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A PROUD MOMENT IN HISTORY



The Team at McFall Fuel are very proud of the family they work for and its unique history. On September 21 Morris, Hilary, David, Bryce and Allan attended the investiture held at Government House in Auckland where Morris received his insignia from Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy. The QSM was awarded for services to the community and philanthropy. This very

special family occasion more than completes another chapter in the life story of Morris and the family. The Next Steps Gym across the road from the McFall Fuel Offices in Hocking Street, Mount Maunganui with an emphasis on spinal injuries, post operative recovery and congenital diseases is one of the many significant philanthropic achievements Morris and Hilary are most proud of. Their support of numerous charities is all done with the thought of giving people a helping hand if they are willing to help themselves and Next Steps is a great example of that.

PROTECTING OUR BORDERS FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

Covid 19 has reinforced how vital our primary industries have been in getting us through the economic uncertainties and disruptions caused by the pandemic. PSA's impact on Kiwifruit and then Mycoplasma bovis on farming have both caused major disruptions to these industries.

While it appears that the border closures have reduced the number of plant pests and pathogens crossing the border, it is clear that to see a real change in pest invasion rates the borders would have to remain closed for a lot longer. New technologies for managing bio security risks are the best way for keeping the unwanted pests out of New Zealand. It is estimated that pests cost our primary industries over one billion dollars per annum and this can be reduced with greater vigilance at our borders with greater use of technology just as has been

the case for Covid-19.

The ravages of PSA are well known.



Home gardeners are seeing damage caused by psyllids to crops of tomatoes & potatoes.

LAST DRIVER REFRESHER FOR YEAR



McFall Fuel has a strong programme in place for Heavy Vehicle Driver Training to ensure that high standards are maintained in the face of increasing traffic pressure and the poor driving behaviour encountered on our roads daily. The purpose of these training courses is to see key topics

brought back to front of mind and to keep drivers up to date and across key elements of their demanding roles. The last Driver Refresher for the year saw drivers drawn from Taranaki, Wellington, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne to attend the specialist training in Mount Maunganui. "The two days covered fatigue and stress management, nutrition, driver awareness, and safe product handling along with a fire extinguisher refresher," said Driver Trainer Gavin Reed.

What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

FOCUSSING STRONGLY ON TANK COMPLIANCE



McFall Fuel has recently promoted how it has become very involved with the phasing out of the Overhead Tripod Tank. In addition to this there are a number of other projects being worked on to ensure that all tanks delivered to are compliant. The Operations Team have been tagging Home Heat Tanks to ensure that and over the summer the Sales Team will work with customers to ensure that their Home Heat Tanks meet the regulations by providing a checklist to be worked with. The checklist will cover things like the Tank Plate having the name of the

manufacturer and date and must include the maximum and minimum design pressure and temperature. The density along with the design spec and materials used plus the maximum safe level fill and design fabricator number. The Tank design TNK Number also must be present and finally a Stationery Tank Certificate is required for home heat tanks on a commercial site such as accommodation. For homes we want to see proof of installation which can usually be supplied by a plumber and gasfitter. Our aim is to not only look after the safety of our customers but also the safety of the drivers delivering to these tanks that are plumbed into heat sources that can cause them to be unsafe.

SPILL KITS DESIGNED TO FIT IN TANKS



McFall Fuel has had spill kits designed that are waterproof to fit neatly inside tanks from 3000 litres to 4600 litres. The kit was sourced initially because of enquiries from forestry customers but can be used across all sectors. These spill kits would also be ideal on the back of a ute or located any place where they need to be accessed quickly for

those just in case moments. The Oil Absorbent Kit Drum is 30 litres and holds socks, pads, plug & dike, naturesorb, a plastic bag and gloves.

The Spill Kit is an essential for controlling spills in the workplace to ensure that it does not become any worse. Generally, the focus is on containment and endeavouring to prevent damage. McFall Fuel has spill kits available and loyalty points can be used to purchase them



REGIONAL DINNERS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS



The five Regional Dinners have been a positive way to recognize and thank staff for their outstanding work not only during the lockdown but also for the past year. "It was a great opportunity to share not only the impact that Covid and the lockdown had on the business but also the incredible work that had gone on prior to the pandemic. Also it was great for the Teams to see how fortunate we are to have a strong primary sector base and just how well prepared we were to come back following lockdown," said Allan McFall. "Our seamless and successful transition from office to working from home to working back in the Office again was very much down to the first class work Kerry Jones our IT Manager carried out. We should be very pleased that all of these movements went without a glitch."

Kerry is pictured above receiving his PRIDE Award for his outstanding contribution to the Companies IT at the Manawatu, Wellington, Wairarapa Regional Dinner which was the final one held in September.

McFALL LOYALTY

The Complete Package



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TANK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE