

**NEW ZEALAND GROUNDSREAD FERTILISER`S ASSOCIATION**

Dear members.

NZGFA 2016 Conference 60th Annual Conference - Rutherford Hotel, Nelson 17 to 19 July For those of you who have not registered for the NZGFA Annual Conference, can I remind you that registrations close on the 30th June and accommodation cannot be guaranteed after that date. Registration applications should be emailed to amandaryan@farmside.co.nz or phone Mandy @ 027 453 3425

SIXTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the 60TH Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Groundspread Fertiliser's Association will be held at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, on Monday 18 July 2016 commencing at 8-30am. The matters before the AGM are to elect the President and Vice President(s) of the Association for the ensuing year and to confirm Branch representation onto the National Council. Rule 9 (a) states; "A General Meeting of members of the Association shall be held at such times and places as the Council shall from time to time determine. Subject to the provisions of Rule 6(b) hereof, every member of the Association shall be given seven clear days notice in writing of the time and place of every such meeting".

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A recent Invercargill District Court award of \$150,000 by Justice Henwood in "Worksafe New Zealand v Te Anau Bulk Haulage Ltd", gives notice to us all of the penalties for not having an adequate Health and Safety programme in our business. The Judge found that "the company did not have a professional and robust approach to health and safety" which lead to the death of their driver. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and died as the result of his injuries. I feel that we need to re-iterate to all members that even though this man chose not to wear a seatbelt (it was done up behind his seat) the company was still held liable because the judge found that the company failed to ensure the driver wore a seatbelt while driving the bulky off road. Copies of the Judgement are available from the office.

N3 MATTERS. Alex Sue is the new Association Account Manager at N3, responsible for NZGFA matters. Alex Sue has a background in marketing and will be focused on working closely with NZGFA members to increase the level of service to NZGFA members. Contact details for Alex Sue for all your N3 issues are: 0508 20 30 40; DDI 09 966 7619; Mob. 027 775 9889; Email, alex.sue@n3.co.nz.

N3 Website www.n3.co.nz

Maryann and I look forward to catching up with you all at Conference in sunny Nelson. In the meantime, happy spreading out there and keep safe.

Best wishes
Brent Scully
President.

