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To Our Valued Customers,

It has been so long since I wrote a newsletter, I may have to introduce myself! Don't anybody tell me there is not much happening in Opotiki – the team here will quickly tell you otherwise. We have been very busy, which is the main reason I haven't been putting pen to paper. Got up at 4am and watched an enthralling game between the All Blacks and the Springboks. It was a totally different game from the 57 – 0 score on the previous encounter. The All Blacks really have a great array of players with some amazing skills and commitment.

Since my last newsletter Raewyn and I attended the wedding of a very close friend in the UK. It was a very special occasion as we were able to visit many of the friends we made 40 years ago on our OE, and whom we have remained in contact with.

A few weeks ago we attended the HIANZ conference in Blenheim. The weather was great and the company and the speakers even better. It is a beautiful part of this awesome country to visit. The Marlborough salmon and mussels (not as nice as our local ones though) and Cloudy Bay clams and the "wine" made for a nice combo when cruising the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound.



As a result of this conference we have added some more portaloos, power tools, another Dingo and a towable chipper to our hire fleet. This new chipper fills a gap we have had between our small garden chipper and our large towable one which is capable of 200mm diameter logs. The new one is the most popular model for the hire market, capable of 80mm branches and does it with ease. It has already been put to good use and the customers' feedback has been very complimentary. One of the best parts is that it is made in NZ. Come in and check it out.

If you love life, then don't squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of.

More Hire Additions

Diesel powered Dingo with a 4-in-1 bucket. This one is a real beauty, Kubota powered 4-wheel hydrostatic drive with the ability to operate under kiwifruit canopies. Auger sizes range from 200mm to 600mm and can drill to a depth of 2 metres.

This machine can also trench to a depth of 1 metre. Stump grinding is another feature that can be done with the Dingo, but we operate it for this function. The 4-in-1 bucket is useful for site preparation, landscaping and makes loading spoil onto the back of a truck or trailer much easier.



*Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time
we have rushed through life trying to save.*

Husqvarna Battery Hire Products

With huge popularity of the Husqvarna range of battery products we have put some into hire. We now have in our hire fleet an extendable Pole Saw, Blower and top handle Chainsaw. As a result of customers hiring these we have sold quite a number of the battery products. They are definitely well worth checking out.



Husqvarna Spring Promo

The specials in this promo are really good, as are the products:

- Weedeaters from \$194, saving \$85
- Professional Weedeaters \$499, saving \$100
- 2-Stroke Blowers just \$319
- Lawnmowers from \$599, plus a further \$60 off for your old mower, going or not.



Then there is the battery range of products, and the very latest addition to the Husqvarna battery family is the waterblasters. Priced from just \$199 through to \$899 there is a model to suit all requirements.

Great to see in last weekend's Eastern Bay Life a great article about Gavin Abbot, a true trucking legend and a really nice guy. He is living proof of the value of having a passion that keeps you engaged in life and learning and looking nothing like the 87 year old gentleman that he is.

Thought For The Month:

"Children are great imitators – give them something great to emulate."
Gavin has certainly done that.

Thanks for your support in buying local. We and the team certainly appreciate it.
Have a great month. (No matter who ends up in charge)

All the best from your friendly team at

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