

# **TOP CREW SAFETY AWARD WIN TO CUSTOMER**

McFall Fuel sponsored the Top Crew Safety Award for the PF Olsen Awards held in January 2017. The Award is for showing safety leadership and meeting all of the safety objectives. The PF Olsen Awards breakfasts were held in Opotiki and Rotorua with large turnouts across both reaching 330 plus people enjoying the chance to celebrate with the winners. McFall Fuel Business Development Manager Forestry, Tom Gregor, (pictured in the middle) was delighted to give the McFall Fuel Top Crew Safety Award to Blackhawk Logging who are a McFall Fuel customer. Blackie (at the microphone) was completely overwhelmed with the win, thinking he did not have a show. He is seen here thanking all those involved in the award. Hohneck Tractor Logging were runners up. "We were really proud to be a part of this recognition of safety best practice in the forestry," said Tom Gregor. "The winners deserve congratulating for meeting the high standards that are being set for safety."



### **OFFERING MORE TO HELP CUSTOMERS**

McFall Fuel has set up a store for lubricants at Tauhara Haulage in Taupo which is designed to quickly meet the needs of those customers in the area who get caught short with a broken hose or a

breakdown when more than their usual delivered lubricants do not meet their needs. The opening of our new lubricants storage location at Tauhara Haulage at 91 Raywood Crescent was celebrated with a customer BBQ. "We were excited when Tom Gregor joined us late last year because he was willing to work out of Taupo and this has created an opportunity to better meet the needs of our forestry customers in particular," said Rick Williams. "We are looking forward to seeing how this approach goes for us over the next few months. Customer reports on the set up to date have been very positive about the location."



# FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY SUMMIT



The McFall Fuel Team are looking forward to the event being held in Rotorua on March 1 & 2. The standards in the forestry industry have lifted markedly over the last three years or so and real progress has been made. Forest industry leaders are to be congratulated for being so proactive in safety and the FISS Conference is a great place to share and learn about practical approaches used. "Technology is vital in many new safety improvements in the forest industry - and the upcoming Forest Safety Summit will be showcasing these and the people who established them." said Forest Industry Engineering Association event manager, Gordon Thomson. "Since early December, FIEA has been extremely busy with Safety Summit registrations. The industry response has been huge having reached over 300," says Thomson.

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# **KEEPING A WARY EYE ON THE WEATHER**



This summer sees farmers in some eastern regions dealing with bone dry land while others in some western areas like Taranaki have had more than double the usual rainfall. Napier is likely to see the third driest January since 1870. According to the weather experts, it has all been driven by the wind which has mainly been from the southwest.

With the weather impacting on farmers currently

and the agricultural contractors prior to Christmas, it has been a tough time for a number of people in the rural sector. The market uncertainty earlier in 2016 also created its own pressures and it was identified early on that the maize grain sowing intentions for 2016/17 were 36% down on last season and there were no new growers. Growers cited price as the reason for this significant drop whereas maize silage, sowing intentions were only slightly down (8%) on last season.



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McFall Fuel's *End of Summer Promotion* runs from February 1 to April 29, 2017. For every 100 litres of Fuchs Agrifarm UTTO MP or the Titan Cargo range purchased you go into the draw to win the *Beach Combo* which includes an easy carry blanket, a frisbee for fun plus other items. There are 10 prizes to be won.



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# PIRONGIA BOXING DAY RACES



The Pirongia Boxing Days 150th running saw a great crowd turn out for the iconic event. Beginning in 1866, the event has always been very much a community event with people coming from far and wide to picnic with family and friends. Te Awamutu based Planner, Mike Herring's extended family went for the first time in many years and treated the day as a special reunion.



Despite the challenge of running the annual day on the Pirongia golf course, the local families who have been involved for three generations along with the many who have attended over the years are all keen to see the special community day continue. Paul Clampitt, General Manager Operations, who is on the Committee said "we all have every confidence that the Boxing Day Races will happen in Pirongia for many years to come and we are already looking forward to the meeting on Boxing Day 2017."



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