

Earthmoving attachments reliability and efficiency a top priority

Focusing on subdivisions and larger commercial projects in and around the Waikato region as well as investing in earthmoving attachments for maximum efficiency on site has been a successful recipe for Waikato-based contractor, Bowe Brothers Excavating Ltd. Established in 2018, this specialised contracting firm has secured some detailed projects; and as a result, owner operator, Mike Bowe and office administrator wife Katy, haven't looked back.

Equipped with 3D Machine control technology and a Hitachi ZX130-5B, Bowe prefers to concentrate on the business end of the excavator, ensuring he's kitted out with quality earthmoving attachments to get the job done right first time. With multiple subdivision projects having varied tasks and requiring different types and sized attachments, keeping down-time to a minimum and getting great service from an attachment supplier is a top priority.

"As we see changes in the industry, the work evolves and prices get tighter, contractors need to invest in good reliable and productive gear to be able to make a dollar," says Bowe. "Our aim is to do it right first time. We don't muck around, we do what needs to be done and find the most efficient way to do it."

After using many different types of brands and seeing the flaws in shape, strength, capacity, and ergonomics, Bowe decided to do his own research comparing various attachment companies.



"It became clear that as technology evolved this had created better products and service from some suppliers which I could pass onto my customers," Bowe explains.

Based on his research results, Bowe started using Doherty Couplers and Attachments after he saw what they had created for the civil works. "It really was a no brainer to go with Doherty. Their attachments ensure we achieve the efficiencies we're after."

Bowe says he's impressed with the quality of the gear and the service from Doherty. "With the Doherty Tilt coupler providing quick change over for every attachment, and the capacity of their 3m wide bucket to cover more ground quicker and at a slower, more accurate pace; I love the product."

"And the after sales support is brilliant," continues Bowe. "But what I really love is the reliability of the Doherty gear, the increased uptime and not needing to repair attachments!"



Photo: Bowe Brothers Excavating prepping a Waikato subdivision with the Doherty Tilt coupler and 3M wide bucket.

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As part of the Kinshofer Group, Doherty Couplers and Attachments is one of the few manufacturers globally to offer quick couplers fully-compliant to Australian standard AS4772-208, European EN474 standard, ISO 13031 International standard and all major contractor policies including the updated WorkCover NSW. The main feature of their Snaplock+ coupler is its Dual Pin Locking (DPL) system ensuring attachments remain securely engaged on both pins in the event of loss of engagement force.