

Ploughing News

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Waitaki District Deputy Mayor, Melanie Tavendale & Noel Sheat

At the recent 150th Palmerston-Waihemo A&P show, a well known plough person, Mr Noel Sheat was awarded a Royal Agricultural Society's "Medal of Excellence in Agriculture" for his services to the sport. Noel is a past National Champion, New Zealand representative at World Ploughing Championships, Honorary Life member, previous NZ President, Judge and more recently Administrator and continues to be an avid supporter of ploughing.

Noel started into ploughing at Palmerston YFC events in 1965, he then competed at qualifying events around the Otago, Southland and Canterbury regions and competed at 19 New Zealand Championships. In 1978 Noel represented New Zealand in Germany, finished 2nd in the Grassland and 4th overall. Noel also represented New Zealand in the Republic of Ireland 1981, Zimbabwe 1983 and in Canada in 1986, finishing a credible 9th each time.

A very well deserved recognition, to a very passionate ploughing person. Congratulations Noel.

Don't let what you can't do, stop you from doing, what you can do.

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

29 December 1939 – 31 January 2017

A man that has been part of New Zealand ploughing for almost 50 years.



The true and loyal “supporter”

David began ploughing in the late 1960s with a very tidy Ferguson 35 and Reid and Gray Fleet Furrow, and ploughed in his first New Zealand Ploughing Championship at Lincoln in 1967.

David ploughed well and was rewarded with a 9th placing. Over the years he has competed in the most ploughing championships of any competitor, 43 in total. An achievement that may never be beaten.

In 1975 he won his first NZ ploughing Silver Plough Championship at Edendale, Gore. He represented New Zealand at Ontario, Canada and gained a 12th placing.

While in Canada, David met with the Kverneland representatives, and gained the agency for importing Kverneland ploughs and parts.

In 1986 he won the Silver Plough Championship at Hinds YFC and ploughed in Austria. And again in 1991 at Hamilton, representing New Zealand, in Spain.

As an active committee member of the Timaru PMA, David held the office of Treasurer for 16 years. David was made a patron of Timaru PMA in 2013.

David was a quiet and considered gentleman, whether it be with the community, farming or family. This was also his approach to ploughing. There was never a rush to get his plot ploughed. Always time taken for a good opening split, to construct a crown, for good bodywork, and a tidy finish.

Neat and tidy, good workmanship, straight and true, were often heard comments from Judges and spectators upon viewing David’s ploughing. And these comments equally apply to the man himself.

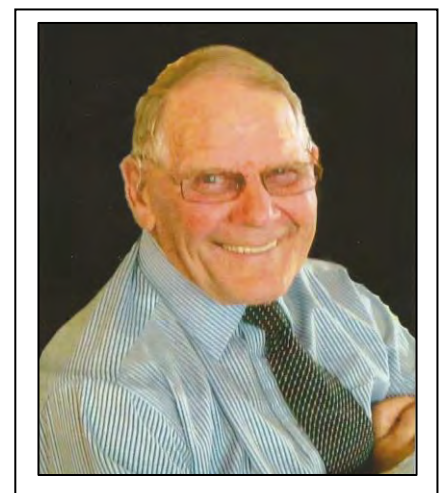
David Brown was honourable, courteous, straight and true, and always a gentleman.

Barry Bayliss

23 July 1933 – 27 December 2016

It is sad to record the death of Barry Bayliss.

For many years Barry and Judith, have been the mainstay of Takapau PMA. Barry was very committed to everything he was involved with, especially ploughing, he was a strong supporter and attended most of the North Island matches. Barry represented the Manawatu PMA at the 1963 NZ Championships held in Rotorua. He has judged throughout the North Island and at New Zealand championships and was always a gentleman, who could not do enough to support everyone. He was deeply involved in the local Hawke’s Bay community and will be missed throughout the area where he lived and farmed, for all his life.



NZPA EXECUTIVE INFORMATION

2017 Officers New Zealand Ploughing Association

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	Paul Murphy	Leeston	0274 399713
	Norm Styles	Pleasant Point	0274 411694
	Bruce Chittock	Gore	0272 882475
Members retiring by rotation	Alex Furniss	Masterton	Available for re-election
	Bruce Chittock	Gore	Unavailable for re-election

NZPA Sponsorship and Investments

The executive continue to investigate further sponsorship options, conversations are continuing with several possible sponsors.

You are all requested to give the ploughing sponsors an opportunity to be involved with your business.

The financial sub-committee continue to investigate investment options; the major issue to the NZPA is the security of the "capital" funds.

To assist with annual expenses of NZPA, it was agreed by the executive, the affiliation fee is to be increased to \$100.00 annually, for all affiliates; this will take effect on 1st January 2018.

Rural News Horse Plough Rules

The Horse Ploughing guidelines that have been used for many years as guidelines, are now the "rules" which the Rural News Horse Plough competitions will operate under.

Judging National Events

There will be four team members in each panel.

Conventional and Reversible classes, will be judged by four panels (as previously)

Vintage and Horse classes, will be judged by four panels (As has occurred in Con/Rev classes for many years)

Match Reports

Qualifying Event match packs, will include two "Match Report Forms" these are to be completed by the event Secretary.

The Secretaries are requested to provide one completed report form to the local Executive member, who will ensure it is correctly completed, the Executive member will then forward the match report form to the General Secretary for NZPA records who will forward a copy onto the Newsletter Editor.

The second form is to be retained by the host organisation for their records.

An "electronic" Match Report form, will also be available from the NZPA website.

The above change is being implemented so the NZPA receives the correct information on who has qualified (including correct spelling)

Previously, some reports did not advise who had qualified, the points or percentages, spellings have been incorrect or some events did not even supply a report.

Hopefully the new system will overcome most of the above issues.

If you have any queries, please talk to an executive member.

NZPA Facebook and Website

The NZPA Facebook and Website are being regularly upgraded with scheduled events long with the newsletters now being listed. Sarah McCully and Norm Styles are doing a great job. Thanks to you both.

New Zealand Competitors to World Contests

To further assist the world contestants, it is now confirmed, each contestant will receive an additional grant to the value of \$1000.00 each.

The Conventional contestant will now receive a grant of \$5500.00 and the Reversible contestant receives a grant of \$6500.00, these grants are to assist with freighting costs for their equipment to world events. This comes into effect as of 1st January 2017.

WPO Kenya 24th Nov – 3rd Dec 2017

Kverneland has advised they will not be supplying loan ploughs to be used by world competitors at the WPO world event being held in Kenya.

Mr Alan Wills, Reporoa, has been appointed as Team Manager and Judge to represent New Zealand at the 2017 world event in Kenya.

The NZPA advises applications for Coaching positions to assist the Conventional and or Reversible competitors, in Kenya, must be received by the NZPA General Secretary, prior to 12th April 2017 sjajmc@farmside.co.nz

The Interislander has a special offer for ploughing people travelling to the National Championships. Please check with your Executive member for further details. Light vehicles can be booked online using FA5627, commercial vehicles must be booked by phone 0800 660 670.



Ploughing Promotion

The Manawatu VMC are holding a coaching day on Saturday 11th March, the coaching day is for Stewards, Judges, Competitors and all interested persons, they are also holding a qualifying event for all classes on Sunday 12th March. For further information please contact (Coaching) Willy Willetts on 021924093 (Qualifying) Rex Anderson 06 3571858

NZPA will have a site promoting ploughing at the South Island field days, 29th 30th March 2017 at Kirwee. If you can give an hour or two, to talk to interested members of the public at the field days, please contact Paul Murphy on 0274 399 713 or email Paul at paultractor1@gmail.com

NZPA Reversible Plough

The NZPA has a near new, 2 furrow Kverneland Reversible plough for sale for use in competition ploughing events, this includes very favourable purchase terms.

Anyone interested, please contact the General Secretary, at sjajmc@farmside.co.nz for further information.

Future New Zealand Ploughing Championships

2017 New Zealand Championships
2018 New Zealand Championships
2019 New Zealand Championships
2020 New Zealand Championships

Courtenay – Paparua PMA 19th – 23rd April
Thornbury VMC (Southland) 14th – 15th April
Rakaia PMA Date to be confirmed
Takapau PMA Date to be confirmed

OBITUARIES

David Brown	Temuka
Margaret Stewart	Rakaia
Barry Bayliss	Takapau
John Bulfin	Outram
Neil Houghton	Ngarua

Does anyone know who the following trophy belongs too:-

Allis Chambers Cup
Presented by Levin and Co Ltd
Best strikeout all classes

Please contact Barbara Wilson
Email: adbewilson@farmside.co.nz

2017 NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS, Kirwee 19th to 23rd April 2017

The 2017 New Zealand Ploughing Championships, being hosted by the Courtenay – Paparua PMA will take place at the Seaton Brother's farm, 1900 Highfield Road, Courtenay, between the 19th and 23rd April.

The loading bank will be signposted and is located at Seaton's farm, only a few hundred metres from official practice and the contest site, a loader will be at the practice grounds for unloading trailing ploughs.

The horse teams camping ground will be signposted and is in a clover paddock, with suitable stock water available, this is behind the loading bank area. There will be showers and toilets for your use.

The competition fields will be barley stubble and old pasture for the grassland.

Official practice will be held at Jeff Cridge's farm, 1857 Highfield Road.

On practice days, the stubble will be wheat stubble and the grassland will be two year old clover.

Practice day lunches will be available for purchase, you must have "cash" to purchase these.

The NZPA Annual General meeting is on Thursday 20th at 7.30pm with the Church Service and Plot Draw occurring on Friday 21st at 9.30am.

For delegates to vote at the AGM, they must be nominated by their affiliate and register prior to the meeting. The affiliation fee must also have been paid for the current year.

Stewards for 2017 NZ Championships

If you can help as a steward, please contact Alex Furniss at:-
chrisie.furniss@gmail.com or phone 06 3708512

2017 Judging Panels

Class	Panel "Leader"	Panel Member	Panel Member
Con/Rev	Alan Begg Alan Wallace Bruce Redmond Graham Miller	Linda Guy Steven Watt Marty O'Reilly Peter Dixon	Richard Dillon Jim Stewart Mickey Robertson Alan Wills
Vintage/Horse	David Chatterton Willy Willetts John Thornton Peter Carter	Peter Butterick Owen Horsnell John Dixon Ashley Gloyn	Noel Holland Ivan Scobie John Smith Alister Allison

Head Stewards

Con/Rev	Paul Murphy, Norm Styles, Alex Furniss
Vintage	Bill Ward, John Stalker
Horse	Ian Robb

Judges Briefings

The Judges briefings for "all classes", will occur at the official practice grounds, Jeff Cridge's farm, 1857 Highfield Road, on Friday 21st at 11.00am

The Chairman of the Head Stewards, Mr Paul Murphy, will give a general over view of items, along with the safety briefing, then the judges, will receive instructions on each particular class as follows:-

Con - Rev	Linda Guy (NZ Judge, England 2016)
Vintage	Bill Ward
Horses	Ian Robb

Registrations

Please assist the host organisation by registering
using the registration form on page eleven

SOUTH OTAGO PMA

The South Otago Ploughing Association held a match at Andrew Taylor's farm on the 12th November 2016. The paddock was a good old South Otago type of grass which made top ploughing possible, but feelerings were a real problem. There were 15 ploughmen who turned up. The South Otago Ploughing Association would like to thank Andrew Taylor for the use of his paddock, also those who gave prizes and the Clinton pub for the lunch.

Qualifying and Open

1 st Scott McKenzie 75.5%	2 nd Shane Burnby 59%	3 rd Andrew Taylor 40%
Champion - Best Finish		

Vintage:

1 st Alistair Rutherford 69.8%	2 nd Tom Fowler 57.5%	3 rd Dave McDonald 46.6%
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Classic

1 st Owen Anderson 52%	2 nd Ian Bulling 47%	3 rd John Goldsworthy 56.3%
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Report by Ray McKenzie

The *Ploughman*

Jack Drake 1-08-2014

Furrows straight and even, Mouldboard rolls the earth.
Collars creaking. Chains a-jingle. Crop land giving birth.
Grass sward going under. Plod of Clydesdale's hooves.
Straight towards the headland, ploughman digs his grooves.

Wise, old, off side leader in the furrow straight and true.
Holds the team together as the plough goes sliding through.
Coulter splits the lea land. Smoothly rolls the loam.
Man and horse and ploughshare bring the perfect furrow home.

Birthing of the ploughman in days of ox and horse.
Now times of automation still plot the furrows course.
Traction engine onto tractor, still it stays the way it's been.
The ploughman works his magic drawing furrows straight and clean.

Nothing really changes as years and ages pass.
Ploughman's hand on rein or wheel covering the grass.
Hand and eye guide tractor linkage, horse or bullock chain.
Fram ancients to the bye and bye, the job remains the same.

From dim past future, people of the farming kind.
Will roll their furrows cleanly while birds swoop and dive behind.
Tractors chugging, horses snorting as earth is smoothly curled.
The everlasting ploughman growing food to feed the world.



Contestants for the 62nd New Zealand Ploughing Championships,
hosted by Courtenay – Paparua PMA, at Kirwee,
Wed 19th and Sun 23rd April, 2017

NORTH ISLAND

Reporoa/Rotorua PMA	Malcolm Taylor	Reversible	82.7%
Takapau PMA	Paul Henson	Reversible	77.31%
Wairarapa PMA	John Guy	Conventional	56.63%
Franklin VMC	Angela Taylor	Conventional	70.03%
Marlborough	To be advised		

CANTERBURY

Timaru PMA	Adam Mehrtens	Conventional	70.90%
Hinds YFC	Kelvin Stokes	Conventional	68.65%
Mid Canterbury	Ian Woolley	Conventional	68.85%
Methven PMA	Ashley Seaton	Reversible	58.75%
Rakaia PMA	Jeff Cridge	Conventional	73.30%
Oxford WMC	Robert Casey	Conventional	61.90%
North Canterbury PMA	Ken Readman	Conventional	68.46% First time competitor
West Melton YFC	Simon Reed	Conventional	60.00% First time competitor
Courtenay-Paparua PMA	Eric Gin	Conventional	64.60%

OTAGO SOUTHLAND

Tokomairiro PMA	Bob Mehrtens	Reversible	85.30%
Taieri PMA	Scott McKenzie	Conventional	71.50%
Thornbury VMC	Hayden Allison	Conventional	62.00%
Central Southland Vintage	Mark Dillon	Conventional	63.46%
Waimea Plains PMA	Murray Baird	Reversible	64.48%
Waimea Plains VTMC	James Burnby	Reversible	71.01%
South Otago	Shane Burnby	Conventional	59.00%
Middlemarch	Tryphena Carter	Conventional	48.65%

NZ VINTAGE

North Island	Ian Cocker
	Ian McSporran
	To be advised
Marlborough	Linda Cosgrove
Canterbury	Bruce Cameron
	Gordon Carter
	Maurice Millar
Otago Southland	Alistair Rutherford
	Tom Fowler
	Murray Grainger



RURAL NEWS HORSE PLOUGH

North Island	Derrick Thornton	Cambridge
	Fred Pilling	Hamilton
Canterbury	Colin Drummond	Erehon Station
	Erin Cassie	Erehon Station
Southland	Sean Leslie & Kaye Walker	Middlemarch
	John Chynoweth & Sharon Chambers	Kakanui

You walk through life much easier with a smile on your face
You have to climb a mountain before you can enjoy the view
Life is a journey, it's not where you end up, but it's how you got there

It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives, It's what we do consistently
I wish my book of life was written in pencil, There are a few pages I would like to erase

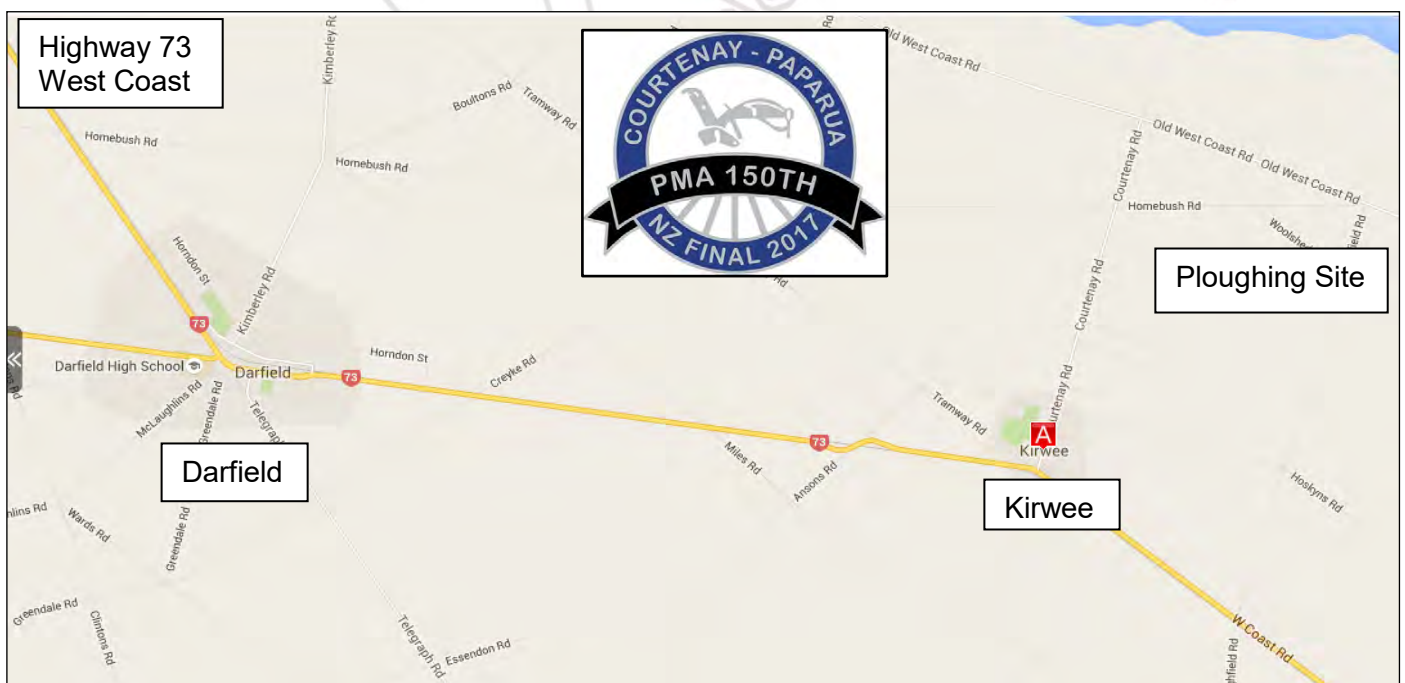
NZPA Courtenay Paparua Timetable of Events

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Catering
Wed 19	Practice Day for all competitors 9am – 4pm Competitors must be on grounds by 12pm. 1857 Highfield Rd	Vintage Delegates Meeting 4.15pm Kirwee Hall High St, Kirwee	Ice breaker Evening Kirwee RFC 6pm start.	Wed night dinner is provided. Lunch available to purchase on grounds
Thurs 20	Practice Day for all competitors 9am – 4pm 1857 Highfield Rd	Tractors and Ploughs to be in the Marshalling yard by 4.30pm	NZPA AGM Kirwee Community Hall 7.30pm	Provide own meals. Lunch available to purchase on grounds.
Fri 21		Church Service 9.30am St Matthew's, Courtenay Plot Draw 10.30 @ Kirwee Community Hall Judges Meeting 11am at the practice ground.	Bus Trip Departing 12.30 from Kirwee Community Hall	
Sat 22	New Zealand Ploughing Championships <i>10am Official Opening in the Marshalling yard</i> <i>10.45 Parade to plots</i> <i>11.20 Start of ploughing</i> <i>11.40 Stop for judging of the splits</i> <i>12.20 Ploughing commences again</i> <i>3.00 Ploughing stops</i> <i>3.15 Parade to marshalling area</i>			Packed lunches provided for competitors and officials only.
Sun 23	New Zealand Ploughing Championships <i>10.45 Parade to plots</i> <i>11.20 Start of ploughing</i> <i>11.40 Stop for judging of the splits</i> <i>12.20 Ploughing commences again</i> <i>3.00 Ploughing stops</i> <i>3.15 Parade to marshalling area</i>			Presentation Dinner 5.30pm Drinks 6.30 Presentations 7.30 Dinner Kirwee Community Hall



COURTENAY – PAPARUA PMA HOST INFORMATION

1. The loading bank for people to access is in Seaton's yard on Highfield Rd. Competitors are welcome to leave their trucks, trailers and tractors in the paddock with the silo's opposite the loading bank. The loading bank will be clearly signposted and is only a few 100 metres from both the practise ground and the competition ground on Highfield Rd. There will be a loader in the practise paddock to unload trailing ploughs.
2. Registrations need to be in by the 20th March to guarantee a ticket for the presentation dinner. After this date spare tickets will be on sale to the public. Space is strictly limited.
3. For the Ice breaker evening and the Presentation dinner there are showers available for use at no charge at the Kirwee Domain by the Rugby Club rooms which is where the ice breaker evening will be held. This is also in close proximity to the Hall where the presentation dinner is.
4. There are caravan plugs for people to use at the A & P showgrounds. Please phone Stewart Begg on 027 223 4730 to book your space.
5. All information will be distributed at the ice breaker evening.
6. For horse teams, your camp will be in a clover paddock behind the loading bank where showers and toilets will be there for you along with access to stock water. This will be signposted for your convenience.
7. The local Kirwee Guest house is not available for accommodation. Please refer back to the initial list for ideas
8. The Association has commemorative badges for sale from the NZPA tent or the ice breaker evening. See below for design
9. If anyone is available to steward on the competition days your assistance would be much appreciated. Please let Jeff know if you can help out.
10. For any other assistance please phone Jeff, 03 3181 755 or 027 6537969



Please complete the registration form and return along with payment as requested,
for more information, please contact Jeff and Helena Cridge 027 653 7969 or 03 3181 755
or your local Executive Member.

Courtenay – Paparua PMA have 150 year commemorative badges available for sale
from the NZPA marquee and during the Ice-Breaker evening

Registration 2017 New Zealand Ploughing Championships

Held at 1900 Highfield Road, Courtenay 19th – 23rd April 2017

First name _____

Last name _____

Partner _____

Last name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Home _____

Mobile _____

Please Indicate:- Competitor -Judge -Executive -Steward- Supporter

I/We wish to attend the following functions:-

Ice Breaker Evening Wednesday 19th 6 pm

Held at the Kirwee RFC Rooms High St Kirwee

Number Attending _____

½ day Bus trip Friday 21st

Lunch included

Number Attending _____ \$ 45 pp Total \$ _____

Awards Evening Sunday 23rd 6pm

Kirwee community Hall

Number Attending _____ \$ 50 pp Total \$ _____

Extra two Day passes

Number Required _____ \$ 20.00pp Total \$ _____

Registration fee \$10.00

Total \$ _____

Registrations must be received by 20 March

An additional charge of \$50.00 will be added to all late registrations

Cheques to be made payable to Courtenay-Paparua ploughing association

Direct credit bank account 06 0851 0138016 00

Please use your name as reference

Registrations and cheques forwarded to:-

A Seaton
Highfield Road RD 1
Christchurch 7671
Ph 03 3181538



Function tickets will be in your registration pack to be collected at the Ice Breaker Evening.

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The New Zealand Ploughing Association welcomes Gulf Lubricants as a major sponsor of New Zealand Ploughing, we look forward to a long and fruitful partnership for us both.

The NZPA Executive asks everyone to support the ploughing sponsors where ever possible, it is through the sponsors generosity, that ploughing continues to thrive throughout New Zealand.


Thank you to all sponsors big and small, we appreciate your support.

Ellesmere Vintage Fair



25 - 26th March 2017
10am to 4pm

Ellesmere A & P Showgrounds,
Leeston

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