

Letter of recommendation:

KeelowCraft Boats  
Avon Engineering (Gore) Ltd  
18 Avon Street,  
Gore,  
New Zealand.

To whom it may concern:

I am Mark Matson, Programme Manager Services, Dept of Conservation, Whanganui Area Office. I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Dwayne Terry of Avon Engineering (Gore) Ltd, who constructed for us two alloy mono hulled jetboats for operations on the Whanganui River, to carry out our commercial operations. This included a maximum of 6 people (including boat driver) and equipment. Construction and SSM approvals subject to maritime Rule 40C.

My job was to liaise with Dwayne as to the progress of the construction of the jetboats. I thought this may be difficult due to the geographical distance, but this was not the case, due to the personal efforts of Dwayne. I found Dwayne to be very obliging, co-operative, and professional in all my communications and dealings. I was always keep up to date through phone, fax, and e-mail. E-mails included pictures of progress and any detailed points of clarification.

The feedback from all our jetboat drivers and users has been very positive. These two jetboats were custom built for us, and have more than meet our requirements and expectations. The boats handle well, achieve and in some cases, exceed all our requirements. An example being they have proven to be more economical than we expected. The boats also get complimentary and positive comments from other river users and jetboat operators.

I would have no hesitation in commissioning Avon Engineering to build us another jetboat should we require one, and hence would confidently recommend Avon Engineering for any boat construction work.

Thank you



Bernard Mark Matson  
Programme Manager Services  
Department of Conservation  
Whanganui Area  
Wanganui

**Whanganui Area Office**  
Private Bag 3016, Whanganui Mail Centre, Whanganui 4500, New Zealand  
Telephone 06-349 2100, Fax 06-348 8095