



Under the shadow of the Remarkables, Central Otago - Purdue's place a portacom ready for action.

Purdue Bros

Purdue Bros is a long established Southland trucking firm. Servicing the port of Bluff, Invercargill city and the Southland rural markets means the company needs to provide a variety of different services to clients. As a result Purdues is always looking for innovative transport solutions.

Over the years the company has developed a reputation for delivering results, even in the most trying situations and challenging locations. Purdue Bro's Mark Purdue says continued capital investment in their fleet has been the key to the company's growth. He believes by investing in the right equipment has contributed to their ability to deliver the goods for a diverse array of clients.

"Our business is based around servicing a variety of different industries and businesses around the South. The challenging nature of many jobs we get means we have to be innovative and we are always looking for good solutions for our clients.

"Because we face such a range of challenges, our fleet of Palfinger cranes has developed to the point where the majority of our trucks are now crane trucks. The versatility of the knuckleboom cranes means we can undertake a huge range of difficult tasks. This suits the workload here and the demanding types of terrain we are required to operate in."

Purdue says the dairy boom in Southland is creating a lot of work in the province. With dozens of new

dairy conversions happening, everything from dairy sheds to milk silos, power and telephone poles are required to be transported and lifted into place on farms throughout the region.

"Things are certainly busy. In a typical day our trucks can be doing anything from delivering tanks to dairy farms to carting wool from the port of Bluff, or the Clifton Wool Scours or carting containers. The crane trucks are particularly useful at carting empty containers," continued Purdue.

The company now has a total of nine Crane trucks — all Palfinger knuckle boom cranes. The cranes, which range from their PK 165 02 with a maximum capacity of 6.2 tonne, with 3570Kg @ 4.3m to their PK 72 00 with a maximum of 23 tonne and 980 Kg @ 28.1m.

"The first Palfinger knuckleboom cranes we had were in the late 70's and early 80's," recalls Mark Purdue. "They were quite small and a little limited in their capacity compared to today. The technology has progressed to a point where they are now an indispensable part of our business."

