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To Our Valued Customers,

Well, one month and one week down already – it's hard to keep up with the disappearing days. The new year is definitely in full swing for the team here. A combination of many party hire happenings, lots of repair work from the orchardists, farmers and forestry, plus plenty of retail sales. We really appreciate the support Opotiki and the coast gives our little business.

Last Saturday we farewelled and celebrated the life of Don Dawson. In his 98 years he experienced more than most and definitely accomplished more than most. He was my first boss when I left school, working in his menswear department alongside Brian Borrie. To have Don as your first boss was the best way ever to enter the workforce. His quiet, gentle and humorous approach was very much appreciated by this nervous 16 year old school leaver. He proved to me how you can really succeed in life using those God given attributes, combined with the genuine interest and concern he showed to all he came in contact with. I reckon he was a NZ version of Abraham Lincoln, an amazing man. Thanks to Alan and John for the wonderful tributes to your Dad.

Martin Luther said, "If a man hasn't found something he would die for he isn't fit to live." I reckon that is the reason Don LIVED for 98 years. Whatever he did he gave it his all.

BOC Welders now back in stock

The extremely popular inverter caddy welders are back in stock after being on back order for over 2 months. The very popular 130 amp machine is excellent buying at \$330 +GST and the 170 amp Tig compatible machine is just \$560 +GST.

The other machine back in stock is the 175 amp Multi Processor. This is a 3-in-1 machine, arc, mig and tig all in one very powerful, compact unit. We have sold heaps of these, with customers very impressed with its performance in all modes. They are great value at \$1095 +GST. Come in and check them out.

Regarding the 130 amp model inverter arc welder, we have had one in our hire fleet for over 10 years and it has been brilliant. It has done a lot of work and we have run it many times off our 6kva generator. It will run an 8 gauge (4mm) electrode comfortably which is pretty impressive for a 130 amp machine.



Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

New Excavator for Hire

Yes, it has finally arrived. We have a new 1.8 ton excavator with a tilt bucket. This is the first major model upgrade of the tried and true Takeuchi TB016. This new model is a TB216, and has a number of improvements for easier operation and safety.

The biggest plus for those who have already hired it, has been the tilt bucket as it is ideal for sloping tracks, drains etc.

It is a real beauty to use, with more reach

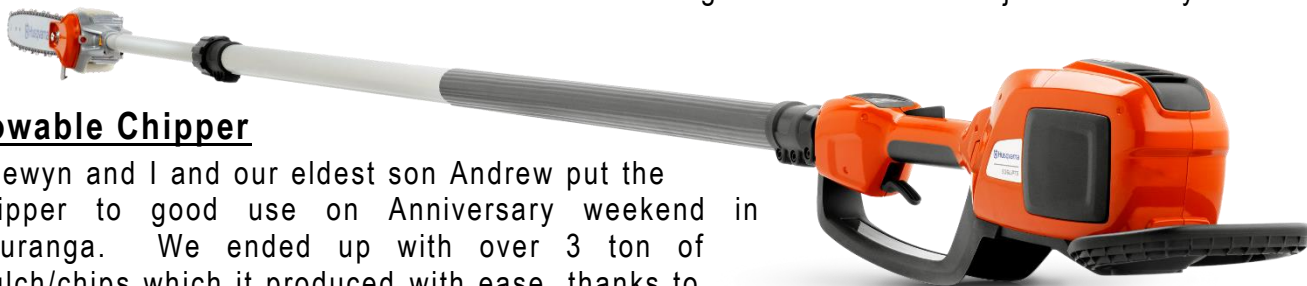
and breakout force. We also have an auger attachment for our excavator with 200, 350, 450 and 600 diameter auger bits. With the extensions you can drill down to 2 metres deep.



Knowledge is having the right answer. Intelligence is asking the right question.

Another Hire Addition – Husqvarna Battery Pole Saw

This new machine is lighter and quieter than the petrol equivalent, and it is powerful too. If you have some tall timber to bring down this could be just the tool you need.



Towable Chipper

Raewyn and I and our eldest son Andrew put the chipper to good use on Anniversary weekend in Tauranga. We ended up with over 3 ton of mulch/chips which it produced with ease, thanks to the new motor it has.

Briggs & Stratton Inverter Generators

These are excellent value, quiet and very economical.



Powersmart Mode automatically adjusts engine speed to save fuel and run longer and Inverter technology produces smoother power for sensitive electronics.

2kVA for \$1399 or the 3kVA for \$1999.

Also available, for \$199, is a parallel kit so you can run 2 x 3kVA in parallel.



We have put a 3kva into our hire fleet with customers preferring it over our standard generators because of the above mentioned features.

Thought For The Month:

Being positive won't guarantee you will succeed. But being negative will guarantee you won't.

Have a great month – and an awesome 2017. All the best from your friendly team at

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