

#### 30 SUCCESSIVE YEARS WITH MCFALL FAMILY BUSINESSES



Millar to the Mount Team to McFall Fuel

Peter Ritsema's loyalty to the McFall family businesses is impressive. Beginning on May 26 in 1986 Peter began driving an old Leader carting demolition materials form the old Fonterra Factory in Te Awamutu. He then moved onto driving a Bedford carting whey and an old Volvo and MAC tipper carting metal. The home heating business in 1987 was a winter job for which he drove a Nissan which is now up in Fiji. "I have also driven Isuzu's and Foden's. The Foden is my favourite as it had more space. The contact I have with customers is what I enjoy about the job, particularly, those who are cheerful and helpful," said Peter.

"Peter has always taken great pride in his trucks and the way they are presented for work. His dedication and commitment to the family and its various activities is a source of great pride for us all," said Allan McFall. "We will recognize Peter's 30 years at our Conference in July."

#### ROAD NETWORKS ARE ON THE IMPROVE



A completed stage at the southern end of the Waikato **Expressway which bypasses Cambridge** 

At present some of our customers are facing significant demands to keep up with the roading projects. It is apparent that the earthworks and construction industries will be kept busy over the next 15 years with recent government announcements which are focused on creating a much improved road network, particularly, in the top of half of the North Island. The work looks set to continue well into the next decade with new projects such as the Eastern Ring Route (Drury to Takapuna) which will cost \$25 billion. This route has been designed to take pressure off SH1 and should be

ready in the next three to four years and will further reduce the time of a trip north once it is linked to the Waikato Expressway, part of which is currently under construction around Te Kauwhata.

At the same time SH2 between Tauranga and Waihi will also be upgraded in two stages to improve traffic flows from the Western Bay into Tauranga. The growth in Bethlehem with the expansion of the shopping centre and increased housing has put pressure on traffic movements on the northern side of the city. All of this along with 'truckways' will ensure road construction will be busy for years.

PROCESS SAFETY



While the Health & Safety at Work Act has focussed on Personal Safetygetting everyone home safely each night after work, there is a strong body of opinion that sees process safety as the critical element in keeping ourselves safe. Process Safety centres on managing the process rather than the people working the process, however, the interface between people and process is one of the key part in process safety.

Right now the question we are all asking is do we really understand our risks? Our risks are often not obvious but these need to be found and managed. As part of our management of lead indicators we are beginning to take more time to look closely at the sites we deliver to, to ensure that they provide a safe working environment for both parties. Alongside this we need to ensure that our fleet is not only well maintained, but that the right vehicle is being used to deliver to each site and that the tank being delivered to is compliant. Further to this our drivers need to have the highest standard of training and ongoing monitoring needed to reduce the risks that they are faced with daily.

# What's Happening @ 0800 623 255

## **REBECCA PETCH IS OFF TO COLOMBIA**



Rebecca Petch, daughter of driver Barry Petch, is in her last year at Te Awamutu College doing NCEA level 3 while continuing her quest to be an Olympian. Training 6 days a week, and sometimes twice a day she keeps in touch with her coach who is currently overseas by skype and e-mail. Currently training in the USA Rebecca says, "my Principal has been great and very understanding with the amount of time I need off for training. He has let me revise my timetable to suit my training schedule. I am very excited to be travelling to America and Colombia and aim to have a good time trial at Worlds, get through the motos, and win the World Championship final."

While in the USA Rebecca raced in two UCI events in Rockhill, South Carolina and then moved on to Florida to train with the NZ BMX High Performance Team before going to Colombia for the World Championships. Rebecca had a couple of days to ride on the track in Rockhill to try and get used to the challenges that the competition would bring. Rebecca was surprised to learn she would have to race in the Elite Women's Class against many of her role models. She definitely saw this as a step very much outside of her comfort zone. Racing on Day 1 went really well making her first ever Elite Women's Final. Giving it her all she came 7th in the final while Day 2 saw a relegation and loss of points for crossing the white line going strongly into a corner and being left with no where to go. She never recovered from this but will take this experience into the training camp in Florida.

### LUUKA AT OPENING OF WERO & THEN OFF TO RIO



Luuka Jones was very excited about the opening of Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau, the first in New Zealand. Seen here with the Prime Minister at the Opening of the new park Luuka is pleased to have the new facility as a training venue.

"I trained for three weeks at the Sydney Olympic canoe slalom course earlier in the year, to spend time paddling on world class artificial white water and now we have one in New Zealand which is fantastic for canoe slalom. The artificial courses like Wero tend to be a lot bigger, more consistent, and the feeling of the water is different as well when compared with natural white water."

The team at McFall Fuel farewelled Luuka just prior to the opening knowing that she was off to Rio following the event and would not be returning home prior to the Olympics. The staff really enjoyed the chance to ask questions about the venue in Rio and of course about the risks being conveyed in the media about the possible health threats. It was great to hear how well prepared New Zealand teams are in the face of all of the things that can go wrong.

# PIONEER CONTRACTORS FORUMS

Rather than the one off big Pioneer Conference that had been planned for Wellington this year the event has been broken into three Contractors Forums.



The first will be at the Novotel, in Hamilton on June 8. This will be followed by Hamner Springs on July 21 and then July 26 in Palmerston North at the Distinction.

#### SPECIAL MAY OFFER ON LUBRICANTS

With the final stock take for the 2015-16 year it was decided that some of the less popular lines would be phased out and so there are good specials to be had beginning the month of May. Ask your sales rep or call the Office to find out what bargains may be available. There is hydraulic oil, heavy duty gear box and differential oil. There is also both 2 stroke and 4 stroke Silkolene. All products have been heavily reduced and it will be on the basis of first in serve.

