

our news

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Welcome to our Christmas issue.

We are proud to support a number of community organisations and initiatives in our community and we share just a small snapshot about what we've supported this year.

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Business update

Tēnā koe,

After nearly four years as Managing Director for Methanex New Zealand, Dean Richardson has moved back to Canada where he will assume the role of Vice President, Corporate Finance in 2022.

Dean has successfully led the business through a period of outstanding safety and reliability performance and has been instrumental in our recent gas sale with Genesis over winter in support of 'keeping the lights on' for New Zealand during periods of high electricity demand. He has solidified a long-term future for the business through gas contract extensions and has also picked up some of our Kiwi culture along the way.



Current Director of Finance, Stuart McCall will step into the role of Managing Director for New Zealand in the new year. Stuart has a long history with Methanex and will bring a wealth

of experience to the role, including his extensive global knowledge of the methanol business and strong relationship building skills. We are looking forward to introducing Stuart to many of our key stakeholders after the Christmas break.

From all the team at Methanex we wish you and your whānau a Mere Kirihimete and a safe, relaxing and happy holiday season.





St John benefitting from Safe Days funds

St John paramedic Di Carswell oversees first-aid training with New Plymouth West volunteer firefighters

Methanex New Zealand's Safe Days funding programme is giving back to the community and St John Taranaki has been a benefactor.

The programme helps encourage our 200+ staff and multiple contractors to be mindful of everyday behaviour that contribute to a strong safety culture. It ensures safety is a priority while giving back to the Taranaki community.

For every day Methanex is without a safety incident, \$150 was donated to St John to run its community programmes.

While the ambulance service is the shop window of the organisation, it also runs many programmes through the region supported by Methanex. These are:

- CRP manikins used at first aid courses.
- Fund uniforms and support to 33 volunteers who assist nurses in the emergency department at Taranaki Base Hospital. The work includes ward transfers, delivering food and other support required.
- Caring Caller: programme to support lonely residents in Taranaki. St John people will call twice a day (morning and night) to check in.
- Cadets: programme dedicated to

two age groups (6-10 and 10-18) and teaches basic first aid, cooking, life skills, leadership and courses run by volunteers.

- School programmes: taught first aid to school leavers and education around drugs and alcohol and offered scholarships to students wanting to pursue a career as a paramedic. Also ran suicide trauma courses for teachers.

- Quarterly emergency department toy fund.

- Ready to Drive programme: in partnership with Fire and Emergency NZ, Police and funeral directors.

- AED's: ensure all AED's around Taranaki are registered and charged.

While there are a number of active and ongoing programmes and courses on offer, St John has further plans for additional initiatives.

Foodbank

Methanex has had a longstanding relationship with the Waitara Pataka Kai (Foodbank) and supported the amazing work they do in our local community. While we won't be hitting the pavement before Christmas this year, we had a number of drop-off boxes around our two plants (Motunui and Waitara Valley) for staff as an alternative.

We saw an overwhelming level of support by our staff and the boxes were overflowing with food for the Foodbank.

Methanex matched the staff's generosity with a \$2,000 donation.



Methanex's Will Johnston and Paul Walden with Waitara Foodbank staff

Science and Engineering Fair

Methanex was proud to be involved in the Taranaki Science and Engineering Fair, which was held at the beginning of November.

Around 130 year four to six students were involved in this year's event held at the Devon Hotel. South Taranaki schools withdrew because of the Stratford Covid-19 cases.

Students were able to showcase their posters and displays in front of the judges and the public. Prizes were also up for grabs across a range of different categories.

Methanex Training Coordinator Paul Walden was one of the judges for the event and said the calibre is high.

"Each year gets tougher and tougher as a judge, as the bar is continually raised and the topics far-reaching coverage from baking, to algae, to pesticides, to dyes and constructed working-models," he said.

"This year even saw greater technology involvement with QR codes that showed videos of research and testing."

He said the event is an opportunity for primary teachers to foster engagement and desire in the fields and grow interest alongside winning a few extra dollars for the individual and their

school for their efforts.

"It's an awesome event to see where our next generation of engineers, scientists and environmentalists come from."

Manager of Energy Skills Taranaki, the event organiser, Sheree Long said the fair has been running for 12 years and appreciates the backing from Methanex.

"We are extremely grateful for Methanex's annual support of the fair in both a sponsorship and judging capacity. We see so many of the earlier children who attend this event go on to study science and engineering and hope

to one day see this talent come into our sector," she said.



Methanex's Paul Walden with Science and Engineering Fair winner Emme Liard

Donations to the Menz Shed

Methanex provides personal protective equipment and tools for the Waitara Menz Shed to help them get up and running.

The idea of the men's shed is to bring men together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh and work on practical tasks individually or as a group



Group of Menz Shed members with their new PPE donated by Methanex

Spare equipment donated to Waitara High School

Bragging rights were on the line for Waitara High School classmates and it wouldn't be possible without the support of Methanex New Zealand.

Students entered in the E-velocity Taranaki/Waikato regional go-cart finals at the KartSport track in Waitara.



Methanex's Tony Martin leads the way at Waitara High School

Waitara came third in the standard kart drag race, first in the Gymkhana and third in the Economy Run. They also bagged the third best standard kart award.

Methanex donated steel for the students in the class to build their own three-wheeler go-carts from the ground up. The company also provides safety glasses, gloves and other protective equipment for the workshop, promoting safety.

The class of 11 have been split up into different teams and will not only race each other on the track but try and build their cart first in the workshop.

Waitara High School Head of Technology Pramesh Chand said the students pick up different skills in the class and will test the quality of their product when they race it.

Students must also follow a warrant of fitness.

Ashton Oakes, Christopher Potroz and Ben Crozier are in one team and worked on separate areas of the cart.

The trio all want to pursue an engineering career after they leave school.

Methanex Mechanical Technician Tony Martin attended classes for a helping hand.

Methanex gives back to education

Methanex is continuing its commitment to support engineering careers by running a successful summer intern programme for students.

The programme allows the students to use Methanex's operations as a core part of their studies and tertiary education.

Not only will the 11 students from a range of universities across the country accumulate practical hours to complete their qualification, Methanex projects will also be completed by the students.

They will be based at the Motunui site until February and will work across the technical, manufacturing, Responsible Care and maintenance departments and paid during their time.

Methanex human resource coordinator Erin Roche said the company enjoys and appreciates the enthusiasm and energy the students bring to the workplace particularly after a busy and trying year. "Students can experience real working life and real job situations like problem

solving. Their theory becomes a reality," she said.

University of Canterbury students have also completed a research project utilising Methanex's operations.

This year, the students completed investigations on the effects of the thermal fluctuations on the tubes in the Motunui reformers a key part of the methanol production process.

Global expert for static equipment, Stuart Brady, said the research was incredibly valuable for Methanex. "The exercise illustrates the value of the students and what they can bring to our operations. They can process a lot of our data and present it from a fresh perspective. This can enable us to look at things from a slightly different angle and develop new approaches."

Methanex is grateful for the relationship with the students and proud to have the connection with the University of Canterbury.



Representatives from the Canterbury University visited the Motunui site

Methanex is proud to support the following organisations

Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust

Methanex Bell Block Aquatic Centre

Waitara High School

Te Roopu Pukaaka Kapahaka Society

Spotswood Primary School

Manukorihi Intermediate School

Waitara Taiao

Waitara Menz Shed

Life Surf and Angling Club

Taranaki Women's Refuge

NP Sport Fishing and Underwater Club

Waitara Foodbank

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