

FOODSTUFFS SUPPLY CHAIN



FOODSTUFFS North Island has appointed Vaughan Grant as General Manager Supply Chain. He has a strong background in supply chain and retail and is currently the acting CEO for Placemakers and has also held senior group supply chain and commercial roles for this Fletcher-owned group.

Prior to Placemakers, he held a range of roles at Woolworths Australia over a 10 year period that included major change management and systems implementation (SAP) and was responsible for setting long term logistics strategy and implementation. He joins the Auckland-based operation in December. ■



RAINA Roberts (right) marketing manager of the SPCA Canterbury, receives the cheque from two New World representatives – Vikki Wilson, bakery manager at Centre City Dunedin and Dale Reedy, bakery manager at Ilam in Christchurch.

NEW WORLD BAKERS BOOST SPCA

SPCA cupcake day in August became a whole week for the organisation in the South Island as New World bakery teams devoted seven days to decorating and selling 15,000 to raise money for animals in need. A dollar from

each cupcake was donated to the cause.

The event also turned into a baking competition amongst stores and the South Island challenge was taken out by Ashburton New World and Ilam New World. ■

INGHAM TOPS FOOD SAFETY

INGHAM Enterprises was recognised at last month's NZ Food Awards by winning the AsureQuality food safety title for its Waitoa Free Range

Butterfly Chicken with Honey & Rosemary – a chilled product with a good shelf life. The company said it had a clear mission to be responsive to customer needs and provide trusted, quality food products. Waitoa's Free Range Chicken Nuggets were also nominated in the category. ■

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PURE DELISH PICKS UP AWARD



THE innovative Pure Delish company has beaten off major suppliers to take out the cereals and bread category in the latest NZ Food Awards with its Original Chunky Fruit & Nut Muesli. The product has been a standout in the breakfast cereal category with its 60% nut seeds and fruit.

The company was also a finalist for another cereal, its Raspberry & Maple Nut Nograin-Ola. From a modest beginning, the company now produces seven different breakfast cereals, snack bars, cookies, slabs and popular Christmas cakes. ■

Mr Chips Sold To Potato Grower

MR Chips, a leading processor of fresh and chilled potato products, is back in local hands after its sale last month by Simplot Australia to Pukekohe based Balle Bros Group.

Mr Chips, which processes around 30,000 tonnes of French fries and chips, has been owned by Simplot since 2008. Balle Bros managing director Dacey Balle said his company knew it well having been a supplier since 1981 and a shareholder for around 17 years.

Mr Chips was floated on the stock exchange in 1993 and then taken private by Simplot in 2008. The plant capacity has now been expanded to cope with around 80,000 tonnes of potato. Currently around 40% of its output is exported to Australia. In the past 12 months to late last year, it had sales of around \$56m. ■



VITACO HEALTH UP FOR SALE

PRIVATE equity firm Next Capital, owners of health and wellbeing producer and wholesaler Vitaco, has put the company up for sale.

Vitaco was created from the merger of Australia's Nutra-Life Health & Fitness and the 109 year old Healtheries, best known in New Zealand for its herbal teas, dietary supplements and sports nutrition.

The company is expected to return a profit of around \$30m this year and a sale price of over \$300m is expected. The company has an excellent manufacturing and warehousing facility in Auckland that has been upgraded in recent years. ■



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