



Information Newsletter—Winter 2021

JCL Winter Wind up

As we are in the middle of our quiet season, we are mindful that the majority of you are flat out in the busy calving season and hope that the weather is kind to you and all goes well. We are pushing through our maintenance program to ensure the gear is in top order ready for the season ahead.

It has been a massive year for JCL. We procured Regal Agriculture, which came with a significant amount of baling work, allowing us to run 2 round combi balers. Our Maize area has also grown alongside our customers' development which resulted in a 2nd chopper. To add to this we added a combine to the fleet so we can offer grain as a solution for our Maize growers. Having 2 of our critical machines—choppers, balers, loader wagons etc. really safeguards us against breakdowns and peak demands, so we can provide a reliable and consistent service.



Finding operators for the next season is another huge challenge for our industry. We made the decision some years ago that our skilled operators would be kept on full time throughout the whole year. While this comes at a cost it ensures that our service level is consistent and we can help our team develop their skills and achieve their career goals. We have kept more junior staff on through the winter than normal and that is the investment we have made to ensure we can provide a high level of service for you. This has all meant that we are in a good position to cater for your requirements for the season ahead. However, we are always on the lookout for new team members, so if you are looking for some casual work, have some experience and wish to get back into the industry and or are a new entrant and would like to join our apprenticeship scheme—please get in touch.

As always, every season is different and we certainly learnt a lot from the 2020/21 year. We are developing some of our systems in response to make sure we are ready, more than ever, for any eventuality.

We'll talk soon—Jeremy





Keep on **Trucking** Along

Here we have JCL's latest addition too the fleet. We purchased this truck brand new through Keith Andrews. This 460 HP FUSO Shogun FV2546 Tipper is ready for use. We had the body built to our specification by Piako Transport Engineering and the wicked decals are by Red Star Signs. This is a great versatile truck for us. Being a 12 speed ShiftPilot AMT paired to a Euro 6 11L inline 6, it's a do it all truck. A few cool features that this FUSO has is adaptive cruise control and driver fatigue monitoring. The Piako Transport Engineering Deck can be a flat deck for transporting up to 16 Silage Bales on the truck and a further 20 on the trailer. As shown in the photo this new FUSO as has rock siders to transport rocks, metal, lime, grain, dirt or any other of your loose materials transport needs. Lastly, we have a silage crate for the truck to service all the maize and grass silage transport needs from the paddock to your stack site.

A Telehandler, *Finally*

This is another brand new toy only recently rolling into the JCL yard. This JCB AgriSuper 542-70 is the first telehandler we have had in our fleet. Coming with a functional quick hitch system to hook up our flat deck trailer from inside the cab, it is the ideal machine for on farm silage bale transport. This cool machine makes loading up bales on a truck quicker and more efficient compared to a front end loader tractor.



Chop, Chop!

As some of you may of have already seen. We have added a second Claas Chopper to our fleet. This is a 2018 Claas Jaguar 960. In maize it is running a Claas 750 Orbis C-flex 10 row maize head. The new C-flex head leaves a very clean finish with the stubble. This machine also runs Shredlage rollers, which process the grain like nothing we have ever seen before, it is a premium machine that can make premium silage feed for your herd. With 2 choppers ready and rearing to go for the season, we have are more prepared than ever for any eventuality for bulk harvesting.





Meet The Operator—Iain Lillington

Iain “Pitbull” Lillington, is originally from the UK, where he owned his own ag contracting business in Somerset. Here he was involved with cultivations, maize and cereal crop growing and hedge trimming over winter.

Iain, with his wife, Tina, 2 daughters and 2 year old son moved to New Zealand in 2001. Initially working on Dairy farms near Matamata, he shortly gravitated back to machinery and worked for John Austin for a period of 8 years. Planting, chopping, combining Iain did it all and saw John grow the business significantly over that period.

In June 2010, when JCL was just 5 years old, he made the move to work with us and has been our most experienced operator ever since. Iain was the main chopper driver until around 5 years ago, but still does relief driving, to keep his hand in!

Earlier this year, Iain’s role developed from the tractor seat into the ute seat.

Because of his experience of machinery, we developed his foreman role to train operators, carry out quality control of work carried out and oversee and organize maintenance of the fleet.

This role is a massive asset for the business and our customers. The team have a very experienced operator to learn from and this means we can continue to improve our skills and work in the field.

In his spare time (he doesn’t have much of that as he loves being at JCL so much) he has 2 grandchildren to run around and is also restoring a 1976 Massey Ferguson 1105—that will no doubt be seen at tractor pulls in the area soon.



Iain (left) and Ray (right) receiving their 10 year service awards

JCL Social Media

Here at JCL, we keep our Facebook and Instagram pages regularly updated. So like our page to keep up to date with what’s happening in our yard and on your farms around the Waikato. You will also be able to keep up to date with offers and ideas that might help for your farms



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A Season In Pictures



The Full Time JCL Crew!



Brayden in his Spray Truck



Jake operating the 6m Horsch Drill



Iain having fun in his loader wagon



The Hiab doing on farm seed deliveries



Scott hauling silage bales in the new truck and trailer

Both stack machines
working together
during the maize
season



The side dressing tractor
knifing in the fertilizer to
create maximum crop
growth