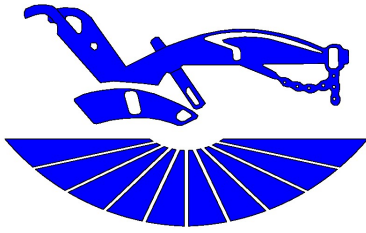


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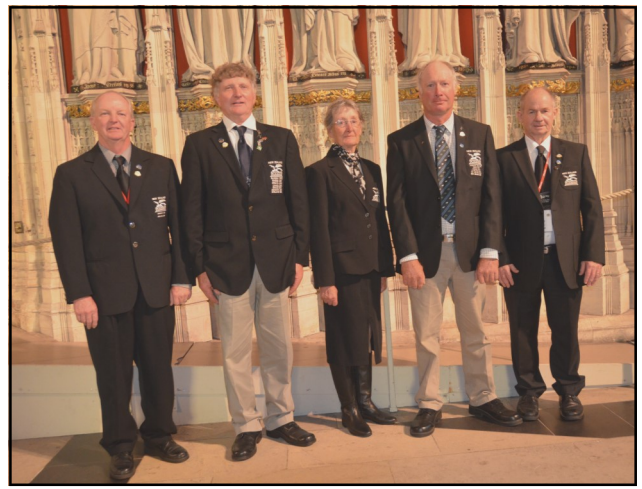
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Paul Houghton, John Thornton, John Stalker
New Zealand Vintage Team



Ian Woolley, Malcolm Taylor, Lynda Guy
Bruce Redmond, Colin Millar

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE New Zealand 2016 Team



Malcolm Taylor
23rd Stubble
6th Grassland
17th Overall



Ian Woolley
10th Stubble
7th Grassland
10th Overall

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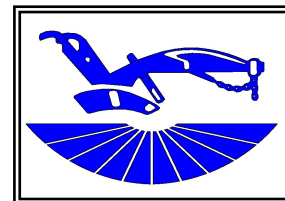
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"If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it"
Photos and stories are appreciated.



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QUALIFYING EVENTS 2016

CASE IH Silver Plough - FARMLANDS Fuel Reversible

OTAGO SOUTHLAND

Tokomairiro PMA	14th May	Bob Mehrtens	Reversible	
Taieri PMA	15th May	Scott McKenzie	Conventional	
Thornbury VMC	21st May	Hayden Allison	Conventional	
Central Southland Vintage	22nd May	Mark Dillon	Conventional	
Waimea Plains PMA	29th May	Murray Baird	Reversible	
Waimea Plains Vintage	21st August	James Burnby	Reversible	
South Otago	November	Ray McKenzie	032360145	rayandlynne@woosh.co.nz
Middlemarch	Labour wkd	Sean Leslie	0275658233	

CANTERBURY

Timaru PMA	1st May	Adam Mehrtens	Conventional	
Hinds YFC	4th June	Kelvin Stokes	Conventional	
Mid Canterbury	5th June	Ian Woolley	Conventional	
Methven PMA	11th June	Ashley Seaton	Reversible	
Rakaia PMA	12th June	Jeff Cridge	Conventional	
Oxford WMC	9th July	Robert Casey	Conventional	
North Canterbury PMA	10th July	Ken Readman	Conventional	First time contestant
West Melton YFC	23rd July	Simon Reed	Conventional	First time contestant
Courtenay/Paparua PMA	24th July	Eric Gin	Conventional	

NORTH ISLAND

Reporoa/Rotorua PMA	24th Sep	Malcolm Taylor	Reversible	
Takapau PMA	1st Oct	Paul Henson	Reversible	
Wairarapa PMA	2nd Oct	No Contestant		
Franklin VMC	November	Ian Robb	092998279	2robbz@gmail.com
Marlborough PMA	To be advised	Alan Gifford	035724495	allangifford@xtra.co.nz

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Lincoln Canterbury Plough Off 30th July	Bruce Cameron	Vintage	
	Gordon Carter	Vintage	
	Maurice Millar	Vintage	
Otago/Southland	Alistair Rutherford	032084541	0276843146

RURAL NEWS HORSE PLOUGH

North Island	Ian Robb	092998279	2robbz@gmail.com
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Canterbury	To be advised		
Southland	To be advised		

New Zealand's representatives
World Vintage Championships, York, England



Paul Houghton
8th Overall



John Stalker
22nd Overall

OBITUARIES

Bob Kingsbury	Ashburton
Norman Wymer	Pukekohe
Ferg Crawshaw	Otaki
George Sanders	Milton
Carl Alleso	Denmark



Alyth and Bob Kingsbury
NZPA Patron 2000-2016

Robert Mathew Kingsbury

15-07-1930 18-06-2016

Bob was born at "Hillcrest" Wakanui in 1930. An only child, he was probably lonely in the early years, which led him to use his imagination and develop inventive skills.

Through mutual friends, Bob met Alyth at her home in Rakaia in 1951. Her brother Owen wanted to know what tractors he had and all about the header harvester, but Bob only half listened.

At tea that night Bob told his parents "Mum, Dad, I met a lovely girl this afternoon, a McLachlan from Rakaia".

One of Bobs quotes is:-

"I only had eyes for Alyth. She was 18 years old, and beautiful. I could not take my eyes off her".

It was a three year courtship, and they were married in 1954.

As well as his love for Alyth, and children Dianne and Grant, Bob took great pride in farming. Crops at "Hillcrest" were always very good.

The other great passion for Bob was ploughing. As soon as he was able to crank start the Farmall F12, Bob started ploughing with the Farmall and the Reid and Grey double furrow horse plough, doing most of the ploughing at "Hillcrest".

Bobs venture into competition ploughing was in 1957 when he ploughed in all the qualifying events from North Canterbury to North Otago, without much success.

In 1958 Bob qualified at Timaru and went on to win the NZ Championship at Invercargill. Bob had six weeks to prepare before he left for the World Championship being held in Stuttgart, Germany, on his own, no coach or manager as there is today.

He was placed 7th overall, from 30 competitors, an excellent result.

Bob continued to plough at New Zealand events for another nine years.

Bob was elected to the NZPA Executive Committee in 1975 and elected NZ President in 1979, Chairman of the World Organising Committee in 1980. Bob resigned as an Executive member to take up the position of NZPA Secretary in 1984. This was a huge challenge for Bob as he had no experience for this position, however he managed to master Microsoft, and changed NZPA records to a new system using computers. Bob also compiled the NZPA newsletter for over ten years.

Following his retirement from office, Bob graciously accepted the position as a Patron of NZPA in 2000.

Bob your ploughing family say: "Rest now, your work is done"

Norman Wymer

Norman George Wymer
23-02-1943 6-09-2016



Between 1967 and 2012 Norman competed at 33 New Zealand Ploughing Championships. During this time Norman became one of New Zealand's top Ploughmen.

He was NZ Champion twice, placed second three times and had numerous third and fourth placing's.

Norman represented NZ at 4 World Contests, 1984, 1988, 1994 and 2005 with a best placing of 6th at Taieri NZ.

This was a remarkable feat at the Taieri contest as Norman competed with his leg in plaster and using crutches. He ploughed one of the best plots ever seen at a World Contest and won the grassland contest. He received a standing ovation from his fellow competitors when announced the winner of the grassland.

Norman was an excellent engineer and developed several improvements to competition ploughs, now seen on many other competitors ploughs. On behalf of all Norman's ploughing friends, fellow competitors here in NZ, and around the World, we thank Norman for his contribution to competition ploughing.

TAIERI PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Taieri Ass held their 69th annual match on Sunday 15th May on the property of the Wallis family, Mosgiel. The day was fine and warm. The stubble ploughing was a we bit dry but ploughed well. There was 16 entries, plus 2 horse teams, one horse team was the tidiest outfit on the ground.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Scott McKenzie 71.5% 2nd Adam Mehrtens 64.2% 3rd James Burnby 58.3%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Alistair Rutherford 2nd Murray Grainger 3rd Dave McDonald

Rural News Horse Class:

1st S Leslie & K Walker 2nd J Chynoweth & S Chambers

Open Vintage:

1st John Goldsworthy 2nd Colin Hitchcock

Special thanks to the landowner, the Wallis Family, sponsors for their loyal support, the judges and officials with special thanks to the caterers for lunch and afternoon tea.

Report, Murray Taylor

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB

The day began with heavy rain overnight and a South Westerly wind bringing hail and squally showers, with more heavy rain during the day making conditions on the paddock atrocious.

At the start the ground was in ploughable condition although quite soft, but deteriorated as the rain and hail continued. The ploughmen pressed on to finish, but two competitors did not get their finish done due to the conditions, and had to abandon their efforts.

To say this year's ploughing match was held in marginal conditions would be an understatement.

There were 19 ploughmen in all, 13 of whom stayed at the "Top Pub" in Winton overnight, having competed at Thornbury the previous day.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Mark Dillon 2nd Scott McKenzie 3rd James Burnby

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Murray Grainger 2nd Tom Fowler 3rd Dave McKenzie

Open Vintage:

1st Ian Bulling 2nd Athol Bennie 3rd Len Balneaves

Report, Audrey Hogg

World Ploughing England 2016

Andrew Mitchel Snr
Andrew Mitchel Jnr
Scotland

The first time a father and son
are announced as winners of the
Reversible and Conventional
classes, at the same world event.

2016
Cairn of Peace



William King Northern Ireland
Lynda Guy New Zealand
Albert Viret France
Congratulations to Lynda, the
first female judge representing
New Zealand.

A very proud Paul
Houghton, after completing
his plot at the 1st World
Vintage event in England.



WAIMEA PLAINS VINTAGE TRACTOR AND MACHINERY CLUB

Annual ploughing match was held on the property of Mark and Sonia Dillon, 9 Mile Road, Kaweku near Riversdale on 21-08-2016. The day was fine and dry. 22 ploughmen enjoyed ploughing a well grazed rape stubble paddock, there was no trash to bury. This is the first time our club has included the Silver Plough Conventional and CASE IH Reversible qualifying class because East Otago were unable to hold a qualifying event this year.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st James Burnby 71.07% 2nd Murray Baird 70.53% 3rd Mark Dillon 68.65%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Alistair Rutherford 90% 2nd Murray Grainger 72% 3rd Dave McDonald 70%

Classic Class:

1st Mait Horrell 53% 2nd Colin Hitchcock 48% 3rd Ian Bulling 44%

Rural News Horse:

1st Sean Leslie & Kaye Walker 73%

Report, Alistair Rutherford

METHVEN PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Methven Ploughing Association annual ploughing match was held on Saturday 11th June 2016 on the property of Mr John McKay on the Methven/Ashburton highway. The morning started out cool but turned into a fine winters day. Thanks to the property owner it was a good clover paddock, but just a little dry as the furrows crumbled and left some unwanted holes.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st I Woolley 76.34% 2nd B Mehrtens 66.96% 3rd K Stokes 59.42%

Ashley Seaton qualified

New Zealand Vintage:

1st R Weavers 187 pts 2nd P Watson 179 pts 3rd G Carter 169.5 Pts

B Cameron qualified

Rural News Horse Class:

1st J Chynoweth and Sharon Chambers 102 pts 2nd E Cassie 120.5 Pts

Open Vintage:

1st C Begg 135.5 Pts 2nd N Horn 122 Pts 3rd A Robertson 102 Pts

Another good match due to some new plough people plus those loyal visitors from around the country out ploughing and a good number of horse people, thanks to all sponsors and helpers. Report, Bill Ward

RAKAIA PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Rakaia Ploughing Match Associations annual ploughing match was held on Sunday 12th June, 2016 on Mr B Doigs farm, Chertsey. The paddock being pea stubble but due to the cold southerly wind and rain it was wet and slippery for the smaller tractors and not good for judges and stewards paper-work, but good results were achieved.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st J Cridge 73.3% 2nd I Woolley 69.8% 3rd B Mehrtens 68.0%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st B Cameron 90 pts 2nd P Watson 83.5 pts 3rd J Stalker 83.5 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st J Chynoweth S Chambers 55 pts 2nd E Cassie 45 pts 3rd C Drummond 36 pts

Open Class:

1st R Smith 76 pts 2nd C Begg 70 pts 3rd N Ross 68 pts

We would like to thank all sponsors, visiting plough people, judges, stewards etc for again contributing to yet another good match. Report, Bill Ward

An obstacle, is just a stepping stone

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Taupo	24th June 2017
Rakaia	August 2017
Otago Southland	19th March 2017

FUTURE NATIONAL EVENTS

62nd	Courtenay/Paparua	22-23rd April 2017
63rd	Thornbury Vintage	14-15th April 2018
64th	Rakaia	2019

HINDS YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

The Hinds YFC 66th annual ploughing math was held on the 4th June on the property of Ian and Christine Lowe on Swamp Road at Hinds. Thanks to the landowners it was a good silty loam soil grass paddock and which made good ploughing. We had 27 competitors in ideal conditions with good soil type. The committee had to up pegs and shift to a grass paddock as the previously marked out paddock became too sticky after recent rain. The catering was by the Lynnford Rural Women with an excellent meal and afternoon tea. Many thanks to the Judges and a special thanks to John Kyle for working on his birthday. Also a very special mention of Peter Johnson who is going into retirement following 40 years of ploughing. Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st K Stokes 178.5 pts 2nd I Woolley 173 pts 3rd E Gin 171.5 pts

New Zealand Vintage:

1st G Carter 96 pts 2nd C Boon 89.5 pts 3rd P Watson 89 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st J Chynoweth and Sharon Chambers 163 pts

Open Vintage:

1st C Begg 144 pts 2nd N Ross 132 pts 3rd C Cross 131 pts

Report, Neil Ross

LINCOLN PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Lincoln Ploughing Association had the pleasure of hosting the Canterbury Vintage Ploughing Final on Saturday 30th July on Mr Neville Sharp's property at Irwell.

Although the day was dry, the wind was cold, and we still had quite a few spectators. The paddock ploughed over well, an old grass paddock had been sprayed.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Ken Readman 2nd Lindsay Parnham

Special thanks go to Bob Mehrtens for spending time instructing the above on the finer tips of competition ploughing

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Bruce Cameron 2nd Gordon Carter 3rd Maurice Millar

Rural News Horse Class:

1st Colin Drummond 2nd Erin Cassie

Open Vintage:

1st David Hight 2nd Robert Weaver 3rd Win Ashe Report, Judith Smith

MID CANTERBURY VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB

The Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club Inc held its annual ploughing match on the 5th June 2016. Thanks to Mathew and Julia Paton, Wakanui. The paddock was grass, in excellent condition for a match, along with a fine sunny day. Again a good field of plough people. Thanks again to the visiting plough people from other districts.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st I Woolley 68.9% 2nd K Stokes 67.3% 3rd B Mehrtens 51.0%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st R Weavers 84 pts 2nd P Watson 83 pts 3rd A Chambers 81.5 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st John Chynoweth and Sharon Chambers 97.5 pts

Thanks again for all the sponsored prizes that make for a good day.

Report, Peter Butterick



Steve Muggeridge
Dannevirke



Fred Pilling
Hamilton

COURTENAY - PAPARUA PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Courtenay-Paparua Ploughing Match Association held its annual ploughing match on Saturday 23rd July, 2016 at Simon Reeds farm at Courtenay. The stubble paddock was in good condition for this time of the year, but as it was very dry in and around Canterbury this paddock was also dry. The day was cool and very windy and uncomfortable.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Bob Mehrtens 38.2% 2nd Eric Gin 32.3% 3rd Ashley Seaton 30.3%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Maurice Millar 71.5 pts 2nd A Chambers 66.5 pts 3rd Pearce Watson 64.5 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st Colin Drummond 84 pts 2nd John Chynoweth 76 pts 3rd Erin Cassie 57 pts

Open Vintage:

1st B Scurr 77.5 pts 2nd Robert Weavers 69 pts 3rd P McCartin 65 pts

Thanks again to all involved including the landowners and sponsors.

Report, Bill Ward

WEST MELTON YFC

The West Melton YFC annual ploughing match was held on 24th July 2016 again at Simon Reeds farm in the same paddock as the Courtenay - Paparua match. But for the weather it was fine but with a very cold strong wind and again uncomfortable for both competitors and judges, another day without rain.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Bob Mehrtens 35.5% 2nd Ashley Seaton 35.3% 3rd Jeff Cridge 32.6%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Pearce Watson 72 pts 2nd Maurice Miller 69 pts 3rd John Stalker 61 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st John Chynoweth 78.5 pts 2nd Colin Drummond 65.5 pts 3rd Erin Cassie 65.5 pts

Open Vintage:

1st R Weavers 83.5 pts 2nd P McCartin 75 pts 3rd B Scurr 67.5 pts

All thanks go to the West Melton YFC members as this is a first for most of the members to run a match, also to the sponsors and judges and all who helped to run another good match. This is the last Canterbury regional match, only the Canterbury vintage qualifying finals to be held at Lincoln on Saturday 30th July. But we are looking forward to the Blenheim PMA match and Tua Marina Vintage Machinery Club match to be held on Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th September 2016. Also as a fund raiser two matches to be held on 20th and 21st of August 2016 at L & S Parnham's farm at Sedgemere.

Report, Bill Ward

OXFORD WORKING MENS CLUB

The Oxford Working Mens Club held their annual ploughing match on the property of G Briden, Poyntz Road, Horrelville. The paddock being grass but was dry and hard due to the dry weather and having cows on it. The result being breaking the furrows when raising up the mouldboard and leaving holes in the ploughing. The day was overcast with cold wind, but resulted in another good day thanks to all involved and the support of sponsors.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Jeff Cridge 64.2% 2nd Bob Mehrtens 62.1% 3rd Robert Casey 69.1%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Gordon Carter 94 pts 2nd A Chambers 90 pts 3rd Maurice Millar 85 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st Colin Drummond 78 pts 2nd Erin Cassie 55 pts 3rd S Gilman 42 pts

Open Vintage:

1st W Ashe 93 pts 2nd B Scurr 67 pts 3rd G Briden 64 pts

Erin Cassie ploughed this match with four horses and a two furrow plough with a seat on it due to her leg, well done Erin, a fine controlled job.

Report, Bill Ward

It's not enough to aim: you must hit the target !!!!!
 Luck is a dividend of sweat: the more sweat, the luckier you are
 Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you sit there

NORTH CANTERBURY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The North Canterbury Ploughing Association's annual ploughing match was held on the property of M Winter, North Eyre Road, Mandeville. Again the day was a cold frosty winters morning then turned out to be a fine sunny day. With soil conditions very good for a stubble paddock that was used as a run off for sheep, due to being close to the river it was sandy soil with very few stones, good ploughing conditions that people like, ending in good results.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Jeff Cridge 38.7% 2nd Ken Readman 34.23% 3rd Bob Mehrtens 32.85%

Ken Readman qualified

New Zealand Vintage:

1st P Watson 104 pts 2nd M Millar 102 pts 3rd B Cameron 98 pts

M Armstrong qualified

Rural News Horse Class:

1st P Power 96 pts 2nd C Drummond 89 pts 3rd Erin Cassie 78 pts

Open Vintage:

1st W Ashe 109 pts 2nd B Scurr 91 pts 3rd A Chambers 80 pts

Thanks once more for all the helping hands and to all the sponsors and to the landowner with out these people we could not have a match.

Report, Bill Ward

REPOROA-ROTORUA PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The first of the North Island spring matches was the 61st Reporoa-Rotorua PMA event held on Saturday 24th September on the farm of Alan and Alison Wills with a good sized field comprising 4 silver, 10 vintage and 4 horse teams.

We began with a moment of reflection on the recent passing of 2 people who had special significance to Reporoa-Rotorua. Firstly Charles (Tunny) Martelli, a life member of our club and resident of Reporoa since 1929 and secondly Norman Wymer who competed at Reporoa numerous times, many of which resulted in qualifying for the 33 New Zealand Championships that he competed in.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Malcolm Taylor 82.7% 2nd Kelvin Stokes 63.8% 3rd Jim Waller 45.0%

Malcolm Taylor qualified

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Elvery Hunt 190.5pts 2nd Derek Houghton 144.5 pts 3rd Ian Cocker 142.5 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st Derrick Thornton 62.5 pts 2nd Bruce Polley 50.5 pts 3rd Kylie Northcott 47.5 pts

Reporoa-Rotorua has two handicap trophies contested each year, one for the Silver plough class and the other for the Vintage and Horse classes. These are awarded on the basis of match points to which a handicap of 5 points for each previous time the ploughman has won the trophy is applied, up to a maximum of 15 handicap points.

The first time the Pedlar trophy was awarded was 1964, the inaugural winner was Shaun Reilly and the club was honoured to have Shaun present on the day. The winner of the Pedlar trophy (Silver Plough Class) was Malcolm Taylor and the Bryan and Beryl Wills trophy (Vintage/Horse class) was Elvery Hunt.

Report, David Chatterton

WAIRARAPA PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Wairarapa PMA held their annual ploughing match on the Rainer property near Carterton on 2nd September.

Results are as follows:

CASE IH Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible:

1st Kelvin Stokes 80.77%

New Zealand Vintage:

1st Elvery Hunt 208 pts 2nd Ian Cocker 181.5 pts 3rd Alan Gibson 169.5 pts

Rural News Horse Class:

1st Fred Pilling 123 pts 2nd Kylie Northcott 109 pts 3rd Derrick Thornton 98 pts

Open Vintage:

1st Peter Naoro 135.5 pts 2nd Jack Naoro 95 pts 3rd Fraser Donald 89.5 pts

Report, Barbara Wilson

NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE

Murray Baird and I arrived into Melbourne and headed to David and Rhonda Smiths, where we stayed for a night. We had a good sightseeing inspection of all the Smiths sheds and machinery, David took us for a good drive around the area and some different farmland.

Murray stayed on there, as he was using Ian Smiths tractor and plough at the Victoria matches. I went down to Colac where the matches were to be held and had a run with the tractor and plough I was using. They had their Colac match on the Saturday and State match on the Sunday. Both days were grass, being warm, it was shorts weather, which was lovely and pleasant. We were in the same paddock both days. Murray shared his tractor and plough with Ian on the first day, he was using a Massey and Kverneland. I had a David Brown and Kverneland to use.

After the match we went and stayed near Geelong with Wayne and Yvonne Clayton and had a good sightseeing day around the coast and a big drive up to the border of New South Wales before flying out to Tasmania.

We arrived and 15 of the ploughing community met us at the pub for a meal. Murray headed up the coast to Chris Williams and I stayed at Amanda Bayles place. I went milking the next morning and then to Rob Bayles and spent the day on the farm and helped get the tractors and ploughs ready.

We headed across to the paddock site, which was grass and hadn't been ploughed for 50-60 years, it was sticky, every run I was getting off to wipe the boards.

I had a Ford 3000 and Kverneland plough. Murray was using a John Deere and Kverneland plough.

There were three of them using the one tractor and plough as there is only one Reversible plough in Tasmania at the moment.

In the Conventional, they shared the gear also with some starting earlier than others. There were three time slots.

The weather in Tasmania was cold, bitterly freezing! We were lucky the sun was shining on ploughing days, but leading up to the matches it was cold.

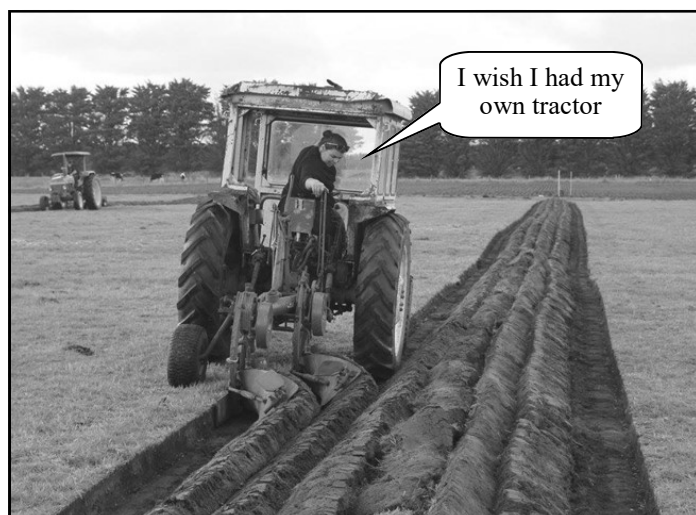
After ploughing we went on a sightseeing trip with about 12 of us, which was really nice that everyone was welcome and they all got involved. We went through national parks, fish farm, wood carver, dams, power stations and some amazing farmland.

Murray stayed on with the Bayles and I went on to Peter and Jayne Gladwell's, where we had a good farm tour and drive up the coast.

We both enjoyed the trip and meeting everyone, it was a great experience.

Murray and I would like to thank everyone that made the trip possible with special thanks to the NZPA.

Report, Tryphena Carter



Ploughing in Australia

An obstacle is just a stepping stone
 Life has two rules, No 1:- Never quit, No 2:- Remember rule No 1
 Do not go where there is a path, go where there is no path, and leave a trail
 The quickest way to double your money, is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket



NZPA Ploughing Championship 2017

Hosted by Courtenay - Paparua Ploughing Association

The NZPA final will take place on 1889 Highfield Road at the Seaton Brother's Farm in Courtenay from Wednesday 19 – Sunday 23rd April 2017.

There is no settlement or services at Courtenay with the main service town being Darfield which is 10 minutes away with eateries, ATM, medical centre, Four Square, Motels and engineers including hydraulics, Farmlands and PGG Wrightson stores. Christchurch is 30 mins east from Kirwee.

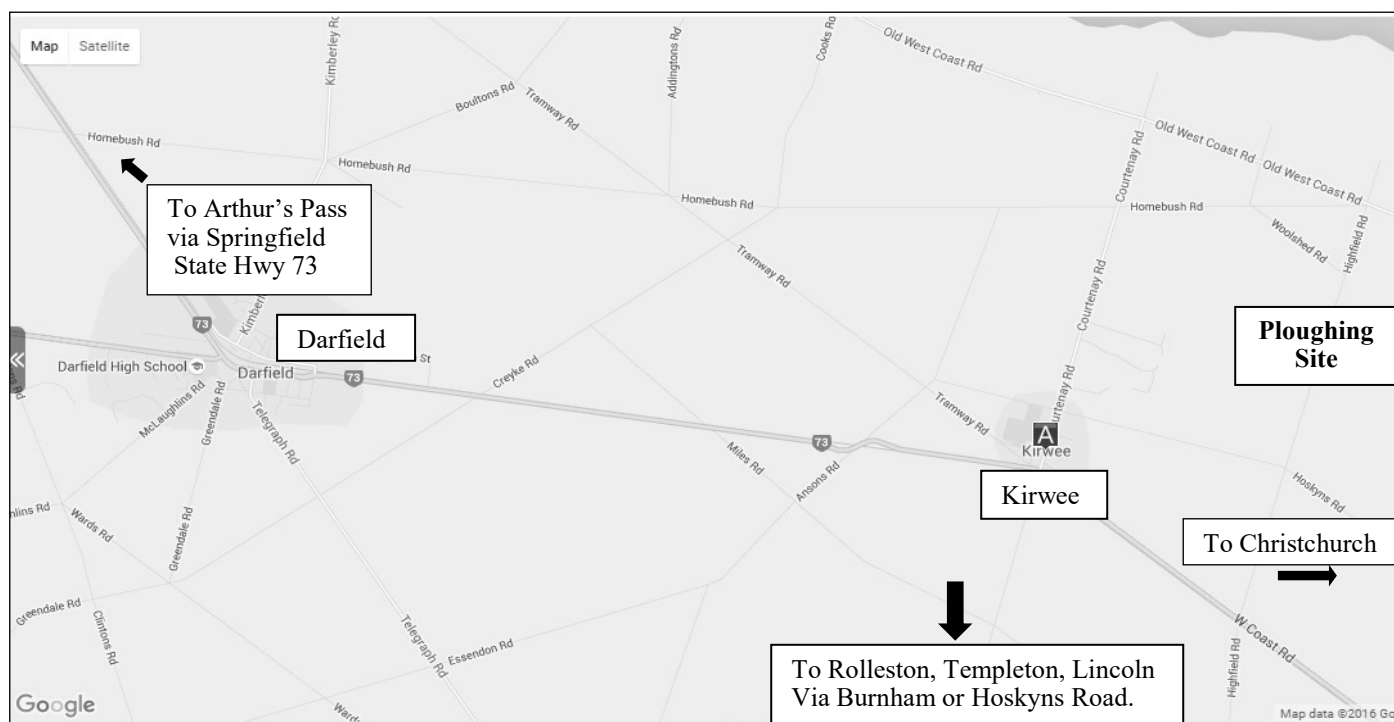
Kirwee is 5 minutes travel from the ploughing site where you will find a small township that has a hotel which does meals and accommodation and there is a garage for all your service needs. Please see map below.

Rolleston is the other service town nearby which is 20 minutes travel. This is bigger again with two major supermarkets Countdown and New World, McDonalds, Subway and The Warehouse etc. There are also diesel mechanics and fully equipped engineers along with tractor dealerships.

Please see the attached accommodation list overleaf. If you have any problems, please contact Jeff and Helena Cridge 027 653 7969 or 03 3181 755. Please take little notice of booking.com as they say they're in high demand when actually it's a sales tactic.

All official events will be held in Kirwee at various places.

N.B We are still in the early stages of planning and no specific times have been allocated yet. The timetable is just a general overview and more specific details will follow nearer the time. You will notice that the week is slightly different to previous years with the bus trip only being an afternoon and the week beginning on Wednesday not the Tuesday as previous.



NZPA Courtenay - Paparua Timetable of Events

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Catering
Wed 19	Practice Day for all competitors Highfield Rd	Vintage Delegates TBC (To be confirmed)	Ice breaker Evening Kirwee RFC	Wed night dinner is provided. Lunch is able to be purchased on the grounds
Thu 20	Practice Day for all competitors Highfield Rd		National Ploughing Assn AGM Kirwee Community Hall	Provide own meals. Lunch is able to be purchased on the grounds.
Fri 21	Church Service St Matthew's, Courtenay Plot Draw Kirwee Community Hall	Bus Trip TBC		TBC
Sat 22	NZPA National Ploughing Championships Highfield Road Courtenay.			Packed lunches provided for competitors and officials only.
Sun 23	NZPA National Ploughing Championships Highfield Road, Courtenay.		Presentation Dinner Kirwee Community Hall	Packed lunches provided for competitors and officials only.



John Chynoweth & Sharon Chambers



Bruce Cameron

Ploughing is fun, even when the weather is poorly

You are not a product of your circumstances, you are a product of your decisions
 Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss, when you don't even try
 When I hear someone sigh and say "Life is tough" I am tempted to say "Compared to what"
 The greatest thing in this world, is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving
 Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending
 Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up

Courtenay - Paparua Accommodation 2017

Name	Area	Phone	Address	Email
Darfield Hotel	Darfield	03 3188 325	73 South Terrace Darfield	stay@darfieldhotel.co.nz
Darfield Motel	Darfield	03 975 4504	23 South Terrace Darfield	darfieldmotel@gmail.com
Garden View B & B	Rolleston	03 347 9293	133 Lowes Road Rolleston	enquiries@gardenviewbandbnz.com
Golden Mile Hotel	Templeton	03 3496153	2 Trent Road Templeton	motels@thegoldenmile.co.nz
Kirwee Guest House B & B	Kirwee	03 3181784	43 Tramway Rd Kirwee	relax@kirweeguesthouse.co.nz
Kirwee Hotel	Kirwee	03 3181814	Corner West Coast Rd and Courtenay Rd	
Lincoln Hotel	Lincoln	03 3252408	2 Gerald St Lincoln	
Lincoln Motels	Lincoln	03 9741620	6 Maurice St Lincoln	info@lincolnmotel.co.nz
Rolleston Highway Motels	Rolleston	03 3472326	Chaucer St Rolleston	reservations@rhmotel.co.nz
Yaldhurst Hotel	Yaldhurst	03 342 8901	Main West Coast Rd. Yaldhurst	yaldhursthotel@xtra.co.nz
N.B. Our Local church is running a home stay service as a fundraiser where you would be staying in a house in either Kirwee or Darfield with the residents. If you would like this as an option, please phone Alison or Paul Rosanowski on 03 3188457. If all else fails, there are plenty of options in Christchurch.				

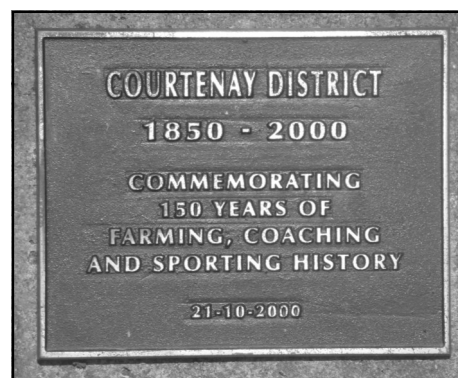
Editors Note:-

The editor forwards his sincere apologies for the error in the previous newsletter with regards to the competitors points and placing's from the 2016 NZ Ploughing Championships. This was an "editors" error, not the NZPA points compilers.

The NZPA advises that an issue occurred during the 2016 NZ Championship where at least two competitors were using cell phones during the contest (when the green light was on). As per the NZPA rule book, the Head Stewards of all classes, will implement suitable penalties if this occurs again, the above applies to all classes of the championships.



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May 22 2016

To whom it may concern.

The New Zealand Ploughing Association

During April of this year we were most pleased to host the Organising Committee and Officials of the New Zealand Ploughing Association. This was at the time of the NZ Championships that were held here in the Manawatu.

We are happy to put on record what a pleasure it was for us to do so.

We had hosted them in November of last year for a conference that they held as a lead into preparation for the championships and also some individuals stayed subsequent to that conference meeting.

What an amazing group of people they are and who are obviously dedicated to their work.

At all times and particularly during their long stay during the time of the championships, they treated us and our establishment with the utmost of care and respect.

We were also able to accommodate some of the competitors and they too were great.

We had the opportunity to visit the site during competition and what a fantastic event that attracted people from all walks of life to view the ploughing contestants in action.

We would recommend to any organisation whether it be those in the accommodation sector or other areas that you willingly become involved with and accommodate the above organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this endorsement then feel free to contact us at:

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