



Good Gossip

Good Farriers
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Welcome!

Well, a long awaited summer certainly hit us like a tonne of bricks. Although right now, the Taranaki weather is certainly reminding us why we're good at growing grass!

Competitions

A few weeks back, we attended the National Finals Farriers Competition in Feilding.

Tim was 3rd in the *Junior Apprentice* and Ryan was 1st in both the *Senior Apprentice* and *Intermediate* events. Ryan is now an *Open* competitor; well done Ryan.

Ryan also won the *Home Exhibit* event. The *Home Exhibit* event is a display made by the competitor prior to the competition. Ryan also had the expertise of Graeme Jones on his project and Jock and Tim helped out too.



Ryan's display wins the Home Exhibit event at the National Finals Farriers Competition. Pictured with Graeme Jones and Jock (who also helped, along with Tim).



Ryan fashions steel with fellow apprentice Josh (apprentice to Paul Nelson, Taupo)

Hoof Health

With the hot, dry summer weather pending, horses often need to be shod or trimmed more regular as their hooves tend to grow a bit quicker.

This wet weather, followed instantly by the heat, tends to make horses more prone to stone bruises and punctures to the sole too. We have noticed a lot of stone bruises over the last few months, so just contact us or ask at your next appointment if you would like some advice. It may be the case that we need to treat your horses' hooves and soles prior to autumn if you are concerned about stone bruises and punctures; but just ask.



Ryan working at the new forge in Jock's shed.

BE SAFE AND MERRY EVERYONE!

Cheers,

Jock, Helen and the team



Hard / Dry Conditions

We'll be getting some really hot, dry weather, so make sure you're oiling your horses' hooves. It is extremely important at this time of year that you maintain their condition.

Round-Up

Our business hours over Christmas are:

25 th December 2011	CLOSED
26 th December 2011	OPEN

We will not stop taking bookings; just call the home phone (756 6362) Sunday evening and leave a message as per usual.

We really appreciate the support you've all given us over the past 12 months. We hope you all have a really great Christmas and New Year and we will look forward to seeing you all safe and well next year.