



New Holland BB1290 Big Square Baler for the Swains

Ian Swain from Wilgadene, Carroll has taken delivery of a new New Holland BB1290 large square baler. The 8 x 4 x 3 machine is equipped with a Rotor Cutter for finely cutting pasture for his cattle feeding operation. The larger bale size also means less time stacking the bales and storing in sheds. The tandem steerable axle also means the machine follows the tractor better and makes road transport much smoother.

Pictured at delivery is Goodwin Kenny Hay Technician Merv Leard carrying out a thorough installation with the baler's operators before putting the baler in the paddock.



Another New Holland joins the Fleet

Jim Crouch is pictured at the delivery of his new New Holland T6020 Plus tractor, delivering 112 engine horsepower Jim will use the T6020 Plus in his haymaking and general farming applications. The addition of a Challenge/New Holland AP series front end loader will enable Jim to utilise his new tractor to its fullest, from road maintenance through to cattle ration mixing. The New Holland T6020 joins Jim's growing fleet of New Holland machines, having a TL90 tractor, BR7060 round baler and H7230 mower conditioner plus others on his Quirindi property.



Research requires Smooth Ride

A new New Holland T5.95 FWA cab tractor was the tractor of choice for

CSIRO's Myall Vale plant development farm situated between Narrabri and Wee Waa. The New Holland T5.95 offers a 16 forward x 16 reverse full electronic power shuttle, power shift transmission for smooth and easy row crop operation and has been fitted with New Holland's fully integrated "Intellisteer" automated steering guidance. Pictured at delivery, Max Barnes was impressed with the New Holland T5.95's visibility, ease of operation and three point linkage capacity.



Is it a Barbeque ????

New Holland's 'Watch the Australian Open Grand Final' promotion, which was run over three field day events, AgQuip, Henty and Dowerin has been won by Alex Stevens, Kellerberrin, Western Australia.

Each Field Day had a minor prize of a New Holland BBQ unit and the AgQuip prize was won by Steve & Berice Eather, 'Mullah', Narrabri.

When registering Steve identified Goodwin Kenny, Gunnedah as his local New Holland Dealer. Steve and Berice operate New Holland Tractors, a Round Baler and Mower Conditioner. The prize was presented by Goodwin Kenny Gunnedah Salesman Glenn Furner at Gunnedah prior to Christmas.

Steve and Berice were intrigued and delighted with the "modifications" to the BBQ which were done to resemble an engine and are sure it will prove to be a good conversation piece at their next BBQ.



Controlled Traffic Upgrade

Dave Tudgey has practiced Controlled Traffic Farming for a number of years on the Breeza Plains. Early Controlled Traffic Farming was generally done on 2 metre centres. Dave has made a change to his farming practice and now his land is on 4 metre wheel centres. This change prompted an upgrade from his reliable Simplicity 4500 Air Cart. Dave took advantage of Simplicity's Early order Program and had a 9000 litre Air Cart built with a 4 metre castoring front axle to suit his farm.

The larger bin capacity improves efficiency allowing Dave to stay in the paddock longer and the castoring front axle makes the air cart more manoeuvrable in turning and reversing.

Dave traded his Simplicity 4500 TQC-3, 4500 Litre 3 bin air seeder.



A good news story - Hawksford family wins Superfine Wool Prize

The Hawksford family from Glenburnie at Kentucky was awarded the inaugural Vitale Barberis Canonico (VBC) Wool Excellence Award at a gala function in December at Circular Quay. The award was designed to support and encourage professional and serious Superfine woolgrowers who endeavour to produce sound, fine-crimping wool. The Hawksfords - Andrew and Katrina, Ronald and Lana, and patriarch Reg Hawksford have been growing Merino wool for more than 20 years. The 4200 head of Merino sheep running on the property produce 8000 kilograms of wool a year, averaging 17 micron and ranging from 14.5 to 17.5 micron.

VBC keeps a record of every clip that they purchase and the Hawksford's clips appeared constantly in the very best types of wool. The Hawksfords received return Business class flights to Italy and a monetary prize of more than \$35,000.00 being an amount equal to the full delivered value of all the wool purchased by VBC in the 2013-2014 season. Kenneth (Fred) and Tracey Cameron from Walcha took second place and third place went to Simon and Ann Louise Cameron and manager Lyndel Poole, Kingston, Tasmania.

The Italian Vitale Barberis Canonico fabric mill was established in 1663 and has remained a family-owned business for 15 generations.

Our Congratulations to the Hawksford family.



Reg Hawksford with Andrew Hawksford



Vitale Barberis Canonico Raw Material Procurement Manager, David Fontaneto presenting the first place award to Andrew Hawksford (Photo courtesy of Lucas Dawson Photography)

A little piece of history - Fiat Tractors

Did you know we still service Fiat tractors? Over the last few months we have seen a number of Fiats in the workshop ranging from a Fiat 1000, Fiat 415 and Fiat 980 as well as some later models. Goodwin Kenny sold many Fiat tractors from 1962 through to the early 1990's and it is pleasing to see that many have given good service to their owners and some are in great condition for their age and some are just now requiring some TLC.

Of course Con Smit, our Fiat specialist who has been with Goodwin Kenny since 1984, takes delight in sharing his knowledge of these tractors with their owners and our younger technicians.

Of particular interest this month has been a Fiat 1000S with a cab made by Cab Engineering at Gunnedah, still in use and with the Cab Engineering sticker still very visible having been sheltered by the curved roofline.

Cab Engineering was started by Neville and Pat White in Gunnedah in the 1960's. Neville White had been employed at Goodwin Kenny in 1967 and left to start an engineering business, Cab Engineering. Neville and Pat White visited Tamworth in 2012 for the Goodwin Kenny 50th Anniversary and later emailed a number of photos of the machines that they had put cabs on. They kept a photographic record of everything that they had built and fitted. One of these photos (at left) is of a Fiat 1000 and a Fiat 900, ready for delivery to their owners. The cabs of yesteryear are very different to the cabs of today.



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Slasher Maintenance – before you go slashing PLEASE carry out some basic checks.

- Check that the frame and hitch bolts are all tight.
 - Check that the bolts holding the clutch to the gearbox shaft are tight.
 - Check that the Blade cutter bar is attached properly to the gearbox shaft.
 - Inspect the blades and the blade cutter bar for damage or cracks. If the Blades are worn, replace them, ensuring you replace the full set together as well as only using new blade bolts, nuts and bushes. **DO NOT use old bolts, nuts and bushes.**
 - Replace the gearbox oil – (Tip: Use a suction syringe to suck out the old oil as most gearboxes do not have a drain plug you can get at.)
 - Dismantle the clutch – it may have rusted together after the rain, using emery cloth, sand down the faces of the clutch to remove any rust. Make sure there is no grease or oil on the clutch parts. Reassemble the clutch, make sure you reset the clutch tension as per your operators handbook, a useful rule of thumb for most clutches is to tighten all of the spring bolts and then back them off 2 turns, be precise with this as the clutch pressure needs to be even.
 - Lastly Inspect your PTO shaft and cover – disassemble the cover and shaft – clean the sliding section and re-grease it, check the Uni joints for movement and grease, ensure that the cover is fitted correctly, turns freely on the shaft and is not damaged in any way. With this work done – you can be confident that you will not be unnecessarily delayed now it is time to slash. **If unsure please call our workshops to arrange a check.**
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- Remove and clean all filters
- Remove, inspect and clean all nozzles, (Tip – an old toothbrush is ideal) rinse them and refit after cleaning the nozzle filters.

Nozzles DO NOT last forever – they wear and put out an uneven pattern – 2 years is about the maximum time you will get from a low use boomspray – nozzles can also be worn out and need replacement after just a couple of weeks use depending on the chemical you are using. If you have non drip nozzle bodies you should also remove the cap and inspect the diaphragm, clean and reassemble.

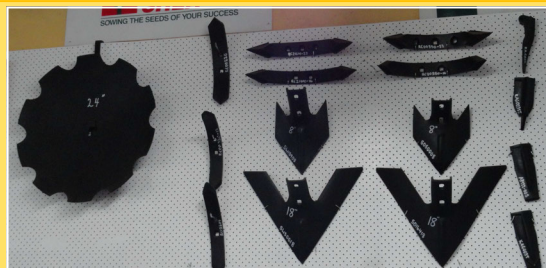


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This month we have 3 **NEW HOLLAND CAPS** to give away - simply return your payment by 27th January, 2015 to go into the draw. We would also remind customers that we accept Visa & MasterCard over the phone and Debit cards may be used at all our Branches.

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Electronic/Internet Payments on the last day of the month cannot be allocated until the next day - it would assist us greatly if payments could be made prior to the last day of the month to allow receipting and allocation to accounts prior to Month end.....thank you.



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Just to keep you up to date:

An update on the Kochie's Business Builders **KBB Rescue my Website competition** – I received an email to say we had been shortlisted in the "Local Legend" category – with the winner to be announced on 21st December. Reaching the final round meant we had to present a 50 word "pitch" for the Judges, so our "pitch" went like this:

There was excitement in the Office, news spread around, GOODWIN KENNY website in KBB RescueMySite final round, "Local Legend" someone thought! Brought delight, 52 years selling Tractors and Machinery, serving Agriculture - not overnight! Update website "prize", maybe mention on "Sunrise", Would give staff a buzz and customers a surprise! Unfortunately we did not win the \$25,000 KBB Digital prize, but we are happy to be a Runner-up. The Local Legend winner was *Nanchos Cantina* and the winner of the Worst Website was *Creative Home Image*....Thank you to our anonymous nominator.

George Cromie 27.03.1936 - 07.12.2014

Last month I was saddened to receive news of the passing of one of our long-time customers, George Cromie. George was involved in earthmoving and construction in Sydney before moving to Currabubula and he later lived at Timbumburi. George was a funny & charming man who would bring me peaches he had grown every year (provided the birds did not get them first!). George would love to receive our Newsletter & he would often call me or drop into the office to give me his opinion of the Joke of the Month. George offered me a paddock for Gina to learn to drive when she first got her "L" plates, as he knew she could not do any damage out there! ...Our sympathies to his family.



SBS comes to Tamworth



As it is so dry - What can be done to help the farmers?

Rain, that would be the best. All I want for Christmas is some rain.

Image—courtesy of Tony's Mobile phone

I received a phone call early one morning from Laurie Chaffey of Somerton to ask if I would be willing to talk to SBS about the Drought and how it affects local farmers and the community. While I am not accustomed to doing interviews I was happy to oblige if it helped our farming fraternity. A young reporter called Rhiannon arrived late in the afternoon, it had been a windy day and the skies were grey. "Is it going to rain?" she asked. Unfortunately it didn't rain that day. The interview appeared on SBS World News on Saturday 6th December, I did not see it - however I received a message from an old friend in Queensland who had recognised me! Thankfully many local areas have received some much needed rainfall over Christmas and New Year, let us hope it continues.

I hope you all had an enjoyable & relaxed break over Christmas and New Year. In 2015 we look forward to continuing to support your efforts in agriculture with Parts, Service and Machine Sales and wish you all the best for 2015.

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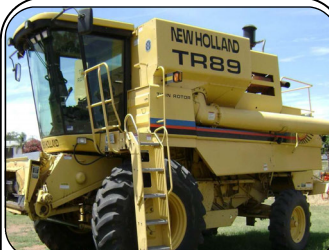


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