

## NZ PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

FMG Young Farmer of the Year 2017, Nigel Woodhead to participate



### THORNBURY 14-15 APRIL



“Welcome Nigel Woodhead, FMG Young Farmer of the Year”

The New Zealand Ploughing Association is proud to announce a new initiative.

NZPA have offered an invitation to the Young Farmers Clubs of New Zealand to be involved at the annual national ploughing championships.

Nigel Woodhead, the current FMG Young Farmer of the year is looking forward to participating at the 2018 Thornbury event. Nigel will use the NZPA Kverneland Reversible plough and be involved with all events for the week which will include ploughing plots alongside the NZPA competitors. The challenge for the YFC is to see how their competitor compares to the NZPA competitors. The challenge for NZPA is to support the YFC organisation and their participants to ensure the initiative is successful for all concerned. We hope you all get behind this new initiative and do all you can to make Nigel and the team from New Zealand Young Farmers Clubs feel welcome and part of the ploughing family.



**THORNBURY 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Have you registered?????

Please assist the organisers and register for the events you are planning to attend, using the registration form on page 12.



If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it.  
Photos and stories are appreciated.  
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Currently there is a vacancy for an Executive representative from the Otago-Southland region

### 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](mailto:sjajmc@farmside.co.nz) for further information.

### Rule Book

The NZPA Executive advises a new rule book covering all classes is now available from your local executive member. 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 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April
2019 New Zealand Championships	Rakaia PMA	Date to be confirmed
2020 New Zealand Championships	Takapau PMA	Date to be confirmed

### **OBITUARIES**

Eion Gibson	Ashburton
Bruce Sheat	Palmerston

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

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
Manawatu PMA	Shane Burnby	Qualified	Conventional
Waikato PMA	Malcolm Taylor	Qualified	Reversible
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	Hayden Allison	Qualified	Conventional
Thornbury VMC	Mark Dillon	Qualified	Conventional
West Otago	Ken Readman	Qualified	Conventional
Waimea Plains VTMC	Murray Baird	Qualified	Reversible
Middlemarch	Tryphena Carter	Qualified	Conventional
South Otago	James Burnby	Qualified	Reversible
East Otago VMC	Bob Mehrtens	Qualified	Reversible
NZ Young Farmers Club	Nigel Woodhead	NZPA Invitation	Reversible

### **NEW ZEALAND VINTAGE**

North Island	Ian McSporran, Ian Cocker, Rex Anderson
Marlborough	Ash Murdoch
Canterbury	Gordon Carter, Peter Mehrtens, Robert Weaver
Otago Southland	Alistair Rutherford, Murray Grainger, Tom Fowler

### **RURAL NEWS HORSE PLOUGH**

North Island	Derrick Thornton, Kylie Northcott
Canterbury	Erin Cassie, Colin Drummond
Otago Southland	Des McGregor & Paul Eaton, Sean Leslie & Casey Rae

### **2018 RULE BOOK**

The new 2018 Rule Book is now available from your Executive member.

The 2018 Rule Book covers all four classes of our ploughing championships. There has been some rule changes/adjustments, so please make yourself conversant with the 2018 rule book.

### **FOR SALE**

Two “new” no8 steel Kverneland mouldboards, plus frogs and shears.  
All offers considered  
Contact Graham Gifford 0210587216

### **DEPTH MEASURING STICKS**

Anyone or associations, interested in purchasing one/more new depth measuring sticks, please phone 0276414367, or email; [davidpaterson69@hotmail.com](mailto:davidpaterson69@hotmail.com)  
David will have a sample stick at the NZ ploughing championships at Thornbury

### **EAST OTAGO VINTAGE**

East Otago Vintage Ploughing match to be held Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, April  
Loading bank if required, is at farm SH 1  
Match will be held Fleming Road usual paddock starting 10.30 am.  
All welcome. We have a number of North Island entries all ready.

# **JUDGES PANELS**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Thornbury**

## **Gulf Oil Silver Plough Farmlands Fuel Reversible**

<b><u>Panel A</u></b>	<b><u>Panel B</u></b>	<b><u>Panel C</u></b>	<b><u>Panel D</u></b>
John Hall	Alan Wills	Alan Wallace	Bruce Redmond
Steven Watt	Peter Carter	David Paterson	Jim Stewart
Lynda Guy	Richard Dillon	Ronald Sheat	Michael Robertson

Panels A & B (Blue Cards) Start at the start end

Overall Reserve	To be appointed
Judges Briefing	Alan Wills – Paul Murphy
Runner	Steve McDrury
Runners Assistant	Not required
Time Keeper	Nancy Allan
Plot Stewards	Alex Furniss
Chief Head Steward	Paul Murphy
Head Stewards “All Classes”	

Norm Styles - Bruce Chittock - Graham Miller - Alex Furniss -  
Ian Robb - John Stalker

### **JUDGES 2018**

Judges meet Friday as per the programme

### **HEAD STEWARDS 2018**

All Head Stewards are requested to meet  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at the lunch  
venue for the competitors practice.

Chief Head Steward, Paul Murphy

## **New Zealand Vintage Rural News Horse Plough**

<b><u>Panel A</u></b>	<b><u>Panel B</u></b>	<b><u>Panel C</u></b>	<b><u>Panel D</u></b>
Willy Willetts	Owen Horsnell	John Thornton	Neil Gamble
Alistair Allison	John Dickson	Bob Allan	Elvery Hunt
Peter Butterick	Ivan Scobie	John Smith	John Watt

Panels A & B (Blue Cards) Start at the start end

Overall Reserve	To be appointed
Judges Briefing	Alan Wills – Paul Murphy
Runner	Bill Ward
Runners Assistant	Not required
Time Keeper Horses	Ian Robb
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## PLOUGHING EVENTS 2018

Franklin VMC	November	Ian Robb	0275711232
Reporoa/Rotorua PMA	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Horse, Vintage, Con-Rev Alan Wills	0272818626
Takapau PMA	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Brian Kirk <a href="mailto:kirkgroundspread@xtra.co.nz">kirkgroundspread@xtra.co.nz</a>	0274347531
Wairarapa PMA	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Non qualifying Barbara Wilson	063797403
Manawatu PMA	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Paul Henson <a href="mailto:santohi@xtra.co.nz">santohi@xtra.co.nz</a>	0274466275
Waikato PMA	November	Vintage/Horse qualifying John Guy	0274728374
Manawatu VMC	March	Non Qualifying Rex Anderson	06 3571858
Marlborough PMA	To be advised	Allan Gifford <a href="mailto:allan.gifford@farmlands.co.nz">allan.gifford@farmlands.co.nz</a>	0272262379
Courtenay/Paparua.PMA	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeff Cridge. <a href="mailto:helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz">helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz</a>	0276537969
West Melton YFC	6 <sup>th</sup> May.	Jeff Cridge. <a href="mailto:helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz">helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz</a>	0276537969
Nth Canterbury PMA	19th May	Merv Armstrong	03 3126716
Oxford WMC	20th May	Geoff Townsend <a href="mailto:geetee38@gmail.com">geetee38@gmail.com</a>	03 3126716
Lincoln PMA	26th May	Judith Smith <a href="mailto:sna kegully413@gmail.com">sna kegully413@gmail.com</a>	03 3252744
Hinds	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Neil Ross Date to be confirmed	033026055
Mid Canterbury VMC	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Peter Butterick	033023843
Methven	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Diane Weavers <a href="mailto:dianne weavers@xtra.co.nz">dianne weavers@xtra.co.nz</a>	036938860
Rakaia	17 <sup>th</sup> June	John Davison <a href="mailto:julieandjohndavison@gmail.com">julieandjohndavison@gmail.com</a>	033494232
East Otago VMC			
Waimea Plains TMC			
Waimea Plains PMA			
Taieri			
Tokomairi			
Middlemarch			
Central Southland VMC			
South Otago			

### PLOT STEWARDS 2018

Anyone interested in assisting at Thornbury as a Plot Steward, please contact:-  
 Alex Furniss on 0272466575  
 Alex is looking after plot stewards for all classes  
 Anyone interested, can assist, as full instructions-guidance is provided

### Takapau Match Report

Takapau Association held their event on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 at the property of C and D Minehan's 250 Speedy Road Takapau. The ground was firm on top but moisture underneath made ideal ploughing conditions. The hard surface turned over well. The weather was fine in the morning but got progressively wetter. A moment's silence was observed for Barry Bayliss and Eddie Dench both of whom have made major contributions to Takapau

Ploughing. There were 4 silver plough competitors and 3 horse, 15 vintage competitors.

Gulf Silver Plough results:

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

Rural News Horse Plough results:

1.	Kylie Northcott	112.5pts	43.27%
2.	Derek Thornton	95.5pts	36.73%
3.	Fred Pilling	94pts	36.15

NZ Vintage Ploughing:

1	Elvery Hunt	171pts	65.77%
2	Ian McSporran	170pts	65.38%
3	Ian Cocker	144pts	55.38%

The Bayliss family presented Kowhai trees to the 1<sup>st</sup> place getters in memory of Barry. Thanks to C and D Minehan for their land, judges, participants and many helpers.

Report by Helen McSporran



## Manawatu Vintage Club

Manawatu Vintage Club held their event on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the property of the Noaro family Opiki, Manawatu, in wheat stubble with hard peat soil. There were 2 conventional competitors and 14 vintage. Our match was postponed a week due to late harvesting so thanks to the Noaro family who supplied an alternative paddock – 30 acres of wheat stubble.

### Gulf Silver Plough Results:

1	John Guy	186.5pts	Qualified
2	Rex Anderson	113	

### NZ Vintage Results:

1	Elvery Hunt	177
2	Ian McSporran	167.5

The Eddy Dench memorial trophy was presented by his brother David to Alan Gibson for the Best Presented Rig.

The Club appreciated the attendance of the judges and ploughmen who were able to change their plans and attend our match. The Saturday coaching and practice day was rather wet with the Sunday match being relatively dry.

Report by Rex Anderson



## Nigel Woodhead

For the first time in its 49-year history, an Otago farmer is the 2017 FMG Young Farmer of the Year, with Milton sheep and beef farmer, Nigel Woodhead, convincingly winning the prestigious title after three days of gruelling competition.

"I watched FMG Young Farmer of the Year when I was a child, so to win it, is a childhood dream, that I think will take a long time to sink in," Woodhead said.

The 28-year-old was overwhelmed and emotional at the end of the three days of intense competition.

Nigel began his Young Farmer of the Year journey, in February 2017 when he won the regional final after two previous attempts and finally taking top honours in July.

Nigel graduated from Lincoln University with a BAgSc, then worked for Midlands Seeds in Ashburton for five years before heading home to the family farm in Milton.

Nigel and wife Leanne run 3500 stock units on the 400 hectare property they lease from Nigels family near Milton, Otago.

All of the New Zealand Ploughing family wish Nigel and his supporters all the best while attending the 63<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships at Thornbury, after all, one of NZPA's main aims, is to foster and to promote interest in the art and skill of ploughing the land.

The New Zealand Ploughing Association are proud to advise of a new initiative at the National Ploughing Championships in Thornbury April 2018. We have invited the Young Farmers Clubs of New Zealand to apply their skills against the skills of the NZPA competitors. Nigel Woodhead (the current FMG Young Farmer of the Year) has accepted the challenge on behalf of the Young Farmers Clubs of New Zealand. We welcome Nigel and his team of supporters and hope you enjoy the experience.

## Further Information

### 63<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships

10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Restaurants/Cafés in Riverton

Beach House Restaurant 126 Rocks Highway Riverton 03)234 8274

Aparima Restaurant and Bar 15 Orepuki-Riverton Highway Riverton 03)234 8502

Carriers Arms Hotel 96 Palmerston Street Riverton 03)234 8506

Colac Bay Tavern 15 Colac Bay Road Colac Bay 03)234 8399

The Crib 135 Palmerston Street Riverton 03)234 8600 (no evening dining)

First In Café 102 Palmerston Street Riverton 03)234 9304 (no evening dining)

Postmasters Café 166 Palmerston Street Riverton 03)234 8153 (no evening dining)

#### More Accommodation Options

Colac Bay Tavern has cabins that sleep between 2-5 people.

Phone 03)234 8399 or Email [wazzabevin@gmail.com](mailto:wazzabevin@gmail.com)

**Drummond Golf Club** members are offering accommodation for the duration of the ploughing championships. This will be a fundraiser with the funds going to the club to purchase some new machinery. The following are available:

- 2 self-catering houses in Riverton that can accommodate 2 couples
- 1 self-catering house in Riverton that can accommodate 3 couples
- Various club members are also offering Bed and Breakfast accommodation @\$50 per person per night.

For more information Contact Greg Boyle at [giboyle@unifone.net.nz](mailto:giboyle@unifone.net.nz)





### **63<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships are all go.**

The Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club have been working very hard on the preparation and publicity. Articles and interviews are starting to appear in the weekly publications. The locals are starting to show some excitement about the event and looking forward to welcoming you to their district.

Stubble paddocks have been harvested and look real good. Ground conditions at time of writing are still dry, we have had some rain but the soil is just soaking it up. The ploughing areas have been checked out by the local N.Z.P.A. members and given the "Thumbs Up". There has been plenty of interest in the trade displays and craft stalls.

Questions have been asked about the bus trip, but as in the past it is a "Mystery Bus Trip". Not much more I can say other than come and enjoy our southern hospitality.

Athole Bennie.



Haden Allison and Graham Miller setting up the NZPA Kverneland Reversible plough for Nigel Woodhead to use when he participates at the New Zealand Ploughing Championships in Thornbury.

NZPA thank Haden and Graham for your commitment in assisting Nigel, the YFC organisation and the New Zealand Ploughing Association.

## **NZ PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Advertising on the rear of buses travelling around Invercargill, kindly sponsored by Southland Real Estate Ltd.

**THORBURY 14<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Have you  
registered??????

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## **Event Programme**

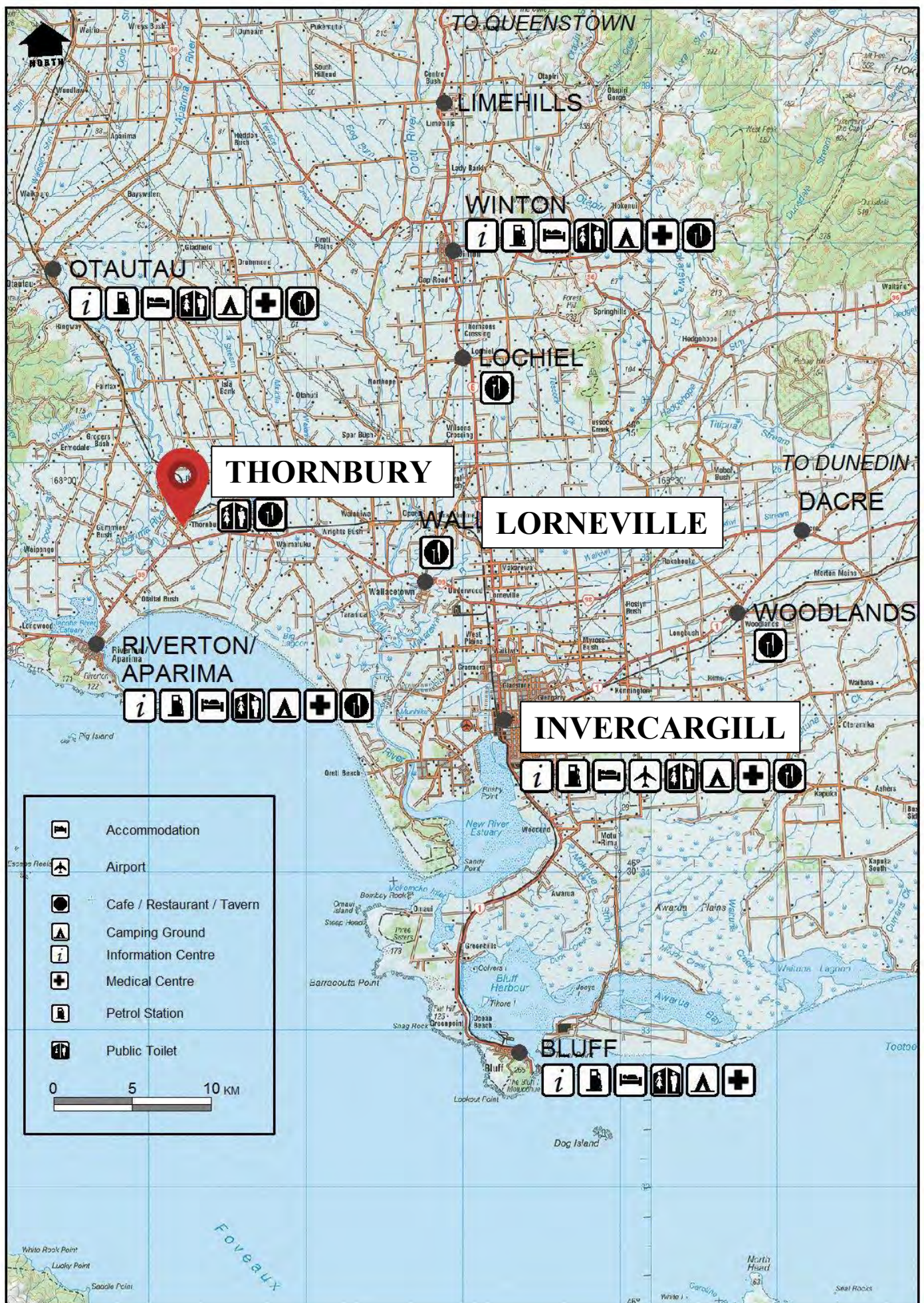
### **63<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships**

### **10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Practice Day (grass) 9.30am-4.30pm at 273 Cross Road Waianiwa  
Ice Breaker Evening – 5.30 at Thornbury Clubs Rural Heritage Centre
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Practice Day (stubble) 9.30am-4.30pm at Paulin's Bush Road
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Bus Trip leaving Lorneville at 9.00am and will be returning around 5.00pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 – Church Service at Riverton Union Church, 126 Palmerston St  
The following will take place across the road in the Riverton RSA  
11.15 – Plot Draw  
12.00 – Mayoral Luncheon  
1.15 – Ploughman's Briefing  
2.00 – NZPA Annual Meeting  
4.30 – Judges Briefing in the lounge of the Thornbury Bowling Club
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 – Official Opening in the marshalling yard  
10.45 – Parade to plots  
11.20 – Start of ploughing  
11.40 – Stop for judging of splits  
12.20 – Ploughing commences again  
3.00 – Ploughing stops  
3.15 – Parade to marshalling yard
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** 10.45 – Parade to plots  
11.20 – Start of ploughing  
11.40 – Stop for judging of splits  
12.20 – Ploughing commences again  
3.00 – Ploughing stops  
3.15 – Parade to marshalling yard
- Presentation Dinner – Wallacetown Community Centre, 57 Dunlop St**  
5.30 – Drinks  
6.30 – Presentations  
7.30 – Dinner









**Registration Form**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships**  
**495 Thornbury – Waimatuku Road**



**10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate: (circle) Competitor Judge Executive Steward Supporter

I/We wish to attend the following functions:

**Ice Breaker Evening** (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>) number attending \_\_\_\_\_ (no charge)

To be held in the Thornbury Vintage Tractor Clubs Rural Heritage Centre, Foster Road Thornbury.

**Bus Trip** (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>) who is attending \_\_\_\_\_

Leaving from Lorneville (Lunch is included)

Adult \$45, Child \$20 Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayoral Luncheon** (Friday 13<sup>th</sup>) number attending \_\_\_\_\_ (no charge)

To be held in the Riverton RSA after the church service and before AGM

**Awards Evening** (Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>) who is attending \_\_\_\_\_

To be held in the Wallacetown Community Centre

\$50 per person Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$ 10.00

**Registrations to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Total to Pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations and payment forwarded to: Stan Knowler

6 Castle St Riverton 9822

Email: [knowlercastle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:knowlercastle@xtra.co.nz)

Phone: 03 234 8201 Cell: 021 040 5569

Cheques made payable to: Thornbury Ploughing Committee

Direct Credit to bank account: 06 0925 0766788 00 (please use your name as a reference)

**All tickets will be in your registration pack to be collected at the  
Ice Breaker Evening**