



## PLOUGHMANS PROFILE

### PEARCE WATSON



I was born in Ashburton and in 1970 took over the family farm just out of Tinwald. I had a mixed farm of 350 acres and in 1978 enlarged the farm by buying my grandfather's estate of 150 acres at Laghmor. My main interest was cropping and I first became interested in ploughing competitions when I entered the local ploughing matches, aged about 20. I took it up seriously in the 1990s and have continued ever since. I became a member of the Mid-Canterbury Machinery Club and was able to offer my land for ploughing competitions over the years.

I have since retired to a large lifestyle block just up the road, and now have the pleasure of farm-life without the work as I lease land to a local farmer.

My interests include vintage tractors and the tractor I currently use for ploughing is a 1938 John Deere AR that I restored. My man shed is not big enough as I have 6 other tractors that I restored or that are in progress, along with various other vintage machinery.

I have been a member of the committee of the Rakaia Ploughing Assn. for about 23 years, holding the position of Chairman for 2 years. I was also a delegate for the N.Z. Vintage committee for 11 years, with 2 years as President.

I have participated in the vintage section of the New Zealand Ploughing finals 13 times, being placed 10 times, winning 3 times.

In 1996, at the Methven New Zealand finals, I was involved in the setting up of the vintage ploughing competition, and participated in demonstration ploughing at the World Finals in Methven in 2010.

I have previously judged at the New Zealand finals, and am looking forward to judging once again at the coming competitions.



If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it. Photos and stories are appreciated.  
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## NZPA -executive news

1. Four new executive members were welcomed to the Executive, Owen Horsnell replacing Norman Styles, Ken Readman replacing Paul Murphy, Mark Dillon replacing John Thornton and Scott McKenzie filling the vacancy left by Noel Sheat. The executive would like to thank the retiring members for their time on the committee.
2. Ian Woolley was elected as Junior Vice President.
3. Share portfolio, Delegates to the NZPA AGM at Takapau, please come prepared to vote on the following "Should the NZPA continue to hold investments in the share market?"
4. Judges briefing, this will be held after the AGM.
5. Overalls- the overalls pictured in this newsletter are to be worn by all conventional and reversible contestants. Vintage contestants can wear their regional colors. Overalls for conventional and reversible contestants to be ordered thru Willy Willets [wwillets9@gmail.com](mailto:wwillets9@gmail.com) or by phoning 07 8492342 or 021 924093

### Official Overall



Red and Blue Overalls

#### Obituaries

Lawrence McMillan, Northern Ireland  
(Past Chairman WPO)  
Angela Conway  
Paul Amies

#### Next NZPA executive meeting:

March 31, 2020  
April 6, 2020  
At Ferguson Motel

Deadline for articles for May's edition needs  
to be submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

## New executive member's profile

### *Ken Readman*

Born in Waikari North Canterbury on the 9 August 1956

As a child, I lived on farms in Scargill, Glendhu and West Eyreton before moving into Rangiora

I completed all my schooling in Rangiora and my working life started at the age of 16 as an apprentice fitter welder. After completing this I began another apprenticeship as a fitter turner. It wasn't far into my working life that I was promoted to workshop foreman in the welding and profile cutting shops at C&R Equipment in Christchurch. I then moved on from engineering to the irrigation industry working for two of the big companies in Christchurch as a serviceman and later a commissioning engineer traveling throughout New Zealand. My next move was on to owning Skilling's engineering in Rangiora. Then I worked for CWF Hamilton Jet machining parts for jet boat units; this was after the sad loss of my wife in 2002. Next I started working for Auckland based Armorflex selling roadside protection throughout the South Island, which led to my present job of 13 years working at Holmes Solutions in Christchurch testing roadside protection and all number of things for many worldwide company's. ( [www.holmessolutions.com](http://www.holmessolutions.com) )

After watching my farther, Jack, ploughing at the 1980 world ploughing in Lincoln I decided that year to give this ploughing thing a go with my first match being in Lincoln. I ploughed with a Bulldog model N, which was one of our thirteen vintage tractors, and a three furrow Duncan plough, managing to get 3<sup>rd</sup> in the then new vintage class. I then tried a case model C tractor with the same plough. Jack picked up a two furrow Reid and Grey match plough out of the scrap pile at the south Canterbury Traction Engine club for \$10 which had been built for Mr Doak of Washdyke, who I believe had J Kyles farm. Using my mother's Farmall A tractor I entered in the 1984 season where I attained my first win at Waimate. I recall ploughing in all the Canterbury matches in 1986 and winning all eight vintage class matches. Had this ever been done before? Yes, once in the 1920s by a horse ploughman ploughing Colter cut. I tried Colter cut ploughing for three or four years, but this was a dying art with only two of us competing and not many old grass paddocks, which this class required.

Thinking the only way forward would be the silver plough, I tried the Ravensdown plough behind a 434 International tractor. Not so easy, this three-point linkage thing; hence,. I now have a John Deere 5425 and a Kverneland plough and I'm now on my way to my fourth final. The ploughing people are some of the nicest and most are only too willing to help with great advice and priceless tips, which is greatly appreciated.

My other interests are jet boating, cycling, gardening, vintage machinery, vintage trucks and traction engines. I enjoy belonging to a team and socialising with fellow competitors and support crews. It must be said, that it is the awesome camaraderie that makes the sport of ploughing not only challenging but heaps of fun too.

### *Owen Horsnell*

Started life in the Waimate district, brought up on a farm and been a country lad ever since. Went to Morven primary school, then Waimate High School for three years, then started at the university of life.

I started my working life as casual labour in the local district, rousing in shearing sheds, tractor driving, harvesting potatoes into sacks and then grading them for sale.

In 1971, I took part in the International Agricultural Exchange Assn, working trip to Canada and Denmark which I enjoyed very much, a great experience!

I started in the seed cleaning business in the mid-70s with a mobile seed cleaning plant working around the Waimate district, as well as working on the family farm, which I took over the ownership of in 1978.

The late 80s came ,so did the high interest rates and the farm had to be sold .During this time I was involved in Young Farmers ,and this started my interest in ploughing as a Y F rep on the Waitaki PMA for the N Z ploughing Final held on the Foley farm at Studholme and I have been involved ever since .

I have been involved in the seed cleaning industry ever since. My present position is Store Manager of a commercial seed store based at St Andrews.



## Scott McKenzie

Hello, my name is Scott McKenzie, I am a sheep and beef and forestry farmer from Clinton.

I farm 880ha with my brother and family, we are 4<sup>th</sup> generation and have been on this place for 100 years. The farm consists of flat through to hill country and about 220 Ha in forestry.

I went to school in Clinton then to South Otago High. I was involved in YFC which is where I got my first taste for ploughing and shearing. When I left school, I worked for a fencing contractor then for a farmer, and had learnt to shear and got my HT. I then at the ripe age of 18 went to Canada on a IAEA exchange, I worked on a grain farm in Grand Prairie in Northern Alberta, this was an amazing experience, I had no idea where I was going, left here in Feb, 20+ and arrived there to -30... in a tee shirt! From there I returned home and shore for several seasons and worked on farms and also did a bit of truck driving. From there I have gone full time farming, I have gained some experience in logging and now do our own logging.

I am married to Jo and we have 3 daughters Bella, Eve and Heidi. Bella and Eve are now both at High school and Heidi is still at primary. Jo is a very good stock person with a good team of dogs, and does most of the stock work, I do most of the tractor work and logging.

In between times both Jo and I are involved in many community committees and boards, and any spare time we like camping, fishing and spending time with family.

My Sport is ploughing, I started many years ago in the YFC farmers class at our local South Otago match. I got a lot of help and advice from my Uncle Ray McKenzie, and Ken Taylor, James Johnstone and many others, then one thing led to another. My first Championship was in Oamaru. I was then lucky enough to win at Featherston in 2008 in which I ploughed for NZ in Slovenia in 2009, I then won again in 2010 at Methven and ploughed in Sweden. Both trips were very good experiences, and placed midfield both times. Both times I used the NZ plough and had a tractor sponsored by McCormick. This last year in Rakaia I won again, and will go to Russia later this year to plough for NZ. This time I have to take my own gear, as we (NZPA) no longer have a plough to use. This will be a challenging and expensive exercise.

I have recently been elected to the NZPA executive, what I hope to bring to the table is youth. I have experience in governance at board level. I am a competing ploughman with ploughing at heart, and will do my best to represent my region and the NZPA.





## Mark Dillon Profile

Mark hales from Riversdale in Southland. Eldest Son of Richard and Judy Dillon of Ardlussa. Schooled locally at Balfour Primary and then Gore High Mark left school to work briefly as a contractor then went home to work one of the family farms at age of 20.

Mark married Sonia Lyttle in 2007 and started leasing the farm he had been managing for his parents. He bought the farm in 2010 and farms it still with Sonia and their now 3 kids – Blaine 10, Rylan 9 and Ashlyn 6. A mixed Farming operation continues today with arable, sheep, beef and dairy support being major components.

As well as farming Mark also runs a successful beet harvesting business – contracting throughout Otago and Southland. More recently he has begun selling grain blends direct to dairy clients.

Mark has been an active member of Young Farmers and this led to him becoming a member of the Southern Field days Committee which he chaired for 7 years. He is also a founding member of the Southern Tractor Pull association – helping build the sled and forming of a growing club.

During his school years he started ploughing in the local vintage competitions then onto the Mobil matches. Mark competed in his first match at age 12 with Richards Minneapolis Moline (bought new by his Grandad) – winning his class. His 2<sup>nd</sup> match in the commercial class saw him make an attempt at speed ploughing, much to his Dad's horror. His ploughing progressed and he competed in his first NZ final at Rakaia at age of 22.

Mark has been part of the Australian exchange programme and has fond memories of ploughing in Colac and Tasmania.

Winning his first and only NZ final at Lincoln in 2013 he had the pleasure and opportunity to compete in the World Final in St Jean D'illac France in 2014. This year he is honoured to be again travelling with the NZ team to a world Championship this time in Russia as Coach and Manager.

This year Mark was elected on the New Zealand Plough executive. Mark hopes to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to NZ ploughing and be part of the team to see NZ ploughing continue strong into the future.



## 2020 Contestants New Zealand Ploughing Championships

Bob Mehrstens	Courtenay Paparua	Reversible
Ashley Seaton	Waitaki	Reversible
James Burnby	Timaru	Reversible
Murray Baird	South Otago	Reversible
Malcolm Taylor	Reporoa Rotorua	Reversible
Warwick Seaton	West Melton	Conventional
Ken Readman	Lincoln	Conventional
Kelvin Stokes	Mid Canterbury VMC	Conventional
Robert Casey	Hinds	Conventional
Scott McKenzie	Thornbury	Conventional
Ian Woolley	East Otago	Conventional
Simon Reed	North Canterbury	Conventional
Adam Mehrstens	North Canterbury	Conventional
Mark Dillon	Tokomairiro	Conventional
Hamish Baird	Waimea Plains	Conventional
Brad McKenzie	Waimea Plains Vintage MC	Conventional
Matt Ridge	Lake Hawea	Conventional
John Guy	Wairarapa	Conventional
Angela Taylor	Takapau	Conventional
Derek Houghton	Waikato	Conventional
Murray Grainger	Otago/Southland	Vintage
Graeme Anderson	Otago/Southland	Vintage
Alister Chambers	Canterbury	Vintage
Colin Boon	Canterbury	Vintage
Ash Murdoch	Marlborough	Vintage
Ian McSporran	North Island	Vintage
Paul Houghton	North Island	Vintage
John Booth and Jim Earl	Canterbury	Horse
John and Sharon Chynoweth	Canterbury	Horse
Derrick Thornton	North Island	Horse
Kylie Northcott	North Island	Horse

## World contest

**RUSSIA:** contest now on 8-9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in Leningrad St Petersburg. \*

**REP. OF IRELAND:** contest on 17-18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. (reviewed date)

**ESTONIA:** 2022

**MACEDONIA:** 2023

\*Please note that the visitor's package for Russia will increase on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, all information is on the website:

[www.eng.wpe2020.ru/package](http://www.eng.wpe2020.ru/package)

Five ways to tell you're getting older

1 You start complaining that "They're building car seats too darn low"

2 You drink prune juice on purpose

3 You wake up with that awful "morning after" feeling and you didn't do anything the night before

4 The tooth fairy has more teeth than you do

5 You think "libido" is an Italian pasta

## Ploughing match dates newest updates:

### 25 Ploughing Dates:

Canterbury	Date:	Otago Southland	Date:
Timaru	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Taieri	10 May
Lincoln		South Otago	17 October
Hinds	24 May	East Otago,	March
Methven	6 June	Thornbury	18 April
Rakaia	7 June	Central Southland VMC,	19 April
Mid Canterbury VMC,	23 May	Lake Hawea	March
Oxford		Waimea Plains	August
Waitaki,	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Waimea Plains VMC (23 <sup>rd</sup>	August
Courtenay Paparua		match),	
North Canterbury		Tokomairiro	
West Melton			
Geraldine	26 <sup>th</sup> April NQ		
North Island			
Wairarapa	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Manawatu PMA	5 October
Manawatu Vintage	14/15 March	Takapau	3 October
Franklin	November	Waikato	November
Reporoa Rotorua,	27 Sept		
Marlborough	30/31 <sup>st</sup> May		

## RECIPE

### Beetroot Relish

3 medium beetroot, peeled and grated      1 red onion- finely chopped  
 2 Tbsp currants or sultanas                      ½ cup sugar  
 1 tsp ground allspice                                ½ cup balsamic vinegar  
 ¼ cup water    1 Tbsp olive oil  
 1 tsp salt     ½ tsp pepper

Put all ingredients into a pot, cover and boil over med heat for 10 mins, then reduce heat and simmer 20 mins. Remove lid and carry on simmering till beetroot is tender and glossy. Jar into sterilised jar and screw on lids which have been simmered in water for 5 mins.





## Watch-Out for the NZPA sign on Highway 2 and Highway 50 Corner Takapau



Remember Registrations Close 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Bus trip has been Cancelled but alternative sights & choices will be in your registration pack.





## Event Programme

65<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Ploughing Championships  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7 pm	Ice Breaker Evening at Takapau Town Hall Charlotte street Takapau
		<b>Supper only Have you Registered for Supper?</b>
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30 am—4 pm	279 Nelson road You will be directed to the practice area.
Thurs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> April.	9.30 am—4 pm	Grass same area.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7 pm	A.G.M. at Oruawharo 379 Oruawharo road Takapau
		After meeting Ploughman's, Judges & Stewards Safety Briefing meeting.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10 am	Rededication Service at Oruawharo Church. 379 Oruawharo road.
	11.15	Plot Draw
	12 Mid-day	Luncheon
	1 pm	Visits of your Choice. Those going to the Medieval Weaponry must be there
at	1.30 pm	and have \$20.00 Cash each. Directions in pack.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Judges Briefing and score cards
	9.00 am	Stewards Briefing. and depth cards
	10.00 am	Official Opening in the Marshalling yard.
	10.30 am	Parade to plots ( Bagpipes)
	11.20 am	Start of ploughing
	11.40 am	Stop for judging of opening - Splits
	12.20 pm	Ploughing recommences again.
	3.00 pm	Ploughing Stops
	3.15 pm	Parade to Marshalling yard.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Parade to plots (Bagpipies)
	10.50 am	Start of ploughing
	11.10 am	Stop for judging of opening Splits
	11.50 pm	Ploughing recommences again
	2.30 pm	Ploughing Stops
	2.45 pm	Parade to marshalling yard.
		Presentation Dinner at Takapau Town Hall
	6 pm	Drinks & Greeting
	7 pm	Toast to the New Zealand Ploughing Association -Brian Kirk President of the Takapau Ploughing Association
		Reply and toast to the Takapau Ploughing Association -Willy Willetts President of the New Zealand Ploughing Association
		Grace
	7 .15 pm	Dinner (all of the meal and & coffee)
	8.15 pm	Guest Speaker
	8.35 pm	Presentation of participation Certificates
		Presentation of Awards
		Closing of Official Proceedings

## Registration for the New Zealand Ploughing Championships 2020

Held at 279 Nelsons Road, off Highway 50. Takapau 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email; \_\_\_\_\_ Phone; Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Indicate: Competitor — Judge — Executive — Steward --- Supporter.**

**Registrations must be in by 28th Feb. 2020. Late Registrations Cost \$50.00.**

Practice days Wednesday 1st April & Thursday 2nd April, 279 Nelson Rd.

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00  
each \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to attend the following functions:

Ice Breaker Evening, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7 pm. Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00  
each, Total \_\_\_\_\_ To be held at

the Takapau Town hall. Super & Cash Bar

A.G.M.Meeting 7 pm Thurs. Evening at Oruawharo Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
No Charge

Rededication Service, Mayoral reception, Plot Draw, Luncheon.

379 Oruawharo Road, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, starts 10 am Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Charge

**Bus Trip is Cancelled** alternatives will be in registration pack.

Extra two-day gate Passes. Under 16 years Free Number required \_\_\_\_\_ \$15. Per  
day Total \_\_\_\_\_

Awards & Dinner Evening Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Held at Takapau Town Hall Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$

60.00 pp. Total \_\_\_\_\_ **Limited to 200**

**Total Paid**

**Lunches can be purchased each practice day at the practice site.**

Signs will be posted from the main Takapau road.

Cheques to be payable to; Takapau Ploughing 2020

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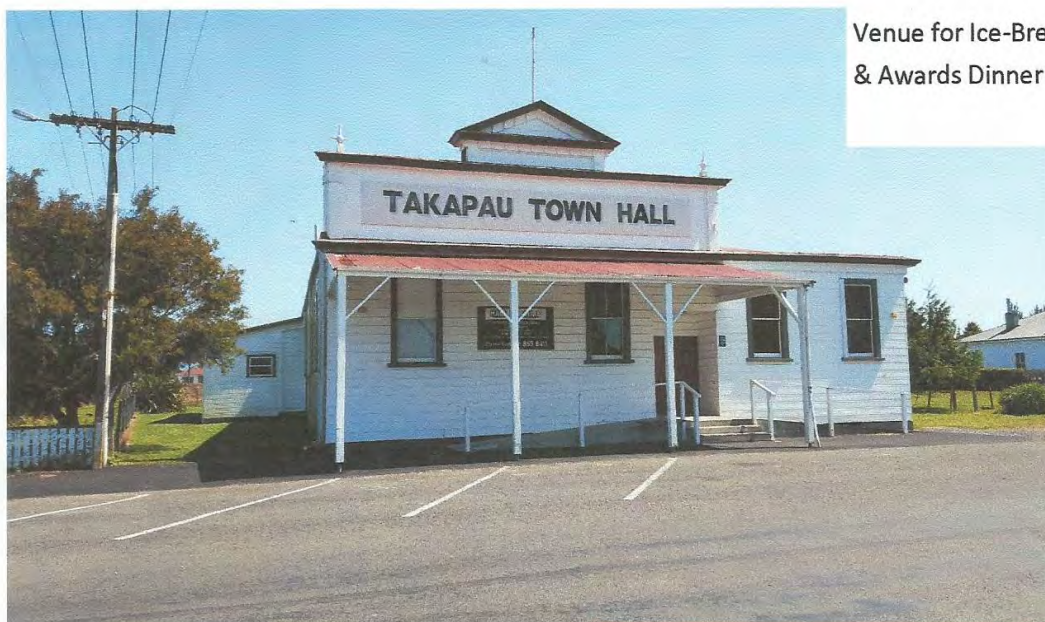
Function tickets will be in your registration

to be picked up at the Ice Breaker Evening.

Postal Address:  
Takapau Ploughing  
C/- H.J. McSporran  
171 Kaiwaka road,  
R.D.1 Napier. 4181

ment.





Venue for Ice-Breaker evening  
& Awards Dinner

#### Travel times & distances

From Hastings to paddock 75 klms. 1 Hour

From Waipukurau to paddock 25 Klms. 30 mins

From Dannevirke to paddock 30 klms. 45 mins.

Waipukurau to Takapau town hall 20 klms. 35 mins

Waipukurau to Oruawharo 17 klms. 25 mins

Hastings to Takapau Hall 71 km. 45 mins

Hastings to Oruawharo 68 km. 45 mins.

Dannevirke to Takapau Hall 35 km. 30 min.

Dannevirke to Oruawharo 38klm. 35 min.

At Silver Fern Sign turn off Highway 2 onto Fraser road, 1st  
turn right onto Oruawharo road, number 379.

