



# THE TRACTOR TIMES

## WHERE HAS THE RAIN GONE?

March 2023 already, and you would be forgiven for thinking that the Southland and Otago Summer was never going to end, we are well overdue for some steady rain. Where we have been desperate for rain, parts of the North Island were slammed with major weather events and our thoughts go out to all the families and businesses that were affected by Cyclone Gabriel.

With the beautiful weather we had over the summer months, there wasn't many tractors parked up in yards, our workshops had never been so busy, and we thank all of our customer base across Southland and Otago for your ongoing support and your patience, as we do our best to keep you all moving.

This year you might have also seen us out and about in a 6R 215 towing a C441R John Deere baler wrapper. We were fortunate to secure this unit from John Deere for our demo program, and even with the lack of grass that has been around lately we were able to get quite a few bales done across Southland and Otago - thanks to all the customers that took part in the demos. We have balers available for next season, get in contact with your local branch to secure yours today.

In early February I was lucky enough to head to Dallas, Texas, to attend my first John Deere CEO Summit. I joined 131 other CEO's from Dealer groups across North America, Canada, Australia, and NZ. The theme of the meeting was very much around John Deere continuing to be a leader in the agricultural technology space to make John Deere customers the most profitable and sustainable farmers in the world. It's an honor to be associated with a brand that is so cutting edge and has massive ambitions for the future, watch this space.....

With autumn now upon us, its time to start thinking about

getting geared up for winter, and as always, we have all your winter feed essentials, from silage grabs, up to silage wagons and everything in between. As well as winter, why not start thinking about next spring and secure your next Krone machine, we have a great early order incentive program running now. (Details inside).

If you're considering a lawn mower or a combine or anything in between, come and see us today.

Enjoy this edition of our Tractor Times.

*Stacey Hitchens*

Stacey Hitchens  
General Manager

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## ON DEMO WITH THE JOHN DEERE 6R 215 AND C441R BALER WRAPPER

We had the John Deere demonstration model 6R 215 and C441R Baler Wrapper available to do some on farm demo's. This is a chance for our customers to see (and experience) for themselves the new features as well as the precision agriculture technology built in to improve your work-life balance.

"A number of features stood out from these demonstrations, but we consistently heard the 6R 215 has an impressive turning circle, and the C441R baler with its low centre of gravity performed well on the steep areas, as well as producing good solid bales" said Integrated Solutions Manager, Mike Cleland, who coordinated the demo's.

"These demonstrations give you a really good insight into the performance of a machine which gives you some assurance when you are looking to make an investment of this nature" he said.

The next demo machine is the new John Deere 7R 230, get in touch with us today to arrange your demo so you can check out .....for yourself!



## ITS GOT TO BE A SIGN!



The Invercargill branch got to finish their year on a high when the long awaited, much anticipated, John Deere sign was erected at the North Road site.

Although the sign wasn't damaged in the devastating fire in 2016, it needed to be removed so we weren't confusing anyone as to our whereabouts.

Once we moved back into the North Road site the sign had suffered a little wear and tear, so was sent for an update and a bit of TLC - no small feat.

"This is the last piece that completes our rebuild following the fire in 2016" said General Manager Stacey Hitchens.

"Now we can properly put that all behind us" he said.

"And the best part is if we order pizza they'll know where to find us!" joked Stacey.

Thanks to everyone involved who made this happen for us.





# NARROW WIDTH, MORE POWER, UNPRECEDENTED TECHNOLOGY: JOHN DEERE ADDS ORCHARD & VINEYARD SPECIALIST WITH NEW 5ML

John Deere will transform its offering to the orchard, tree nut and vineyard industries with the introduction of the new 100 horsepower-plus John Deere 5ML Series of cab tractors, built specifically to meet the unique needs of growers.

Offering two front-axle configurations for working widths as narrow as 71 inches and down to 61 inches on the 5ML Narrow, the 5ML will make available a machine carrying premium features at a size suited to exacting applications. Additionally, it will deliver superior operator comfort as well as a level of precision agriculture technology not before seen in this class.

John Deere Australia and New Zealand Production System Manager, Stephanie Gersekowski, said with 105, 120 and 130 models available, the 5ML will bring unprecedented power to John Deere's orchard tractor offering.

"We are extremely excited to bring the 5ML to respond directly to the needs of growers looking for a low-profile cab, more power and industry-leading digital capabilities typically only available on machines in larger agriculture production systems," Ms Gersekowski said.

### Premium specifications

The 5ML will feature PFC Hydraulics, a load sensing system which immediately initiates flow when required. When flow is no longer needed, the pump returns to low pressure and to no-flow standby mode, to improve fuel efficiency by up to 30 percent.

Both the 5ML and 5ML Narrow come equipped with programmable LED lighting, a front hitch to ensure operators can use heavier implements such as almond harvesters, and a front PTO for added versatility. There is also the choice of an easy-to-use PowrQuad™ PLUS or Powr8™ transmission.

### Dedicated to orchards and vineyards

The 5ML's John Deere-built organic cab carries the ideal dimensions to fit down tight orchard rows. A reconfigurable in-dash, three-screen LCD display allows operators to customise their view and makes it easy to set up guidance lines, make on-the-go adjustments with shift track, and establish headlands with the encoder dial.

"The cab also has a flat floor, spacious headroom and ergonomic, well-placed controls to make them easy-to-use for operators with a variety of experience, while giving extra comfort during long days in the driver's seat," Ms Gersekowski said.

A Category IV Filtration System Kit provides additional cabin filtration and pressurisation, preventing external chemical and particulate hazards from entering the operator enclosure, and eliminating the need for personal protective wear.

"This, coupled with the enhanced cab design, can also help to

attract and retain a workforce in a tough hiring climate," Ms Gersekowski said.

A new Limb Lifter kit can also be added to gently move away low hanging branches, reducing the potential for damage to the tree and tractor.

### Integrated technology

The 5ML will bring a new level of technology to John Deere tractors in the orchard, tree nut and vineyard markets, making available industry-leading precision farming capabilities to grow efficiency and production, including JDLink™ — an industry exclusive in this class — to track machine data remotely.

"This is ideal for large production high value crop customers with fleets of tractors as it allows them to manage equipment location, proactively monitor machine health and productivity, and give their team the information and direction they need to finish jobs accurately and on time," Ms Gersekowski said.

The 5ML is Greenstar/ISOBUS Ready for implement connectivity, to help more accurately apply liquid and dry products in environments where a GPS signal is not available, and to document those applications.

AutoTRAC™ also comes as an option and offers customers the ability to eliminate implement overlap and optimise machine efficiency when completing jobs such as spraying, planting, and mowing.

"The 5ML achieves a masterful combination of power, integrated technology and a width dedicated to orchard, tree nut and vineyard production and will prove invaluable in getting jobs like spraying, mulching, fruit handling, harvesting and towing transport wagons done, and done right," Ms Gersekowski said.

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# ANOTHER SOLUTION SORTED



This Duncan DD35 headed to it's first job sowing pasture mix on the coast of Fortrose, Southland.

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# A BIT OF COUNTRY IN TOWN

Our demo John Deere 7R 230 got put through its paces on the first Saturday in March at the Southland A&P Show held in Invercargill - doing tractor rides!

It was great being able to bring a little bit of country to town, and seeing all of those excited faces queueing (even in the rain!) for their chance to take a ride in a genuine John Deere tractor, a large number of which had never even been in a tractor before.

We also made this into a fundraiser, asking for a gold coin donation in exchange for a ride, all of which would go directly to Southland Riding for the Disabled, and we raised \$515!

Thanks for having us Southland A & P Association, and for a fantastic event.



The queue for a tractor ride is grateful to have a burst of sunshine to wait their turn in at the Southland A&P Show.

# TRIPLETS SPOTTED IN OTAGO



What do you call a trio of John Deere 7R's? We've got no idea either...but we know we've got some very happy clients with these all heading out of our Mosgiel branch to their new homes.



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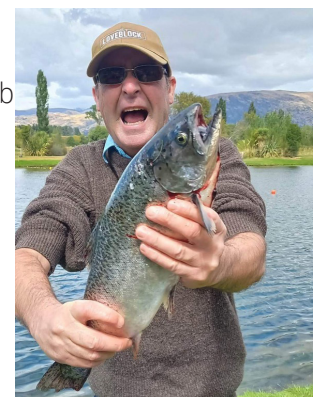
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## MEET MARTY McDONALD

Marty has joined the team in Cromwell as Parts Manager, coming from Accolade Wines where he spent the last 18.5 years, having a wide range of roles from machinery maintenance to admin to health & safety, and a bit of everything else in between.

Before moving to Cromwell Marty grew up and lived in Dunedin where he worked at Anngow Motors in their Parts and Service department for 19 years.

He recently caught his very first fish at the Cromwell branches social club lunch at Hook in Wanaka, and we reckon this photo says it all.



Pictured below is Marty (in work mode) congratulating the winner of our Parts Connect cabinet competition Lynn Wills from Enfield Ltd (left).



Here's a few more facts you didn't know you needed to know about Marty...

**NAME:** Marty McDonald

**BRANCH:** Cromwell

**CURRENT ROLE:** Parts Manager

**LENGTH OF SERVICE:** 14(ish) weeks

**LAST MOVIE/SERIES WATCHED:**

Designated Survivor on Netflix

**FAVOURITE SPORTS? PLAY OR WATCH?**

Motorsport (to watch)

**FAVOURITE FOOD?**

Cake

**TEA, COFFEE OR HOT CHOCOLATE?** Tea

**FAVOURITE SEASON?** Spring

**FAVOURITE JD (ANY REASON WHY?)**

Anything, because it's green

## FROM WINDOWS TO LAWNS

Being a local company gives us the opportunity to play a part in supporting our community, and this is what we did for the Hawthorndale Care Village.

With the support from John Deere Ltd we were able to provide a Z515E for them to auction at their fundraiser - what a prize!

The proud winner of the auction was Neil Lewis. When he came in to pick it up, Sales Consultant Brent Hewitt went through a run-down of how everything worked, plus all the features on the mower and made Neil feel right at home in the driver's seat!

We hope you enjoy the mower Neil, and thank you for your part in this fundraising effort.



## MORE FEEL GOOD FACTOR

Another team effort on this one - we combined with the Southland Stags who ran a Facebook promotion which we donated prizes toward. Our very happy winners of a John Deere balance bike, backpack and lunch cooler were Samantha and Archie Birch - definitely another green and gold fan in the making!





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