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To Our Valued Customers,

Welcome to this "much sought after copy" of our August newsletter. Dreams are free!!

In the midst of turmoil in the world and the increasing focus on electioneering here, the Commonwealth Games was a beacon of hope. That's what I love about sport, it highlights success. Sure there are more losers than winners, but whether it's gold, silver or bronze or a personal best effort, they show what focussed effort and dedication can achieve. You can fudge in many areas of life, but fitness is one you can't. To all our athletes whether they brought home a medal or not, well done on being selected to represent this amazing country.

Last month we took a week's break with all our family, partners and grandchildren (11 in all) to the Gold Coast. This was the first opportunity in 14 years for a complete get together holiday and it was a blast. My darling wife organised a 5 bedroom house complete with spa pool, swimming pool, games room and kayaks to cruise the canals. There was plenty to keep all occupied at home when not visiting Sea World, racing V8s, whale watching, and visiting Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, which was a real highlight for kids and adults alike. The trip was so enjoyable for all, it is looking like it could become an annual event.

The most precious jewels you will ever have around your neck are the arms of your children (and grandchildren).

While we were away on holiday, Opotiki was in the news for all the wrong reasons. On top of that we lost 3 great contributors to this town, namely Bruce McFarlane, Corb Whitton and Alan Rowe. These 3 epitomise what makes a small town tick. They all, in their own way, had a significant input, and the vast majority of that input was done voluntarily. Inspiring people inspire others, that's what these 3 did to their families, friends and the wider community.

Hey, our last Tuesday's local was a beauty. Starting from the front page with the new service for those not keen to bike up the Motu Road to the Pakahi cycle Trail – take a helicopter. Then on page 3 was news of Gavin Abbot's latest book "Urewera Trucks and Trucking". This man is a legend in trucking circles with his knowledge and absolute passion for the industry. At 84 I reckon he's in the same condition as the 28 trucks he's restored – fantastic. Thanks Gavin – you are another one of this town's inspirations.

And on page 6 was an article of an award winning winery that had its roots in Opotiki. It intrigued me that the geese droppings were one of the reasons such good feijoas were produced to make the award winning wine. You can't beat "au natural".

Comment from the Aussie "Honey Badger",

"Be yourself, no matter what others think. God made you the way you are for a reason, besides, an original is always worth more than a copy."

I've had a lot to say this month, I had better tell you about what's happening here at Lowes.

Firstly the LPG refilling is going extremely well and it's a big thank you to all of you who have been supporting our \$29.90 9kg refill.

Mobility Scooters

These have been a real hit with their new owners. They have lots of great features with a 50km range being one of them. Come in and take one for a test drive – you'll be impressed. I am and I don't even need one yet!!



Enviro-Tab

If you operate a diesel powered vehicle and want a cleaner burning, more fuel efficient engine then this is just the product for you. We have the detox machine for the flushing and cleaning of diesel engines, especially smoky ones. We have done a fuel detox on a number of our vehicles with impressive results. We did Ben's (our foreman) Hilux which resulted in a large reduction in smoke output, and a very noticeable increase in power.

So if your diesel engine is smoking and lacking power then this is the answer. This product is a NZ invention and independent tests done verify the claims of the inventors, and so do we.

In stock we have the tablets and bulk detox fluid for treating fuel tanks and storage tanks. Enviro-Tab also helps eliminate diesel bug and condensation contamination in your fuel. If you have an interest or any queries, give me a call.

Floor Sanding

If you are doing some home renovating and doing up your floors, then we have the machines and all the accessories for the job. For the biggest part of the floor we have the Drum Sander and an Orbital Sander, both of which are walk-behind machines. The newer orbital machine 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. Then for finishing around the edges we have the small Edger.

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. It gives a hard-wearing surface with a great finish. It's what we have used on our showroom floor.

Thought For The Month:

It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you are not.

Thanks for your custom, it is appreciated.

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