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## Kids get digging

Children as young as two will have the opportunity to operate a 1.7 tonne digger, known as Gerald the Giraffe, a CablePrice Hitachi digger, at the upcoming National Field Days in Feilding this month. In return for a gold coin donation, children will be taught how to operate Gerald by a professional excavator operator. All money raised is donated to Child Cancer. The event is part of the Civil Contractors NZ National Excavator Operator competition, held at

National Field Days, where the country's top excavator operators will compete to be crowned New Zealand's best. Spectators can also observe competitors complete tricky tasks with a 12-tonne Hitachi digger. Central Districts Field Days, March 16—18, Manfeild Park, Fielding, 9am—4pm. National Excavator Operator competition occurs on Friday and Saturday only.

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