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## April 2024 Newsletter



**NEW ZEALAND  
RURAL SPORTS  
awards**

Well, what a fantastic evening, held at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North, Friday 8th, March. New Zealand Ploughing Assn had nominated Bob Mehrtens in the Sportsman of the Year category, sponsored by PTS Logistics. There were 10 other nominees and from the ten, three were selected as finalists. The three finalists were Bob Mehrtens, Jack Jordon, wood chopping and Neil Evans, sheep dog trialing.

The winner of the sportsman of the year was Jack Jordan and he actually went on to win the overall Ford Supreme Rural sports award. Great effort.

The evening consisted of awards in 7 categories, plus the supreme award. Leading into each category was a guest speaker, some that spoke were Joseph Sullivan, rowing, Gilbert Enokna, mental coach for the All Blacks and other sports teams, Holly Robinson, para-Olympian. These people were outstanding, opening your eyes into their world. Gilbert was exceptionally interesting. With each category was a sponsor who read the winners name out and presented the trophy.

The Rural sports awards have been going for about 10 years first taking place in Queenstown then with a move to Palmerston North as the organising committee thought that this would reflect more of a rural background and the Mayor of Palmerston North was on the committee at the time.

The whole Rural Games is actually over two and half days with different rural sports taking place at the square in central Palmerston North. A great site and very well organised, take your hats off to the whole organisation.

Bob was accompanied by his wife Raewyn, his daughter Mirinda and husband Bevan, Jenny and myself plus Leon and Aaron from Power Farming. It was great to have Power Farming there as NZPA's main sponsor and a sponsor of the rural games.

Now that ploughing is on the radar of the Rural sports awards, hopefully NZPA will have the chance to nominate people in the future. If you ever get the opportunity to attend this event, I would thoroughly recommend it.

Ian Woolley





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*Ice breaker evening*



We are excited to announce Saints Public House, 571 Horotiu road, Te Kowhai as the venue for our icebreaker evening. The venue is only 4.3 km away from the ploughing site and will be open as a private event. Start time is 6:00pm Wed 10th April. The kitchen will be open for anyone who wishes to buy dinner prior to the icebreaker starting. The bar will be open to purchase drinks, and finger food platters will be served later in the evening. We have plenty of room for friends and family to attend as well, but we do need them to register beforehand so that we can cater for them accordingly. We are looking forward to welcoming you all here! To view Saints public house menu and other details follow the link to their website: <https://saintspub.co.nz/>

# Ice breaker evening



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Note: This is not a meal Supper only

7.00 pm Doors Open – Registered Persons pick up INFO PACKS

NOTE: Info Packs contain the following:-

1. Detailed Programme for each day for Registered persons.
2. How to Get There Instructions (from the city)
3. Health & Safety Folders (competitors only)
4. Name Tags (includes the ticket items booked & paid for)
5. Two Day Gate Passes (paid for)
6. Vehicle Passes for the Official gate where appropriate
7. Public Programme (contains the plot draw sheets)
8. Gift from Waikato Ploughing

7.01 pm Bar Open – Attendees buy own drinks

Mix & Mingle

7.30pm Welcome by Waikato Ploughing Club (John Guy)



## Important Notices

1. We have a 'ROAD CLOSURE' that has affected the ploughing site

This really affects those not staying in the city. See a local if you need help.

### 2. **Parking at the Ploughing site**

There are two gates. The OFFICIAL GATE and the PUBLIC GATE. You need a vehicle pass for the Official Gate. These have been included in your pack where appropriate. This parking is very limited. Judges and Head Stewards your parking is via the Official Gate and is all day, and you cannot leave until after the event is finished.

### 3. **Parking at the Church / Mayoral Morning Tea**

There is plenty of parking space beyond the church which is to be used by ourselves. We are adjacent to the school and the district hall. School starts at the same time as our service. Beware of parents dropping off their children.

4. **Eftpos machine available.** If you want to buy additional pass's please see Angela Taylor at the Icebreaker.

5. **Health & Safety.** Competitors have their packs in the bags including the sheet to sign. Judges, Stewards etc will sign a shared form.

Practice Day at the site you can return your signed forms to Waikato Ploughing or read and sign the shared ones. **YOU MUST HAVE SIGNED BEFORE 9.00am**

**Saturday to PARTICIPATE**

8.00pm Welcome by NZPA (Ian Woolley)

8.05pm PLOT DRAW

8.35pm AUCTION

8.45pm PLATTERS SERVED



## HOW DO I GET THERE?



1. THE PLOUGHING SITE  
Official Practice / Competition Plots
2. SAINTS PUBLIC HOUSE - TE KOWHAI  
Ice Breaker
3. THE VILLAGE CHURCH - HORSHAM DOWNS  
Church Service / Mayoral Morning Tea
4. THE DISTINCTION HOTEL  
AGM / Awards Evening

There will be 2 official practise days.

Day 1 --Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. --This practise is to be held at 265 Crawford Road, which is across the road from the competition ploughing site.

This is maize stubble which has been mulched.

On the practise day the plough men & women have to be on site by 12 noon.

The plot size is 40m x 12m.

Access to this practise site is along a tanker track which is narrow so please drive slowly & be courteous of vehicles coming the other way.

Day 2--- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April---This practise day is on the competition site, 264 Crawford Road.

This is Triticale stubble.

If you have a Sat-Nav, Vehicles Maps function or phone you can turn on for directions we suggest you do so.

All instructions are from LIGHTS CORNER TE RAPA ROAD & GARNETT AVENUE. Coming from City SPOTLIGHT is on left . Coming from Distinction Hotel SPOTLIGHT is on right and you will turn left.

For the PLOUGHING site the road closure of the Horotiu Road Exit on the Great South Road is problematic and best avoided although we will have it signed from the lights at Horotiu.

### **THE PLOUGHING SITE - Practice / Competition Plots**

264 Crawford Road, Horotiu (off Horotiu Road or Te Kowhai-Ngaruawahia Road)

Approximately 17 minutes

1. Go North on Te Rapa Road. In approximately 3.2 kms just past the entry to the BASE.
2. In approximately 500 meters take second exit on right onto Arthur Porter Drive.
3. Continue to end of Arthur Porter Drive (1600 meters) then turn right onto Ruffell Road.
4. In approximately 200 meters turn left onto Onion Road.
5. Stay on Onion Road it changes direction at about 1.5 kms.
6. At the end of Onion Road (3.1kms) turn right onto Horotiu Road (ignore sign Residents Only).
7. In 100 metres turn left onto Crawford Road 1 kms (you will not miss the site).

### **Alternative for Ploughing Site**

1. Go North on Te Rapa Road. In approximately 3.2 kms just past the entry to the BASE.
  2. At the roundabout to straight ahead.
  3. Continue on the Great South Road until you reach the second set of lights (at Horotiu). DON'T go on to the expressway.
  4. When you see the lights ahead prepare to turn left. You will see ploughing signage from here.
  5. Turn left and straight ahead crossing the overhead bridge. Follow this road through the new industrial development.
  6. When you see an overhead bridge in front of you should see Onion Road on your right.
  7. At the end of Onion Road (3.1kms) turn right onto Horotiu Road (ignore sign Residents Only).
  8. In 100 metres turn left onto Crawford Road 1 kms (you will not miss the site)
- LOADING BANK DIRECTIONS HERE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO DAY 1 OF OFFICIAL PRACTICE

### **SAINTS PUBLIC HOUSE– TE KOWHAI**

*Ice Breaker*

571 Horotiu Road, Te Kowhai (off Te Kowhai to Ngaruawahia Road)

Approximately 17 minutes

1. Go North on Te Rapa Road. In approximately 3.2 kms just past the entry to the BASE.
2. In approximately 3kms at the roundabout first exit onto TeKowhai Road East.
3. In approximately 500 meters take second exit on right onto Arthur Porter Drive.
4. Continue to end of Arthur Porter Drive (1600 meters) then turn right onto Ruffell Road.
5. In approximately 200 meters turn left onto Onion Road.
6. In approximately 400 meters turn left onto Koura Drive (Highway 39).
7. In approximately 1.3 kms at the roundabout turn right onto Te Kowhai Road.
8. In 2.5 kms turn right still on Te Kowhai Road (HW 39 continues different road name).
9. Continue until the end 2.3 kms and turn right into Ngaruawahia-TeKowhai Road.
10. The Saints is 200 meters on your right.





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**Thursday 11th April** AGM at the Distinction Hotel Hamilton - 7.30pm

**Friday 12 April** - Church Service, Briefing and Mayoral welcome at The Village Church, Horsham Downs  
Bus trip

**Saturday 13th April** - Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships  
264 Crawford Road, Horotiu, Waikato.

**Sunday 14th April** - Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships 264 Crawford Road, Horotiu, Waikato.

Awards ceremony at Distinction Hotel Hamilton  
5.30pm Happy Hour  
6.30pm Official proceedings begin





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**THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	8.30 am NZPA Executive Meeting <i>(Venue: Power Farming Board Room Morrinsville)</i>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9.00m - 4.30pm Official Practice Crawford Road (Across from Site) 12.30pm Practice Day Lunch (on Site) 7.00pm Ice Breaker Evening & Plot Draw <i>(Supper only)</i> <i>(Venue: Saints Public House 571 Horotiu Road Te Kowhai)</i>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9.00m - 4.30pm Official Practice at Crawford Road Site 12.30pm Practice Day Lunch 1.30pm Health & Safety Briefing 2.00pm Judges Briefing on Site – Bruce Redmond 7.00pm AGM NZ Ploughing Association <i>(Venue: Distinction Hotel)</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9.00am Service of Blessing <i>(Venue: Village Church Horsham Downs)</i> 10.00am Mayoral Reception <i>(Venue: Village Church Complex)</i> 11.00am Bus Trip <i>(Departs Village Church Returns 4.30pm)</i>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	7.30am Crawford Road Site Opens 9.00 am Competitors Briefing – Bruce Redmond 9.15 am Plot Stewards Briefing – Owen Horsnell 9.45am Judges Briefing – Bruce Redmond 10.15am Parade to Plots 11.00am Ploughing Commences 11.20am Opening Split completed 12.00pm Ploughing Recommences 2.40pm Ploughing Finishes 3.00pm Plough Persons return to Marshalling Area

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Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

7.30am Crawford Road Site Opens  
9.00 am Competitors Briefing – Bruce Redmond  
9.15 am Plot Stewards Briefing – Owen Horsnell  
9.45am Judges Briefing – Bruce Redmond  
10.15am Parade to Plots  
11.00am Ploughing Commences  
11.20am Opening Split completed  
12.00pm Ploughing Recommences  
2.40pm Ploughing Finishes  
3.00pm Plough Persons return to  
Marshalling Area  
5.30 pm Awards Ceremony – MC Ian Woolley  
(Venue: *Distinction Hotel*)

Monday  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

8.30am NZPA Executive Meeting  
(Venue: *Village Church Horsham Downs*)



### **AUCTION at the ICEBREAKER**

Come prepared to spend.  
We take both cards and cash.

**We will be auctioning off goods donated to  
Waikato Ploughing Association.**



<b>Fern Energy Silver Plough Conventional</b>	<b>Stubble</b>	<b>Grassland</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Placing</b>
James Burnby				
Tryphena Carter				
Robert Casey				
Mark Dillon				
John Guy				
Derek Houghton				
Paul Houghton				
Bruce McCormick				
Simon Reed				
Ken Readman				
Warwick Seaton				
Thomas Sime				
Angela Taylor				
<b>Pioneer Brand Products Reversible</b>	<b>Stubble</b>	<b>Grassland</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Bob Mehrtens				
Ashley Seaton				
Malcolm Taylor				
<b>Holmes Solutions Vintage</b>	<b>Stubble</b>	<b>Grassland</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Dave Allan				
Ian Cocker				
Bruce Graham				
Murray Grainger				
Ian McSporran				
Peter Mehrtens				
John Wild				
<b>Rural News Horse</b>	<b>Stubble</b>	<b>Grassland</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Placing</b>
John Booth & Ange Prothoroe				
Bruce Johnson & Paule Crawford				
Sean Leslie & Casey Tilson				