



[www.waterwheel.nz](http://www.waterwheel.nz)

## NEWSLETTER

June 2015

### 2015 DISPLAY AND LIVE DAYS

In 2015 we have continued our focus on promoting Waterwheel and engaging with the community through regular display openings, Live Days and involvement in community events.

The display is normally open 10.30 to 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday in the KEA Industrial Park, Manukorihi Dr. We welcome group visits. About 32 from the Kawerau Probus Club and a good number from the EBOP Vintage Car Club visited in late May. 145 people have signed our visitor book from mid-January to June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### LIVE DAYS

Live days are a chance to get some of our collection out and working. We run Live Days every 2 to 3 months, preferably in conjunction with another major event in Kawerau to take advantage of extra people in town.

The March 22<sup>nd</sup> Live Day was held to coincide with The Seriously Social Rafting event held that day. We had tractor pulled wagon rides at both the rafting event in Waterhouse Reserve and the Display centre.



Amongst the equipment operating was this Andrews and Beavan double-bag chaff cutter driven by a Bamford Diesel. This was the first time the chaff cutter had been fully operational since being restored by one of our Comm-Max training crews in 2011.

The June 6<sup>th</sup> Live Day coincided with the 6-Hour Gravity Endurance Race and



also as a stop on the Blokes Day Out tour of men's sheds run by the Whakatāne Hospice and Edgecumbe Lions. This event was a major drawcard and a large proportion of the 140 participants visited our live day and display centre.

Keith Wicks of Matata won the "Guess the weight of the Cake".

Videos of our live day can be seen on our website [www.waterwheel.nz](http://www.waterwheel.nz)

This 1920,s JAEGER Concrete Mixer came to us from the Whakatane District Council's collection.



We believe it was used locally on storm water and sewer junctions and ran day and night for weeks at a time. It would have been phased out in the early 1960,s when certified premixed concrete was introduced.

It was the largest mixer available prior to premix and was known as a two bag mixer as two bags of cement were put into the mix at a time.

On large jobs it was loaded by the early tractor type front end loaders and all the mix had to be barrowed into place as there were no concrete pumps.

## ANZAC DAY.

For this year's Anzac Remembrance we set up a small display of some Military item from the Waterwheel collection in a shop front in the Kawerau Mall.

On Anzac Day we temporarily moved some of the display to the Mountain View Rest Home for the Service they held there.

Photo: Dudley Douglas setting up the Anzac Display in the Lotto Shop. Kawerau Mall.



## KAWERAU MALL DISPLAY REFRESH



Our display site in the Kawerau Mall, set up July / August last year, has proved to be a great shop front for Waterwheel and provides valuable additional display space.

In April we refreshed the display by replacing the potato planter, harvester and one of the wagons with the Keystone maize sheller, plough, acetylene generator and early examples of an electric stove and washing machine.

Also on display is this operating table, which our records indicate was used in local rural areas by Hospital Surgeons Dr Fraserhurst and Dr Appleby, and in Town (Whakatane?) by Dr Widmore.

It was donated to Waterwheel by the Whakatane Museum. The table was manufactured by Scanlan Morris Co. Madison, USA and seems to be one example of a range of surgical equipment patented by them around 1905.



## RESTORATION PROJECT

Currently the 1880's Reaper Binder is undergoing restoration and it is hoped to have it operational for the Woodfest.

Some blokes discussing the Reaper Binder.



If you would like to become involved with the Waterwheel Heritage Park - we need skills from writing, to event organisation to restoration to just being able to give some time to mind open times for our exhibition.

Contact John Galbraith [john.galbraith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.galbraith@xtra.co.nz) mobile 0274458839  
or Stephanie Johnson [wendoverhq@gmail.com](mailto:wendoverhq@gmail.com) or mobile: 0211054531