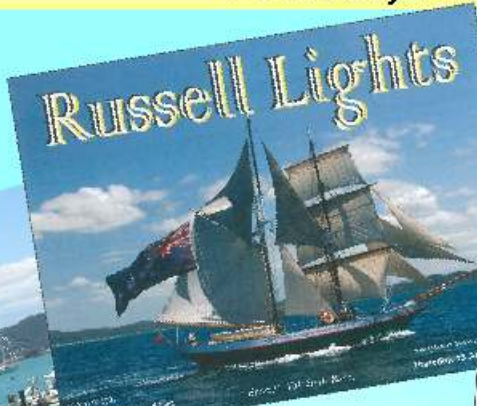


Doug the Digger ROADSHOW

NEWSLETTER

February 2011



Claus Family Comes to Russell. Celebrating Ten Years!

Russell is a special place. We locals know this otherwise we wouldn't be living here, and visitors certainly know this, as is proven by the swell of numbers every holiday season. But there are some special events driven by special people that really make Russell the treasure that it is.



In December 2001, Jacqui Knight together with Averil (from the bookshop), Alistair MacIntyre (from 'Doug the Digger' notoriety) and the now late Edith Sharpe (Edi), decided that they wanted to promote the spirit of Christmas in Russell by gathering together gifts (donated by local businesses) to distribute to visitors and locals alike on the day before Christmas. A Santa was needed as the all important 'giver-of-gifts'. Alistair happily donned the

Alistair MacIntyre with Edith Sharpe.

Santa suit (not always complimentary in summertime temperatures!), Edi dressed up in a creative, Mr and Ms Claus had come to Russell!

Ten years on and this generous gesture has become an annual tradition in Russell. In recent years, Darcie Stumpf joined Mr and Ms Claus as Santa's little helper and so the 'Claus Family' has pushed their decorated trolley of wrapped presents along York Street and the Waterfront on Christmas Eve, giving out gifts to sometimes surprised but always appreciative recipients. Sadly, Edi was not able to participate on the 24th this year, due to ill-health, but willing helpers stepped in to ensure the tradition continued.



Alistair MacIntyre with Darcie Stumpf.

The organisers of this year's event would like to say a huge thank-you to all the Russell businesses who contributed so gladly with donations of gifts and money (to buy gifts), in particular Enterprise Russell for their continued donations towards purchasing the sweet treats that we also handed out.

We would also like to extend this thank-you to all those involved over the past ten years. This event has only been possible due to the combined efforts of many within our generous community. And an extra special thank-you goes to Edi, who has been the driving force behind this event and in whose memory this wonderful tradition will continue.

Wil Zwanikken

The original "Claus Family"

A Tribute to Edith

Dearest Edith, "Mrs Claus"
To a very special friend,
many thanks for all the wonderful treasured memories.
Your magical xmas spirit and cheer will always be remembered, and will live on and never end.
24/12 we shared because we cared.
Lots of love

Alistair
"Santa Claus"



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



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Matamata Intermediate School

Letters from students at Matamata Intermediate

"Thank you for telling us about safety on the Digger and around workites, how to check the Digger and how to look for things wrong with the Digger"
Ross

"I learnt not only to drive a digger but to treat our workmates and environment with respect. Now I know how to drive a Digger, do paperwork, know all the hazards at the workite and most importantly the safety rules!"
Damian Lawson

"Experiencing driving a Digger was a bit complicated for me but when you helped me I felt more confident with the machine"
Mark Cober

"My biggest challenge was learning to operate the Digger. I didn't know there is so many things to check for it to be safe. The whole experience was great"
Hohoa Sheehy

"I enjoyed the experience of working and operating the Digger and learning to always do your paper work. I couldn't wait to get out there and thanks to you I got to have the coolest day ever"
Marama Te Ngore

"Thank you for teaching us about Diggers and letting us have a go on them, we had heaps of fun."
Tarne Tupe

"It was cool day getting to drive the Digger, I learnt heaps of things like safety and skills"
Sean

"The thing I liked most was driving the Digger because it was my first time ever driving a Digger"
Corbin Mcleod



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Working towards Youth into Industry with supportive documentation and positive attitudes to create employment opportunities



KAIKOHE

AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL & HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Brendan Walker
in action!



LISTENING



LOOKING



LEARNING



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Northern
Advocate

Monday,
January 10, 2011



DRIVERS SEAT: Five year old Brendan Walker of Okaihau has a turn on a mini digger with Doug the Digger, aka Alistair McIntyre.

Teaching the value of numeracy and literacy for a career in the industry



- BALANCE**
- $\frac{1}{3}$ Listening & Talking
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ Reading & Writing
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ Hands-On Doing



Hi-Vis jacket so you can see your team mates. Be proud of yourself. Nice, soft & smooth.

Well done...

Kairos, aged 8 years
Fantastic effort.
Keep up the great work!

Mr Mac



HAWKES BAY SHOW

9 2-7
MORE FM
HAWKES BAY

Showgirls Competition

- Show Girls Foodies Fear Factor in the Wattie's "Pick of the Crop" Taste Hawkes Bay Marquee
- Sheep Mustering in the Dog Trial Arena
- Digger girls with "Doug The Digger" in Northern Trades Site
- Pole Climb with Kiwi Lumberjacks Entertainment area 3



More FM Showgirls competitions The More FM's Show Girls competition consisted of four 30 minute challenges including filling a glass with a teapot using Goughs CAT "Little Cutie" under instruction from Mr Mac. Wonderful listening, looking and learning. soft, smooth operation skills.



Closely scrutinised under the watchful eye of Assistant Judge Brett Hollyman (NZ Contractors Federation Excavator Operator Competition Winner 2009 & 2010)

Mr Mac meets all types of interesting people on his travels and some times even famous ones like Phil Goff, leader of the Labour Party!



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.

- LUMBERJACKS
- MATAMATA
- PASTORAL
- COMPETITION
- FAMOUS
- MAGICAL
- LEARNING
- SCRUTINISED
- FANTASTIC
- TRIBUTE
- NORTHERN
- INDUSTRY
- MARQUEE
- EXCAVATOR



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

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

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