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NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION INC

NEWSLETTER
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2026 WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST CROATIA



Hello Everyone,

The journey started off with the tractors & ploughs going to Australia & back!

Then borrowing tractors & ploughs, Mark managed to get one in Wales. To start with I thought I could get a tractor & plough in Croatia but I had other offers. Thomas Cochrane offered me his tractor & plough, the cost was a big concern but when Mark asked the Welsh & they thought they could get 3 tractors & ploughs on one truck, it was a go.

When I arrived in UK I visited my son & family. Then the Welsh said there was some ground here for about 5 days. The Welsh gave us, the team – Mark, Sonia, Ron, James & myself a house to use for free. I don't think I can repay Rhodri, James & family & their friends enough for everything they offered us. I hope if they come to the World Ploughing in New Zealand, I can go some way to repaying their great hospitality.

One of the many people we met was TC, a truck driver, he has his own trucking business. He was going to take the tractors & ploughs to Croatia by road in his 45 foot articulated truck. I asked if I could travel with him in the truck, he said yes & we became very good friends & had lots of cups of tea. The truck has kettle, microwave etc. We left Wales drove across England then on through Europe & down to Croatia, 2500km.

We got to Croatia & hit their heat wave of 32c on the first day, but it got worse up to44c, it was crazy they had been 82 days without rain at Osijek. Everyone arrived in the next couple of days, we put the ploughs in the ground, the hardest I have ever encountered. During the first couple of days I wondered why I was here. The accomodation at the university was very good, with plenty of eating places close by, with a 20 minute drive to the grounds. A question that a lot of people were asking was –we have been in a lot of eastern block countries for the Worlds for the last 5-6 years & the land preparation has been nil. It's not all their fault, they have not got the experience as the United Kingdom but those countries other than Ireland have not got the money to run a World event. Croatia was given 725,000 Euro by the government.

Thomas was our coach & I was using his tractor & plough, he was very helpful & most of the time he left me to it, if I had a question I would ask him & he was encouraging to work with.
The 2 days of competition, the plot I drew for the stubble was very good but my grass plot was bad it was a very hard part of the ground. Overall I think that Mark & I did very well in the conditions & using borrowed gear.

Thanks must go to the Welsh Ploughing Association, TC for his truck, NZPA & our sponsors & thanks to Sonia.

Kind regards
Malcolm Taylor.

71st World Ploughing Championship
September 4th - 5th
Osijek-Baranja County
CROATIA 2026



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Welcome to our new sponsor of the TRS Tyre & Wheel Silver Plough conventional class

YOKOHAMA TWS

TRS TYRE & WHEEL

Message from Brad Fisher - Marketing Manager:

TRS Tyre & Wheel (Yokohama TWS) is incredibly proud to stand alongside the NZ Ploughing Association as the naming rights sponsor of the Silver Plough Conventional Class. Agriculture is at the heart of who we are, and since 1977, we've been proud to support the farmers and contractors who work tirelessly to keep New Zealand moving. As the country's largest supplier of agricultural tyres and locally manufactured wheels, we understand that behind every paddock is a story of hard work, passion, resilience and dedication.

As we approach this incredible milestone of 50 years in business, we're excited to celebrate our long-standing connection to New Zealand Agriculture by supporting the ploughing community and the people who help keep its traditions alive. Ploughing represents more than just a competition; it's a celebration of skill, craftsmanship, heritage and the generations of passion that shape our Agricultural Industry.

To all competitors taking part this season, we wish you the very best of luck. We're proud to be part of the journey and look forward to seeing you out in the paddock!

UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- *The Executive are saddened to receive the resignation of Ian Woolley, from the NZPA Executive and his post as World Board Member. Ian has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of ploughing over the years. He has worked tirelessly on the Executive and been a brilliant ambassador for New Zealand Ploughing throughout his time overseas. The Executive would like to sincerely thank Ian for all that he has done for us.*
- *AGM - The NZPA Executive have become concerned at the tone of the AGM over recent years. The Annual General Meeting is a formal meeting to present reports and financial statements. This year we are going to trial a new format. We will hold the Annual General Meeting as usual. Following that, there will be a general meeting where delegates from affiliates can speak and bring up any concerns. There will be an agenda for this meeting which will be circulated to all affiliates alongside the AGM agenda. This will allow delegates a chance to hear from their associations any points they wish to shared in regards to items on the agenda. Items to be discussed at this general meeting must be provided in writing to the General Secretary by 20th January 2027. Please outline your points for discussion and let us know who your delegate is that will be speaking to your point.*
- *Fern Energy have stepped down from sponsoring the Silver Plough. We thank them for their support over the years.*

We have two positions available at the moment:



- ***Treasurer** - if you know anyone would like to take on the role of treasurer for NZPA please contact your local Executive member. Gary has offered to support this person into the role. An honorarium is provided.*
- ***World Board Member** - The Executive would like to seek applications for the position of World Board Member. This person will be required to attend World Ploughing Organisation virtual and in person meetings. You would be representing the New Zealand Ploughing Association at World Ploughing Contests. If this person is not already an elected NZPA Executive Member, then you will be co-opted onto the NZPA Executive. This will be for a term of 5 years. Please apply in writing to the General Secretary at nzploughing@gmail.com before 20 January 2027*

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Qualifying Events: Qualifying Events: Qualifying Events: Stand downs

Reporoa Rotorua	Taieri	Methven	Franklin
Takapau	Thornbury	Courtenay Paparua	East Otago
Manawatu Vintage	Middlemarch	Mid Canterbury	Tokomairiro
Manawatu PMA	Waimea Plains PMA	Waitaki	Hinds
Waikato	South Otago	Rakaia	Geraldine VMC
Wairarapa PMA	Waimea Plains VMC		
Marlborough	Central Southland	Timaru	
		North Canterbury	
		Oxford	



Please note the correct bank account number to pay in any donations for the 2029 World Ploughing Contest. Apologies for the confusion.
The correct number should read:
02-0836-0095804-066
Account name: World Champs 2029

South Otago

1.11.2026

Conventional

Plot	Competitor	Score	%
9	M Dillon	210	80.77%
14	S Mckenzie	204	78.46%
8	T Sime	179	68.85%
10	B Mehrtens	171.5	65.96%
13	B Mckenzie	136.5	52.50%
12	J Rushton	125.5	48.27%
11	R Casey	123.5	47.50%

Vintage

Plot	Competitor	Score	%
24	M Grainger	186	71.54%
25	D Allan	161	61.92%
23	Sean & Casey	148.5	57.12%
26	J Wild	145.5	55.96%

Classic

Plot	Competitor	Score	%
27	L Balneaves	144.5	55.58%
29	H Joyce	137	52.69%
28	C Hitchcock	113	43.46%
30	K Mansel	89.5	34.42%

Tokomairiro

Tokomairiro ploughing match was held on 31st October 2026 on Lindsay Road, Milton, Scott Johnstone's property. It was older lea ground, and the bodywork on a lot of the plots was very good. Fifteen competitors took part and the day concluded with a barbecue meal provided by the local Lions Club. The prize giving and the Otago Southland AGM was held in Milton afterwards. Robert Casey qualified.

Results:

Silver Plough Conventional
1st Scott McKenzie. 203 points
2nd Mark Dillon 194.5 points
3rd Thomas Sime 151.5 points

Rural News Horse Ploughing *- Sean & Casey 172 points*

Classic ploughing *- 1st Harley Joyce*
2nd Colin Hitchcock
3rd Lenny Balneaves

Holmes Solutions Vintage Ploughing
John Wild 149 points
Murray Grainger 145 points
Dave Allan 141 points

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17 -18TH APRIL

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Hinds

The NZPA executive visited the site of the 2027 Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships in Hinds recently. Those of you have attended Hinds ploughing matches in the past will be familiar with the Lowe family farm. We are lucky enough to be hosted by landowners William and Jane Lowe. John Booth is the chairperson of the organising committee and Paule Crawford is the secretary.



The programme for the week will be as follows:
Tuesday 13 April - NZPA Executive meeting
Wednesday 14 April - Day 1 Practice
Icebreaker - Southern Rugby Clubrooms
Thursday 15 April - Day 2 Practice
AGM - Tinwald Tavern
General meeting held immediately after if required.
Friday 16th April - Church service and Mayoral welcome. Hinds Church
Bus trip to Ashburton Aviation Museum
Saturday 17 April - Stubble competition day 1
BBQ in the paddock
Sunday 18 April - Grassland competition day 2
Awards evening Hinds Community Hall







Please note that on page 6 of the new rule book ...Rule 5 (1) It needs to be changed from 3 to 4 North Island vintage contestants, including Marlborough. This will bring it up to 10 contestants

Thank you!

Huge thanks to the Methven Ploughing Association for the $10 000 that they present to NZPA after running such a successful Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships. We appreciate the efforts of all involved and the effort that went in, to get such a great result!

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