

Duals put new life in ATVs, big mowers

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DAIRY farming, weed spraying and deer stalking – Chris Venn, Te Awamutu, says he wouldn't be without Clic Wheel Systems dual wheels on his two new Yamaha Grizzly

punctures in the rear tyres of John Deere 1445 out-front commercial mowers from Silverdale Farm Services don't cause the muttering they used to, says manager Tim Gammage. That's because most mowers now leave

Silverdale Farm Services is a major supplier of commercial mowing and grounds care equipment to local authorities, gold courses and contractors.

Clic Wheels imports and distributes Clic Dual Wheels from Switzerland, manufactured by GS Schaad. The Swiss company began making tractor duals in 1969, di-

versifying in the last three years into dual wheels for smaller vehicles.

Says Guet, "We began with Clic duals for ATVs, then off-road vehicles, and this year we brought out Clic duals for ride-on mowers."

Clic Wheel Systems will be at Northland field days Dargaville, site D29b

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John Deere 1545 mower drive wheels with duals.

660cc ATVs.

Venn runs 160 Friesians at the back of the Te Awamutu racecourse.

"You'd never go back to a 2WD after riding a 4WD ATV. It's the same with dual wheels versus singles.

"They're brilliant when you're chasing deer on slopes; they give you that stable platform, plus more traction.

"And on the farm in the winter they're great for towing calf trailers when it gets wet."

While weed spraying, he uses the duals for extra traction towing a 600-litre spray tank.

Meanwhile in the world of commercial mowing,

the shop fitted with Clic Wheel Systems fast-fit/release dual wheels.

Gammage says punctures are a fact of life for hard-working mowing contractors, but replacing bolt-on duals with Clic duals means the wheels are faster and easier to change.

"If you get a puncture in the inside tyre, it takes work and time to remove and refit it when the duals are bolted-on. Not with the Clic duals. The inside wheel hub carries a boss and you just slide the outer on and turn it, and it clicks on secure.

"It's a brilliant system and we get good feedback on it."



Clic Wheel Systems managing director Andy Guet (left) hands over a Christmas hamper to customer Tim Gammage, Silverdale Farm Services.