

Thornbury Vintage Tractor Club hand over NZ Ploughing Final cheque



From left, Graham Anderson, John Wild, Willy Willetts, Athole Bennie, Owen Anderson and Alan Brown.

Thornbury Vintage Tractor Club

I was invited to Invercargill and was hosted by Helen and Athole Bennie for two days. With a warm, friendly welcome and great hospitality we were shown the sights around Invercargill. On the Friday morning we went to the Thornbury Club rooms and sat down with the committee where we were able to talk about the little differences that were had holding the event. Good insight to see where the association can improve. It was a casual debrief, the bonus of this was receiving a cheque for \$10,333.00 which will be deposited in the World Travel Grant Fund to assist the Plough Persons going overseas to the world ploughing. Thank you must go to Fraser Pearse, Athole Bennie and their committee. Your early preparation of the yellow brigade started at Palmerston South with wearing yellow hats which could be seen anywhere on the grounds. I know from past experience these events won't work without a lot of preparation and hard work. A most enjoyable week. Thank you again, the association appreciates your contribution. My recommendation is if you are travelling to Invercargill is to take the time to go out and visit the Thornbury Vintage Tractor Museum, you won't regret it. They make little hay bales you can put on the table for different occasions i.e. weddings.

Report by Willy Willets

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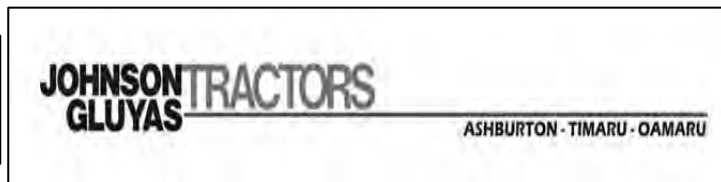


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Team Members for 2019 World Contest

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| Team Manager | Alan Wills | Coach | Malcolm Taylor |
| Rev. Competitor | Bob Mehrtens | Conv Competitor | Ian Woolley |
| Judge | Alan Wills | WPO | Colin Millar |

Accommodation available for the Rakaia final in Ashburton

Commodore Motor Lodge
East Street
Ashburton 308 8050

Academy Lodge Motel
West Street
Ashburton 308 5503

Bella Vista Motels
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Help wanted: Please consider offering to help set up the paddock for the Rakaia final if you are available.

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www.nzplough.co.nz

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The NZPA has their own Facebook page,
check out the photos and comments:
www.facebook.com/NZPloughing

| | Ploughing Event Dates 2019 | |
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| NQ | Manawatu Vintage | 9 th & 10 th March 2019 |
| Q | Thornbury TMC | Practice 6 th April Match 7 th April |
| Q | Courtenay/Papaprua | 6 th April |
| Q | West Melton | 7 th April |
| NQ | Waikato Heavy Horse | 22 nd April |
| Q | Tokomairiro | 27 th April |
| NQ | Taieri | 28 th April |
| Q | East Otago VMC | 3 rd May |
| Q | Waitaki | 5 th May |
| Q | Timaru | 6 th May |
| Q | Central Southland | 19 th May |
| Q | Mid Canterbury Vintage | 25 th May |
| Q | Hinds | 26 th May |
| Q | Marlborough | Queen's Birthday |
| NQ | Methven | 8 th June |
| Q | Lincoln | 6 th July |
| Q | Waimea Plains Association | 10 th August |
| Q | Waimea Plains VMC | 11 th August |
| Q | Reporoa/Rotorua PMA | 28 th September |
| Q | Takapau PMA | 5 th October |
| Q | Wairarapa PMA | 6 th October |
| NQ | Manawatu PMA | 7 th October |
| NQ | Edendale | 20 th October |
| Q | Middlemarch | 27 th October |
| NQ | South Otago | 2 nd November |
| Q | Waikato Club | To be Advised |
| NQ | Franklin Vintage | To be Advised |
| Q | North Canterbury | To be Advised |
| Q | Upper Clutha | To be Advised |

Please note Thornbury TMC date change

Thornbury entries to John Wild 03 215 8845 Mobile: 027 433 4025



Future NZ Final dates:

Rakaia 11th 12th May 2019

Takapau 4th 5th April 2020

Waimea 2021 dates to be advised



Taupo Conference 29th June 2019 1pm, at the Taupo Vintage Car Club
(location to be confirmed)

Canterbury Conference 7th August 2019 8pm, Rakaia Presbyterian Church Hall

Otago/Southland Conference date and location to be advised.

Next NZPA Executive Meeting
7th May 2019
in Ashburton

Deadline for articles for May
newsletter is
20th May 2019

Lincoln Ploughing Association – celebrates 150 years



Lincoln Ploughing Match Executive mark 140 years ploughing (note 10 years ago)

Left to Right -Back row Phil Lancaster, John Smith, Richard Haffner, Graham Smith, Paul Murphy, Alister Chambers, John Court and John Stalker

Front row Peter Carter, Russell Ward(late), Ian Dorman, Ivan Maw, Gordon Carter (late) and Bruce Smith (late)

It is difficult to establish exactly when the Lincoln Ploughing Association was first formed as the early records prior to 1910 have been lost, but it is understood the local Farmers Club founded it.

After a search through records it was shown that the ploughing match committee had ploughing matches as far back as 1869.

A report in the "Christchurch Press" on July 28, 1869 had this to say. "The Lincoln Ploughing Match Committee held its first match yesterday in a paddock adjoining Prebbles store at Prebbleton. The weather was everything which could be desired, and a large crowd of onlookers was drawn together on the ground, which was level and in top condition. No less than 36 ploughs were on the ground and on completion of the ploughing the judges Messrs Wilkinson, Walls, Coe and Milne began their task and from the excellent work produced was no easy task.

John Pannett won the first class, F. Donald the second and the boys class was won by G. Bellamy. In the evening forty-five sat down to a dinner provided by the landlord of the Perthshire Arms Hotel (now the Lincoln Hotel)."

During the period from 1910-14 when five very successful matches were held the Association had over 250 members. But unfortunately war broke out and the Lincoln Committee along with other Associations went into recess for the duration.

This pattern of events followed for the next 37 years and for 17 years of that period the Association did not hold matches because of World War 1 and 2 and the great economic depression of the 30's.

In the period between 1920-30 the Association would attract more than 45 teams in its heyday of match ploughing. It was not until 1926 that it had to accept the inevitable and bring tractors into the fold.

Extracts from Lincoln Ploughing Assn (Inc.) The First 131 years 1869-2000 by Forrest Wood

Lincoln held its first New Zealand Final in 1957 and since then has had a total of five finals.

Since the formation of the NZPA in 1957 Lincoln and Canterbury has been represented on the Executive by Lincoln members Frank Carter, Forrest Wood, Len Carpenter, Bruce Smith and present member Paul Murphy.

Other Lincoln members who have made significant contributions to ploughing and are or were Life members include Alan Coleman, Peter Carter, Gordon Carter, Russell Ward, John Stalker, John Court and Ivan Maw.

Five Lincoln members have represented New Zealand at World Ploughing Championships they are:

Gordon Carter 1983 and 1988 Bruce Smith 1988

Nicola Smith 1997 Ivan Maw 1999

John Stalker 2016 (Vintage)

It is intended to mark the 150th anniversary with Lincoln's match on July 6th 2019, which is near the time of the 1st match, if possible near the site of the original match near Prebbleton. Arrangements are yet to be finalised.

John Stalker, Chairman

Cucumber Pickle

1 ½ kg cucumbers 6 medium onions ¼ cup plain salt

Clean, tail and slice onions and cucumbers. Sprinkle with salt and mix. Leave overnight. Next day rinse with water and drain well.

In a large pot mix the following ingredients and bring to the boil, 4 cups white vinegar, 2 cups sugar, 2 heaped teaspoons curry powder, 1 ½ teaspoons turmeric, 1 tablespoon mustard seeds, 1 tablespoon celery seeds and add the cucumber/onion mix. You can add a small tin crushed pineapple if wanted. Boil for a few minutes; thicken with 1 heaped tablespoon corn flour slackened with splash of vinegar. Bring back to boil and jar into sterilized jam jars, top with the jar lid which has been boiled for a few minutes.

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The World will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. Abraham Lincoln

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"A man travels the world in search of what he needs and returns home to find it."

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A young city couple are driving down a country lane on their way to visit some friends one day. They suddenly come to a muddy hole in the road and don't stop in time, so the car become bogged down and stuck.

After a few minutes of trying to get the car out by themselves, they see a young farmer coming down the road, driving a tractor.

The young farmer stops when he sees the couple in trouble and offers to use the tractor to pull the car out of the mud for \$50. The husband accepts and a few minutes later the car is free.

Afterward, the farmer says to the husband, "You know, you're the tenth car I've helped out of the mud today."

The husband looks around at the fields and asks the farmer, "When do you have time to plough your land? At night?"

The young farmer says, "Oh no. Night is when I put the water in the hole."



James Burnby

Reversible Ploughman /Executive Member / Volunteer Fire Fighter amongst other things are some of James's titles. James was born in Palmerston North 1970 to Bill and Rosemary. He wasn't born into a farming family, more into a large factory and tool room as his father is an engineer and it was there where he first came across competitive ploughing with attempts to Teflon coat mouldboards, a PTFE formulation which is similar to what his plastic boards are completely made of today.

James went to Fielding Agricultural High School and then Flock House. As a member of the Kairanga Young Farmers he was introduced to competitive ploughing, as at that time his YFC ran a qualifying event. James can remember winning the local YFC novice class in about 1988 with a plough borrowed from Neville Rowe, a three furrow Clough. By the mid-nineties he was using the Manawatu club plough.

Michelle and James were married in 1994 and have three daughters and one son. Shane in fact was in his mummy's tummy for his first final at West Otago in 1997. This was James first introduction to the southerner's view of "tit pullerrrs", a job by that stage he had been doing for 11 odd years.

Dairying has taken James and his family all around the country from the Manawatu, West Coast, Waikato, Southern Hawkes Bay and then to South Otago. Today they own their own home in Clinton and James manages a 1200 cow dairy operation, right next door three of their children are farming.

'But at the end of last year along with getting cows back in calf, managing feed and six staff, in my capacity as a volunteer fire fighter I spent a full on week in Rotorua at the national training centre. QFF a great week, hands on course, 12 fire fighters from around the country, live firefighting, compartment rescue, helicopter work, confined space rescue to name a few.'



Information supplied by James

Left to right – James Burnby, Paul Henson, Murray Baird and Malcolm Taylor.

Photo – Norm Styles



Registration Form

64th New Zealand Ploughing Championships

Held at Wilkinson's Farm, Wilkinsons Road, Chertsey

8th – 12th May 2019

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Phone _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate: (circle) Competitor Judge Executive Steward Supporter

Icebreaker Evening (Wednesday 8th) Gluyas Motor Group, 75 Kermode Street, Ashburton.

Sponsor - Gluyas Motor Group Number attending _____ (no charge)

Mayoral Welcome (Friday 10th) To be held at Sinclair Community Centre

Number attending _____ (no charge)

All Friday morning events are at the Sinclair Community Centre, Park Street. Ashburton.

½ Day Bus Trip (Friday 10th) \$30 pp Number attending _____ Total \$ _____
Includes afternoon tea
Leaving from Hotel Ashburton.

Presentation Dinner (Sunday 12th)

Hotel Ashburton. Who is attending _____

\$55 pp,

Children 0 – 5, No charge,

Children over 5 - \$10

Number attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registrations to be received by 12 April 2019

Total to Pay \$ _____

Registrations and payment forwarded to: Graeme Joyce

Address: 794 East Maddisons Road, Rolleston 7614

Email: thejoyces@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 03 347 0791

Cheques made payable to Rakaia Ploughing Match Association 2019

Direct Credit to bank account 02 0836 0161437 001 (please use your name as a reference)

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