

Arnold Acres

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THE SIGN



Way back in February our friend Graham, a professional signwriter, designed and painted a sign for us. After deciding on the perfect proportions for the signpost, the local sawmill at Ngahere, 7 k down the road sold us a big piece of timber—150mm square (6 inches) and 5.4 m long. It felt like it weighed tonne and we could barely move it.

Gradually we got around to cutting the arm into the post and bolting it in, found a local engineer to manufacture the brackets, bought some chain and we were ready to go.

Remembering how heavy the timber had been when we brought it home from the sawmill, we asked Chris, a Stillwater man, if he would help put the signpost in the ground. When he came two days later the post was miraculously a lot lighter having been stored in the shed for a month instead of in the rain for a lot longer. We were still grateful for Chris's help. He ferried the post between the shed and the end of the driveway, helped place it in the metre deep hole Cliff had dug, helped attach the supports to keep it vertical and mixed up the cement.

The ground had been very wet so we waited another week before attaching the sign to the arm. It was a proud moment when we first saw the sign hanging in place. After another week we took down the supports. So far so good, the post is still vertical and the sign still attached after some strong winds!



Chris holds the peg while Cliff pounds it in.



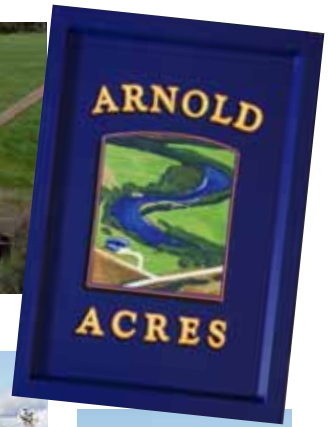
Cliff hangs the sign.



Taking one of the supports off.



Adjusting the sign.



ARNOLD ACRES SNAPSHOT

While living in the cottage we posted a photo from the same spot every day which gave a synopsis of the weather at Arnold Acres. Our new photo gallery on the website will show something different at or around Arnold Acres nearly every day. Check it out!

“ It's the smallest sign that stands out. ”

Ian Horner,
Fencing Contractor

MORE PHOTOS



Chris's truck was big enough to carry the 4.5 m sign.



Cliff and Chris place the post in the hole Cliff dug earlier.



Cliff hammers in the other peg.



A beautiful day to work outside.



The finished sign looks great against the green grass.