



Working towards Unit Standards

The Doug the Digger team has been busy travelling around the country visiting schools and being a part of various shows such as Dargaville Field Days, National Excavator Competition finals, and Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club Inc. live day.



We have met many up and coming future machine operators, who are keen to have a go on our Goughs CAT sponsored mini excavator. Under instruction of Mr Mac and his team, a number of the young operators were given the opportunity to complete the Doug the Digger Work Sheet, "Working towards Unit Standard 6436", (Inspect Civil Construction Plant and Equipment, Pre-Start Check List).

When the Work Sheet was discussed and presented, there was a general reluctance to participate as the task involved "paper work" such as reading and writing.

When the importance of putting "pen to paper" was explained, the students soon understood that by completing

the paperwork now, they would reap the benefits in the future as well as gaining requirements of the industry that they are keen to work in.



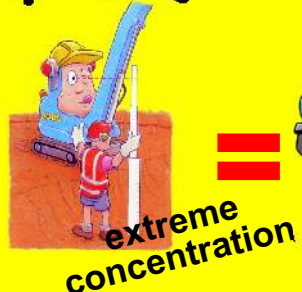
Dylan Bowman, 14, Whangarei.
1st person to complete a Doug the Digger Worksheet, Working towards Unit Standard 6436.
Dylan's comment: "I thought that this was a good test check and the whole thing was like revising for the actual thing."

YAHOO! xtra
search for...

Working towards Unit Standards
out of 29,000,000
Doug the Digger
numbered 6 and 7
on the list.



At school do these as it helps to get this for work! **PASSED**





Getting back to basic grass roots

creating values for a solid foundation and working towards unit standards.



GRASS ROOT TERMS:

In basic "grass root" terms... to operate a machine, you need a licence, to get a licence you need to read, write and sit a test.

The students enthusiastically completed the Doug the Digger Worksheet, Working towards Unit Standard 6436 with a positive attitude and willingness to learn. For those students, their hard work and efforts paid off with the reward of being given the opportunity to operate the Goughs CAT mini excavator under instruction. A number of comments were, what other worksheets can we complete?

The equal balance of talking/listening, reading/writing and hands on doing is a very rewarding learning experience, with many benefits for everyone.

Many thanks to everyone who worked on the Doug the Digger Worksheets.

Keep up the great work!



Have you visited yet?

The club aims to arouse and foster public interest in local history, and to acquire, preserve, restore and display vintage heritage machinery in implements once used by the pioneers of the Kaipara District.
 The Club is situated in Dargaville's Harding Park.

Twice a year a number of the vintage machinery is "cranked up" and operated as live displays. In the three years we have attended the "Crank up Day", we have had an operator challenge and have seen the level of enthusiasm and competence grow with the young operators.
 How's this for focus, concentration, soft, smooth, controlled skills...
 Pouring a teapot of water into a drink bottle...

Fantastic Effort




Sheldon (11) and Jack (10) showing their operator skills and admiring their achievements.

Extreme concentration

Kaipara kids at the controls...



Team talk...

Everyone had an enjoyable day out sharing Doug the Digger!



Safety...



Doing...

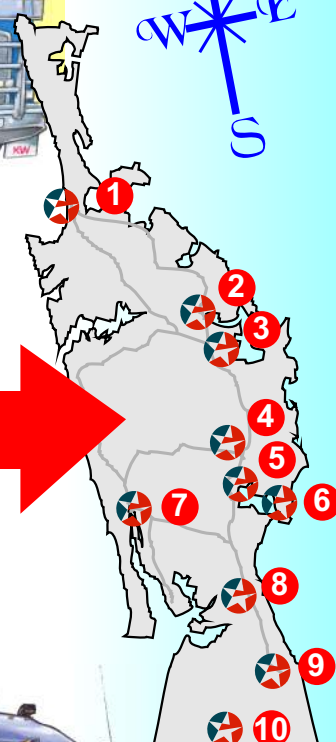


One day...



Achieving!

Doug the Digger ROADSHOW











Collect locations names from last month's word find. Match the number of the location on the map to the name of the Caltex NDS fuels Service Station.



CALTEX

Caltex NDS Fuels Service Stations around Northland.

-  Kawakawa
-  Orewa
-  Wellsford
-  Whangarei
-  Dairy Flat
-  Kaitaia
-  Kerikeri
-  Waitangi
-  Dargaville
-  Western Hills Drive

Check out a map of Northland, New Zealand

TRUCK LOADS OF FUN!



Word Finder

Please help Mr Mac to find some of the words that appear in this months newsletter. They are all listed below. You will find them hidden horizontally or vertically in the box. Put a ring around them as you find them.

- UNIT
- STANDARD
- WORKSHEET
- CALTEX
- BENEFIT
- EXCAVATOR
- GRASSROOTS
- VINTAGE
- MACHINERY
- KAIPARA
- VISIT
- WORKING
- TOWARDS
- READ



There are a few other hidden words in the puzzle, see how many you can find.

K	A	I	P	A	R	W	O	R	K	I	N
G	R	A	S	S	R	O	A	D	I	V	O
S	T	A	N	D	A	R	D	U	N	I	T
B	E	N	E	F	I	K	A	I	P	N	E
E	X	G	R	A	S	S	R	O	O	T	S
D	C	A	T	M	E	H	E	N	V	A	K
M	A	C	H	I	N	E	R	Y	I	G	A
U	V	E	I	L	R	E	A	D	S	E	I
C	A	L	T	E	X	T	E	N	I	L	P
H	T	U	B	E	N	E	F	I	T	E	A
W	O	R	K	I	N	G	R	O	W	S	R
E	R	A	S	T	O	W	A	R	D	S	A

Please feel free to photocopy this page and share with your friends to see who gets the most words.

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