



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **December 2022**

No general meetings in December or January

Next general Meeting Wednesday 15 February

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

General Meeting 15 February

There will be no general meetings in December or January. There will be a barbecue put on for those involved in the 4x4 fundraiser on 10 December in lieu of our usual pre-Christmas social event.

The first general meeting for 2023 will be on Wednesday 15 February. Put this in your calendars now as it promises to be a good one. Branch members **Gary and Liz Warren** will show a video and talk about their experiences **hunting in South Africa**.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

10 DECEMBER 4x4 FUNDRAISER We have over 40 members and friends arranged to help marshall at a local 4x4 event at Pirinoa this Saturday. Everybody involved should know all the details. If not, please contact Sean Roberts on 021 822 802. This will be followed by a barbecue for all our volunteers. This event will earn \$2,500 for the Branch.

1 FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

15 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Gary & Liz Warren on hunting in Africa

1 MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

3–6 MARCH SCOPED RIFLE NATIONALS. Tokoroa Shooting sports complex range located at 205 Newell Road. Briefing starts at 9.30 am each day with shooting commencing at 10 am. Please register by email or txt to: Malcolm Perry mpmalcolmperry@gmail.com 027 6259608.

29 MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Put it on your calendar now.

1-2 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT Full.

Recent Events

12-13 NOVEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT

The weather was warm and sometimes wet, but 16 members shot a combined total of 45 deer. Everybody had an animal on the deck by lunchtime on Saturday.



16 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Doubled as a briefing for those involved in the 4x4 fundraiser and great to see such a large number of volunteers present!

3-4 DECEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT

Fine clear weather and 14 members shot 33. Congratulations to John on his first deer. Some members got all the animals they wanted by 7:15 am on Saturday! Thanks to Andrew Wilkinson for organising these popular trips. The next one is scheduled for 1–2 April 2023.



MEMBERSHIPS

We now have a total of 182 members: 122 senior or superannuants; 4 affiliates; 4 associates; and 51 family members.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our membership fees for 2023/24 (i.e., for the year from 1 March 2023). This is because the ‘capitation’ (amount claimed by National Office) and COLFO and insurance levies have all increased. If we kept the fees the same for next year the Branch would lose about \$450 – we would have had to subsidise our members by paying National Office! The committee agreed on a new fee structure that allows us to break even and generate a small amount of income for the Branch. We did this reluctantly as we know everybody is feeling the pinch of the increased cost of living.

Fees for 2023/24 will be as follows:

Seniors:	\$130	(up \$10)
Family members:	\$15	(up \$5)
Superannuants:	\$75	(up \$15)
Associates:	\$80	(up \$20)
Affiliates	\$20	(up \$10)

PARKVALE HALL

Phone 022 323 6993 for hall bookings. We need to replace the two ovens in the kitchen. If anybody knows of a **second-hand oven in good condition**, please call Gary Warren on 027 2821112. Some work on the water collection system will be carried out over summer.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

There was a recent call-out and unsuccessful search for a missing person at the Holdsworth Road end. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

DEER PARK

Four fallow deer have been sold. There was a report from a member of the public of an escaped deer, but all our animals were accounted for. It may have been a case of mistaken identity or a wandering wild visitor? We will schedule a working bee to tidy up the Deer Park in the New Year. Details to come.

FINANCIALS

Bank balance is \$16,633 (including \$5,200 held as trip deposits) along with over \$20,000 in term deposits. The branch bank account number for payments (firewood, etc) is 03-0687-0022096-00 but please note this is not the account for payment of memberships – which go direct to National Office.

RANGE & SHOOTING

Gladstone range is available for the use of members on Wednesday afternoons and on weekends and when not in use. Branch members get six free visits a year.

DOC LIAISON

Nothing this month

FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

The gum logs cut during winter have now been moved to Dave McKay's. We have also sourced another lot of wood (gum and old man pine). There will be working bees for ringing and splitting over summer. The first working bee will likely be in January, and we will send out a notice by email.

As detailed earlier in the newsletter, we will earn \$2,500 by providing 30 marshalls (aged 15+) at a 4x4 event at Pirinoa on 10 December.

WEBSITE

Nick Perkins, who administers the website on behalf of the branch, has made a number of updates including loading recent newsletters.

HUTS

After the big Labour Weekend effort (still waiting for the detailed report Sean!), the only remaining work to do at Sayers is to fit the spouting and source a new water tank.

Mike Thrupp represents the branch at Greater Wellington Backcountry Network Inc meetings (formerly Tararua Aorangi Remutaka Huts Committee, see <https://tarhc.org.nz/>).



New Licences Amendment Act Passes into Law

On 29 November Parliament passed the Arms (Licence Holders' Applications for New Licences) Amendment Act. In short, this amendment allows fit and proper people to possess and use their firearms while Police complete their renewal processes.

This law change is retrospective, meaning lapsed licence owners that applied for renewal can use their expired licence from the 29th November - this is the date that Police's online system will allow real-time checks to be made.

NZDA welcomes the common-sense approach to firearms licence renewal delays", says National President, Craig Benbow, "This amendment addresses a long-standing issue and NZDA supports this kind of practical approach to Arms Act amendments where clearly the law is completely out of step with what is required by both the regulator, New Zealand Police, and licenced firearms owners (LFOs)."

Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority

New Zealand's first firearms regulatory authority, Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority, was launched by Hon Minister Hipkins on 30 November. Te Tari Pūreke is a business unit of New Zealand Police and is responsible for overseeing the lawful possession of firearms in New Zealand and ensuring that this is limited to those who are fit and proper to possess firearms, and who comply with their legal obligations.

Please visit the website at www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz.

This includes **MyFirearms** – the secure portal for managing firearms information.

Applicants can now apply and pay online for our seven most common licences and endorsement types, plus complete notification forms for change of address, contact details or Health Practitioner using MyFirearms.

In MyFirearms applicants can:

- save forms to complete later
- pay for their applications with a Visa or Mastercard
- download copies of their submitted application forms
- download copies of their receipts
- subsequent new applications such as an endorsement application will pre-populate the personal details section.

We have created some online guidance for applicants which can be found on our website. This includes videos and infographics that steps applicants through the MyFirearms and RealMe login process.

We also have a Firearms Enquiry Team available to support applicants with MyFirearms online form enquiries. Their contact number is 0800 844 431. The team is responding to enquiries from 8am - 4.30pm, Monday - Friday. If ringing outside this time, callers are advised to ring back during normal business hours.

The Firearms Safety Code has been updated and the 2022 Firearms Safety Code is now available.

To understand the differences between the old code and the new code we recommend that all our firearms partner organisations and training groups read the new code, paying particular attention to the detail underlying rule 3 and rule 6.

- Chamber a cartridge only when ready to fire (rule 3).
- Store and transport firearms and ammunition safely (rule 6).

Mike McIlraith

Director Partnerships – Te Tari Pūreke | Firearms Safety Authority

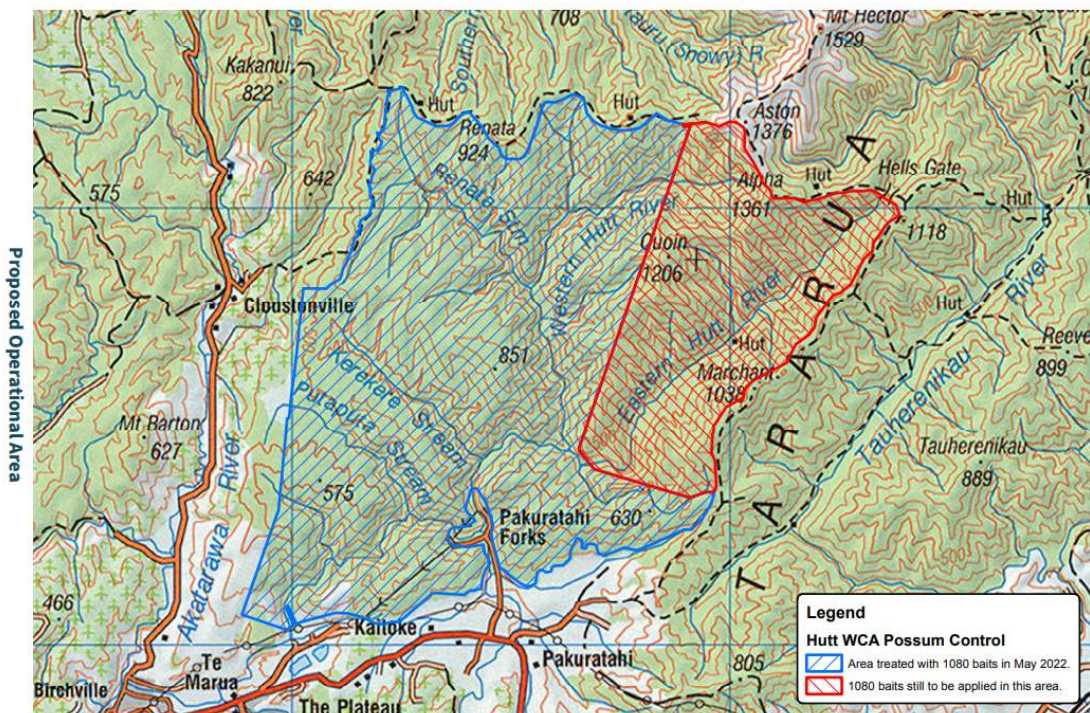


Proposed aerial possum control – Hutt Water Collection Area

Greater Wellington and Wellington Water Ltd. are proposing an aerial operation to target possums over 3,100 hectares in the Hutt Water Collection Area (HWCA). A large portion of this operational area was treated in May 2022. However unsuitable weather conditions prevented the whole area being treated and so the operation is now proposed to be completed in May 2023.

A map of the operational area is shown below, which can also be found online at gw.govt.nz/1080ops/. Also included is the fact sheet “Protecting your dog from 1080”, to provide

We will be consulting with directly affected landowners, and we are also seeking feedback from the local community, iwi, and other interested parties. If you want to make any comment regarding this proposal, please forward them to Graeme.Butcher@gw.govt.nz by 10 January 2023.





Hunting Reports

Our newsletter story competition is on again from October 2022 to September 2023 with a **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story**. Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com. No reports this month, so here are a few images from a recent South Island trip by **Richard & Peter O'Driscoll**.



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

DINGHY

Neil Johnstone has a tinny for sale if anyone's interested phone 021 073 6162



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

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

Over 2,200 books have now been added to the online shop. Books start from \$18 ranging up to \$45, enjoy our competitive pricing!

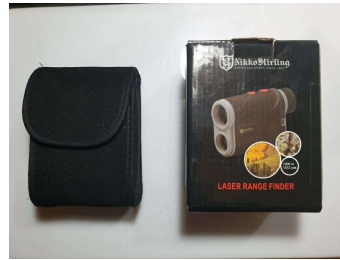
PUPPIES

Shane Dougan has hunting/family puppies for sale. They are 3 quarter wire haired German pointer x Labrador. 8 weeks old Both parents are great hunting dogs from retrieving to pointing, awesome natures. 2 bitches, 2 dogs left. Asking \$200. Contact Shane on 027 247 4484



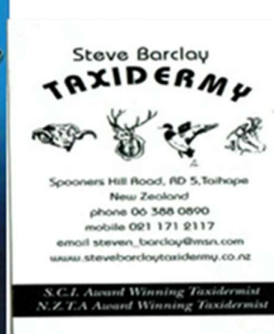
NIKKO STIRLING RANGE FINDER

Roughly 5 years old in good condition, no scratches on the lens etc. Price \$160. Ring Philip Fletcher on 022 3411470



COMBINATION TRIGGER LOCKS

\$30 each. Call Martin Amos on 027 3671635.



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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The Branch now has a Closed Facebook Group (open only to members). You can apply to join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/798600664354866>

The website is at: <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>. Thanks to **Nick Perkins** our website administrator.

