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## THE TEAM IN TAIRAWHITI DEAL WITH CHALLENGES OF FLOODING



The Gisborne Team have certainly faced some challenging times with flooding over the past few years. Sean Hovell who looks after the Team and leads the operation in the new yard worked closely with Planner John Cousins to rearrange deliveries for customers they could reach with both SH2 and SH35 into the Region closed.

"The good thing is we are now so much better prepared when this happens when it comes to having fuel available," said Sean, "our tanks mean we can cope with these situations. We also can then go either to Mount Maunganui or Napier depending on which road opens first. Not only is it

about looking after customers, it is also about looking after each other in the Team. The flooding has hit some of our Team and customers really badly again. Driver Jon Whaanga had already gone down and dug trenches at Mum and Dad's place before they got home from work to help out. They are saying there is more bad weather to come." Many in the Region are still recovering from the last floods in 2021 and the current weather is taking a toll in communities like Tokomaru Bay where some residents had just completed restoring their homes only to be hit again. Some have even commented that the damage is far worse than Cyclone Bola in 1988 with stock losses, washed out fences, and pasture damage. With 86.9mm of rain were recorded in just seven hours and then ongoing rain it is little wonder that the damage has wreaked havoc on the East Coast.

## KIMBOLTON TRUCKSTOP REDEVELOPMENT

McFall Fuel are pleased that the upcoming redevelopment of the McFall Fuel Truckstop in Kimbolton will commence in May. Area Sales Manager Steve Wellwood and Property & Asset Manager Andrew Spicer spoke to the local community about the McFall Fuel commitment to providing the best service and equipment available to Kimbolton Truckstop which will be undergoing a full redevelopment including the tanks, the pumps and the refuelling area. These works will include the latest technology of an underground Puraceptor (rain water treatment systems) ensuring our commitment to the McFall Fuel Zero Harm value.



## TARANAKI YARD OPENING DRAWS CLOSER

The excitement is beginning to build as the yard in De Havilland Drive in Bell Block, New Plymouth nears completion. Property & Asset Manager, Andrew Spicer, can be seen here admiring one of the concrete pours. "There are four more pours to come to complete the yard. The painters are being held up by Covid but we are very hopeful, weather permitting, that we will be all but there by the end of April. The detailed work will follow and this means we should be all go by mid May," said Andrew.

"The Team in Taranaki are thrilled and cannot wait to be moving into our brand new truck parking and office facility in Bell Block. This has been a company vision for some time, and will further enhance our commitment to the Taranaki and Whanganui regions while giving our staff premises they can be proud of," said General Manager, Mark Souber, who is based in Taranaki. The region sees more farm runs than other parts of the North Island along with strong growth in the commercial, construction and transport sectors. Oil, gas, and quarries continue to be a significant part of the Teams' work each day.



Minor site works have been begun by the engineers to ensure the site is all ready for installation in May. They have been marking out new equipment and the ground testing has been completed. This is so that the main development works can begin in May 2022.

The positive is that during these works all existing Kimbolton Truckstop fuel facility's will be available and open for fuel. We have worked hard to ensure that there will be no disruption to customers getting fuel. The contractor's work areas will be coned off. It will be great to have this working well for the community

# What's Happening @ McFall Fuel

## GROWING INTO OUR NEW NORMAL



McFall Fuel like most businesses have worked hard to look after their customers and this has meant keeping the flow of fuel, lubricants, adblue, and tanks going to customers. Having worked through lockdowns, border controls, the traffic light system plus

our staff and their families dealing with Covid we feel we have come through the upheavals having learnt a great deal more about ourselves and the business. "I am extremely proud of our Team and how they have worked to our guidelines and successful and safe work protocols to keep themselves and their families safe as well as coping with the stress and pressures that have continued to come over the past two years," said Managing Director, Allan McFall. "We have managed to keep the momentum going with the new yard and offices in Taranaki while working on upgrades such as Kimbolton and busily preparing for our expansion into Northland."

"Reflecting on the learnings we have had over this time it is apparent that the biggest gain has been in further strengthening our family culture," said CEO Sheryl Dawson. "Our interactions and attitudes while shaping the effectiveness of our success have also made us realize the value of holding onto a positive mindset in the office and out on the road. The enthusiasm and energy that people have brought to challenging days is something to be held onto along with our many talented people. Our new normal looks very exciting if we can sustain what we are doing over the next five to ten years."

## WE OFFER THE RIGHT PAINT OR DYE FOR ANY NEED



"Our source of Spraywell markers is Damar Paints which is based in Rotorua," said Area Sales Manager Ann Morrissey, "and they work closely with us to meet the needs of our customers."

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Upside Down Paints are available in white, light blue, fluoro green, yellow, orange, red and pink. They leave a mark that again is easy to apply and be seen on a variety of surfaces such as grass, gravel, cement, timber (damp or dry), steel drums, roads, plastic wrap, and more. Our Harvester Dye for Harvester Heads is New Zealand made and has better reliability. Please contact your Area Sales Manager to find out more.



## FUEL PRICING LIKELY TO REMAIN VOLATILE

The latest spikes in fuel pricing have generated a great deal of discussion around the commodity which has featured strongly in the media of late.

Understanding what goes into the pricing of a litre of fuel has always been of interest to some customers. However, the rapid changes around fuel taxes has seen many more customers wanting to know about the taxes applied in the cost of a litre. Tax on Petrol consists of GST, excise tax, ACC, and emissions trading levies. It is also interesting to note that the emissions trading levy on petrol is about nine cents and on

### Rising Prices—Last 6 Months



diesel is it about ten cents. Road User Charges (RUC's) will be cut by 36% across all legislated rates by late April and run though until late July 2022. This is part of the package to combat fuel price rises which saw fuel excise duty cut by 25 cents per litre on March 15 for three months.



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