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SUMMER ROADING PROJECTS IN FULL SWING



Waka Kotahi is investing hundreds of millions into upgrading roads around New Zealand and it is over the summer months that activity heightens and so travelling delays need to be planned for. State Highway 3 is being upgraded and the thirty million dollar bypass at the Awakino Tunnel is part of this. It is hard to believe but the current road through the Awakino Gorge was surveyed in 1914 and the single lane tunnel was constructed 100 years ago. Two new

bridges will cross the Awakino river to bypass the historical tunnel which will be able to be visited on foot. The upgrade sees two truck pull off bays, one in each direction plus a north bound passing lane.

The 600 metres of retaining walls being built that are approximately 8 metres high appear at a number of locations along SH3. Such is the impact of the development existing farm entrances and access tracks will need to be changed and a new farm underpass will be constructed. The aim is to complete the Awakino work this year and the Mount Messenger Bypass by 2024.



TAKING PRIDE IN RECYCLING & REUSE

McFall Fuel has been collecting empty 20 litre containers for over ten years to show a commitment to *no harm to the environment* which is a part of the Zero Harm value. Roger Refill was developed in 2018 to heighten awareness to promote the collection and recycling and reuse programme.

“Some of the containers have been returned and reused up to about 15 times,” said Lubricant Manager, Rick Williams. “Over the past three years when you look at the programme it is pretty impressive. About 2,200 containers are collected each month and 1400 of these containers are refilled with chain and bar after being cleaned. This means 50,400 20 litre containers have been refilled over the three years. At the same time about 800 containers per month go to recycling which is 28,800 containers over the same period being collected and used for another purpose. The waste oil which is drained out of the returned containers is collected and reused.”

FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY CONFERENCE 2021



The focus at the Forest Industry 2021 Conference being held on April 13 & 14 is *Improving Productivity and Safety through Technology in Forest Operations & Harvesting*. The first class event draws industry leaders together at the Distinction Rotorua Hotel & Conference Centre in Rotorua and is organised by the Forest Industry Engineering Association. The value of the event lies in the case studies showcased; the presentation of

paradigm-shifting new practices; and systems and tools for improving forest safety. The conference presenters are industry leaders who are focussed on local and practical outcomes that are transferable across the forest industry.

The Conference organisers believe that the three highlights will be the industry leader's forum to learn about best practice development for workplace safety processes plus the case studies from leading industry practitioners to combine the best of people and technology along with gaining practical insights from those at the leading edge of tech & safety across similar workplaces.



**BANKS MAKE PAYING BY CHEQUE
A THING OF THE PAST
ANY CHEQUES PAID AFTER JUNE
25, 2021 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

THE COST OF BEING CONSTANTLY PREPARED

As the pressure mounts on all of us to be constantly prepared to deal with the ever changing landscape that Covid brings we need to keep a very close eye on the fatigue and stress of those at the forefront. Jeff Sullivan Auckland Area Operations Manager and Planner for the Region



Kellie McFarlane-Vave are both of the mind we keep making it through each of these changes in Alert Levels and we will make the next one. "It is apparent that with this lockdown following the other one so closely there is more angst among customers and frustrations are building with some of the smaller businesses but the drivers and I are constantly aware of the need to take care and meet service needs," said Kellie. "Our

Covid routine is very much in place now," said Jeff, "the MBIE permit and QR Code ensures deliveries and work is seamless. It is all about keeping in touch with each other and being very open to change at any point and at any given time in the day." Kellie, Jeff, and the drivers are very cognisant of the fact that there are a number of customers suffering and the ongoing uncertainty they face is making life extremely difficult for them. For many this has been challenging their ability to do business for a year now and the question is how long can they can sustain the stress and pressure of not having the freedom needed to operate successfully.

WAIPA KING COUNTRY LIFE EDUCATION TRUST



One of the longest running sponsorships McFall Fuel has had is the one with the Waipa King Country Life Education Trust. "The charity that works in schools to educate, inspire and help young people to make positive choices has seen demand grow," said Kay Moir. "The Waipa King Country will now be putting in place a second classroom. We have two specialist teachers who are delivering fantastic health and wellbeing lessons in Primary and Intermediate Schools in our Region. The support of sponsors ensures that we are able to run the Trust effectively."

MFFF EVENING IN WHANGANUI



The MFFF (McFall Fuel & Fuchs) Evening held in Whanganui was a great success with a number of new customers keen to learn more about the best lubricant to use in their

machines. The discussion was lively. The interest in the drum spill kits (25 litre) was very positively received and many now see the value of them being held on the back of utes and in the fuel tank so that it is handy and ready to go. Some customers were also interested in the Paints that are available for forestry and construction.

Masterton is the next location for a MFFF Evening. We are looking forward to a great turn out on March 24 at the Solway Park with customers in the Wairarapa.

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