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To Our Valued Customers,

With Christmas not too far away, the pace is really picking up for us now in a number of areas. This past week Raewyn and I have enjoyed the company of our 2 grandchildren, Michele & Kyle. Your own kids are good, but grandchildren are superb!!

Raewyn and I recently attended the annual HIANZ conference in Queenstown. It is always valuable networking with other members and suppliers of the hire industry, as well as participating in a range of activities. These included a trip on the vintage steam ship, TSS Earnslaw that travels lake Wakatipu across to Walter Peak High Country Farm. This is a must do, as it is the only coal-fired commercially operated steam ship on Lloyds shipping register. Consuming 1 tonne of hand-shovelled coal per hour, the men in the engine room earn their keep with all the action visible from the viewing platform in the middle of the boat.

Another highlight was an inspirational address by double-amputee and Everest climber, Mark Inglis. His story had everyone totally captivated for well over an hour, with question time being equally interesting and humorous. If you ever get the chance to hear Mark, don't miss it.

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*James Whittaker, the first American to reach the top of Everest on May 1 1963 said,  
"Man is at his best when reaching for something beyond his grasp."*

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### **New Hire Additions:**

As a result of attending the hire conference, we returned with some exciting additions to the hire plant.

### **PA System – 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker**

At present our portable PA system has a cordless microphone which will transmit up to 50 metres away from the base. This can run off 240 volts or off its own battery pack, making it ideal for marquee functions. It has its own built-in CD player or can be hooked to an iPod which automatically turns down the music when the microphone is used. The new addition is a 2nd speaker called a slave speaker. This picks up the signal from the main speaker without the need for wiring and will operate up to 80 metres away from the main unit. It is therefore very effective in an outdoor situation.

### **Lectern, with built-in sound system**

This is an amazing unit, giving an all in one public address sound system that is child's play to set up. It has a 60w amplifier and 4 column speakers with a flexi microphone and reading lamp for night time presentations. It has a number of input and output connections making it easy to expand its capacity with line-in for Ipod or laptop sound, and line-out for other speakers if needed to cover a larger audience. The speaker volume is adjustable from the control panel on the back of the lectern. This unit is perfect for schools, clubrooms, churches and corporate use.



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*The young minister was giving his first after dinner speech before a large audience. He was extremely nervous and before long he gave up.*

*"My dear friends," he told his listeners, "when I came here this evening only God and I knew what I planned to say to you - now only God knows!"*

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### **Party Lighting – Neo-Quad Light Effect**

This is an amazing set of 4 lights with differing patterns that change with the beat of the music. They are mounted on a common rail which allows the lights to be pointed in varying directions for maximum effect. These lights are very popular with DJs around the country. This compliments our already good line-up of party lighting which includes black lights, strobe lights, revolving and patterned lights as well as coloured string lights.



### **Floor Sander**

We have always had the Drum Sander and the Edgers for floor sanding but this latest machine makes floor sanding very easy. Basically it is a large version of an orbital sander which you walk behind. This is particularly effective when resurfacing a floor that has already been polyurethaned. There is no chance of digging grooves in the floor, which is a possibility with the drum sander if you are not careful.

We stock the polyurethane as well as all the sandpaper, rollers and brushes. So for the complete flooring job, give us a call. Worth noting if you are painting a concrete floor is mixing the polyurethane 50/50 with concrete floor paint gives a hard-wearing surface with a great finish. It's what we use on our showroom floor.

### **The Man's Shed**

I must say congratulations to the team at Peria House on their award winning "Man's shed" and thanks for adding quality and significance to their years.

And congratulations to Malcolm Ballard, Dot Wilson and the team for putting on a fantastic concert for the Deluxe Theatre and 1XX. If you never got to it, you missed an outstanding array of local talent. Jimmy Stevens' guitar work was very classy and Dawn Gaskill received the biggest applause for her amazing performance – she really has got a beautiful voice.

### **Thought For The Month:**

Benjamin Franklin was a newspaper columnist at 16 and a framer of the United States Constitution when he was 81.

Have a great month. All the best from your friendly team at

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