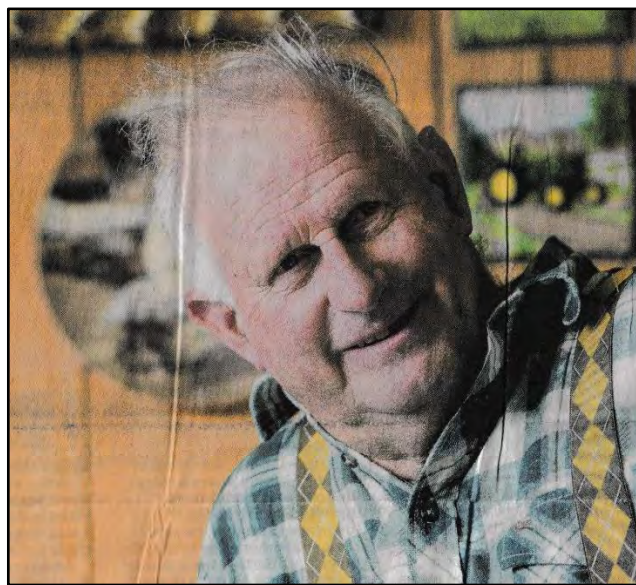


Ploughing News

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Bob and Nancy Allan, Oamaru, holding plaques in recognition of 150 years of continuous farm ownership. Bob and Nancy are both Honorary Life Members of NZPA.



John Thornton, Momona, Celebrating 100 years of continuous farm ownership. John represents Otago-Southland on the Executive

The NZPA wishes the New Zealand Competitors all the best for the World Championships in Kenya 1st and 2nd December 2017

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Conventional Competitor

Ian Woolley

Blenheim

Reversible Competitor

Bob Mehrtens

Timaru



If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it. Photos and stories are appreciated. Editor:- colin@millarz.co.nz

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Regional Representation

The NZPA Executive confirms that members of the Executive that are competing at the National Championships, are excused (if they choose) from attending the NZPA Executive meetings during the week of the Championships. This will allow them to concentrate on competing rather than the organisation.

Ravensdown Conventional Plough

The Ravensdown 2 furrow Kverneland conventional plough is now available to those who may wish to use it. The plough is available to encourage and develop the skills in ploughing. The plough is suitably equipped for competition ploughing. Anyone interested please contact Paul Murphy 0274399713

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.

Rule Book

The NZPA Executive advises a new rule book covering all classes will be available for the coming ploughing season. There has been some rule changes/adjustments, so please make yourself conversant with the 2018 rule book.

NZPA Facebook and Website

The NZPA Facebook and Website are being regularly updated with scheduled events along with the newsletters which are now being listed.

Future New Zealand Ploughing Championships

2018 New Zealand Championships	Thornbury VMC (Southland)	14 th – 15 th April
2019 New Zealand Championships	Rakaia PMA	Date to be confirmed
2020 New Zealand Championships	Takapau PMA	Date to be confirmed

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

GULF OIL SILVER PLOUGH – FARMLANDS FUEL REVERSIBLE

NORTH ISLAND

Takapau PMA	Angela Taylor	Qualified	Conventional
Wairarapa PMA	Cancelled	Barbara Wilson	06 3797403
Manawatu PMA	Postponed	Paul Henson	06 3293969
Waikato PMA	To be advised	John Guy	07 8294761
Manawatu VMC	John Guy	Qualified	Conventional

CANTERBURY

Timaru PMA	Robert Casey	Qualified	Conventional
Hinds YFC	Adam Mehrtens	Qualified	Conventional
Mid Canterbury VMC	Simon Reed	Qualified	Conventional
Methven PMA	Ian Woolley	Qualified	Conventional
Rakaia PMA	Ashley Seaton	Qualified	Reversible
Oxford WMC	Jeff Cridge	Qualified	Conventional
North Canterbury PMA	Eric Gin	Qualified	Conventional
Lincoln	Kelvin Stokes	Qualified	Conventional

OTAGO SOUTHLAND

Tokomariro	Scott McKenzie	Qualified	Conventional
Taieri PMA	Haydon Allison	Qualified	Conventional
Thornbury VMC	Mark Dillon	Qualified	Conventional
West Otago	Ken Readman	Qualified	Conventional
Waimea Plains PMA	Ashley Seaton	Qualified	Reversible
Waimea Plains VTMC	Murray Baird	Qualified	Reversible
Middlemarch	22 nd October		
South Otago	4 th November	Alistair Rutherford	0276843146
East Otago VMC	Bob Mehrtens	Qualified	Reversible

NEW ZEALAND VINTAGE

North Island	To be advised
Marlborough	To be advised
Canterbury	Gordon Carter, Peter Mehrtens, Robert Weaver
Otago Southland	

RURAL NEWS HORSE PLOUGH

North Island	To be advised
Canterbury	Erin Cassie, Colin Drummond
Otago Southland	To be advised



Kelvin Stokes being presented with the William A Pedlar Memorial Trophy by Dave Stevenson, a descendant of William A Pedlar at the Reporoa/Rotorua Ploughing Association's recent event

WILLIAM A. PEDLAR MEMORIAL TROPHY History
Reporoa/Rotorua Ploughing Association

This trophy was presented to the Reporoa/Rotorua Ploughing Association in 1963 by a grand-daughter of Samuel Pedlar, Samuel was only 13 years old when he made the plough in 1863, at the time he was an apprentice blacksmith, making this trophy now 154 years old.

The following is a copy of the actual speech made by the grand-daughter of Samuel Pedlar when she presented the trophy to Reporoa/Rotorua Ploughing Association.

To the best of my knowledge this plough is well over 100 years old having been made by my grandfather, Samuel Pedlar, when he was in England.

My grandfather was born at St Ives in Cornwall, and as a young man worked on the gates of Buckingham Palace. He came to New Zealand over 80 years ago, having first gone to Australia where he married and had two children. His wife died and he came to New Zealand and settled, first in Queenstown, and later in Invercargill. He remarried and had at least 12 children who survived babyhood, and apparently (according to the old family bible) several who didn't.

My father, William Alfred Pedlar was the eldest child of the second marriage, and following in his father's footsteps by taking up the blacksmithing trade. The links in the chain surrounding the Sir Robert Falcon Scott Memorial in Queenstown gardens were hand-forged by him. Incidentally he was born in Queenstown. Blacksmithing ran in our family for many generations, and with the passing of my father last year, (1962) it's brought a long line of blacksmithing to an end.

My grandfather – and his forefathers before him – was a blacksmith in the days when they were pullers of teeth as well as shoes of horses. He also belonged to the generation – as did my father – that if a tool was not available to do the job, a tool was made to do it. There was no sending around to the hardware store for the article. We had in our possession several of the pincers made by my grandfather, for the pulling of special types of teeth – some of them my father turned into other articles, and my mother used for many years a stiletto made from a pair of hand-forged pincers.

Definition:- a short dagger with a blade that is thick in proportion to its width

Before he died I had spoken to my father asking him what he wished done with the plough, and suggested to him as there were no Pedlars in this and future generations who would be interested in the blacksmithing trade, it would be a good idea to donate the plough as a trophy, which would perpetuate not only the plough itself, but would stimulate interest in ploughing generally. He was quite agreeable to this, and intended to talk to Con Voss as to the best way in which this could be done. This meeting did not eventuate, but I know he was interested in giving this plough to the Reporoa-Rotorua Ploughing Association for competition.

I will admit when I came out to see the semi-finals of the Silver plough Competition last year, I was most surprised to find horses were no longer used, and that tractors had taken their place. I was most interested in this competitive ploughing, and so was my father when I told him about it.

I would like to pay a tribute to our Rotorua tradesmen who have helped to put this plough in the condition it is today – firstly to Bob and Joe Campbell for the woodwork plinth (including the furrows on the top section), to Owen Cunning for the (unreadable word) work, to (name and next few words unreadable) work on the silver plate, and to Gordon Lloyd who had made the box housing the plough.

I have very much pleasure in handing this trophy over to your Association and know you will look after it. I leave the type of competition to your Association to decide.

The then members of the Reporoa/Rotorua PMA decided the William A Pedlar trophy would be awarded to the highest place getter at our annual ploughing match, under a handicap system of 5 points each time it is won, with a maximum of 15 handicap points.

The first time it was presented was in 1963 to Shaun Reilly.

We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.
Knowing is not enough; We must apply. Wishing is not enough; We must do.
We generate fears when we sit, We overcome them by action.
Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are right.
The man that has confidence in himself, gains the confidence of others.
The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow, will be our doubts of today.

AUSTRALIAN PLOUGHING EXCHANGE

Hello fellow ploughmen and women

In opening I would like to say that the hospitality given to myself, Yvonne and Scott was very much appreciated. The friendships we have made will certainly be enhanced into the future. A big thank you to our hosts, Bruce and Sandy Redmond, Simon and Janet Reed, William and Irene Ward.

Also a big thank you to Bruce for the use of his tractor and plough and his truck to move it around. Alan Begg for Scott's tractor and Warwick Seaton for his plough. We both appreciated such great equipment. After meeting our hosts Bruce and Sandy it was off to Alan Beggs property for a practice session, in some beautiful ground that good ploughing was a given. The rich, dark, deep chocolate soil, ploughing made for beautiful sods.

Competition day and seeing all the vintage and horse drawn ploughs setting up was quite a site. We got straight into our plots, 25 in all, conditions were ideal, ploughing was even, completion was tough. I couldn't believe it when I got 1st place on the first day. Amazing. A great lunch by the ladies at the hall. We both had practice at Bruce's place. Then off to the match on Saturday at Methven, and once again great conditions, very even ploughing in stubble. Scott got 3rd place on this day. We were both happy. Next day another match at Rakaia, with 34 competitors being in stubble again. I managed a 2nd place. Still surprised as many plots looked brilliant. Great ploughing by everyone. Very different soil, but just as nice to plough.

We enjoyed a few days at Kaikoura, many thanks to Simon and Janet. A couple of nights at their home meeting their gorgeous kids.

The weather was great, not cold, lovely sunny breaks, fantastic food every day, lovely, friendly people everywhere we went. We enjoyed the atmosphere and camaraderie of our Aussie-NZ exchange.

Many thanks to all and we look forward to returning the hospitality next year.

Cheers Wayne and Yvonne Clayton and Scott Loughridge.

AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE

These exchanges wouldn't be possible without the generous support of ploughmen and their families. Thank you to Alan Begg and Warwick Seaton for the use of your gear, Simon and Janet Reed along with Irene and Bill Ward for hosting and transportation.

Please consider offering to host or help with gear for future exchanges. It is good to share it around and you often make life long friends from such arrangements.

NZ Co-ordinator Bruce Redmond

CANTERBURY COACHING DAY

On May 13th, thirty plus enthusiastic people arrived at Jeff Cridges property for a ploughing and judging coaching day.

John Stalker ploughed a vintage plot under the supervision of Alan Begg. Ken Readman ploughed a conventional plot assisted by Bruce Redmond. Paul Murphy promoted discussion on aspects of judging. At least two new, keen ploughmen watched and will be ploughing in the upcoming matches.

From the comments we received this was a very worth while and appreciated day and they are looking forward to the next coaching day.

Thanks to Jeff Cridge for the use of the ground, John and Ken for ploughing the plots and Alan Begg for his knowledge. Thank you to Paul Murphy for organising and running a very successful day. Next time we may include horse ploughing. At future matches we will try to walk some of the plots with interested competitors after the ploughing. Bruce Redmond



Scott
Loughridge
Australian
Exchangee



Wayne
Clayton
Australian
Exchangee

MID CANTERBURY VINTAGE MACHINERY

The Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club held their event on 11th June at the property of M and J Paton

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st W Clayton (Australia)	176.5pts	67.88%
2 nd Simon Reed (Qualified)	166pts	63.85%
3 rd Ashley Seaton	168.5pts	60.18%

Vintage Qualifying

1 st Gordon Carter	90pts
2 nd Robert Weavers	88.5pts
3 rd John Stalker	83.5pts
4 th C Boon (Qualified)	83.5pts

Vintage Open

1 st D Hight	95.5pts
2 nd C Begg	92.5pts
3 rd G Corbett	67pts

Horses

1st John Chynoweth, Sharon Chambers

“You can let popular misconception eat you up, or stand tall and be proud of what you contribute”

“It does not matter how slowly you go, so long as you do not stop”

TAIERI PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Taieri Ploughing Association held their 70th annual match on Sunday 14th May, 2017 starting at 10.30am on the property of the Wallis family farm, Mosgiel.

The day was fine and warm. The paddock being stubble in good condition with straw a little long made the ploughman work harder. All 1st, 2nd, 3rd place getters received prizes, plus 50 raffle prizes.

Gulf Oil Conventional

1 st Scott McKenzie	195.5pts	75.19%
2 nd Hayden Allison	178.5pts	68.65%
3 rd Shane Burnby		

Farmland Fuel Reversible

1 st Bob Mehrtens	197pts	70.35%
2 nd James Burnby	182.5pts	65.00%
3 rd Murray Baird		

NZ Vintage

1 st Graeme Anderson	161.5pts
2 nd Alistair Rutherford	155.0pts
3 rd Tom Fowler	142.5pts

Rural News Horse Plough

1st Sean Leslie-Casey Roe 152.5pts

Hayden Allison qualified for Thornbury

Special thanks to the landowners, the Wallis family, sponsors for their loyal support, the Judges and Officials with special thanks to the caterers for the lunch and afternoon tea.

Report Murray Taylor

PLOUGHING NEWS FROM ACROSS THE TASMAN

The National Ploughing Association of Australia held the 2017 National Contest in Cowra, NSW on 13th & 14th May, in perfect weather conditions, complete with autumn leaves falling. This year all three states competed to see who will represent Australia at the World Ploughing to be held in Germany in August 2018.

Victorian ploughman Shaun Carson from Colac, winning the conventional class. Shaun was also National Champion last year but will not be competing in Kenya.

Brett Loughridge was the winner of the reversible class and will travel to Germany with Shaun and Adrian Tilling as Coach/Judge

Conventional

1 st Shaun Carson	407.3pts
2 nd Adrian Tilling	407.2pts
3 rd Scott Loughridge	386.6pts
4 th Wayne Clayton	369.4pts

Reversible

1 st Brett Loughridge	439.0pts
2 nd Pryde Inglis	396.5pts
3 rd Micheal Bayles	374.2pts

Report Rhonda Smith



REPOROA/ROTORUA PLOUGHING ASS

On a very pleasant spring day on September 30th, the Reporoa/Rotorua Association hosted its annual ploughing match. Reporoa/Rotorua was a stand down event but we catered for a field of 18 which included 4 in the Silver Class, 3 horse teams with the balance in the vintage class. Despite a wet winter and spring the pumice based soils were in a very fit state for ploughing.

In the silver plough class two of the contestants were first time competitors.

A poignant moment during the briefing was a moments silence for our good friend and long-time member Jim Waller. Jim passed away suddenly 3 months ago. Our annual match was a significant item on Jim's annual calendar. He and his wife Sue regularly supplied the raffle and always a bottle of whiskey to be auctioned at the end of the day. A condition of the auction was that it had to be opened for the after match function. Jim was legendary in the way he enjoyed the post-match festivities. As a friend and fellow ploughman we will all miss him.

Another feature of our match was a focus on the Pedlar Trophy.

David Stevenson who lives in Hawkes Bay has been involved in a genealogy study of his family. He became aware of a model reversible plough made by his great great grandfather about 150 years ago. Family records told him the plough had been donated to a regional ploughing organisation to be used as a trophy. Through the NZPA web site David was able to make contact with Colin Millar and he and partner attended our match to tell his story and present the Pedlar Trophy to this year's winner, Kelvin Stokes.

Match Day Results

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Class

1 st Kelvin Stokes	197pts	The Corlett cup
2 nd Angela Taylor	190pts	The Merret Memorial Trophy
3 rd Harry Murdoch	155pts	The District Shield
4 th Robbie Monk	107.5pts	The Tomlinson Memorial Trophy

NZ Vintage Class

1 st Rex Anderson	181.5pts	The Percy Phillips Trophy
2 nd Alan Gibson	162pts	
3 rd Ian Cocker	157.5pts	

Rural News Horse Class

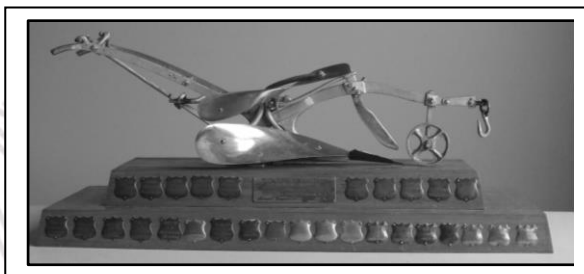
1 st Derek Thornton	107.5pts	The Millar Trophy
2 nd Kylie Northcroft & Sarah Elliot	98pts	
3 rd Fred Pilling	Did not finish	

Special Trophies

The Pedlar Trophy, competed for in the Silver Plough Class on a handicap basis of 5 penalty points per win for a maximum of 3 wins, Kelvin Stokes.

The Bryan and Beryl Wills Handicap Trophy, competed for on a percentage basis over all classes and with the same regime as the Pedlar trophy, Rex Anderson.

Pedlar Memorial Trophy



Report Alan Wills

WAIMEA PLAINS PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Waimea Plains Ploughing Association held their match on 5th August 2017 at the property of Mark and Sonia Dillon, Kaweku, Riversdale. The paddock was burnt stubble. A hard frost made the opening splits difficult but there were good ploughing conditions after lunch.

There were 29 competitors. It was good to have 4 ploughmen from Canterbury competing

Gulf Oil Conventional

1 st Eric Gin	63%
2 nd Hayden Allison	59%
3 rd Scott McKenzie	58%

Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Ashley Seaton	75%
2 nd Bob Mehrtens	65%
3 rd Murray Baird	56%

Classic Class

1 st Len Balneaves	45%
2 nd Owen Anderson	39%
3 rd Iain Bulling	34%

NZ Vintage Plough

1 st Murray Grainger	158pts	61%
2 nd John Wild	148pts	57%
3 rd Joe Davis	144pts	55%

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st Sean Leslie	179pts	69%
2 nd D McGregor P Eaton	115pts	28%

Overall Champion Ashley Seaton

WAIMEA PLAINS VINTAGE TRACTOR AND MACHINERY CLUB

The Waimea Plains Vintage Tractor and Machinery club held their match on 6th August, 2017 at the property of Mark and Sonia Dillon, Kaweku, Riversdale. There was good ploughing conditions, some plots were a little damp, some loose straw. All competitors were in one bank. Waimea Plains Ploughing Association ploughed in the same paddock the day before.

There were 26 competitors in total. 6 young ploughmen in the novice class, 5 of them from Gore High School pupils coached by Dave McDonald and Alistair Rutherford.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Murray Baird	195pts	69.5%
2 nd Scott McKenzie	171.5pts	65.9%
3 rd Eric Gin	151.5pts	58.11%

Classic

1 st Colin Hitchcock	146pts	56%
2 nd Ross Middleton	126pts	48%

3 rd Iain Bulling	119pts	45%
NZ Vintage		
1 st Murray Grainger	173pts	68%
2 nd Ray McKenzie	160pts	67%
3 rd John Wild	157pts	63%

Novice Class

1 st Liam Davis	147pts
2 nd Dylan Rutherford	121pts
3 rd Alex Smith	106pts

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st Sean Leslie	180pts
2 nd D McGregor P Eaton	105pts

Thanks to all our sponsors, Mark and Sonia Dillon for the use of the paddock along with the judges, stewards and coaches.

Report Alistair Rutherford

WEST OTAGO PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The West Otago Ploughing Association held their match on 4th August 2017 at the property of AW Robertson, Waikoikoi. The ground conditions were very good and fine overhead. There were 24 competitors including one horse team. The most competitors we have had at our match for a number of years.

Gulf Oil Conventional – Farmland Fuel Reversible

1 st Bob Mehrtens	204pts	72.5%
2 nd Scott McKenzie	167.5pts	64.4%
3 rd Ken Readman	161.5pts	62.1%

NZ Vintage

1 st Alistair Rutherford	162pts	62.3%
2 nd Ray McKenzie	127.5pts	49%
3 rd Dave McDonald	125pts	48%

Classic Class

1 st Iain Bulling	139.5pts	53.7%
2 nd Colin Hitchcock	107.5pts	41.3%

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st Sean Leslie	150pts	57.75
Champion Ploughman	Bob Mehrtens	

Ken Readman qualified

The West Otago Ploughing Match Association would like to thank Snow Robertson for the use of the ground, Michael and Sue for the use of their ramps and sheds and all the sponsors who have donated prizes. Thanks also to the judges. As an association we would like to acknowledge the many years of support that we have received over the years from local businesses, farm owners who have allowed us to plough, New Zealand Ploughing Association, judges who have given their time freely and you the plough people who have entered our match year to year

Report Bruce Chittock

LINCOLN PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Lincoln Ploughing Association held their annual event on 28th May at Mr Steve McDrury's property, Boundary Road, Lincoln. There were 23 ploughing including four teams of horses. It was a grass paddock with good cover of grass and plenty of moisture in the soil, turning a nice furrow.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Bob Mehrtens	196.5pts	70.1%
2 nd Kelvin Stokes	159.5pts	61.3%
3 rd Ashley Seaton	160pts	57.1%

NZ Vintage

1 st John Stalker	Previously qualified
2 nd Maurice Millar	Qualified
3 rd Alister Chambers	Qualified

Open Plain Ploughing

1 st David Hight
2 nd Hamish George

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st Henry Thorn and Ellie
2 nd Erin Cassie

Special Prizes

Best District Plough Person	John Stalker
Best ploughed plot	Bob Mehrtens
Best finish by district competitor	John Stalker
Best body work	Eric Gin

1st Gulf Oil Conventional & Farmlands Fuel

Reversible, Bob Mehrtens 196.5pts 70.1%

1st NZ Vintage, John Stalker 177pts 68.0%

1st Rural News Horse Plough, J & S Chynoweth
164.5pts 63.2%

Winner of the Gulf Oil Conventional class and qualified to plough at Thornbury, Kelvin Stokes
The Lincoln Ploughing Association would like to thank the land owner, the sponsors, judges and the stewards. We were lucky to have a fine day with sunshine.

Report Judith Smith

RAKAIA PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Rakaia Ploughing Association held their match on the 18th June, 2017 on the property of Neville and Marilyn Copland. There were 32 ploughing competitors ploughing on fed off green feed oats.

Gulf Oil Conventional - Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Kelvin Stokes	155.5pts	59.8%
2 nd W Clayton	151.0pts	58.07%
3 rd R Mehrtens	157.5pts	56.25%
4 th A Seaton (Qualified)		48.93%

NZ Vintage Plough off

1 st G Carter	155.5pts
2 nd R Weavers	147.0pts
3 rd P Mehrtens	140.5pts

Vintage Open Class

1 st D Hight	106pts
2 nd I Bulling	87pts
3 rd C Cross	85pts

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st E Cassie	84pts
2 nd C Drummond	81pts
3 rd H Thorne/E Williams	73pts

Report John Davison

HINDS YFC

The Hinds YFC held their event on 3rd June at the property of Ian Lowe.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st B Mehrtens	163pts	58.5%
2 nd A Mehrtens (Qualified)	148pts	56.9%
3 rd R Casey	143pts	55%

NZ Vintage Qualifying

1 st G Carter	188pts
2 nd R Weavers (Qualified)	186pts
3 rd P Watson	186pts

Vintage Open

1 st D Hight
2 nd R Smith
3 rd D McCulloch

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st J Chynoweth-S Chambers	98pts
2 nd C Drummond	89pts
3 rd E Cassie	86.5pts
4 th J Booth (Qualified)	73pts

NORTH CANTERBURY PMA

The North Canterbury Ploughing match was held on 21st May on the property of Alan Winter. Ground conditions were good and the weather was fine, although there was a cold wind.

NZ Vintage Qualifying

1 st Pearce Watson	172pts
2 nd Maurice Millar	169pts
3 rd Robert Weaver	168pts

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st Pier and Cate	158pts
2 nd Colin Drummond	153pts
3 rd Erin Cassie	146pts

Gulf Oil Conventional

1 st Eric Gin (qualified)	187pts	71.9%
2 nd Ashley Seaton	178pts	63.5%
3 rd Adam Mehrtens	152pts	58.4%



TIMARU PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

Held on the Kyle family property, Arowhenua Station Road, Seadown on Saturday 6th May 2017.

It was a beautiful sunny day with a great day of grassland ploughing. 4 competitors were competing in the conventional and reversible classes with 11 in the vintage classes.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Bob Mehrtens	203pts	72.5%
2 nd Robert Casey (Qualified)	167pts	64.23%
3 rd Eric Gin	153.5pts	59.03%

Vintage Open

1 st Stuart Stratford	81.4pts	31.34%
2 nd Dave Gamble	77pts	29.61%

NZ Vintage Qualifying

1 st John Stalker	173.5pts	66.7%
2 nd Bruce Cameron	150.5pts	57.88%
3 rd Murray Grainger	150pts	57.69%

The Champion Challenge Cup (best plot on the ground), William Hill Cup (best body work), and the J Gibson Farewell Cup (best district competitor) all went to Bob Mehrtens.

DC Turnbull Cup (best district plain ploughing) and Vintage trophy went to Bruce Cameron.

The Timaru Ploughing Association presented a gift to acknowledge Bruce Cameron who is retiring from competition ploughing.

John Kyle spoke on the history of ploughing in the area. The first ploughing match was held nearby on October 14th 1864. It was a difficult time as the Opihi river was in high flood and the match had to be postponed for an hour while teams were helped across the river. One team struggling through the surging waters ended up being washed half a mile downstream.

Timaru Ploughing Association would like to acknowledge the generous support of their local sponsors, the Kyle family for the paddock, Sherry

Brown and Jenny Russell for the food and the judges and competitors for a great day.

OXFORD WORKINGMENS CLUB

The Oxford Workingmens Club ploughing section held their annual match on Saturday 20th May on the Bridens farm, Oxford. It was damp under foot but the stubble paddock ploughed well.

All 29 competitors and judges, struggled to keep warm all day in the extremely cold wind, straight off the southern ice.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Jeff Cridge	177pts	68.0%
2 nd Ken Readman	157pts	60.3%
3 rd Ashley Seaton	168pts	60.0%

NZ Vintage Qualifying

1 st Peter Mehrtens	166pts	63.8%
2 nd Pearce Watson	165pts	63.4%
3 rd Maurice Millar	158pts	60.7%

Rural News Horse Plough

1 st J & S Chynoweth	151pts	58%
2 nd C Drummond	149pts	57.3%
3 rd E Cassie	121pts	46.5%

THORNBURY VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB

The Thornbury Vintage Tractor Club held their match on Saturday, May 27th and having to extend our wings a little and encroach on neighbouring districts for suitable paddocks.

This, as in last year, it has been held in Drummond. There once was a Drummond Ploughing Assn and to the best of my research the last of that association's matches was held around 1978. 21 entries and the weather was kind. Due to the reasonably large area we were able to share with Central Southland and hold both matches on the same paddock over 2 days. As in recent years we sometimes struggle for judges, so if any of you from North Otago/Southland guys wish to have a hospitable weekend in the south, you are more than welcome. We won't guarantee "all expenses paid" but sure our members will supply you with good homely accommodation.

Gulf Oil Conventional

1 st Scott McKenzie (Champion Ploughman)
2 nd Mark Dillon (Qualified)
3 rd Hayden Allison

Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st James Burnby
2 nd Murray Baird

NZ Vintage

- 1st Murray Grainger
2nd Alistair Rutherford
3rd John Wild (Club Champion Cup)
Classic
1st Jack Stanton
2nd Ian Bulling
3rd Colin Hitchcock

Report Athole Bennie

TAKAPAU PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

The Takapau Ploughing Match Association held their annual match on 7th October 2017, on the property of C & D Minehan, 230 Speedy Road, Takapau.

The ground was firm on top but moisture underneath made ideal ploughing conditions. The weather was fine in the morning but got progressively wetter. A moment of silence was observed for Barry Bayliss and Eddie Dench, both whom have made a major contribution to Takapau ploughing.

Gulf Oil Conventional

1 st Angela Taylor	197.5pts	75.96%
2 nd Kelvin Stokes	186pts	71.54%
3 rd John Guy	136pts	48.57%

Rural News Horse

1 st K Northcroft - S Elliot	112.5pts	43.27%
2 nd Derek Thornton	95.5pts	36.73%
3 rd Fred Pilling	94pts	36.15%

NZ Vintage

1 st Elvery Hunt	171pts	65.77%
2 nd Ian McSporran	170pts	65.58%
3 rd Ian Cocker	144pts	55.38%

Angela Taylor qualified to compete at Thornbury The Bayliss family presented a Kowhai tree to 1st place getters in memory of Barry.

We would like to thank the landowners C&D Minehan, the Judges and participants and the many helpers along with the kind sponsors.

Report Helen McSporran

GERALDINE VINTAGE CAR AND MACHINERY

The Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club held their event on 7th May, on the property of the Bowan Family on Farm Road, Orari, the home of "Heartland Potato Chips". Nice soil with good moisture, and short stubble. It was a nice clear day with mild temperatures, a great day for ploughing. There was a small field of 16 competitors, 1 reversible, 2 conventional and 13 vintage.

Gulf Oil Conventional-Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st Bob Mehrstens	191pts	68.21%
2 nd Eric Gin	168.5pts	64.80%
3 rd Adam Mehrstens	140pts	53.84%

Canterbury Vintage Qualifying

1 st John Stalker	186.5pts
2 nd Murray Grainger	183.5pts
3 rd Gordon Carter Qualifies	165.5

Vintage Open

1 st Rodger Smith	87.5pts
2 nd Stuart Stratford	86.5pts
3 rd Richard Harrison	71.5pts

Report MI Prattley



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NZ PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



THORNBURY 14-15 APRIL



NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS Thornbury 14th 15th April 2018

The question has been asked, why did Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club show an expression of interest in applying for hosting a N.Z. Final? Standing watching proceedings at our first qualifying event a comment was made to Graham Miller something like the N.Z.P.A. would cherish the opportunity to have soil like this for an N.Z. Final. An introduction was made to the land owner [Andrew Hall] and the result is where we are at today. Another reason for a special match was to celebrate 150 years of ploughing matches in the area. We are not sure of the timing of this match as the year mentioned in a particular publication has proven to be questionable. Further research thinks the year is around 1873 so we could be a little early.

The first club match was held in 1956 [same year as the first N.Z. Final] and a few more over the years, but nothing on a regular basis until affiliation to the N.Z.P.A in 2013. Since affiliation there has been a boost of enthusiasm to the extent that it is not uncommon for 25%+ of the entries at matches in the Otago/Southland circuit to be from Thornbury Vintage.

We are very appreciative of the advice and assistance we have received from previous Finals Committees of "do's and don'ts"

The Club is looking forward to hosting you all in April 2018 and trust you will enjoy our southern hospitality. It will be 60 years since the first Southland Final and the winner that year was your late Patron, Bob Kingsbury.

Athole Bennie

Convenor Ploughing Committee

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.



Accommodation info:-

OTAUTAU: 20 mins. from event site.
Otautau Hotel Phone 03 2258 166.

WINTON: 30 mins. from event site.
Paramount Motel Phone 03 2367 681.
Commercial Hotel [Top Pub] Phone 03 2367 769.
Central Southland Lodge [Middle Pub] 03 2368 413.

RIVERTON: 10 mins. from event site

Riverton has a relatively small number of accommodation options available, and these are expected to fill up quickly. Should you wish to stay in Riverton, the Te Hikoi Museum and Information Centre would be happy to assist you in making arrangements. Please contact manager.tehikoi@xtra.co.nz or 03 234 8260 to share your requirements, and they will advise accordingly.

INVERCARGILL: 30 mins. from anywhere in the city to the event site: Refer to enclosed city map and accommodation etc.

FUNCTION VENUES:

Tuesday Ice Breaker evening: Thornbury Club Rooms.
Thursday Bus Tour: Departs from Lorneville.
Friday Rededication Service, Plot Draw, Mayoral Reception and Annual Meeting:
Riverton Union Church and R.S.A. Rooms.
Awards Dinner: Wallacetown Community Centre.

The above times are maximums at 100 k.p.h..

For further information please contact:-

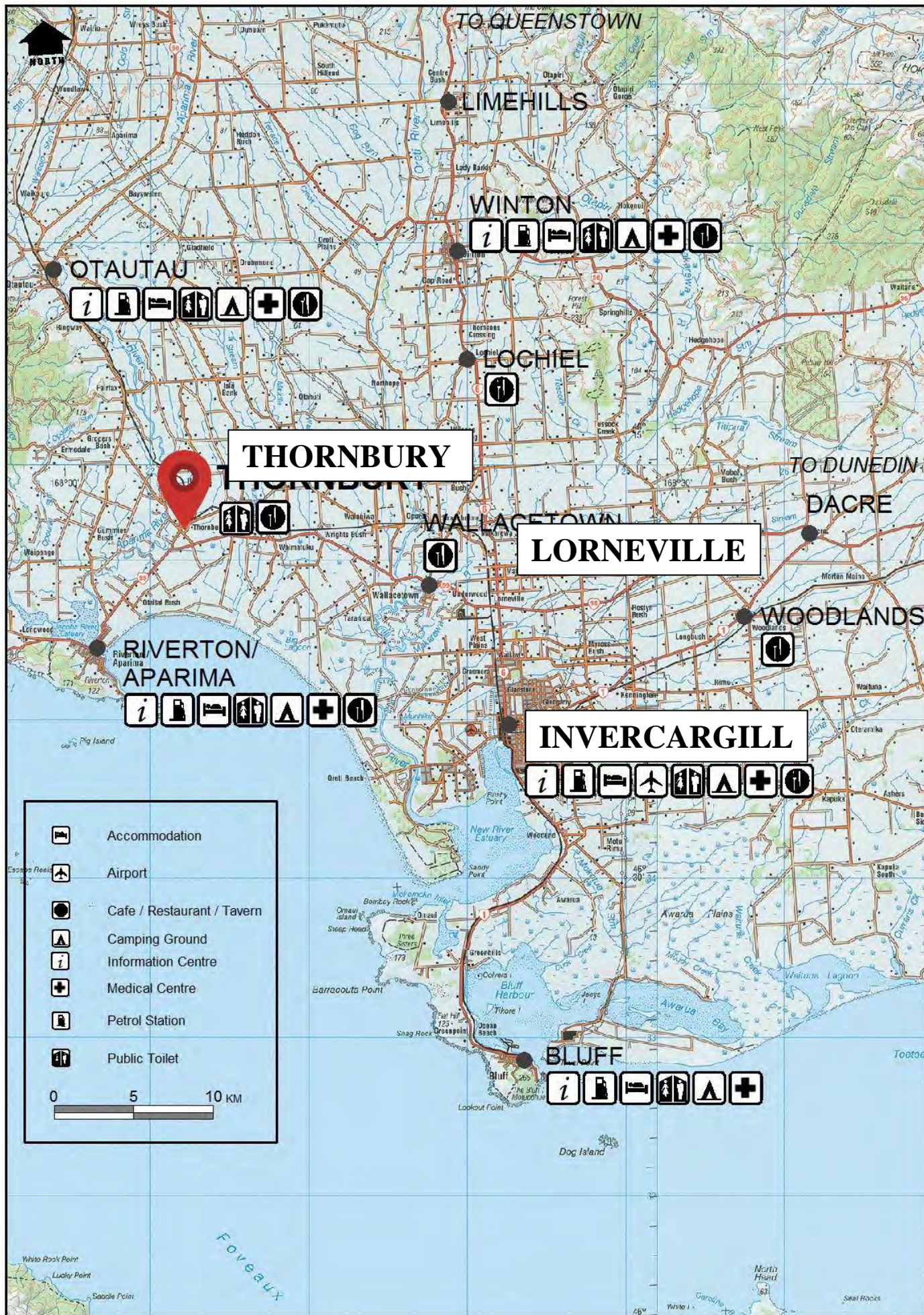
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The Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club is very well organised, with planning going extremely well. They are looking forward to providing a well-planned and laid out Championship.

They suggest all visitors and competitors should arrange their accommodation as soon as possible as per the above information provided. A registration form will be available soon.







The New Zealand Ploughing Association invites applications from interested persons, to assist the New Zealand representatives at the 65th World Ploughing event, to be held in Germany on 1st and 2nd September 2018.

Applicants can apply for more than one of the positions.

The positions available are as follows:

Position One:	Position Two:	Position Three:	Position Four:
Team Manager	Reversible Coach	Conventional Coach	Judge

Interested applicants are required to meet the following criteria: -

- Have a sound knowledge of World Ploughing Contest procedures
- Have a sound knowledge of ploughs (conventional/reversible)
- Have excellent communication skills
- Have the confidence of the NZPA to act on their behalf if required

Roles and Responsibilities

Team Manager	Conventional/Reversible Coach	Judge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register the team and their partners with the host country • Register for pre-practice ground • Arrange pre-event accommodation • Arrange for a vehicle • Manage clothing/uniforms • Travel arrival dates and times • Regularly send photos and reports back to NZ for distribution to NZPA members, sponsors, Facebook and website • Liaise with Kverneland representatives where required • Send results back to NZ for distribution • Write a report to the NZPA after the event • Provide NZPA with a balance sheet of expenses, after the event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be available to help competitors set up tractors and ploughs • Attend all practice sessions, offering support and advice • Attend all WPO Competitors Briefings events • Assist the competitors to achieve the best results possible • Provide a written report to the NZPA after the event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously judged at NZ Ploughing Championships • Attend all WPO Competitors briefings events • Judge for the duration of the World Contest • Provide a report to NZPA after the event. • Lead the judges briefing meeting at the next NZ Ploughing Championships

For more information contact Sarah McCully.

Applications are to be received in writing to Sarah McCully by the 3rd November 2017