Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

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Zane Thompson –

A budding young shooter at the Kids Survival Camp

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Club Nights – Always the LAST Wednesday of each month. Start time 7.30pm

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Club Events Calendar

January		
Thursday	25	TWILIGHT CLAY TARGET SHOOTS – START AGAIN
Friday	26	Club trip to Okahu (Whirinaki) begins
Saturday	27	Club trip to Okahu
Sunday	28	Club trip to Okahu
Monday	29	Club trip to Okahu
Wednesday	31	Club Night - Kids Club night

February		
Monday	1	Twilight shooting
Sunday	4	Working bee for Maureen Bennett Shoot – 9am start
Wednesday	7	Working bee for Maureen Bennett Shoot – 5pm start
Thursday	8	Twilight shooting
Saturday	10	Final working bee for shoot – 9am start
Sunday	11	Maureen Bennett Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot
Tuesday	13	Private use during the day
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	14	Private use during the day
Thursday	15	Private use during the day
Thursday	15	Twilight shooting
Saturday	17	SHOT Show in Auckland
Sunday	18	Interclub Rifle shoot (see more details in newsletter)
Sunday	18	Bowhunters Club date –it's the 3 rd Sunday this month
Sunday	18	Round 1 – Kiwi 3D at Pine Ridge
Thursday	22	Twilight shooting
Sunday	25	3 rd Round of Running Boar AND Johansen Iron Sights
Wednesday	28	Club Night

Key Dates to keep in Mind for down the track a bit......Obviously there will be other events and dates etc added closer to the time but this is a guide as to what is coming up and when.....

March		
Thursday	1	Twilight shooting
Sunday	11	Bowhunters Club Day
Tuesday	13	Private use during the daytime
Wednesday	13	Private use during the daytime
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Thursday	15	Private use during the daytime
Friday	16	Private use during the daytime
Sunday	25	Round 2 – Kiwi 3D at Massey
Wednesday	28	Club Night
April		
Tuesday	3	Private use during the daytime
Wednesday	4	Private use during the daytime
Thursday	5	Private use during the daytime
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Night
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Sunday	29	3 rd & Final Round of Kiwi 3d - TVDA
May		
Wednesday	9	Club Night
Sunday	13	Bowhunters Club Day
Sunday	27	1 st Round of the Running Boar
Wednesday	30	Club Night
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Presidents Report.....

Happy New Year and best wishes to you one and all for a great year in 2018.

While it's hard to believe that the first month is all but done and dusted, there is also the realisation that the Maureen Bennett Memorial 100 Sporting Clays shoot is only a couple of weeks away. Preparation for this is well underway so if you are able to please help out with any of the remaining set up work before the 11th of Feb, please give Tony a call on 0279 271848 to slot in some time to do the final jobs, or if you are able to help out on the day with any of the many tasks that make the day so successful, please also give Tony a call. The saying of 'many hands make light work' is very much the theme for these events so all and any help is most appreciated please.

Since the last newsletter we've had the rifle shooting events as you will see by way of the results in this newsletter. It was disappointing to have not had more shooters but that's the way things roll however a good way to round out the current club year, will be to see a really top turnout for the 3rd and final round of the Running Boar AND the Jim Johansen Iron Sights shoot which are being held on Sunday 25th of February. More details are in the newsletter about these events so mark it on the calendar and let's see a really good turnout.

Last weekend saw another fantastic Kids Survival Camp up the Maratoto – massive thanks to Mike Deane for yet again another wonderful 'life memory' for so many of the kids and also huge thanks to the fantastic team of helpers who all chipped in to make the camp the outstanding success that it was.

Special thanks to Tony Coleman for the excellent job of doing a rebuild on the very sad looking 50m target boards and also to Dave Beach and Bryce Alsemgeest for chipping in and helping out as they turned up to use the range on the same day.

This message on the range is just what is says – "Please do NOT put targets over/across the red lines". One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to work out that there is a damn good reason for this request so please adhere to this message.



Good luck to everyone who is getting out and about and remember to <u>identify your</u> <u>target beyond all doubt</u>, as the bullet or arrow is forever yours.....

Maureen

KIDS Club Night Wednesday 31st January - 6.30pm start

****NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME****

This club night is just as it says — it's the Kids Club Night. For many years now we have always set aside the January Club Night for the kids prior to the going back to school.

There will be plenty of activities for kids of all ages and bundles of laughs along the way. Some of the activities will be shooting balloons with .22's, archery, sack races, obstacle races, egg and speed races, gumboot throwing etc. Being soon after the Kids St.



spoon races, gumboot throwing etc. Being soon after the Kids Survival Camp, it's also another great way for the kids to catch up with their friends and also make new friends within the club and it's all really relaxed and low key for the parents.



Note the early start time of 6.30pm for this night only. Supper will be served about 8pm and it is all over and done with well before dark. Feel free to bring the whole family along and even encourage the neighbours or friends to come along as well

WANTED

My name is Summer and my dad has been a TVDA member for several years.

I'm currently on the lookout for bones, antlers and bits and pieces that I can make art out of. I was wondering if the TVDA or any of its members may have some leads to some unwanted skulls, horns, antlers and the like.

I really don't mind the condition as I can use all of it including loose teeth and broken skulls and all types of bones.

I'm not too worried about fresher animals neither as I have a burial system that I use for these ones.

Please contact me on 027 8636376

Many thanks in advance for any assistance.

Kind Regards - Summer Mackel



Shooting Results 26 November 2017

Rimfire Championship Shoot 2017

Mens	50m	100m	Total
Paul deVille	200	200.1	400.1
Andrew Austen	161	142	303
Peter Thompson	164	128	292
Clay Austen	134	110.1	244.1
Ladies			
Maureen Coleman	149	156	305

Centrefire Championship Shoot 2017

Mens	Total
Paul deVille	97.1
Peter Thompson	91
Andrew Austen	90
Clay Austen	82
Ladies Maureen Coleman	83



Patrons Cup Shoot (Deer target) 2017

Open	Total
Peter Thompson	132
Paul deVille	116
Andrew Austen	109
Clay Austen	94
Maureen Coleman	85

Running Boar 2nd Round - 3 December 2017

Mens	Slow	Fast	Total
Warren Penwarden	51	32	83
Andrew Austen	37	25	62
Peter Hudson	15	46	61
Robin Barker	15	38	53
Ladies Maureen Coleman	52	53	105
Juniors			
Dania Penwarden	10	14	24
Jessica Penwarden	3	DNS	3
Ryan Barker *	33	13	46
Jack Hudson *	31	12	43
Reagan Barker *	3	5	8
*used a rest when shooting			
Visitor			
Eugene De Beer	35	DNS	35





Boar Hunting - Austrian Style: by John Keoghan

Weidmannsheil,

Well after a long 27-hour flight to Austria & arriving in the morning we stayed up all day going to sleep that night.



I was up & gone by 7:30am the next day off to a driven boar hunt. I told Lydia l'II see her tomorrow as previous from experiences haven't gotten home until the next day in the early hours as these events have tended to get a bit messy.

The last driven

boat hunt I did on a previous trip, I/we ended up in another village & at 50th birthday party!!

Back to the hunt.....At the hall where everyone was meeting there was to be about 60-70 attending hunters, of which I was the only person there without a gun.

We started the day off at the hall with breakfast before the hunting band started off with trumpets & the hunt leader giving a speech about the hunt, where we're hunting, what to shoot, rules etc. Basically foxes & pigs were the only targets.

While standing around with all the hunters I looked at the various firearms that were being carried. I saw a Sako 75 (synthetic stainless), Marlin lever action in 45/70, Blasers, Mannlichers in



All lined up and ready to go

various calibres from .308 to 30-06 & even one in 7mm-08 to which the hunter told me that calibre is rare in Austria & his gunshop has to specially order in his ammo!

There were also some beautiful combination guns.



First Boar on the ground for the day.

It was back to the hall for a warm lunch which consisted of sausage, bread, mustard, not sure of the English word but it was horse radish, coffee, tea.

We then loaded up into the wagons again & off into another area of the forest.

The first pig I encountered was one that came across the line in front of us & turned to face & run at me... he charged straight for me where I did contemplate tackling him but opted on the side of not wanting further injuries so I jumped out of the way otherwise the bugger would have nailed me.

Most hunters shot using their O/U .12 gauge shotguns with solids & there was an array of open sights or aimpoint / red dot sights put on the firearms

We were all loaded up into trailers on the back of some tractors and headed off into the forest to get into position.

We spread out in a long line. I was to hunt in between two hunters one on either side of me where I was to help with driving animals forward or animals would come toward us.

The morning hunt/drive didn't net anything but I did see a lot of Roe deer but they weren't to be shot...



No skinned shins or sore shoulders & backs carrying these pigs out of the bush....

Helmut who was a hunter to my left swung around & nailed him but the boar needed a finishing shot. He was the biggest boar shot weighing in around 80-90 kgs.

Soon after that all hell broke loose as pigs were running everywhere, shots were being fired all up & down the line & by the end of it all there were 16 pigs shot.... absolutely awesome to be part of.



The line-up of boars taken during the days hunting

I then helped with recovery of the animals & getting them back to the hall where they were placed on the ground. given their final rights with a piece of spruce tree placed on them, the band played which signalled the end of the hunt & each of the hunters who shot a pig was handed the spruce tree that was laid on the animals by the hunt leader & also given a shot of Jägermeister for celebration.

One hunter had shot his first pig so he was christened where he had to kneel with his hands on the ground, the hunt leader gives a speech & typically with a sword or in this case a machete he was hit 3 times on the arse to bless him.

From there we had dinner which was of deer goulash which was good, there were also cakes & deserts so dinner was well catered.

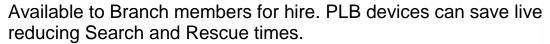
After dinner the drinking began & I'll leave the story at that... I got home early next morning.

Anyway I'm off snowboarding tomorrow with family for a few days but plans have been made to get out for more hunting before the end of our trip.



TVDA Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs / EPRIBs) & GPS's

FOR HIRE





Members will need to:

- 1. Book the units in advance.
- 2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
- 3. Fill in a Hire Contract which is to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit(s).
- 4. Pay a \$50 cash bond for each unit hired, <u>refundable on return, in original</u> condition and on time.
- 5. Pay a \$20 donation per trip per item, on return, for hire of the unit(s) or this amount will be deducted from the Bond.
- 6. Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 10 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640 for PLB and \$500 for the GPS)). There is no cost for the renewal of the PLB unit if it is used in a genuine emergency but if possible we will need it returned.
- 7. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.
- 8. It is the hirers responsibility to collect and return the PLB / GPS to the Custodian.
- 9. Hire of the unit(s) is at the discretion of the Committee or Custodian if necessary.

Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

- 1. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
- 2. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
- 3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
- 4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
- 5. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed
- 6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
- 7. Never fire above the skyline.
- 8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards

Gidday from the Boyce's in Kununurra

I had a few minutes to spare so I'm sending you these photo of Rhodes and to say hi and hope all is good with you.

The Barramundi was 76cm and Rhodes first pig weighing in at 82kg.

Cheers Clive

Editor - Fantastic effort Rhodes and keep up the great work. Looks like the Barra would have been an easier carry than the hog!!!





- General Boatbuilding
- Fibreglass & Wooden Boat Repairs
- Antifouling & Propspeed
- General Boat Painting
- Cleaning & Polishing
- Trailer Boat Repairs
- Yacht Rigging & Maintenance
- Insurance Inspections

The Kids Page.....

Survival Camp is 14 - 16 January 2018





'Young Guns' in action



Two Maid Marion's....





Results of an early morning eeling session for Ronnie and Charlie

'Camp Cooks' Olivia and Kayla doing Scone preparations at lunchtime



Upcoming Range and Shooting events



Inter branch rifle shooting event - Sunday 18 Feb

- First event being held by Waikato Branch 18 February
- 100 rounds at various target options & distances
- .22 calibre
- See further details in this newsletter
- A great day on offer for those target shooters in our midst



3rd & Final Round of the Running Boar AND Jim Johansen Iron Sights Shoot - Sunday 25th Feb



Running Boar: (Sunday 25th Feb)

- 50m moving target event
- 10 scoring shots at slow speed (+ 2 sighters)
- 10 scoring shots at fast speed (+ 2 sighters)
- Great day for everyone and anyone to have a go at
- \$5.00 range fee p/p or \$10.00 per family
- Start time 9.30am (lunch on the day like normal at events)

AND



Jim Johansen's Iron Sights Shoot: (Sunday 25th Feb)

- Open Sights centre fire rifles only (except for Juniors)
- Juniors can use Open Sights .22's
- 10 shots from prone position at 100m
- 12 rounds of ammo maximum (sighters can be kept)
- If you don't own an open sights rifle, please contact Maureen before the event to organise a rifle

Range Shooters – here is what you will be looking for.....

Hi Maureen,

Thanks for sending this out on behalf of Waikato NZDA who is holding this first Interclub event.

The date for this Interclub event is Sunday 18th February 2018. Please contact Maureen in the first instance for TVDA <u>a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz</u> if you are interested in being part of a TVDA Team or just keen to take part and learn heaps in the process. This Interclub competition is all about 'having a go' rather than who is the King Pin Shooter in our midst.

Hi this is an informal heads up and invitation to NZDA members from other branches that we'll be holding a rimfire field shoot in a month's time.

Final arrangements still haven't been made but we'll put out more as it gets set up. It may be less than 100 rounds depending on a time test we'll do next week.

It's the weekend the SHOT expo is on in Auckland so some of our guys will go up there on the Saturday and come back here for the shoot on Sunday. We'll put out more information as we work up plans for it, especially on our facebook page nzdawajkato.

The provisional format is 100 rounds up to 50m.

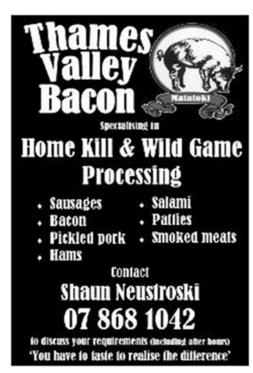
.17HMR will probably be allowed.

Let us know if you are interested in shooting .17 or other magnum rimfire.

- 4 position x10 shot paper targets at known distances (to get your eye in)
- 50 shots at steel targets at unknown random distances (may have to be reduced if time is tight but this is the main part of the shoot).
- 10 shots at balloons

Contact people are:

Simon Hickton 021 1601049 Chris Mansell 021 833783 waikatonzda@gmail.com



2018 Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot



Steve and Catherine from **The Maimai Supplies** have very generously come on board again this coming year as our 2018 Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot sponsors.

Special thanks to them for the excellent ongoing support and we really are so fortunate to have such wonderfully dedicated and committed sponsors and supporters of our two major shooting events each year.

Ecolab obviously are the other major sponsor of our 100 Sporting Clay Events. The ongoing support of both of these highly valued sponsors is so appreciated.



One thing that has been really noticeable at the last couple of shoots has been the lack of 'local' shooters to these clay target events so if possible guys and girls, if you have some local mates out there that was a great day's shooting, then rustle up a crew and come along. Hope to see you all at TVDA on 11 Feb.

I have not progressed anything further for this year along the lines of a 'Pond Shoot Category' but we will certainly be giving it some serious thought before next year. I look forward to your ideas and thoughts on this.

It was great to see Maureen and Wayne's young grandsons shooting at our last event and going by the beaming smiles and the scores on the board, they will be back for sure.

For Sale

98 rounds of .303 ammo

\$100 ono before I put them on trade me

Phone numbers please contact:

Dan: 078635812 or 0275044644





TVDA - Maureen Bennett Memorial 100 Sporting Clays Sunday 11th February 2018

8.30am start - Closeoff 10.30am

(Thames Valley Deerstalkers Range, Morrison Road, Paeroa – 1.5kms past Racecourse)

Great Targets (<u>over 2 separate fields</u>), Transport to each field for all shooters, Excellent Prize Table including the much coveted Bennett Memorial Medals – Wonderful Food and Hospitality and a Fantastic day out for Shooters of all Grades and Categories.

Excellent Drawn prizes as well – you just need to be there to have a chance....

Grades: AA, A, B, C, Unreg \$70.00
Categories: Ladies, Veterans, S/Vets, Juniors, TVDA \$60.00

Enquiries – Maureen Coleman 027 3337786 or a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz



No Dogs at the event please at the specific request of neighbouring landowners





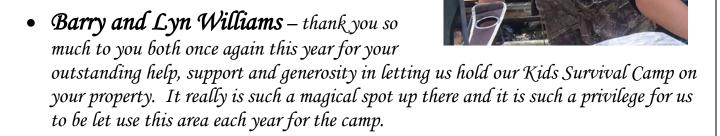




Special Thanks to:

• To Mike Deane and the crew that brought together another fantastic Kids Survival Camp. These 'survival camps' have been going for well over 40 years now and while the format has changed from the earlier years, this weekend is most definitely a highlight for so many kids in the club each year.

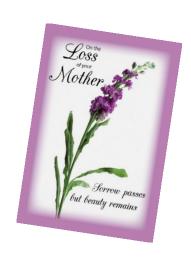
This snap caught on camera has Mike heading off to find a quiet spot while he samples the campfire cooked scones. Another outstanding Camp thank you Mike – you really are a Legend!!!



• To those guys who have helped so far with setting up for the upcoming Maureen Bennett Shoot. You're hugely valued time and effort has been most appreciated and it certainly all helps share the workload. It's also great to have other ideas and the input will ensure that the 2018 event is another cracker.

Condolences

To Kelby and Lyn Stewart, Ed & Hayley and Amelia – our heartfelt thoughts are with you all and also the rest of your family on the recent passing of a very much loved and precious Mother and Grandmother. May she rest in peace always...





To Wayne & Trish Stachurski and Elliott – the sincerest thoughts and comforts of us all are with you and all the rest of your family as you say your farewells to a truly special and cherished Dad and Granddad in Taranaki later on today.

Welcome to our new members since the last newsletter....

Roger Boese and Family

Reminder:

You will soon (in the next couple of weeks) be receiving your membership renewals by email for those who have supplied and email address or in the post for the rest of

you.

If you have changed your email address recently or have moved and need to advise NZDA of an address change, please do this asap.

It would also be really helpful if you could please advise TVDA directly as well just to keep things ticking over smoothly.



2018 HUNTS COURSE

It seems as if no time at all has lapsed since the last HUNTS course but we are calling for names now for 2018.

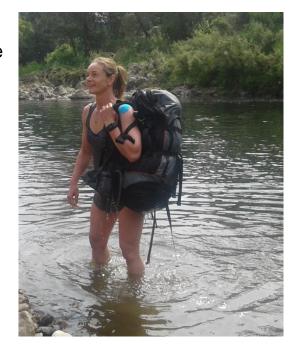
Planning for these courses does involve a lot of work, resources and planning so if people are keen to do the course, please contact Maureen asap to help facilitate the smooth running of the course.

Maureen: 027 3337786 or a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

It is anticipated that the course will commence approx. early August and it runs through to its conclusion at Labour Weekend with a one on one hunting trip with a Mentor. The course will be limited to 12 people and participants must be 15 years or older to attend.

Navigation – Compass/GPS/etc, Camping, Bushcraft, Clothing, Gear, Footwear, Food, Equipment, Survival, River Crossing, First Aid, Weather Conditions, Hunting, Butchering, Teamwork......

Photo: Emma having just completed the 'pack float' training as part of the River Crossing Exercise at the 2017 Course.











Next club day is Sunday 18th February

Due to the Maureen Bennett Clay Target shoot always being scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in February to work in with the NZCTA Calendar, our bowhunters club day is a week later for Feb.

As you will all be aware by now we also have the Final round Kiwi 3D event coming up at TVDA in April so let's see a really top turn out for this first club day of 2018 and get your eye in for the events coming up.

Upcoming Archery / Bowhunter Events:

Mark these dates in your calendar folks:

We will be hosting the 3rd and final round of the Kiwi 3D Tournament in 2018 and it's CONFIRMED as being held on Sunday 29th April.

The interclub competition will also be held later in the year and the date that I have got pencilled in for the moment is Sunday 16th September. *This* one will be confirmed in the near future.





Repaired 50m Shooting Range



As mentioned earlier in the newsletter there has been a rebuild done on the 50m range and while it is there to be shot at, we do ask please that you respect the request to use it properly. Special thanks once again to the guys who so kindly undertook this work over the Christmas/New Year period.

It is disappointing to still see an array of items stacked up on top of the shooting frame (yep sitting on top of the red board) despite requests for only paper targets to be used.

I can then hear mutterings that this is because the boards were all getting 'shot up' and it was too hard to attach the targets – or 'I forgot the targets so I found some bottles in the rubbish bin'. My suggestions to this too is pretty simple – if people would use the range properly and not place their targets over the red lines (hence the support structures) then the first problem wouldn't arise and secondly, if you can remember your rifle, bolt, ammo and earmuffs, them make sure you bring the targets as well please.



The bottom line is, if the range is not going to be used correctly and respectfully, it will be closed to all use outside of club events and specific range days. The ball is in your court folks.

The Value of carrying and EPIRB / PLB

Freidmann knew he was in trouble – and without this little gem, he'd have been in a whole heap more trouble than he needed to be!!!

He'd just shot a deer in the remote hills inland from Kawhia Harbour. All was well; there were no doubt smiles all round and then it turned to custard. Believe me... oops's with a knife don't only happen way out in the hills but the results can be quite similar.



Back to Freidman's incident, while he was cutting up the carcass, he slipped and fell

on his knife and this is where it ended up

penetrating into his thigh.



"I just processed stuff in seconds, like the next steps," he recalls. "I knew I was in trouble, I knew I was going to [activate] my locator beacon and I knew the best chances of me getting help was if I'm visible from the air."

"I got myself in a comfortable position because I was dizzy already and my heart was going 100 miles an hour and then I activated the beacon. I thought first things

first, I need to stop the bleeding and calm the heart rate down."

Friedmann edged the lower half of his body into the water.

"[I thought] if I cool down my leg, then the vein would hopefully cool down and shrink and the blood would start clotting.".....

Freidmann's actions from here till the chopper arrived a couple of hours later certainly saved his life as this was a close shave. Doctors advised that just another centimetre and he'd have cut the main artery and this would have been a much sadder end result.

Friedmann's top five essentials for hunters:

- 1. Tell someone where you are going
- 2. Emergency locator beacon
- 3. Water
- 4. Muesli bars (sugar treats)
- 5. First aid kit



Time to say Farewell

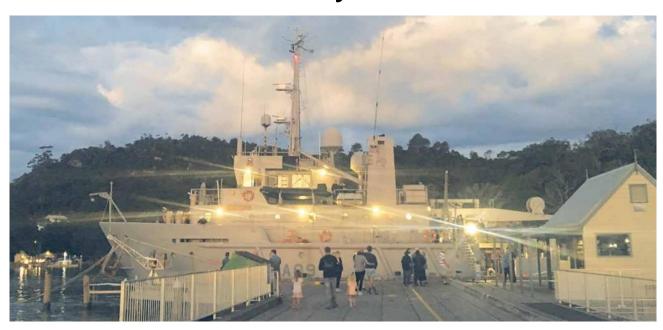


Photo: HMNZS Manawanui at the Whitianga Wharf on Tuesday 25 April 2017 (ANZAC Day).

Whitianga is the HMNZS Manawanui's home port and she will be decommissioned early this year. Prior to that, she will return to Whitianga for a five-day home port **decommissioning visit** as follows for those who wish see her for one last time.

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Berthing of the Manawanui next to the Whitianga Wharf at 7:30am,

Thursday 1 February 2018

A street parade through Whitianga at 2:00pm with the Royal New Zealand Navy Band and members of HMNZS Matataua (the Navy's Littoral Warfare Unit).

Friday 2 February 2018

Community service to be done by the Manawanui's crew.

Saturday 3 February 2018

A friendly challenge between the crew of the Manawanui and the Whitianga Volunteer Fire Brigade (involving a variety of drills) at 10:00am.

Sunday 4 February 2018

A public open day on board the Manawanui from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Monday 5 February 2018

The Manawanui sailing from Whitianga for the last time with a final farewell and wave-off at 11:50am

My 2 cents worth.....

It's now high time for the Health Department, the various Ministries and the Government to cough up with the facts and the truth on just what did happen to this family.

There are so many clear-cut, basic, and fundamental details being withheld on this, so it's no wonder that the rumour mill is working overtime.

There are plenty of reasons to genuinely not believe that this was Botulism. The quiet notification that floated under the radar right on Christmas of the test results being clear for this highly aggressive and potential killer also raises concerns.

Watch this space and hopefully we will all get the TRUTH and SOON.



NZDA Updates and info



NZDA Members



Don't forget that if you are needing to book the Inter-islander to cross the Strait, you just need to include the NZDA code and you will get the benefits.

The Code is **'FA5474'**

YOU DO HAVE TO PRODUCE YOUR CURRENT NZDA MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN CHECKING IN AND IT MUST BE IN THE NAME OF THE BOOKING.

Colouring in for Kids Club Night

Something for you kids to do between now and club night. Get colouring in and bring this with you to Club night. Prizes to be won.

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