

NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING

CHAMPIONSHIPS
Fern Energy SilverPlough Conventional: overall results:

- 1st. Mark Dillon 385.5 points (with the Fern Energy Silver Plough Conventional Trophy)
- 2nd Derek Houghton 295.5 points (with the Case IH Trophy)
- 3rd Shane Burnby 284.5 points (winner of the Magson Trophy)

Pioneer Brand Products Reversible: overall results:

- 1st. Malcolm Taylor 324.5 points, (with the reversible trophy donated by Graham and Shirley Gifford)
- 2nd Murray Baird 295.5 points (with the Ford trophy)
- 3rd. Henry Williams 268.0 points

Rural News Horse Plough:

- 1st. John and Sharon Chynoweth 368.0 points (winners of the Rural News Horse trophy)
- 2nd John Booth and Paule Crawford 297.5 points
- 3rd Ian and Kathy Cummings 249.5 points

Holmes Solutions New Zealand Vintage Ploughing Championship:

- 1st Paula Jordan 303.0 points (winner of the Jordan Family trophy)
- 2nd Ian Cocker 294.0 points
- 3rd Robert Weavers 293.0 points

Holmes Solutions Contemporary Ploughing

- 1st Josh Rushton 325.0 points (winner of the David M Brown Memorial Trophy)
- 2nd Richard Cooke 283.5 points
- 3rd Keith Marychurch 231.5 points

Special Prizes:

Vern Bishell Trophy donated by Vern Bishell to be presented to the best presented horse team, including horses, equipment and contestants.
Winners - John Booth and Paule Crawford

Wiganwood Trophy Donated by John Thornton: Best presented rig at this years Championship
Winner: Murray Grainger

W G Miller Trophy Awarded to the highest place competitor 35 years of age and under at the time of this championship. Winner: Shane Burnby

Alistair Rutherford Memorial Trophy - for outstanding contribution to the sport of ploughing: Alan Begg

The Jordan family prize for the straightest plot on the ground - Paula Jordan



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The Alistair Rutherford Memorial Trophy:

This is presented by the host organisation to a person who has worked hard to support the sport of ploughing over the years. In 2026, the worthy recipient was Alan Begg.



Honorary Life Member of the New Zealand Ploughing Association:

At the AGM of the NZPA, Colin Millar was made an honorary life member of the New Zealand Ploughing Association. He was nominated by Reporoa Rotorua Ploughing Association. Congratulations to Colin.

The Jordan Family Award:

This award stemmed from conversations amongst the Jordan family prior to Chiefy's death, on the importance of straightness when ploughing. The family decided to donate a cash prize, for the competitor with the most points allocated for straightness at the Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships, over all of the classes. This year the award went to: Paula Jordan



GET Well SOON

Our thoughts have all been with Ian and Helen McSparran who were involved in an accident, during the championship week. We missed them and all wish them a speedy recovery



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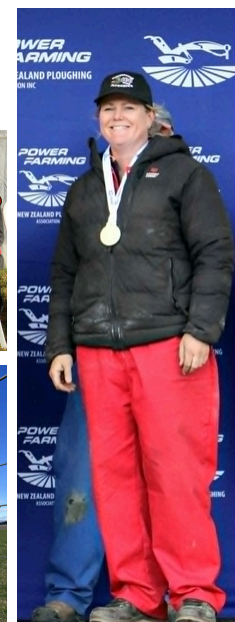
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The Executive would like to thank all of the following people for so generously giving up their time to help make the Methven Country Fair and Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships such a great success!

- Huge thanks to the organizing committees, for all their volunteer hours spent putting on the event. Thanks to Bruce and Sandy Redmond for working tirelessly to support ploughing and their committee.
- Thanks to the land owner Andrew Currie
- Our chief head steward - Ken Readman
- Head Stewards - Colin Millar, Paul Murphy, Alan Wills, Colin McConnachy, Ian Robb, Alan Begg
- Runners - Steve McDrury, Tom Fowler, Leanne Winter
- Judges - Ronald Sheat, Alan Wallace, Jeff Cridge, Lynda Guy, Bruce Chittock, Chris Sime, Graham Miller, Chris Doak, Richard Haffner, Marty O'Reilly, David Chatterton, Paul McFall, Richard Dillon, Andrew Taylor, Steven Watt, Colin Maw, Ashley Gloyn, Brian Kirk, Bill Ward, Alan Wilson, Sean Leslie, Hayden Allison
- Alistair Allison, John Court,
- Noel Sheat - our esteemed photographer
- Our plot stewards - Colin Mckenzie, Owen Anderson, John Butt, Ange Protheroe, Warwick Seaton, Chole Lovett, Colin McFarlane, Trev Readman, Keith Howden, Neil Ross, Russell Mehrtens, Lloyd, Peter Mehrtens, Casey Tilson, Bob Anderson, John Nordqvist, John Wild, Ashley Seaton
- Competitor assistance - Alan Begg, Roger Jordan
- NZPA Marquee supervisors - Nikki Doak, Kim McDrury, Andrew McCully
- Helping with Sarah's display set up - Chris and Jo Sime
- Huge thanks to Chris Doak for helping setting up the marquee
- Judges/Stewards pack helper - Kim McDrury
- On the spot First Aid helper - Hunter McDrury
- General Support person - helping set up and take down and lending a hand - Bevin from Power Farming
- Huge thanks to Hayden Allison, Tom Fowler, Shane Burnby for giving up their time to help set out the plot numbers and name plates.



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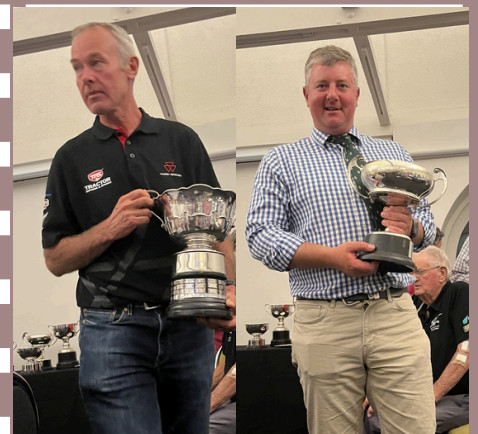
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100 years of ploughing in Marlborough

Celebrating 100 years of ploughing in Marlborough

A large crowd of people turned out to celebrate 100 years of ploughing in Marlborough on the 21st of March. The event was made even more special by the fact that it was held on the Jordan family farm. Home of our late patron Chiefy (Ian Jordan). Saturday began with a welcome by the Deputy Mayor. Mr Croad told those who attended the milestone celebration it was more than a ploughing competition. "It's about our rural heritage, the traditions that have been passed down through generations, shaping not only our landscapes, but our way of life," he said. "It's about the deep connection between people, land and community that defines regions like ours."

The competitors were piped out onto the paddock. There were vintage, horse, contemporary and conventional contestants there. A range of food and trade stalls were on site also. A crowd favourite was the display by members of the police dog squad. In the evening there was a meal and awards evening held at the Scenic Hotel in Blenheim. The cake was cut by Vern Bishell, Graham Gifford, Roger Jordan and Jim Cresswell.. Derek Houghton qualified in the conventional class and Richard Cooke in the vintage.



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Timaru Ploughing Match

Held on 28th March on the Bowan family farm, the home of Heartland Chips in Orari. Huge thanks to the Bowan family for the use of the paddock. Thanks also to Dianne Weavers, Irene Ward and Bronwyn for helping with the points. Thanks also to the judges who gave up their time to share their judging skills.

We had a great day of ploughing with 24 competitors

Results:

Fern Energy Silver Plough Conventional

1. Robert Casey. 180 pts 69.42%
2. Derek Houghton 178.0 pts 68.46%
3. Shane Burnby 151.0pts 58.05%

Pioneer Brand Products Reversible

1. Bob Mehrtens 211 pts 75.36% (qualified)
2. Henry Williams 138.5 pts 49.46%

Holmes Solutions Vintage Ploughing

1. R Weavers 177.5 points 68.27%
2. D Hight 151.5 pts 58.27%
3. D Allan 146.0 pts 56.15%

Rural News Horse Ploughing

1. J Booth and P Crawford 169.0 pts 65.0%



Thank you from Sandy Redmond:

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to a great weekend.

Results of the Ruralco coloring in competition:

- 0-4 years Henry van Ameyde
- 5-8 years Joane' van den Derg
- 9-12 years Hazel McNeur

Count the Tractors in the jar competition Declan Lovett 21 tractors

Lost hat : A Massey Ferguson cap was found in a jetboat after the river excursion, ring Sandy 0273221246 to arrange to collect.



Thanks to Hunter McDrury and Sandra Watt for some of the photos used in this newsletter



thank you

Helen and Ian want to thank all the NZ Ploughing people who helped us after our accident. Your concern and encouragement helped us with our recovery. Special thanks to Sarah, Colin and all the North Islanders that were with us, supporting us from the accident to when we got home. A big thank you to you all. We will see you all next year. Regards Ian and Helen McSporran

