



# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **February 2023**

**Next general Meeting Wednesday 15 February**

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Speakers: Gary & Liz Warren on Hunting in Africa

## General Meeting 15 February

Our first general meeting for 2023 will be on Wednesday 15 February and 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**. Followed by a cuppa.



## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**12 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #1** Sunday starting at 8 am at Dave McKay's place 1360 Te Whiti Road, Gladstone. We will be ringing and splitting. Please bring chainsaw (or just a pair of hands) and all personal protective gear including hearing protection. Wood available for sale to members so bring a trailer too.

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

**26 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #2** Sunday starting at 8 am at Dave McKay's place 1360 Te Whiti Road, Gladstone. We will be ringing and splitting. Please bring chainsaw (or just a pair of hands) and all personal protective gear including hearing protection. Wood available for sale to members so bring a trailer too.

**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](mailto:mpmalcolmperry@gmail.com) 027 6259608.

**29 MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Put it on your calendar now. Speaker to be confirmed

**1-2 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT** Full.

## Recent Events

### 10 DECEMBER 4x4 FUNDRAISER

This was a great event with over 40 members and friends involved. We earned \$3,000 for the branch (\$500 more than initially promised) and it was a good day out. Thanks to Sean Roberts for arranging this.





## News

### PARKVALE HALL

**Breaking news!** After a long and tedious process, the Branch has finally secured the land title for Parkvale Hall. Congratulations to Sean Roberts for his persistence in getting this over the line. A great result!



**RECORD OF TITLE  
UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT 2017  
FREEHOLD  
Search Copy**



R. W. Muir  
Registrar-General  
of Land

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>WN842/30</b>
<b>Land Registration District</b>	<b>Wellington</b>
<b>Date Issued</b>	10 June 1959
<b>Prior References</b>	
WN142/53	WN834/67
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<b>Estate</b>	Fee Simple
<b>Area</b>	3091 square metres more or less
<b>Legal Description</b>	Part Section 31 and Section 421-422 Taratahi Plain Block
<b>Registered Owners</b>	
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Wairarapa Branch) Incorporated	
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<b>Interests</b>	
Subject to Section 59 Land Act 1948	

We are getting good numbers of inquiries about bookings. 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 is planned.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Members were on stand-by for a Masterton urban search and also the Kaitaki ferry incident. A PLB activation between Neill Forks and Mangahuka in early January unfortunately resulted in the party being found dead from a medical event. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

## MEMBERSHIPS

We continue to attract new members.

Unfortunately, as noted last month, 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)

Invoices should appear from National Offices during February.

## DEER PARK

Good amount of feed, but flies are a problem. The fallow buck has a broken pedicle after he got tangled in the fence while getting a feed from a member of the public. There are two surplus red hind yearlings which will be sold. We still plan to schedule a working bee to tidy up the Deer Park - details to come.

## FINANCIALS

Bank balance is \$16,834 (including \$5,200 held as trip deposits) along with \$20,989 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. Dates for clay target and branch shooting competitions will be announced soon.

## DOC LIAISON

Nothing this month

## FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

The gum logs cut during winter have now been moved to Dave McKay's with working bees (ringing and splitting) scheduled for 8 am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. We have also sourced another lot of wood (gum and old man pine).

As detailed earlier in the newsletter, we earned \$3,000 by providing marshalls for the 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

There are plans to do the remaining work to do at Sayers 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/>).



## Firearms Licencing Fees - We Want Your Views

National Office is conducting a survey and we would greatly appreciate your feedback and comments. We are asking for your input on NZ Police's proposed increases in firearms licensing fees.

The survey should take you roughly 10-12 minutes and can be done on your phone, computer or laptop. Please take the time to answer, as we value your feedback.

Click on [Firearms Fees Survey](#) to open the Survey.

**Closes TODAY 5 February 2023**



## Game Animal Council nominations open

The Minister of Conservation is currently seeking nominations for three to five upcoming vacancies on the Game Animal Council and we wish to encourage hunters and all those interested in the management of New Zealand's game animals to consider applying.

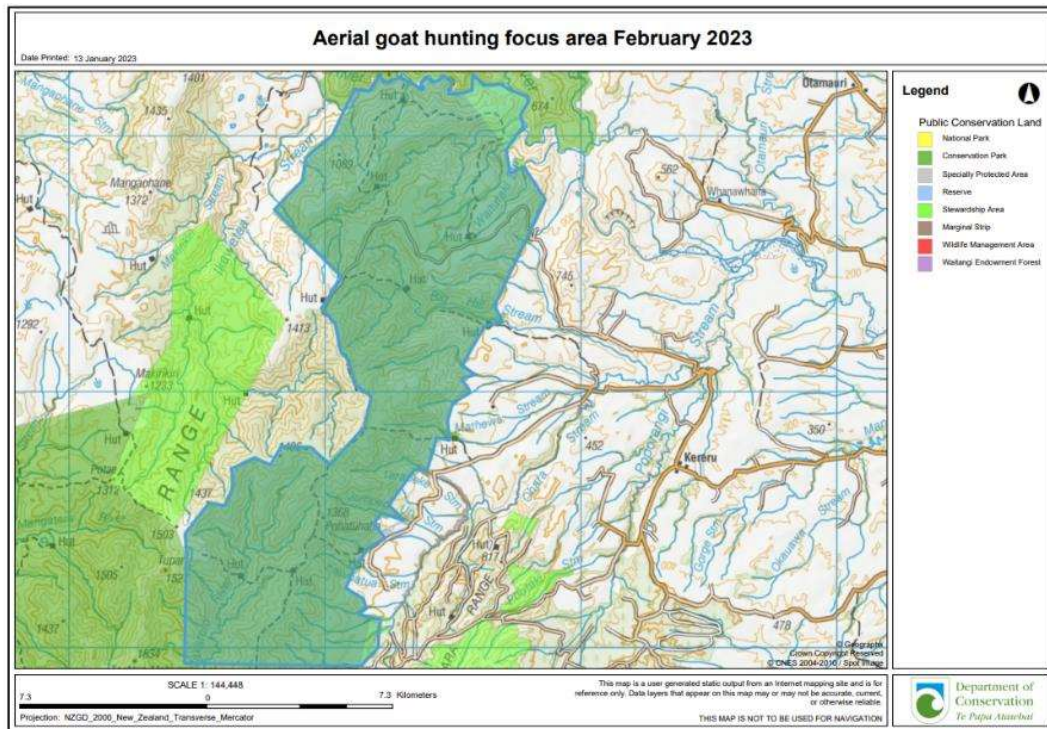
Currently, we have 10 Councillors who provide a wide range of knowledge and skills, and have valuable connections within the hunting, conservation, tourism, farming, forestry, community, kaitiakitanga and scientific sectors. Councillors are not appointed to represent any affiliated bodies but instead represent the sector as a whole. The makeup of our current Council can be found [here](#).

Any person or organisation can make a nomination using the [online form available](#). Nominations close 5 pm, **Tuesday 28 February 2023**.



### Aerial goat control – Ruahine Ranges

Department of Conservation is planning to undertake aerial control of feral goats in both the north-eastern Ruahine Forest Park (Ruahine Hut area) and the Kawhatau River area within the Ruahine Forest Park anytime from 17 February 2023. The aims of the operations are to compliment the long running, ongoing, ground-based goat control in the northern end of the park and prevent the spread of goats into the more ecologically significant areas within the park.





If you have any questions, or wish to report any goat sightings or kills in the Ruahine Forest Park, please contact:

Department of Conservation  
Palmerston North Office  
28 North Street  
Palmerston North  
(06) 350 9700  
manawatu@doc.govt.nz



## 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](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com). No reports again this month, but looking at recent pictures on Facebook some of our members have been successful in securing some summer venison (and rabbits!).





## 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)

## 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>

Time to get your hands on some NZDA merch! We've finally received out restock of T-shirts and hats plus we have added a new NZDA custom branded Victorinox pocket knife. The last six limited edition summer Ts are on 50% discount.



We've also loaded more second-hand hunting books, so do check back on the shop to make sure something isn't available that you wanted to add to your bookshelf

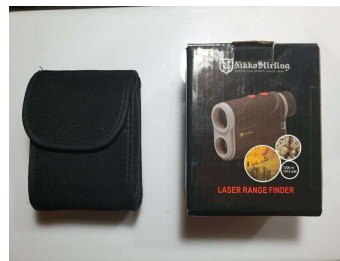
### DINGHY

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



### NIKKO STIRLING RANGE FINDER

Roughly 5 years old in good condition, no scratches on the lens etc. Price \$100. Ring Philip Fletcher on 022 3411470.





## 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.

