the new Health & Safety at Work Act. McFall Fuel CEO, Sheryl Dawson, was invited to present the Companies fuel delivery non-negotiables at the PF Olsen Health & Safety Monthly Meeting held with forestry contractors in Rotorua. "For us driver safety is paramount. We want our drivers to be empowered to call if they feel unsafe and or commence a Corrective Action Report so that the hazards or the risks can be discussed and managed among the parties involved. When it comes to into machine deliveries we want the machines being delivered into turned off and the booms on the ground. We do not want anyone operating or servicing a machine being delivered into. We also expect the operator to have our driver in line of sight during the refuelling. The delivery site for fuel tanks needs to be a safe area out of the way of the skid site. In addition to this the bridges or culverts we drive across need to have certified ratings. Finally, we have very strong environmental performance values because we are charged with the responsibility of no product to ground and so wherever we work we want the environment protected."

MCFALL FUEL CONFERENCE IN TAUPO

The Annual Conference gives the company the opportunity to draw the staff together from Auckland, Te Awamutu, Mount Maunganui, Napier and New Plymouth.

"The value of bringing the team together with partners is immense," said Allan McFall. "It gives us all the chance to catch up with those people we may communicate with by phone and email because of their work location or their hours of work. For our drivers in particular, it means that they get to meet those staff that they do not encounter in their day to day fuel deliveries."



The Conference will be the chance to convey where McFall Fuel is up to post merge and set the directions for the upcoming year. Work place issues such as stress, fatigue, and nutrition will also be covered. A range of activities on the Saturday afternoon have been planned to be enjoyed by all. One of the activities provides the opportunity to use the services of a customer—the Huka Falls Jet.

OVERLAPPING DUTIES ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



McFall Fuel carry out their work on the sites of other PCBU's and it is this that has promoted both formal and informal discussions to begin. Our fuel deliveries see us entering shared spaces, often at times when work activity is at its peak and so the risk potential rises for all those carrying out their particular activities on site. During the winter months the work may have to be completed in the dark to meet customer needs which means that awareness needs to be heightened around how to get the work completed safely. An additional risk for some of our drivers is that they are often alone with no one else around to help if something were to go wrong.

Our focus, like many of our customers is on the 3C's—consultation, cooperation, and coordination. These are the essential ingredients to ensure that clarity is achieved for all parties who are working on the same site. Taking the time to understand what each party contributes is the key.

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REBECCA PETCH MORE DETERMINED



Rebecca Petch's World Championships did not go in the way that she had wanted them to which was a shame following her first class build up. Unfortunately, Rebecca had a heavy fall on the second official practice which left her in a lot of pain and unable to walk properly let alone ride her bike.

"Sadly I wasn't able to race in the competition. I was very disappointed that this happened as I was feeling at the top of my game after putting a lot of hard work into my training. But that is BMX and things don't always go the way you would like them to. The World Championship track was a very technical track and you had to get everything right because otherwise it was very unforgiving, a lot of riders were coming off second best to the track, even some of the top elite riders," said Rebecca. "I took many great experiences and learnings out of my trip that I know I will use in the future. A lot of ups and downs along the way but all of the downs have just made me more determined to achieve my goals. I am now home recovering and having a few weeks off my bike before I get back into training again." McFall Fuel proudly supports Rebecca.

PIONEER CONTRACTORS FORUMS

McFall Fuel is a sponsor for the Pioneer Contractor Forums. The Waikato Forum has been held and on July 26 Palmerston North will host the next forum. The industry speakers at the Waikato Forum outlined the research and development that was emerging to help maximize maize yields.



CHAIN & BAR HEAVY WINTER PROMOTION

McFall Fuel's research in the market place has revealed that the forestry industry is moving into a much more automated environment. Working with Fuchs to develop the very latest chain and bar oil to suit mechanical harvesters has given rise to a quality product to protect the life of equipment as well as keep older equipment in optimal working condition. The new MCF220 chain and bar oil is specifically designed for applications on hydraulically driven bars on mechanical log processing heads in commercial forestry equipment. Reducing blade wear and stretching along with maintenance and service costs is the benefit.



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The presentation on producing the highest quality maize seed demonstrated just how much the crop science research and development is evolving. While it was also illustrated that while hybrid maize varieties offer a very high yield potential they are also recognized as poor competitors with weed and pests.

An announcement was also made that Genetic Technologies were expanding in to the Australian market.

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