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To Our Valued Customers,

This last month has been good for keeping PSA at bay, but really bad for getting grass to grow. When nature changes the rules it is fruitless to argue, we have to adapt to it the best way we can. For some, in other areas of NZ, adapting to this severe drought is proving a very difficult challenge and the longer term effects will definitely be felt for a long time to come.

On a lighter note, on Sunday I joined over 20 others on a mountain bike descent of the Pakihi track. We were transported to about 11km past the Motu township by Digger Wilson of Motu Trails. From there we rode another 11km to where the Pakihi track begins. The weather was brilliant and the ride fantastic except for one of our team taking a 15 metre tumble down a sheer drop off the track. By the grace of God, his injuries weren't too severe and he was able to walk the 10km out with the aid of some of the group. The track is a stunning ride, but as the Pacific Coast Highway Guide explains, "Only moderate fitness is required, but the track's numerous steep drop-offs make a cautious approach and a high level of technical expertise advisable".

To those who never got out to see all the Tiger Moths and other aircraft a couple of weekends ago, you missed a real treat. There were so many truly amazing people with equally amazing aircraft only too happy to tell you about its history. Corb Whitton's 1940's Tiger Moth pilot's licence was the oldest one out there we reckon.

Raewyn and I went to Whakatane to hear Matthew Lack, Karen Hanlen and Julie Woods (blind motivational speaker) at the Liberty Centre last week, speaking about "Success Against the Odds". What an inspirational evening. The presentation of all three was outstanding, showing what amazing effort and commitment is required to reach a world class level and overcome big challenges.

This quote says it well:

*We learn the best lessons from the toughest times.*

## **Powerbuilt Specials**

We have only a couple of these awesome tool boxes left, 9-drawer tool chest at only \$345 incl. GST, and a 7-drawer roller cabinet for just \$690. If you buy both there is a further 5% off, making it \$983 incl. GST.



This comprehensive tool kit in a fold-up case is a very handy addition to the contractor's or farmer's ute. It is surprising how many jobs can be done just using this kit. Some forestry companies have these as standard issue in their utes and vans, and at only \$99 +GST They are not a big cost.



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*I don't repeat gossip, so listen carefully the first time.*

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## **Painting Time**

With all the fine weather many people have taken the opportunity to get some painting jobs completed. Painting a roof, a shed or a fence is a breeze with the airless sprayer we have for hire. It speeds the job up immensely; for example, it takes less than 1-1/2 hours to paint the average house roof. Painting fences with the airless sprayer means you'd have more time for the important things in life like watching motorsport or rugby!

The sharp prices we have on our range of roof paint and fence stains means you'll be saving money as well as time. (With all those savings, you can take your wife out to dinner then!)

If sanding and polyurethaning floors are your thing, we have 2 types of floor sanders, plus the edger as well as polyurethane in 20 litre pails for only \$299 incl. GST, normally \$354!

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*Ladies, if a man says he'll fix it, he will.  
There's no need to remind him about it every six months.*

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## **Water Pumps and Water Filters**

The continuous dry spell is putting a lot of pressure on pumps and filtration systems, with a marked increase in sales of both. An effective system is really a must these days so you can have the peace of mind knowing that the water you are drinking is doing you more good than harm.

UV sterilising packages have come down in price in recent months, making them far more practical for domestic systems. If you have a requirement or questions about pumps or filtration give us a call, we are happy to help.



## **Thought For The Month:**

When preparing to travel lay out all your clothes and all your money, then take ½ of the clothes and twice the money.

Enjoy the Easter celebrations with family and friends, and  
Have a great month. All the best from your friendly team at

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