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# Christmas Greetings



Season's greetings everyone,  
Sorry I missed doing a newsletter last month, the end of the month came far too soon!!  
A certain gentleman (an ex mayor, no less) expressed his displeasure of no newsletter so I had better not upset him again this month, seeing as it is the season of good cheer!

With Christmas just around the corner, the team here has been exceedingly busy, both in the front shop and the workshop, endeavouring to keep you, our customers, happy. I have to say a big thank you to our team -

- ❖ Ben, our workshop foreman and chief engineer
- ❖ Mark, our Hydraulink expert, small motor and hire servicing technician
- ❖ Peter, our hire servicing, concrete cutting, trenching and exhaust man
- ❖ Jamie, our Hydraulink, Husqvarna, air conditioning and IT specialist, shop front man and many other things as well.
- ❖ Carol, whose wonderful friendly voice answers your phone calls, looks after your accounts as well as doing a great job when you call in to the shop.
- ❖ Our new man, Garth Cunningham, is our hire expert and industrial electrician. More about him and his lovely wife, Karen, later.
- ❖ Lastly, but of course not least, is my amazing lady Raewyn, without whom I would find it very difficult to cope with the workload that this business creates. I am blessed to have her total support and massive contribution way beyond the call of duty to get Lowes Hire & Engineering to where it is today, as well as home schooling our 3 sons. Thank you my darling. I know why I have stuck with you for nearly 40 years.

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*A pretty face gets old; a nice body will change.  
But a good woman will always be a good woman.*

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This past weekend was very busy. A dozen portaloos supplied and collected from the Taneatua Heaven's Sevens, plus party hire and a portaloos for the fire brigade function. At his function Barry Hennessy, Rob Sturdy and Kieran Hickey received their gold bar for 25 years' service in the brigade - a magnificent achievement.



Also on Sunday we had to supply and set up the 70kva generator that powers the mobile surgical unit that is visiting Opotiki for the first time. If you never made it to the public open day on Sunday afternoon, you missed a treat. It is a \$5 million state of the art operating theatre set up in a 20 metre rig. It travels around rural NZ performing various operations and training local GPs in the latest procedures on board, or by their "Sat Van" video link. The team gave us a very informative and humorous insight into its operation. The major contributors who brought it about 10 years ago are Stephen Tindall (the Warehouse), Inky Tulloch and a few others. It is amazing just how much of this type of contribution takes place under the public radar. There are a lot of very generous individuals and companies out there helping to improve NZ society by giving of their time, money and resources to some extremely worthwhile causes.

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*He who earns is an industrious man.  
He who spends is a well-furnished man.  
He who saves is a prepared man.  
He who gives is a blessed man.*

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## **Mobility Scooters**

After a number of enquiries from local customers, and checking what is available on the NZ market, we are pleased to have been appointed local agents for the Lifestyle Mobility scooters. These are very well designed and priced machines that have a number of add-ons as standard, that are normally an extra cost on other machines. We have one of these in stock for your appraisal and to test drive. They have a range of over 45 kms before needing to be recharged, and they come with a 24 month warranty.

A useful feature is the ability to fold down the steering column and remove the seat which means it can fit in the back of an average sized station wagon. There are a few models available including a 2-seater version. The model we have in stock, (in racy silver with mag wheels!) would sell for \$4490, but as an introductory special the first person to snap this little beauty up will pay just \$3995. That would have to be the best priced, best featured mobility scooter in the bay. Come in for a test drive if you're feeling adventurous and check out the power, speed and cornering ability!



**\*\* Please note the aged driver is not included!!**

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*Retirement is wonderful if you have 2 essentials  
- much to live for and much to live on.*

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## **Staff News**

We are pleased to welcome Garth Cunningham and his wife Karen to the area and more especially to Lowes Hire & Engineering. I called Garth a hire expert for good reason. Most of his working life has been spent in the hire industry and in recent years managing Hirequip Kawerau, Hirepool Whakatane and with his wife, at Hirepool Nelson which was predominantly party hire. Their experience, knowledge and customer focus makes them both welcome members of our team.

## **Husqvarna Spring Promo**

Time is running out to take advantage of the genuinely good deals on offer from Husqvarna. We have had record sales this season of ride-ons, push mowers, chainsaws and weed eaters as customers recognise the value of Husqvarna quality. That's the reason they are the largest manufacturer of forest and garden equipment in the world, and have been around for over 300 years. As they say, nobody ever regrets buying quality. A classic example of this was a customer of ours was enquiring about a Honda generator on behalf of his sister. He had bought his off us 20 years ago and it was still going well, as was the Husqvarna chainsaw he purchased from us 18 years ago.

## **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 5:30 Normal hours
Christmas Day/Boxing Day	CLOSED
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 5:00
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 12:00, 4:30 – 5:00
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 – 5:30 Normal hours
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CLOSED
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 – 5:00
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 12:00 only. Afternoon CLOSED.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to normal 7:30 – 5:30



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*Cherish the time with loved ones - it's later than you think.*

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### **Christmas Party Hire**

Christmas Day will be here before you know it, so if there is anything you will be needing for your day, give us a call and book your requirements. The big items normally booked are Spits / Roasters, Chillers, Portaloos, Marquees. These are limited so the earlier you book the better your chances. And we have plenty of crockery, cutlery, glasses etc to cater for those extra numbers of guests you may have. Extra tables and chairs are always helpful too.

And for the kiddies we have a choice of 2 bouncy castles, great to keep them occupied for hours.

Then there is the bubble machine to keep them amused too.



Have you checked your **LPG bottles** – do they need refilling? We are agents for "Swap'n'Go". Are your **BBQ hoses** in good condition? Don't leave these till you are ready to turn on the BBQ. (Remember: "Happy wife = Happy life")

What about your boat trailer? Wheel bearings and gas appliances and fittings are the most common things visitors come looking for over the holidays.



Thanks for the support during the year and we trust you and your families have a tremendous Christmas and New Year celebration.

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

Charles H. Spurgeon wrote this insightful piece:

Christ is the great central fact in the world's history. To Him everything looks forward or backward. All the lines of history converge upon Him.

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

**Lowes Hire and Engineering** – "so much more than just a hire centre..."