



# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **May 2021**

General meeting Wednesday 19 May  
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall  
NZ Police on Firearms Licensing

## General meeting 19 May

There have been recent changes to the firearms licensing process – including for renewal of existing licences. We have invited representatives from the NZ Police along to brief our members on the new process and answer our questions. This is important information so please come along to listen. Also a chance to catch up on roar stories (people aren't sending these for inclusion in the newsletter so you'll have to ask in person!). Followed by a cuppa and supper.



## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

15-16 MAY WANGANUI FALLOW HUNT Already full.

19 MAY GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. See details above.

2 JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

11-13 JUNE NATEX ANNUAL CONFERENCE Queenstown.

16 JUNE GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed.

**7 JULY COMMITTEE MEETING** Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

**22 JULY GENERAL MEETING** Plan is for smallbore shooting. This is a **Thursday** night. Details to be confirmed

**31 AUGUST AHT & PHOTO ENTRIES CLOSE** See competition categories later in newsletter.

**19 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT** Sunday starting 10 am at Gladstone range.

**16 OCTOBER ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING** Date still to be confirmed with caterers but put it on your calendar now. On Saturday night in Parkvale Hall.



## Recent Events

### 29 MARCH & 5 MAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Your new committee of 17 has met twice with near full attendance (only one apology at each meeting). A range of topics have been discussed and updates are provided in this newsletter. If you want to find out more come along to the general meetings. A reminder of the committee for 2021/22:

President: Andrew Dennes

Vice-president: Sean Roberts

Secretary: Aidan Bichan

Treasurer: Sean Roberts

Committee:

Martin Amos

Tracy Amos

Phil Gray

Alex Beesley

Pete Cunningham

Murray Clark

Gary Warren

Lloyd Rayner

Richard O'Driscoll

Derrick Foley

Hamish Graham

Derek Williams

Shane Lehmstedt

Shane Dougan

Subcommittee responsibilities:

**Membership:** Tracy Amos

**Property management:** Hall - Gary Warren, Shane Lehmstedt

**Hall bookings:** Andrew Dennes

**Huts and Tracks:** Mike Thrupp - to be confirmed

**DOC Liaison:** Murray Clark

**General meeting speakers:** Shane Dougan, Hamish Graham

**Sponsorship/funding:** Sean Roberts plus Property committee

**Hunting trip planning:** Lloyd Rayner, Shane Dougan, Andrew Wilkinson, Hamish Graham

**Website:** Nick Perkins, Hamish Graham

**Social Media:** Hamish Graham

**Newsletter:** Richard O'Driscoll, Pete Cunningham for hard copy distribution

**Deer park:** Phil Gray, Shane Lehmstedt, Derrick Foley, Derek Williams, Murray Clark

**LandSAR:** Phil Gray, Pete Cunningham

**Range Officer and shooting:** Alex Beesley, Derrick Foley

**AH&T:** Joe Hansen plus Douglas Scorers  
**Photography:** Richard O'Driscoll  
**Trophies and engraving:** Andrew Dennes  
**Firewood:** Lloyd Rayner, Dave Bashford  
**Annual dinner/Prize giving:** Subcommittee to be appointed nearer the time



## News

### HUNTING TRIPS

Next club trip is to Wanganui next weekend (15-16 May). Quad trips discussed by committee, options to be presented at next meeting, Pete to inquire about White Rock access. Clements Mill Road suggested as a branch Sika trip. Aidan to develop guideline for subsidies for branch trips for next committee meeting. To be eligible, members must be actively involved in branch activities (committee, working bees, donations), only one subsidy per member per year. Martin and Tracy have donated a Sika trip into private hunting block to be raffled at the Annual Dinner (only cost is share of helicopter).

### PARKVALE HALL

Accounts are being processed through the Companies Office to reregister the Parkvale Hall Society, once this is completed the land transfer can be done Regular bookings are still coming through which help to pay for rates and insurance. Heat pump suggested for Committee room - property group to investigate options and funding. Maintenance and improvement list to be presented at next committee meeting. For hall bookings contact Andrew on 027 2749064.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

A recent lost child exercise went well, SAR AGM 20th June 7.30 pm If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

### RANGE & SHOOTING

\$140 was raised from Clay shoot entry, but cost of clays still to be deducted. Annual competition shoot Sunday 19 September starting 10 am at Gladstone range. Gladstone range is available for the use of members on weekends when not in use. Branch members get 6 free visits a year. If you want to sight a rifle the best opportunity is Wednesday afternoons between 3 pm and dark as there is nothing else on.

### HUTS

Here is a link to the Tararua Aorangi Remutaka Huts Committee website: <https://tarhc.org.nz/>  
A bit on information has been uploaded for nearly all huts in the forest parks, plus a start on History and Track/Trails pages. Still a work in progress, but will give an idea of how this is being approached.

## DOC LIAISON

Murray met DOC to discuss access to Rocky Hills Reserve, no hunting permits are being issued due to landowner resistance.

## DEER PARK

Masterton District Council happy to share feed costs. Andrew to arrange baleage. Phil to invoice branch for pellets he has been supplying. Feed supply ok, plenty of hay on hand.

## FINANCIALS

Bank balance \$12,698.25 plus term deposits (\$15,500). Funds in - Firewood, PLB hire, hall hire, Funds out - web hosting, power Treasurer suggested that we give our regular advertisers a free year in the newsletter (\$60 value) in recognition of their support and the healthy state of our finances. After discussion this was agreed to by committee.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Subs for 2021-22 are now overdue. You should have received an email from the National Office with a link where you can pay online by credit card or internet banking. Remember you need to be a current financial member at the time of taking the trophy or photo if you want to enter Branch competitions.

We are trying to speed up the approval process for new members by trialling an email approval system through the committee. The branch gmail account has been tidied up to reconcile with the latest membership list.

## UPDATED CONSTITUTION

Sean will circulate a draft for the next committee meeting. Will need branch approval at AGM or SGM.

## FIREWOOD

Firewood, still plenty available. Contact Andrew Dennes on 027 2749064 if you want to buy wood. Rates \$70 m<sup>3</sup> for members who don't go to the working bee and \$100 per m<sup>3</sup> for general public. If not sold Lloyd happy to store it in shed for sale in mid-winter.



## CLOSING DATE FOR BRANCH AHT & PHOTO COMPETITIONS NOW 31 AUGUST

We have moved this forward a month to allow more time for scoring and engraving of trophies before the Annual Dinner in October. Categories are as follows:

- Red deer, public land (Avon Tatton Shield)
- Red deer, private land (Steve Ticehurst cup)
- Classic Red deer (J.M. Jury shield)
- Best goat head (Crawford Cameron shield)
- Best head where a trophy fee is paid (Playle trophy)
- Best pig jaw –undrawn tusks (Harvie Morrow shield)

- Best pig jaw – Drawn Tusks (N. Tilsey Sheild)
- Aggregate, two or more species (V.V. Donald shield)
- Best head other species
- Best trophy head ‘under 20’
- Tahr / Chamois (Max Cole Barometer)

Photographic categories are:

- Game animals in their wild, outdoor state (W.F. McIntyre Cup)
- Other Wildlife in its wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity (V.V. Donald Shield)
- Scenic relative to the sport of hunting (B.W. Newport Cup)
- Other – not covered in other categories (K Gear Cup)
- Junior photograph (Amos Cup)

## FIREARMS LICENCING

We have invited the Police to our May meeting to talk through the new licensing process.

This is the link to the Police web site page on the new application method:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/licences-permits-and-endorsements/apply-new-zealand-firearms>

The Police recently sent out the following media release:

### **Police working to alleviate firearms licensing delays**

Police is making significant progress in processing firearms licences, with 600 applications processed in the past two weeks alone. “We know people are frustrated by the delays in firearms licensing applications, and we acknowledge that the current situation is not acceptable,” Deputy Commissioner Jevon McSkimming says.

Police has been working hard to modernise our processes around the Arms Act and ensure that only people who are fit and proper are able to access, possess, and use firearms. This has meant new systems, forms, and training for our staff, and more quality assurance processes. Coupled with the impacts of Covid, and demand for licences, this has unfortunately led to delays in our firearms licence processing. “We appreciate people’s patience and want to assure applicants we are working on solutions to reduce the pipeline of applications.”

Police has implemented several strategies to address delays, including:

Doubling our national workforce over the past nine months.

Prioritising renewals first, and then any first time applications based on needing a licence for work.

We are also sharing work across districts to ensure a more even spread of work.

Sending reminders to licence holders to apply in sufficient time by notifying them six months in advance of their licence expiry.

The most helpful thing people can do is apply for their licence four months in advance of the expiry of their current licence. People who do the following things will have the fastest progression in the system:

Please ensure your referees are available for reference checking. Sometimes referees are slow to complete and return their questionnaires, and this causes delays. If applicants follow up with their referees to prompt them to complete the forms, that will assist in this part of the process.

Ensure you have fully completed the application and haven’t missed points Police will need to follow up on, or clarify with you.

The vetting interview process can be completed most efficiently if vetting staff are able to interview the applicant, the related referee, and non-related referee in one visit at the applicant’s home. This means three separate interviews (in separate rooms) can be conducted during one visit, as well as the required check of the applicant’s firearms security arrangements. By having the applicant and referees at the same location there is

no delay between interviews. Note; vetting officers are moving to a fixed schedule which means applicants and referees will need to fit into the availability of the vetting staff, not the other way around.

“With duck shooting season around the corner, we remind shooters that if you are accompanied by, and under the immediate supervision of, a current licence holder, you are still able to shoot in the maimai.”

Issued by Police Media Centre

## POISON OPERATIONS

### **Northern Tararuas**

Epro Limited (Epro) has been contracted by TBfree New Zealand Limited and the Department of Conservation to undertake possum control in the Northern Tararua Range. Epro give notice of our intention to apply sodium fluoroacetate (1080) impregnated cereal pellet baits by helicopter and by hand. We also intend to apply encapsulated potassium cyanide (Feratox) baits by hand.

This operation will be carried out in two phases. Initially non-toxic prefeed bait will be applied. This will be followed five to ten days later by an application of toxic bait. The bait will be in the form of pellets and will be dyed green in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 and the Hazardous Substances (Hazardous Property Controls) Notice 2017.

This operation will commence as soon as practicable after 1 May 2021. Toxin warning signs will be erected at all normal points of entry to the area prior to toxic bait being applied. Area is on next page

Mike Reid

Operational Controller Email Contact: [control@epro.co.nz](mailto:control@epro.co.nz)

### **Akatarawa Forest Possum Control Project**

We had previously notified occupiers, neighbouring properties and the general public about our intention to aerially apply 1080 baits to control possums in the Akatarawa Forest in the February-March period. This work is being done to protect the Akatarawa forest habitats, which support many regionally and nationally uncommon native species, including kākāriki and kākā. Unfortunately we were unable to meet the earlier timeframes due to various reasons.

However, I'm now in a position to confirm dates for this operation. The operation is intended to be progressed as follows:

- ☐ Apply prefeed cereal pellet baits from 11 May onwards
- ☐ Apply 1080 cereal pellet baits from 18 May onwards

Suitable weather conditions for both applications are required and if too much rain or wind is forecast, delays could occur

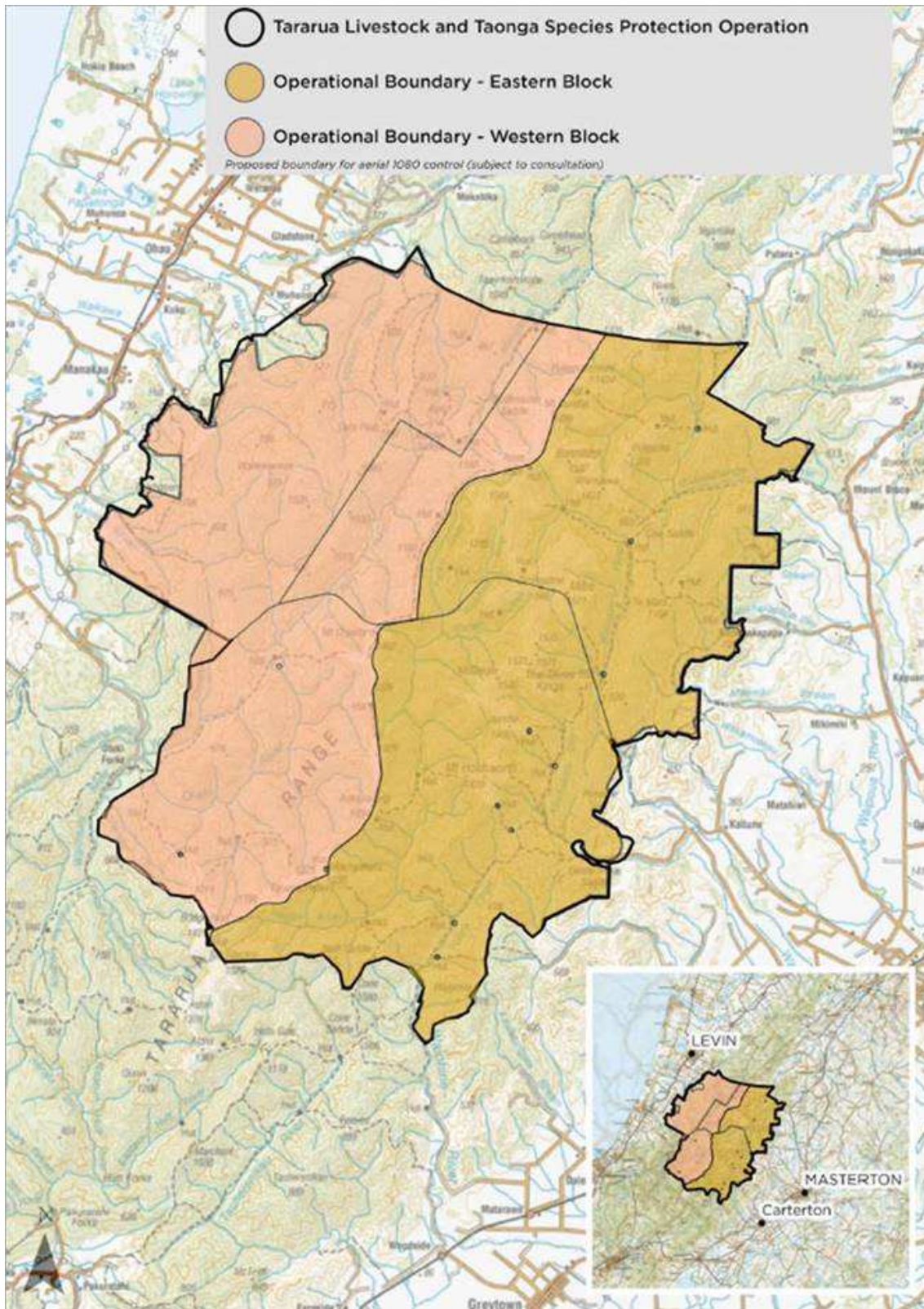
I can now also confirm that the Akatarawa Forest Park will be closed for four months to all pig and deer hunting from the 11 May. Hunters will be notified when they can re-enter the park under permit conditions. I can also advise that on the days of prefeed and 1080 bait application, there will be no public access into the Akatarawa Forest Park. In addition, there will be no public access for two days following the 1080 application. The park will be closed to allow time for staff to check tracks and remove any baits found. During these closures, access to the Park will not be possible for vehicles travelling via Bulls Run Road, Goat Hill Road, Airstrip Drive and Valley View Road to reach Upper Hutt.

An updated fact sheet that includes a map of the operational area can be found online at [www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/) and information regarding the use of 1080 can be found at [www.1080facts.co.nz/](http://www.1080facts.co.nz/).

Graeme Butcher

Team Leader, BioWorks





## Hunting Reports

Only one contribution this month (thanks Lloyd!). I'm really hoping to see some roar reports coming through as I know from pictures on social media that our members enjoyed considerable success. To encourage contributions we are offering a **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story** from October 2020 to September 2021, Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com).

### Fiordland Moose hunt

by Lloyd Rayner

It's the wife's dream to go to Canada and see a moose. No chance of that happening in the near future with coronavirus, so the next best thing is head down to Fiordland and see if we can find one of the elusive moose down there.

First things first, where do you stay in Fiordland? The team at pure salt and the vessel called "Flightless" seem to tick all the boxes, comfortable accommodation, first class food and a spa pool on the top deck. We met the rest of the guests (10 Aucklanders fresh out of lockdown) at Te Anau Airport, then a flight by helicopter out to Doubtful Sound (No moose spotted on the flight).

On board the Flightless we got to know the crew, have a cruise up the sounds, little bit of fishing for some blue cod for tea and come up with a plan for the following day, sneaking in a quick evening Hunt taking two new hunters out, Zane and his Dad Jamie before bed (No deer spotted). Zane is very keen to learn to hunt, just a short walk from the beach up into the bush and coming out further up the inlet where we found a stag that had been dead for a few weeks.

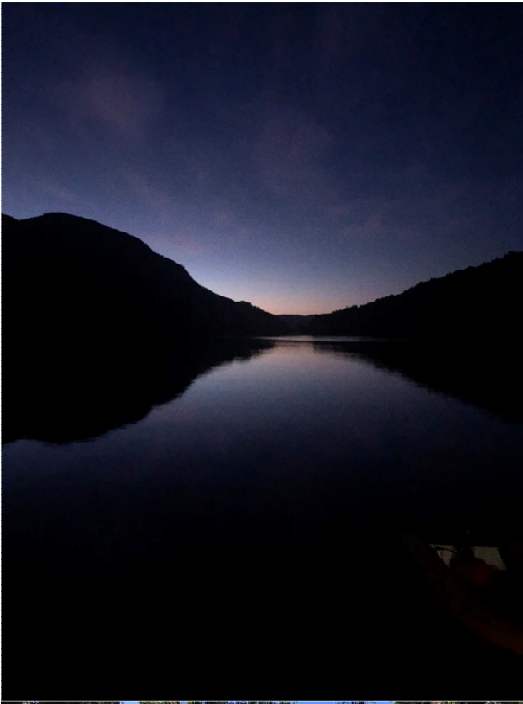
Day two up early for a quick walk with the gun with Zane and Jamie, bit of sign seen but no animals, then head out to Anchor Island for a scuba dive to gather a few crayfish for tea. Spent the afternoon learning some history about the area then spent the night in the beautifully bay at Resolution Island.

Day three saw us kayaking in the sheltered inlet from the anchorage out of the bay where we got picked up by "The Flightless", because the water was so calm the crew took us out to open water for more fishing, diving and sightseeing.

Day four, our last full day, more sightseeing and history followed by a scuba dive in Wet Jacket Cove with John and Jamie, lots of white coral & crayfish seen and a school of 5 x 10kgish Kingfish. Then us boys all went for a hunt while the girls went for a walk on Anchor Island through the bush where there has been 50 Kakapo released (none volunteered for a photo). I don't know what happened on the island but by the time the girls got back to pick us up they were all pissed on the back of the boat dancing and singing. We left them to it and went and had a couple beers in the spa pool, followed by a few more beers with Tea.

The morning of the last day was spent packing up getting ready for the flight out, being entertained by a naked lesbian doing a bomb off the top of the boat, a fantastic trip, like all these trips just not long enough looking forward to the next Adventure down South. No moose seen but I'm not going to give up that easily, I'll be back down looking for them again just to keep the wife happy.





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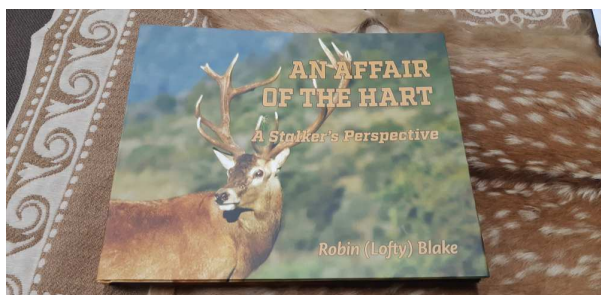
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## Buy, Sell, and Swap

If you have hunting or outdoor related items that you want to buy, sell, or swap, then we'll include these in the Newsletter free of charge (better than TradeMe). Send items (with picture if you wish) to [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)

### Book: An Affair of the Hart.

Fourteen copies available for \$60 each. That's a bargain for a hardback coffee table book. Pick up from the hall, or postage extra. Email [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase a copy.

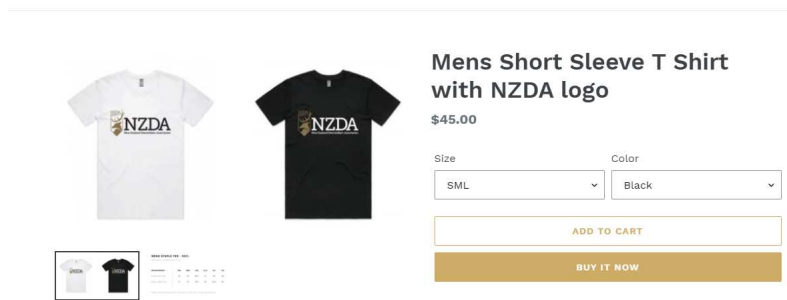


## PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

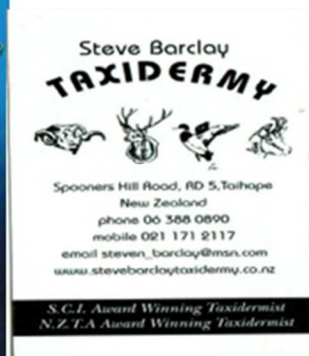
The four club PLBs purchased with a grant application from Trust House Wairarapa are available for hire for \$10 for a weekend or \$20 for 3-14 days. Contact Aidan on 027 432 3410.

## NZDA MERCHANDISE

NZDA T-Shirts and NZDA Bumper Stickers can now be purchased through their online shop! They have sourced high quality items that will last.



<https://nzda.shop/collections/all>



## Final Thoughts

Be safe be sure.  
Assume it is a person not a deer.  
No meat is better than no mate.  
Identify your target.

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