

Hi Elias from the team at DeLuxe RV Group



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Welcome to the July issue of the Deluxe RV Group newsletter!

It's crazy to think that we are halfway through the year. The days are getting longer, and we are slowly moving towards spring. As much as I love winter in Marlborough this year's wet weather has been challenging and made us really appreciate the few nice days we had so far.

My wife and I managed to sneak away for a long weekend to Mapua, Colin and his family ventured to Christchurch and Daryl travelled to Hanmer as well as currently being on the road somewhere down south.

Our much-loved company motorhome is getting a good work out this winter and it has been great to meet a lot of our customers on the road as well as spending some time exploring this beautiful country.

The past two years have been an incredible opportunity to explore and enjoy destinations which have been overrun with tourists prior to that and as much as I am happy that welcoming tourists back into NZ will have a positive impact on the tourist industry and our economy, I strongly suggest getting out there as much as you can and make the most of it while we can.

See you on the road!!!

Selling or Trading your Motorhome or Caravan with Deluxe RV



Trading your current motorhome when you purchase a new one is a simple and often an easy way for customers to have a seamless changeover as well as not missing out on camping whilst you are waiting for a new motorhome or caravan to arrive.

Current shipping challenges have increased the chance of a new arrival being delayed and most campers are unwilling to let go of their pride and joy prior to making the move to a new vehicle.

Due to recent price increases trade in evaluations are higher than ever and are well worth considering.

Please note that we currently consider purchasing motorhomes and caravans outright.

If you own a late model motorhome or caravan and are considering either selling or trading it in, please feel free to get in touch for an obligation free evaluation.

We are always happy to assist!!!

New Fiat Series 8 Facelift and 6D Final Engine

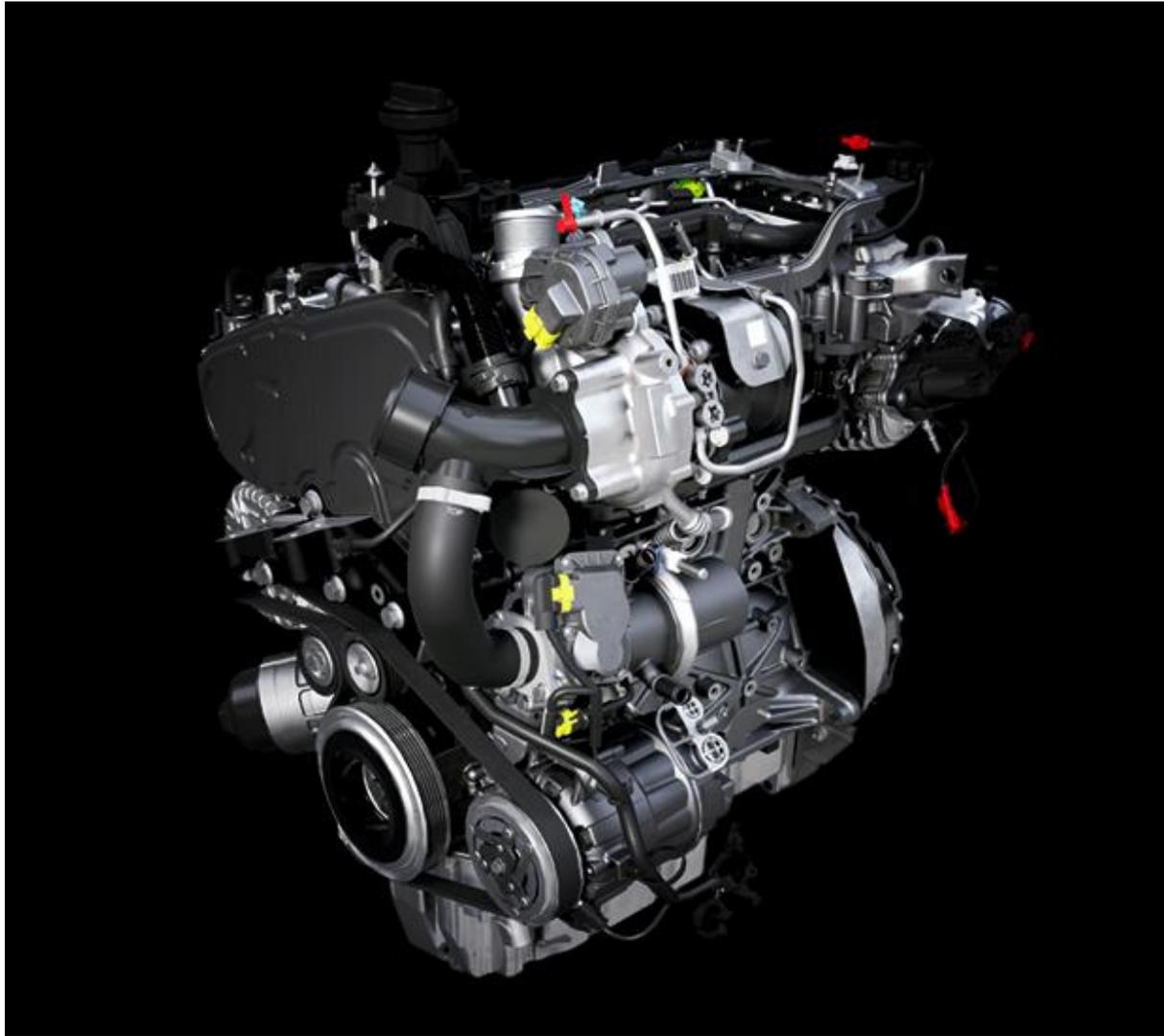


NEW DUCATO

Innovation-driven, for over 40 years

Last month I wrote a small article on the new Fiat facelift and shared my thoughts after seeing the first vehicles arrive in NZ. This month I would like to share some more technical information from Fiat directly and continue to explore what the new Fiat Ducato really has to offer. Please note that the information is generic and not all features are applicable to the NZ market.

Enjoy the read!!!



NEW MULTIJET3 POWERTRAIN

Designed for LCVs

The new Ducato Multijet3 powertrain lineup offers a wide range of choices that makes your work easier on every possible mission. Light Duty and Heavy Duty homologation (140hp and 180hp power levels), available on manual and automatic transmissions, all with a reduced noise level and weight and best-in-class fuel consumption.



HIGH EFFICIENCY

An all-new engine, that minimises excess consumption and emissions with an optimized weight.

HIGH COMFORT

Built with industrial design for long durability and top reliability

HIGH DURABILITY

Reduced noise level and enhanced torque elasticity with 9-speed gearbox available.

140 MULTIJET3 9 Speed

- Displacement: 2.184 cc
- Number of cylinders: 4, in line Industrial type design
- Fuel System: Electronically controlled Common Rail Multijet3 direct injection with variable geometry turbocharger and intercooler
- Power and torque: 140hp (104kW) at 3500 rpm 380 nm at 1400 rpm
- Emissions Level: Euro 6D-Final
- Engine Coupling and gears: Torque converter, with electronic electro-hydraulic control system. Automatic 9+R



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- Displacement: 2.184 cc
- N° of cylinders: 4, in line Industrial type design
- Fuel System: Electronically controlled Common Rail Multijet3 direct injection with variable geometry turbocharger and intercooler
- Power and torque: 180hp (117kW) at 3500 rpm 450 nm at 1500 rpm
- Emissions Level: Euro 6D-Final
- Engine Coupling and gears: Torque converter, with electronic electro-hydraulic control system Automatic 9+R



New Fiat Series 8 Facelift and 6D Final Engine

Fiat has been building the Ducato since 1981. The new facelift model is the sixth generation which has been labelled the Series 8. It was originally launched in 2006 and then received substantial updates in 2011, 2014, 2019 and now which is probably it's biggest yet.

The Ducato Series 8 leaps to the top of the large Van class for driver feel and cab technology.

The Series 8 swapped out the 2.3-litre engines for a selection of 2.2-litre units. They retain the same power and torque figures as the old 2.3s but offer greater fuel efficiency.

Each engine is a different unit not an electronically calibrated upgrade which was the case with earlier models. We have also optioned the 'eco' pack, further increasing economy.

The new engines are up to 7% more efficient than their predecessors, helped by a 15kg weight loss. The durability has also increased to est. 300,000km.

The nine-speed automatic transmission is replacing the older six-speed 'ComfortMatic' system. In "Automatic" mode the control module selects and engages the gear in response to different driving conditions, speed, and load gradient, in case of frequent gear changes and in particularly tough conditions

(on hills for example), the “Autostick” mode lets the driver stay in a lower gear, improving performance’s and prevents overheating.

The drivability and feel have also been greatly improved as part of the 2022 update. Electric power steering is replacing the old hydraulically assisted rack. The updated system adapts to the vehicles speed increasing precision and results in an improved overall feel, better turning circle and steering response.

The look of the front cab is noticeably different showcasing additional features such as a new front grill insert, skid plate, LED running lights, internal roof lights and side door panels.

Staff Trip 1: Kaikoura and Christchurch



CP, Jess, and Oli got to enjoy a perfect winter trip to Christchurch via Kaikoura and couldn't have chosen a better weekend away.

Left:

Oli playing on one of the many beaches along the east coast of the South Island

The Kaikoura coastline is absolutely beautiful especially when the mountains are covered in snow.

Right:

Looking back at the Kaikoura's from the peninsula

Below:

Early mornings are a given when you travel with young kids and well worth it when you have a few like this.





Right:

Heading back home on yet another beautiful day.





Deluxe RV Group News: Join The Team



We are currently on the lookout for a new member of our Deluxe RV Group family. If you are interested or know of someone who could be a good fit, please feel free to share the link below and get in touch directly for a detailed job description.

"We are looking for someone who has the ability to undertake Detailing and Grooming as part of a wider team and have fun while doing it.

We require a keen, energetic, positive, well-presented individual with a can-do attitude. As part of the face of our business this person must be approachable and enjoy working with people.

Experience in the caravan and motorhome industry would be an advantage but is certainly not a necessity. Training will be provided where required and opportunities exist for the right person to grow within the business into other roles."

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/jobs/automotive/other/marlborough/blenheim/full-time/listing/3683019960>

Staff Trip 2: Hanmer Springs



Daryl, Linda, and Carter spent a long weekend in Hanmer Springs exploring the surroundings by bike and making use of the Top Ten Holiday Park facilities. Feel free to click on the link below and check out what a modern, well looked after and conveniently located Holiday Park has to offer.

<https://www.hanmerspringstop10.co.nz/>



The Top Ten Holiday Park is set up well for kids to roam around safely and make use of the facilities on offer whilst the surrounding forests and mountains are a great playground for mountain bikers of all levels.



If you know Daryl and Linda you might be aware how much they both love their coffee, wine, and food. If a café gets the tick of approval from either one of the two its worth a visit.

Daryl's friend Sam is the owner of "Simes Kitchen" in Kaikoura and the Café is a must stop for a coffee and some great food whenever you are travelling through the sleepy coastal town.

Check out the menu below and let me know what you think after your visit!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025627404630>

Matariki Day: Camping Under The Stars



Take me back to my childhood!!!

I still remember how exciting it was to sleep under the stars on a simple blanket with a sleeping bag. Looking up and listening to Mum and Dad's stories whilst eating some sneaky chocolate right before bed.

Many of us have fond memories from our childhood and if you were lucky enough to go camping, you may remember those nights under the stars and

how a clear night sky filled with bright stars can capture the imagination of any child and adult alike.

This year's Matariki day reminded me of those moments and how much I loved it. It presented me with a great opportunity to have family and friends around and enjoy time together outdoors.

I encourage everyone to embrace it, load up the grand kids, park up somewhere quiet with a view and simply soak up the simplicity of a night sky full of stars.

Staff Trip 3: Mapua



Poppy and I managed to get away for a sneaky long weekend to Mapua before things get too serious.



We often drive past it on the way to the Abel Tasman District or Golden Bay and always wanted to stay for longer than a quick coffee or beer.





We spend most of the days admiring the view, going for beach walks, playing games and spending way too much money in the Mapua shops.



Freshly baked croissants and barista coffee for breakfast are one of the many luxuries you can enjoy when travelling in a European motorhome.



All in all, we had an absolute beautiful weekend and can only recommend Mapua as a weekend destination. During winter the town is busy enough not to feel deserted and the shops, bars and restaurants are a perfect distraction on a rainy day.

If you are one of the many people who usually drive past Mapua, make the effort, stay for a couple of days and soak in all it has to offer.

Winter Recipe: Pork Buns



I decided to slow cook a wild pig on the spit on the weekend and serve it in bread buns with coleslaw and sauce.

Maybe roasting a hole pig is not the most motorhome friendly meal however using leftover roast from home and make pork sliders on the road is a quick and easy way to enjoy delicious finger food on the go.

Slow-Cooked American-Style Pulled Pork Sliders



Ingredients:

2-2.5kg Boneless New Zealand Pork Shoulder

1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp mustard powder

3 tbsp brown sugar

3 tsp salt

1 tsp smoked paprika

½ tsp black pepper

2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

1 tsp cayenne pepper

1 onion, quartered

1 cup cider vinegar

1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

BBQ sauce to taste



Method

1. Combine the spice mix

Combine brown sugar, salt, paprika, pepper, red pepper flakes, garlic powder, mustard powder and cayenne pepper in a bowl.

2. Rub

Rub the spice mixture over your pork shoulder – covering all sides generously.

3. Slow cook

Place the pork shoulder in the slow cooker. Add the onion, cider vinegar and Worcestershire sauce.

Cook on low for 12 hours, or on high for 8 hours.

4. Shred the pork

Once cooked, remove the pork and shred with two forks and mix through your favourite smoky BBQ sauce.

5. Assemble the sliders

Evenly distribute the pulled pork into 12-15 portions, and place on buttered sliders with creamy coleslaw.



If you have an interest in anything contained within our Newsletter then please don't hesitate to contact us, we would love to hear from you.

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