

Ploughing News

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Bob Mehrstens 1st Farmlands Fuel Reversible
Andrew Gowers Representing Farmlands Fuel



Ian Woolley 1st Gulf Oil Conventional
Andrew Gowers Representing Gulf Oil



Alistair Rutherford 1st Agricentre South Vintage
Keith Pirie Representing Agricentre South Ltd



Casey Rae – Sean Leslie 1st Rural News Horse Plough
Ian Robb Representing Rural News

Congratulations to all competitors and especially to the place getters in each event
Special thanks to the sponsors, without the sponsors the championships would not be the same

If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it.
Photos and stories are appreciated.
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75th WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST 2028

The NZPA Executive is currently requesting applications to host the 75th World Ploughing Contest in 2028, some important information is as follows:

33 WPO affiliates could attend with up to 2 competitors from each affiliate

Official teams could include 2 competitors, 1 coach, 1 judge (132 Officials + Partners)

Additional visitors could number up to 300

Host organisation is to provide:-

Accommodation and meals at no cost to the official team members

Accommodation and meals are at a cost to all visitors

Transport to and from main airport for officials and visitors on start and end dates of contest

Ideally accommodation rooms should include own toilet, washbasin and shower

There are many other responsibilities to be discussed once a host organisation is formed

Land Area required

Competition

20 ha Official Stubble

20 ha Official Grassland

Official Practice

10 ha Official Practice Stubble

10 ha Official Practice Grassland

Pre-Practice (Optional)

10 ha Un-Official Pre-Practice Stubble

10 ha Un-Official Pre-Practice Grassland



The overall land required will depend on contours and layout along with the New Zealand National Championship requirements.

A NZPA sub-committee will be formed to inspect prospective sites

Further information can be obtained from executive members

NZPA EXECUTIVE INFORMATION

2018 Officers New Zealand Ploughing Association

President	Bruce Redmond	Rakaia	03 3028775
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	Paul Murphy	Darfield	0274 399713
	Norm Styles	Pleasant Point	0274 411694
	James Burnby	Clinton	027 8607775

Future New Zealand Ploughing Championships

2019 New Zealand Championships	Rakaia PMA	11 th 12 th May 2019
2020 New Zealand Championships	Takapau PMA	4 th 5 th April 2020
2021 New Zealand Championships	Applications are requested	

A very special thank you, goes to the members of the Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club for organising and hosting the 63rd New Zealand Ploughing Championships.

It was an amazing event, enjoyed by everyone that attended.



Judges lunch time



Bruce Redmond - Paul Eaton



Mark Dillon - Angela Taylor



Nigel Woodhead and advisors



Horse and Plough sculpture made from driftwood



J. Gibson (Lochiel), a well-known Southland competitor, guiding the plough behind the tractor at Drummond



M. G. Heenan (Hillend), winner of the Atlantic Silver Plough competition at Drummond, Southland. Heenan qualified for the Dominion finals



S. D. Agnew, winner of the district Atlantic Silver Plough competition at Otane



Officials at the Hawke's Bay contests. From left: Mr W. H. Bennett (secretary), Miss M. Stilburn (assistant-secretary), Messrs M. E. Tod (president) and A. McGaffin (patron)

Photos courtesy of The Weekly News July 1957

The NZPA Executive requests 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 of the sponsors, big and small, we appreciate your support.

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.

Nothing happens to you, it happens for you, look for the positives within the negatives
Virtually nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it and keep a positive mind
You never learn things when talking, you learn by asking questions
Correction does much, but encouragement does more

NEW NATIONAL GANG

Fitted with General Purpose or No. 8 Bottoms



This is one of the most popular of our smaller Gang Plows, being built to cut two furrows $8\frac{1}{2}$ or 10 inches wide, the change being easily made. The No. 8 or General Purpose Bottom, as its name implies, is well adapted for ordinary plowing. Ordinarily this Gang is shipped with Straight Coulter and Steel Shares and with two extra Chilled Shares. When so ordered it can be fitted with Rolling Coulters and with Grass Hooks. A Third Lever can also be supplied for widening and straightening the furrow.

All our National and New National Gang Plows are equipped with our New Patent Levers (see illustration). By the use of this Lever, two adjustments in the depth of the furrows can be made for each tooth of the Ratchet, a finer adjustment than ever before accomplished on any Plow.

Can also be fitted with Digger Bottoms.



"VINEYARD NATIONAL" PLOW

Shares same as National and New National

Capacity: 17 to 20 in. wide: 4 to 7 in. deep.



MADE EXPRESSLY FOR VINEYARD WORK.

Land Wheel and Handles are both set well away from the vine. Levers are short, and will not interfere with the branches of young fruit trees. An extra long Clevis allows the horses being hitched away from the growing vines.

Dust-Proof Wheels, arranged with our patent Double-Cone Bearings. These Bearings are case hardened so as to ensure wear.

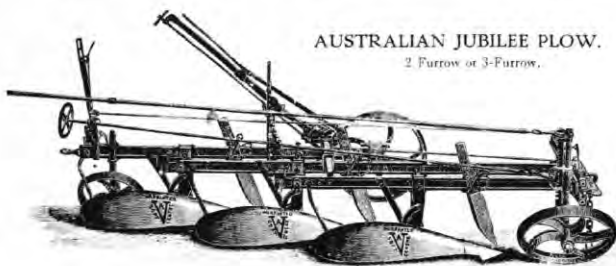
It has an Oil Reservoir in the centre to retain the oil, and a plug to keep out all dirt.



Reference A.H.E McDonald. Harness and Horse Drawn Implements

AUSTRALIAN JUBILEE PLOW.

2 Furrow or 3-Furrow.



Frame can be adjusted to any desired width of Furrow. Made extra strong, Frame Bars being $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch Channel Steel.

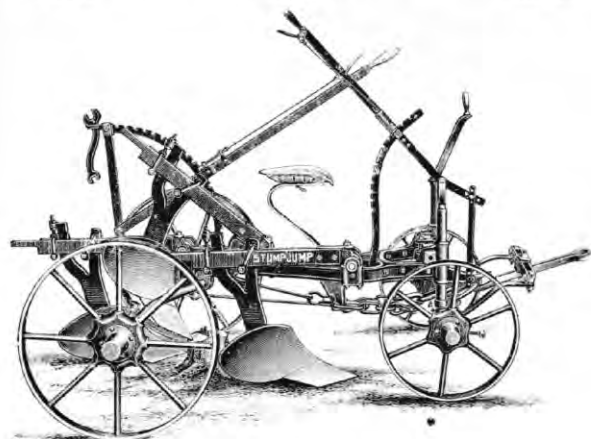
Steering Device is very conveniently located and places the Plow under full control of the operator.

CANADA GANG PLOW.

Cutting 3 or 4 Furrows $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, 3 to 7 in. deep.



Canada Gang Plow is built with a strong Channel Steel Frame, ample clearance and with long narrow Mouldboards, making it especially adapted for work in sod and hard, trashy ground. Frame and Standards are extra strong.



MASSEY-HARRIS STUMP-JUMP PLOWS

3, 4, 5 and 6 Furrow.

As the name signifies, these Plows are for use in stumpy land. Frame is made extra strong to stand the severe strains. The operation of the heads when striking obstructions will be readily understood by referring to the illustration. The Plow Bottom rises out of the ground, passes over the stump or other obstruction and re-enters the ground, quickly reaching the proper depth.

These Plows can be used where any other form of Gang Plow would be out of the question. This Plow has been improved this season as a result of several years' experience with it under all sorts of conditions.

Heads are fitted with Adjustable Eye Bolts for regulating the depth. Levers are conveniently situated, rear Lever is used for transportation only; Wheels have Dust-Proof Boxes.

Steel Shives between the Beams greatly strengthen the Frame and absolutely prevent cutting off of Bolts. These Plows can be fitted with a Stub Leg to which may be attached either General Purpose or Digging Bottoms.

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

PLOUGHING EVENTS 2018

Franklin VMC	November	Ian Robb	0275711232
Reporoa/Rotorua PMA	29 th Sept	Horse, Vintage, Con-Rev Alan Wills	0272818626
Takapau PMA	6 th Oct	Brian Kirk kirkgroundspread@xtra.co.nz	0274347531
Wairarapa PMA	7 th Oct	Non qualifying Barbara Wilson	06 3797403
Manawatu PMA	8 th Oct	Paul Henson santohi@xtra.co.nz	0274466275
Waikato PMA	November	Vintage/Horse qualifying John Guy	0274728374
Manawatu VMC	March	Non Qualifying Rex Anderson	06 3571858
Marlborough PMA	2 nd 3 rd June	Allan Gifford allan.gifford@farmlands.co.nz	0272262379
Courtenay/Paparua.PMA	5 th May	Jeff Cridge. helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz	0276537969
West Melton YFC	6 th May.	Jeff Cridge. helenaandjeff@xtra.co.nz	0276537969
Nth Canterbury PMA	19th May	Merv Armstrong	03 3126716
Oxford WMC	20th May	Geoff Townsend geetee38@gmail.com	03 3123112
Lincoln PMA	26th May	Judith Smith snakegully413@gmail.com	03 3252744
Waitaki PMA	7 th April	Bob Mehrstens Reversible	72.67 %
Timaru PMA	3 rd June	Bob	0274326080
Geraldine Vintage	4 th June	Donald	03 3036433
Hinds	9 th June	Neil Ross	03 3026055
Mid Canterbury VMC	10 th June	Peter Butterick	03 3023843
Methven	16 th June	Diane Weavers dianneweavers@xtra.co.nz	03 6938860
Rakaia PMA	17 th June	John Davison julieandjohndavison@gmail.com	033494232
Rakaia PMA is the Canterbury Vintage – Horse Plough Off event			
East Otago VMC		Noel Sheat	03 4651224
Waimea Plains PMA	4 th August	Alistair Rutherford	027 6843146
Waimea Plains TMC	5 th August	Alistair Rutherford	027 6843146
Taieri	13 th May	Murray Grainger	0272389718
Tokomairiro	12 th May	Hayden Allison	0273048468
Thornbury VTIC	19 th May		
Middlemarch	21 st October		
Central Southland VMC	20 th May		
South Otago	November		
Edendale	13 th October		

NZPA ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was confirmed at the recent AGM, the NZPA will implement an annual subscription system for all interested people to become members of the New Zealand Ploughing Organisation Inc. as follows:-

Annual cost \$30.00

Date due 1st January 2019

Life members that have been accepted over the last 3 years will receive a pro-rata exemption

Honorary Life members will be excused from the annual subscription

Existing Life members will receive an application form, please complete and return to the address advised

Affiliates will also receive an application form; they are requested to complete one for each of their members

NZPA – YFC Invitation

The Executive thank Nigel Woodhouse for participating at the recent New Zealand Championships, we also thank Keith Pirie from Agricentre South Ltd for providing and sponsoring the New Holland tractor used by Nigel. We also acknowledge the commitment of Nigel's coaches, Hayden Allison and Grahame Miller. The NZPA thank David Patterson for providing a depth stick for Nigel to use. Well done by you all.

RAVENSDOWN CONVENTIONAL PLOUGH

The Ravensdown 2 furrow Kverneland conventional plough is available to those who wish to use it. The plough is available to encourage and develop the skills in ploughing.

The plough is suitably equipped for competition ploughing.
Contact Paul Murnhv 0274399713

Waitaki Ploughing Association – 2018 Match Report

The Waitaki Ploughing Association held their match on Saturday 7th April 2018, on the property of Nic Ruddenklau at Waihao Back Road, Waimate.

Ground conditions “perfect for ploughing.” There were 26 competitors, two from the North Island, the rest from Christchurch down to the south, plus three horse teams. After early morning rain the day turned out to be a hot sunny day. Had quite a few of the public visit, mostly interested in horses.

Thanks to: the land owners and the sponsors of the prizes and raffle, stewards and judges.

Results for: Gulf Oil Silver Plough/ Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
	Name	Points	Percentage
1 st	Bob Mehrtens	203.5	72.67%
2 nd	Scott McKenzie	186.5	71.73%
3 rd	Ashley Seaton	192.5	68.75%
4 th	Hayden Allison	148	56.92%

Results for: New Holland Agriculture Vintage Plough			
	Name	Points	Percentage
1 st	Gordon Carter	109	
2 nd	Peter Mehrtens	94	
3 rd	Ian McSporran	83	

Results for: Rural News Horse Plough			
	Name	Points	Percentage
1 st	Sean Leslie	115	
2 nd	Erin Cassie	79	
3 rd	Colin Drummond	62	

Results for: Local Vintage			
Single Furrow	Name	Points	Percentage
1 st	Keith Holland	85	
2 nd	Graeme Smith	81	
Two Furrows			
1 st	Jim Smith	75	
2 nd	K Nelson	73	

Special Prizes:

Novice Ploughman- Alister Boyce

Youngest Ploughman- Brodie Wilson

Land Owners- Ruddenklau were given something for allowing us the use of their paddock and loading bay.

Report completed by: Lynda Holland



New Zealand Team Members, Germany 2018



Sponsors of the Gulf Oil Silver Plough

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GULF OIL Silver Plough		2018 National Championships										OVERALL				
		Ian Woolley	Scott McKenzie	Mark Dillon	Kelvin Stokes	Hayden Allison	Eric Cin	Angela Taylor	Jeff Cridge	Ken Readman	Tryphena Carter	John Guy	Simon Reed	Shane Burnby	Robert Casey	Adam Mehrtrens
Placing		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points		348.5	331.5	317.5	313	288	281	272.5	256.5	246	233	231.5	229	221.5	214	192.5
Percentage Results		67.02	63.75	61.06	60.19	55.38	54.04	52.40	49.33	47.31	44.81	44.52	44.04	42.60	41.15	37.02

Farmlands Fuel Reversible		2018 National Championships										OVERALL				
		Bob Mehrtrens	Malcolm Taylor	Murray Baird	Ashley Seaton	James Burnby	Nigel Woodhead									
Placing		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Points		393.5	357.5	351.5	329.5	282	182	0	0	0	0					
Percentage Results		70.27	63.84	62.77	58.84	50.36	32.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					

New Holland		2018 National Championships										OVERALL				
Vintage Ploughing		Alistair Rutherford	Murray Grainger	Gordon Carter	Ray McKenzie	Peter Mehrtrens	Tom Fowler/Charles	Ian McSportan	Ian Cocker	Robert Weavers	Rex Anderson					
Placing		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Points		359	338	314.5	308	298.5	298.5	285	270.5	266	220.5	0	0			
Percentage Results		69.04	65.00	60.48	59.23	57.40	57.40	54.81	52.02	51.15	42.40	0.00	0.00			

Rural News Horse Plough		2018 National Championships										OVERALL				
		Sean Leslie/Casey Rae	Colin Drummond	Paul Eaton/Des McG	Derrick Thornton	Erin Cassie	Kylie/Clohe Northcott									
Placing		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Points		327.5	282.5	238	207	202.5	193	0	0	0	0					
Percentage Results		62.98	54.33	45.77	39.81	38.94	37.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					

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THANK YOU

The Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club. Outstanding in their field!!



Nancy Allan our timekeeper and light operator. Thanks for creating the Church Service sheet and Awards Evening programme.



Our runners : Steve McDrury and Bill Ward

Shirley Gifford, Sandy Redmond and Thelma Sheat who provided baking for the NZPA tent for everyone to enjoy.



The many friendly faces of the NZPA tent. Those who helped make hot drinks and keep the pies warm: Sandy Redmond, Irene Ward, Noeline Willetts, Lexie, Geordie, Lachie and Andrew McCully, Christine Furniss, Jocelyn Cresswell.



Vicki Millar and Helen McSporran our highly efficient points compilers

Nigel Woodhead who accepted the challenge on behalf of NZ Young Farmers. Hayden Allison and Graham Miller for providing him with excellent coaching.



So many people worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to make the NZ Ploughing Championships a success. These are just a few of them:

Our talented judges: John Hall, Steven Watt, Lynda Guy, Alan Wills, Peter Carter, Richard Dillon, Alan Wallace, David Paterson, Ronald Sheat, Jim Stewart, Michael Robertson, Alistair Allison, Peter Butterick, Owen Horsnell, John Dickson, Ivan Scobie, Bob Allan, John Smith, Neil Gamble, Elvery Hunt and John Watt



The Head Stewards: Bruce Chittock, Graham Miller, John Stalker.



All the others who came from near and far to plot steward for us.



Thank you Kathryn Gordon for circulating results.



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