

# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

## September - October 2018



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# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

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

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# Club Events Calendar

<b>October</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	8	<b>Docking starts at Panekiri</b>
<b>Monday</b>	8	Private Use – till late afternoon
<b>Tuesday</b>	9	Private Use – till late afternoon
<b>Wednesday</b>	10	Private Use – till late afternoon
<b>Sunday</b>	14	<b>Bowhunters Club Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	24	<b>Working Bee for sporting clays shoot</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	27	<b>Working Bee for sporting clays shoot</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	28	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Running Boar</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	31	<b>Club Night</b>

<b>November</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	1	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Saturday</b>	3	<b>Working Bee for sporting clays shoot</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	4	<b>TVDA 100 Sporting Clays – TVDA Anniv. Shoot</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	8	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	11	<b>Bowhunters Club Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	14	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	15	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	18	<b>Ohinemuri F &amp; G Sporting Clay Shoot</b>
<b>Monday</b>	19	Private Use – till late afternoon
<b>Tuesday</b>	20	Private Use – till late afternoon
<b>Thursday</b>	22	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	25	<b>Rimfire, Centre Fire Champs &amp; Patrons Cup shoot</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	28	<b>Club Night</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	29	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>

## December

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Running Boar</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Bowhunters Club Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Twilight sporting clays – <i>confirmed 5.30pm start</i></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>*****NO CLUB NIGHT IN DECEMBER*****.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Private Event – Venturer Scouts weeklong event</b>

## January

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b>	Venturer Scouts weeklong event
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11</b>	Private use of the Venue
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12</b>	Private Use of the Venue
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Committee Night</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Kids Club Night</b>

## February

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	Bowhunters Club Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	Committee Night
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	Final Round of Running Boar & Johansen Ironsights
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	Club Night

## Presidents Report

Welcome to Spring everyone and if the growth in the hills kicks away like it has out here in these parts it should be a ripper for some spring hunting in a few weeks' time. We were in at Right Branch (Ureweras) on the weekend of 22/23 September for the HUNTS course and while this was earlier than we normally go in and the spring flush hadn't arrived when we were there, it was clear to see that it wouldn't be too far away.

This newsletter has again been one that spans two months – in the main due to workload but also the fact that time will be too short to get one done as soon as we get back from doing the docking. Please keep this in mind and mark the upcoming events on your calendar as there will not be another newsletter BEFORE Club night, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Running Boar or the TVDA Anniversary 100 Sporting Clay's shoot. Many thanks for your understanding on this.

Nigel Lesley also tells me that the registrations have been slow at coming in for the Kids Survival Camp in January. These registrations MUST be in before 20 December or you will miss out – simple as that. Please make sure you check this out further through the newsletter as it would be shame to have to say NO to kids or parents that phone up at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. **The 20<sup>th</sup> of December is the cutoff date – please book in now.**

The TVDA 100 Sporting Clay event is also coming up on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November so please give **Tony a call 027 927 1848** and book in to help out with this event or turn up to shoot it on the day. There is a lot of work that goes into setting up these events and special thanks to Nigel, Tony and the F&G team for mapping out the field and putting the traps in place. Now that this is done there will still be working bees to actually set the fields, do weedeating, putting out targets, shooting frames etc so if you can spare a couple of hours for a working bee AND/OR on the day of the shoot that would be a huge help. On the day of the event we also need members to help out in the field making sure that the traps are working well (you just need to radio a mechanic for help if this happens), drivers for the utes that take the shooters to the start of their fields, help in the kitchen and various other jobs that crop up along the way. If you were not able to help out down at Panekiri – this is another way that you can assist the club in our other major fundraising option.

Well done and thank you very much from all hunters and particularly the Tahr Foundation for the huge support that was received in the last few weeks when the Minister of Conservation endeavoured to have massive culls. The voices of the people were finally heard and the Minister has agreed to now sit down and discuss things as she should have done in the first place. Watch this space as other species as well as trout and salmon are also on her hit list.

There is also a flier and entry form in here for the Wish for a Fish Competition that is coming up in Thames at the end of October. This is a fantastic cause and also a very fitting tribute to one of our young members (Finn Deane) who was tragically lost in a boating accident. Please join in for a great day out on the water if you can and support this excellent cause.

Good luck to everyone getting out for some hunting or fishing over the next few weeks and remember to stay safe and if you are in the hills, ***always identify your target beyond all doubt.***

**Maureen**

# Club Night

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## **Biltong and Boerewors**

**Demonstration and sampling.....**

**Start time 7.30pm**

- ***EJ and Renee have very kindly offered to come along and do a demonstration on making both Biltong and Boerewors for our October Club night.***

Not only will they set up and make the products but they will have some biltong already made up for us to sample on the night.

As for the boerewors – this may mean ‘breakfast sausage’ but I’m sure none of us will mind that the BBQ is going on the night and we sample them at the other end of the day.

EJ and Renee had their own business making these items in South Africa before coming to NZ to work and live so they are very

accomplished in the art and are very happy to share their knowledge and information with us all.

EJ is also a very keen hunter from his time back in South Africa and is very keen to tackle the hills and open spaces out here when his time as an engineer allows for this to happen so I’m sure we will see more of them both in the future.



***ALSO – at this October club night, it will also see us presenting our HUNTS Course Certificates so please also make the effort to come along and support the Trainees from this year who really did accomplish a lot***

***throughout the course and finished their training off with a 3 day weekend in the Urewera’s last week.***

**Definitely make sure you roll up on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> and bring a friend or the family along as well.**

# Wanted

A 'starter' gun safe for someone wanting to get their firearms licence. If you have one that is no longer needed but still meets the criteria, please give Maureen a call on 027 3337786 or an email on [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)

## ALSO WANTED

**.223 Centrefire rifle with Iron Sights –  
any make or model considered.**

**Please phone Warren 021 476 428**



Congratulations to

George and Lyn Avery as you celebrate your Golden Wedding Anniversary.

One of the kids said to me the other day 'how can that be – they aren't even that old!!!

There you go – 50 years doesn't have to be a double Life Sentence after all!!

## PLEASE

When using the rifle ranges, **ONLY USE PAPER TARGETS** and make sure you **clean up after yourselves please.**

Since the last newsletter there has been all sorts of crap left lying around, the 50m target boards have been used to 'pattern' shotguns and 5 different calibres of live rifle rounds have been found discarded on or around the mound.

# **Mike's Famous – KIDS SURVIVAL CAMP 2019**

**Time is running out to get those registrations in!!!**

*The camp this year will be held on the following days:*

**Starting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January and**

**Finishing on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of January.**

*The general format of the Camp will be the same, it will be held at the same fantastic venue at Maratoto; there will be heaps for the kids to do and this year, it will be open for MEMBERS ONLY and a strict CUTOFF date and numbers will be applied to ensure the ongoing success of the camps.*

*For those who have not been before, this camp is an iconic part of our club and it sees many people who attended as kids themselves bringing the next generation back for a healthy dose of being a 'kiwi kid', getting out there and doing it and making neat friends along the way.*

*The general activities of the camp involve: camping, cooking over the fire, checking trap lines, swimming in the creek, catching eels, shooting, archery, novelty events, basic navigation and outdoor first aid.....and having a great time. All activities are fully supervised at all times*



***The Camp Registration Forms and details can be obtained from the Club Website [www.tvda.co.nz](http://www.tvda.co.nz) or by contacting Nigel Lesley at [ainslea@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ainslea@xtra.co.nz) or by phoning him 027 4823 117.***

***The cost of the camp is \$30.00 per person and can be paid by sending a cheque to TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa or direct credit to the bank account shown on the registration forms.***

***It will be first in first served as far as registrations go and there will be a final cutoff date of 20 December if the maximum number of attendees has not already been reached prior to that date***

***If the maximum number of 35 participants is registered before that date, then that is it - CLOSED.***

## ***Ammo, Arrows & Flies***

Visiting students from Waiheke Island College recently took part in various activities at the club while they were down this way on a school trip.

Special thanks to Kiera Pennell for touching base with us and it was such a delight to host a top bunch of students.

Most of the students had never held a firearm or a fly fishing rod before so it was fantastic to see the way they all totally embraced the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon on the range.



Huge thanks to the Team from TVDA that also helped make this possible as we had .22 rifle shooting, clay target shooting, archery and fly-fishing casting all on the go at the one time.



# A Sika for Staceigh

*By Staceigh Paul*

I received a call from Maureen asking if I wanted to go on a Girls Weekend Hunt. I wasn't sure about going at first and was a bit hesitant in saying yes, but made the call to say "yes I will be there".

I had never been to Owhango before let alone heard of the place and was excited but



anxious at the same time! The days rolled by and Friday night finally arrived - we got down there and went to bed to get ready for the morning hunt.

Saturday morning, we were up and ready to go see what was waiting for us. I headed out with Clem and our guide Glenn to the top of the ridge and saw different kinds of deer. I have never seen deer that close before and it was an amazing sight to see!!!

I didn't take a shot at anything on the Saturday as they were too far away and I was happy to see others having a go first. Ashley did really well and got a pig so that was a great way to round out the day.

Sunday morning, I was ready and waiting for Maureen and Yab so I could go out and try and shoot something...low and behold not long after leaving the lodge there were four deer standing on a sidling waiting for the morning sun to arrive. I had the rifle resting on the edge of the quad bike carrier, I took aim and breathed carefully and then placed my first shot at deer. It was hit well; but the



animal just stood there so another shot finish the job.

Staceigh with her sika hind



We jumped on the quad and winding our way around several tracks we went over to the other side of the big gully to find the deer.

Yes, there it was - I had bagged myself my very first deer; a young sika hind. It was also really neat to be able to do the whole job – I learnt how to gut the animal, turn it into a pikau and get it back to the quad. It felt amazing, I was so proud of myself and well worth the trip. It was definitely an experience that I would love to do again!

Thank you everyone for a trip I will never forget!!!!



We have been asked by Mike McIlraith, the Officer in Charge of the Arms Act Service Delivery Group (effectively the Firearms Licensing and Policy Review Group) to keep people up to date with happenings on this front.

Given the nature of this review and the wide scope of work that it involves, Mike and his team are ensuring that the Police Website is kept fully updated on information and changes as they come to hand.

This is the link [www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates](http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates) on the Police website so please save it to your Favourites and visit it regularly to keep up to speed with the relevant updates.

As a quick reference to what is coming up, the following is the latest update on the above link.

If anyone is interested in attending a Firearms meeting hosted by NZ Police there is one in Hamilton on Wednesday 17 October from 7.00 – 8.00 pm. The venue will be notified on the above link site in due course.

# **Firearms Licensing 'TEST VENUES' in the Thames Valley and Coromandel Regions**

***With the change in the way the new Firearms Licences, tests are now needing to undertaken at a VTNZ or NZTA Driver Licensing venues, this is currently being reviewed in our area due to the lack of outlets providing this service.***



***Since the beginning of August, NZTA has contracted out a lot of the driver licensing venues to private operators and these new venues/operators have not been permitted to undertake this Firearms Licensing work.***

***Maureen identified that Thames was (since August) the only place in the entire region where there was access to this Firearms Licensing service on a regular basis.***



From Google: This map is indicative of the area affected through the NZTA changes.

***Contact has been made with NZ Police who were unaware that NZTA, through their private contracts, had effectively removed this service from the local communities and the situation is being remedied.***

***Mike McIlraith and his team have worked on this issue and also the wider problem that it highlighted for many other parts of the country that faced the same problem.***

***The good news is that a solution has been found. That solution is that the NZ Police***

***have worked with NZTA and the private contractors have now been given permission by NZTA to undertake the online component of the Firearms Licensing.***

***These venues have been given the green light by NZTA as of 1 October to undertake Firearms Licensing.***

***To summarise the new process (since 1 July) for firearms licensing, it is as follows:***

- You pay your application fee at the post office like normal and then you make a booking and sit the online test at a VTNZ or driver license testing outlet***
- Once you have passed this test, you can then book in to undertake a practical test with a firearms trainer at various venues. TVDA is the venue for this area. **\*\*it must be stressed here that there is NO live firing as part of this test\*\*** but does involve handling firearms and firearms safety tuition.***
- Once this test has been passed, the normal vetting process will be undertaken.***

# Thank You

*So much to the following people and groups who have helped out in so many ways over the last month; your contributions certainly do make such a difference.*

- *Bill, Paula, Dennis, Shelley, Rhys and the Bowhunter's team that brought together the recent Interclub Archery Tournament. Im sure that there were other bowhunter members who chipped in; in several ways to help make sure that this event came together on the day.*
  - *Then on the day – huge thanks to those who toiled behind the scenes to make sure the whole event ran so smoothly.*
- *Brian, Wayne, Jos, Mike, Lee, Jason and Maureen for your willing help as mentors for the HUNTS course final weekend that we have just come back from. A long weekend of stunning weather spent at Right Branch in the Urewera's was an excellent place to help introduce the HUNTS course participants to just what is on offer out there. Also to everyone else who has helped out with the various HUNTS Course sessions and made it all possible.*
- *To Tim, Peter, Tony and Derek from Heli Resources from Murapara for doing such a good job in getting the HUNTS course Team into Right Branch and back again; as well as for the use of the bunkhouse on Friday night before we left.*
- *To all those people who have put your names down to help out with the docking at Panekiri - this hugely valued help and support for the club as one of its major fundraisers is so appreciated.*
- *Many thanks also to those who have not been able to go down to help at Panekiri for various reasons but have chipped in with baking, the use of equipment and support for various jobs back home here while others are down there doing the docking. A real team effort for sure so special thanks once again.*
- *George, Keven, Jos and Jock for your 'day on the range' helping out at the Kids School Holiday Programme at Rawhiti Road. Also to Mike and Mark for your help at the same event but doing the butchery demo. Always such a huge bonus to be able to help out with things like this as it really does make such a difference and positive impression on the next generation. Special thanks once again guys for top job.*



## Running Boar

1st Round - 29 July 2018

<b>Mens</b>	<b><u>Slow</u></b>	<b><u>Fast</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Dan Cox	64	59	<b>123</b>
Peter Thompson	67	42	<b>109</b>
Warren Penwarden	50	51	<b>101</b>
Brian Neilson	43	15	<b>58</b>
<b><u>Ladies</u></b>			
Maureen Coleman	62	14	<b>76</b>
Ashlee Dewar	27	47	<b>74</b>
<b><u>Juniors</u></b>			
Dania Penwarden	21	9	<b>30</b>
Kade Gill	3	23	<b>26</b>
Jessica Penwarden	9	14	<b>23</b>
<b><u>Visitor</u></b>			
Phil	47	27	<b>74</b>
Angela Whittall	30	22	<b>52</b>

**WELCOME**

to new our Members over the last couple of months

- **Simon Rogers**
    - **Liam, Lila & Kiri Rogers**
  - **Damian Morgan**
  - **Rachel Thompson**
  - **Wayne Agee**
    - **Chantelle Wheaton**
  - **Muhammad Yaser Ali**
    - **Summum Yaser &**
    - **Muhammad Aarez & Ahroush Ali**
  - **Steve Collecutt**
- **Jason Bidois**
  - **Mike Cook**
    - **Kylie, Natasha and Hannah**
  - **Rian Reckling**
    - **Ina, Ricco & Donovan**
  - **Grant Holah**
  - **Glenn Strange**
    - **Ashlee, Zeb and Jack**
  - **Andrea & Robert Swanney**
  - **Dean Ramsey**

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# Charity Fishing Competition

## 27 OCT 2018

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CHARITY  
AUCTIONS!  
SPOT PRIZES!  
RAFFLES!



**WHERE:** Thames Rugby Sports Club  
445 Ngati Maru Hwy, Thames

**DATE:** Saturday, 27 Oct 2018

**BRIEFING:** Friday, 26 Oct 2018, 7pm  
Bait Auction and Spot Prizes!!!

**FISHING START:** 26 Oct, 9pm - Stop 27 Oct, 4pm

**WEIGH IN:** Saturday, 27 Oct, 4.30pm - 6pm  
Thames Rugby Sports Club

**PRIZE GIVING:** Saturday, 27 Oct, 7.30pm  
Thames Rugby Sports Club

### CATEGORIES:

**SNAPPER:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest & average weight  
FINN DEANE Memorial Trophy  
for Heaviest Snapper

**KING FISH:** 1st, 2nd heaviest  
DARYN COURTNEY Memorial Trophy

**KAHAWAI:** 1st, 2nd heaviest

**TREVALLY:** 1st, 2nd heaviest

**UNDERWATER:** Inc. Crayfish, Kingfish, Butterfish & Scallops  
Any of these fish weighed in will be donated and  
auctioned off on Saturday night to the event

2 Fish per angler for each category (8 max)

**ENTRY FEE:** \$50 pp or \$180 per team (4 max)  
Includes a free Sponsor T-Shirt

FULL BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE AND KITCHEN SERVICES  
INCLUDING FISH AND CHIPS AND A PIG ON THE SPIT

**PRIZES** **\$500** **LUCKY ANGLER DRAW**  
Product & Goodies to the value of \$500  
**\$2000** **AVERAGE WEIGHT**  
**SNAPPER**



ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE WISH 4 FISH CHARITABLE TRUST.

Contact: Bryce 021 616 601 or email [bryce@wish4fish.co.nz](mailto:bryce@wish4fish.co.nz) for entry forms or Early Bird Bait & Tackle, Thames. Ph 07 863 6833

# Wish 4 Fishy

## Charity Fishing Competition Thames 2018

### ENTRY FORM

THAMES RUGBY SPORT CLUBS - THAMES

BRIEFING: **FRI 26 OCT. 7PM** | FISHING / PRIZE GIVING: **SAT 27 OCT.**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skipper:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Kid T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deckie 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Kid T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deckie 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Kid T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deckie 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Kid T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Diver/Spearfisher:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Kid T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE:** \$50 pp or \$180 per team (4 people max) **PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM**

*Terms and conditions of competition available on request*

**RECEIPT:** Tick here if you require an email receipt

**ONLINE:** Wish for Fish Charitable Trust Bank Account 01-0373-0104806-00  
(Please put name of entry as reference)

**CHEQUE:** Cheques payable to: Wish for Fish Charitable Trust  
c/o Nick Earl, Lyon O'Neil Arnold, PO Box 746, Tauranga  
Phone: 07 571 4008 or Mobile: 021 616 601

Thanks for  
your support

# TAUPO NZDA SPRING HUNT 'CHOPPER TRIP' UREWERA'S 19<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup> OCT

*Taupo Branch of NZDA has booked these following blocks for a flyin club trip and extended the INVITE for members from other branches to join them for what promises to be a fantastic time in the hills. If you are keen to be in part of this trip to various blocks, please make sure you read the details below and get in contact with Paul Coleman or Mike Nain as detailed below. Get a group of three or just go it alone and meet new people for the weekend.*

- Flying with **Heli Resources Murupara**
- Parties of three
- Heli pad @ Golf Rd approx. 1 mile out of Murupara heading to Waikaremoana
- **No Dogs** allowed in park unless they have Kiwi Aversion training and also be identifiable by tattoo
- Safe vehicle parking at Heli pad
- Shuttle available to transport hunters to fly in/drop off point at end of road
- 420kg max per chopper trip (Bell Ranger)
- Pay Cash or eftpos @Heli Resources on Day of flight. DOC Landing Fee included in prices.
- Non NZDA Members \$30 extra pp
- Safety Brief at Heli Pad prior departure: All groups to have at least 1 Epirb or other communication, 2 available for Hire from Taupo NZDA.

***Obtain Permits' online prior to trip through Te Urewera Hunting [www.ngatituhoe.iwi.nz](http://www.ngatituhoe.iwi.nz)***

# HUNTING BLOCKS

## NORTHERN BLOCKS \$250 PP TRIPS

<b>Right Branch Manuohou hut</b>	(38 25 42.08, 176 55 06.59)	Red & Rusa deer, pigs
<b>Ngaherimai hut</b>	(38 29 32.21, 176 58 39.53)	Red & Rusa deer, pigs
<b>Hanamihahi camp site</b>	(38 27 39.54, 176 57 36.72)	Red & Rusa deer, pigs
<b>Duckville hut</b>	(38 21 45.71, 176 52 43.99)	Red & Rusa deer, pigs
<b>Takarua hut</b>	(38 28 49.45, 177 00 25.03)	Red deer, pigs
<b>Casino hut</b>	(38 18 50.7, 176 54 31.72)	Red deer, pigs

## SOUTHERN BLOCKS \$300 PP TRIPS

<b>Te Totara hut</b>	(38 43 52.73, 176 52 25.43)	Red deer, pigs
<b>Central Waiau hut</b>	(38 46 05.25, 176 50 49.25)	Red deer, pigs, trout
<b>Tewaiotukapiti hut</b>	(38 48 36.88, 176 51 22.02)	Red deer, pigs, trout
<b>Parahaki campsite</b>	(38 44 42.01, 176 51 15.31)	Red deer, pigs, trout
<b>Sids campsite</b>	(38 49 31.55, 176 51 27.49)	Red deer, pigs, trout
<b>Blue slip campsite</b>	(38 47 29.33, 176 50 02.91)	Red deer, pigs, trout

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# LOOK FOR ROOKS

*If you spot one on your property or in your neighbourhood, call **0800 BIOSEC** (0800 246 732).*



## What to look for

- Large black birds, in both urban and rural areas.
- Nests at the tops of tall trees from now until December.



**Blackbird**

**Magpie**

**Rook**

**Size of a rook**

## Waikato Regional Council

Rooks are pests that cause significant damage to crops and pasture. We are responsible for controlling these, but we need you to tell us about any new nesting sites.

If you do see some, don't scare or try to control them yourself. They're likely to scatter and form new rookeries, making control more difficult.

Just call us instead. **Waikato Regional Council 0800 246 732**

# Te Whare Okioki Hut Construction Under Way !

*Taken from the Kaimai Ridgeway newsletter*

Fantastic news - we are now in the construction phase of building our first new Kaimai hut. Its name is Te Whare Okioki – the resting place. It is located in an extension of the clearing at the Ngamuwahine Shelter in the southern Kaimai, about one hour south on the North South Track from the Te Tuhi / Ngamarama / North South Track junction.



During August there were some major advances, with

more site clean-up work happening, the foundation holes dug, foundations erected, and the floor panels moved into location. That was sufficient progress for the building inspector from Matamata Piako District Council to visit and pass us for everything that he could check up on to this point – so congratulations to the building teams for the work well done so far.

Stan Lowe, our building manager, is away for a few weeks, but has a busy schedule lined up following his return. The next steps are the grouting of the floor, the block laying for the walls, construction of the deck, and preparations for installation of the roof.

Here is what happened in a busy and very productive work weekend in August :



The work team busy digging the holes for the steel foundations. After some hard work, including coping with some awkward large rocks, this was the result :

So now time to manoeuvre the aerated concrete floor panels into place.

And now all wrapped up to protect it from

the elements until the next work weekend. The edge framing for the deck at the front of the hut is in place. The woodshed, and beyond it the old clearing, is in the background.

Warren Geraghty (DOC Ranger) operating the DOC digger that we helicoptered in a few months back for site clearance, drainage construction, earth moving for the helipad and other useful jobs such as breaking up large rocks in the ground ....



Here is the new helipad which is now in use, ensuring that flights in and out of the site are much safer and assured, being able to cope with a wider range of weather conditions. Wooden framing, ponga base, and earth on top. In itself, this is a major step forward providing a sound location for any SAR related operations in the area.

Photo taken from the rear corner of the helipad, looking towards the new hut floor

A reminder that this is a formal construction site, and that if you are passing by, you should keep clear and leave all building materials and equipment alone.



Over the next few months other work parties will be focused on ensuring the tracks to and from the hut are in good order, and DOC is keen to provide chainsaw assistance to ensure the treefalls are not a major hindrance to enjoyment of the walk to and from the hut. Contact Tony or Roger to join

in with this activity – while some work parties will be camped in the bush (or the new woodshed) for several days, there is also some work that can be done as single day work tasks from key road ends, including Whakamarama, Ngamuwahine, Old Kaimai, the Kaimai Summit, Te Tuhi (west) and Goodwin Rd.

The construction process requires well organised work teams who are briefed on the strict conditions we have for managing the work site – during the construction phase, the site finishing phase, and ongoing, as we move into regular maintenance mode. While there are some specialist roles involved, there will also be a need for all willing people throughout, so please let us know if and when you will be able to assist with the hut construction or related track work. As you can see from the photos, this is your opportunity to take part in a building project in a remote and beautiful bush setting.

Stan Lowe of the Bay Of Plenty Deerstalkers branch is the Site Manager, Robert Humphreys is our building lead, Roger Montgomerie is the overall Health and Safety manager, and Tony Walton will continue to manage the documentation requirements so that work can proceed in a well managed and efficient manner. Tony and Roger are also leading the track maintenance work.

There is more progress information and photos on our website at this link  
<http://www.sporty.co.nz/kaimaicomunity/Huts-South/Te-Whare-Okioki>



## ILLEGAL HUNTING IN THE KAIMAIS

The long and short of this is that there have been several reports of illegal hunting in the Kaimais.

The two main issues that have been brought to light are:

1. Helicopter hunting and shooting from the choppers and stropping the carcasses out.
  - DoC has confirmed that there is strictly NO WARO or research permits granted in the Kaimais and activity of this nature or herding and hazing is **totally illegal** and they want any confirmed details, photos, video footage etc please and they will prosecute.
2. The age old safety issue of illegal spot lighting on DOC land and agro from spot lighters.
  - DoC and the Police need to know about this and action will be taken. This information can be provided anonymously and it can still be enacted on so please do your bit folks. We all need to be proactive in 'doing the right thing' and also making our hunting areas safe at all times for everyone.

## Twilight Sporting Clay Shoots - **CONFIRMED**

Many thanks to all those who have made contact following the last newsletter to indicate your interest in the Twilights shoots again this year.



Because of the interest shown, we will definitely be holding Twilight Shoots on Thursday evenings throughout November and the first 2 weeks in December.

Please see the dates in the Upcoming Events section.

These events are open to anyone so bring some mates along too if they are keen or wanting to have a go at shotgun/clay target shooting.

Burgers for tea too if you don't feel like going home and doing the cooking afterwards!!

### Prices:

First round of 25 targets is \$14.00 (which includes your range fee) and all/any subsequent rounds of 25 targets are \$9.00 each.

Ammo: can be purchased at the club on the night of the shoot

Burgers: \$5.00 each



## Second Hand Burris Scope

3x – 9x 40mm Vari-power scope

*Still works fine but owner has just upgraded it.*

**\$50.00 ono**

Contact Arthur Blackburn 022 026 9606



# TVDA Anniversary Cup

## 100 Sporting Targets

Thames Valley District Championships

**Sunday 4th November 2018**

**8.30am start**

*Thames Valley Deerstalkers Range, Morrison Road, Paeroa  
(1.5kms past Racecourse) 10.30am Cutoff for entries*

**Welcome one and all – great targets for everyone**

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**Categories: Ladies, Veterans, S/Vets, Juniors, TVDA \$60.00**

Enquiries – Maureen Coleman 027 3337786 or [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)

# PIG WEIGHTS



**August 2018**



**Craig & Jeanette Harris - 80lb (boar)**

**Craig & Jeanette Harris - 60lb (boar)**

**Craig & Jeanette Harris - 90lb (boar)**

**Lee Kelly - 100lb (boar)**

**Lee Kelly - 85lb (boar)**

**Lee Kelly & Nathan Smythe - 130lb (boar)**

Keep those weights rolling in guys - great to see your results from out there..

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## NZDA Updates



Through upgrades and process changes at NZDA, from now on the monthly newsletter that comes out from the National Office will be sent electronically to all members who are on email.

For those who are not on email, we (TVDA) can print off the monthly newsletter from the national office and any other relevant supporting information and post that to you with your newsletter.

Up until now this has always just come to the Branch Secretaries and in our case, we take the info out of it that we feel is relevant and include in our newsletter.

Unfortunately in many other cases, the members or even the branch committees for that matter often never hear or see anything of this info so this is a way to keep you all better informed.

# Docking at Panekiri

**We NEED you.  
Can you HELP?**

This annual fundraiser starts on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of October** – yep that's this coming Monday.

We have good numbers of helpers for the first week but are very **SHORT** of help for the second week so if anyone is able to spare a few days to come down and help out over the middle weekend (13/14<sup>th</sup>) or at any time during the week following, can you please contact Brian Neilson urgently. Brian's number is 027 8910958.

For those who have not been down there before, we have two crews operating (from different areas on the station) and we stay in the shearers quarters.

Essentially so long as the weather is ok – WE DOCK LAMBS and the more fine days we have the quicker we get through the job.

Huge thanks to those who have put their names down so far, or made contact – it really is so appreciated.

You don't need to have had experience docking lambs before – it's a case of many hands make light work and with everyone chipping in to help it certainly makes for a real social atmosphere and a great way to help out on both fronts – as an excellent club fundraiser and also helping the team down on the Station.

All you need to bring is some farm clothes, a sleeping bag and a willingness to work as a team and the rest just falls into place. The meals and food are all provided by the club. Car pooling and transport can also be arranged if need be.



Doc have advised that they will be doing Bait Station /Ground Control using Pindone for rats in the Waipapa and Pikiariki Ecological areas in the Pureora Forest Park.

This work will cover the breeding season from August 2018 through to June 2019 to control rats and further support the establishment there of translocated populations of Archey's Frogs.

# Submissions:

Application from Chris Birt of Manaaki Holdings to have an exclusive lease over a footprint of land in the Whirinaki for a lodge as part of his Guided Nature Walks. This application was to extend his current two day/one night walking experience - to a 3 day / 2 night guided nature walk. The area concerned is from the end of the Okahu Road through the current track network via Skips, Rogers, Moerangi and out to Minginui.

- While we did not have a general concern with the very small footprint of land that was being sought as the lease area (about 1 hectare), there were many other things about the application that rang alarm bells and this was the basis for our Strong Opposition via the submission process. The key areas of concern that we highlighted:
  - That given the way the submission was lodged and the 'looseness of the details – it could easily see them seeking to have the entire valley network as an exclusive use for them only
  - They stated that they would do deer culling in the area – surely if other hunters were not excluded why would they need to do deer culling in the 'off months' of June, July and August
  - The sheer numbers that they were seeking approval for – 25 people per day equates to 6700 additional people as of right if this application was to be granted in its current format
    - This also equates to 187,000 people for the life of the consent. None of these figures larger figures were noted at all in the submission but when you read the daily figures and equated it out, this is the end result
  - The general health of the area and the lack of adequate mitigating measures in the application to ensure the ongoing health and wellbeing of the valley, the bush, the current huts, the flora and fauna as well as the life blood of the valley – the waterways.
  - There was also referees talking about this becoming the next Great Walk which we all know, that if this happens, it will certainly mean that the applicant would be seeking exclusive use rights to the entire valley network from Minginui through to Okahu Road end.
  - It also seems ironic that under his existing consent, this operator has been guiding about 10 – 12 people PER YEAR and now he wants to have up to 25 people per day!!!
    - There is a strong indication here that the big tourism operators are using this current consent holder to obtain the extension to his 'very low level operation' and once it is granted, they'd buy him out – Concession and all.
    - If this happened, there would be every chance that the number mentioned above would be a reality as the other Great Walks around the country are booked out so much in advance, the northern areas are getting closed off due to Kauri Dieback and so the list goes on!!

## OSPRI submission

There are three key areas in the northern part of the North Island that are due for TB Free programmes in 2019. These areas have been identified as Hatepe, Horopito and Waipunga.

Hatepe has long been a well-known TB hotspot and it has to be done. The other two areas will also be done regardless of whether we want it or not but we have taken the stance of emphasising that we would like to see mitigating measures to prevent unnecessary by-kill of non-target species.

We have also stressed that we would like to see the use of sentinel pigs in particularly the Hatepe area as they are excellent indicators of where the real TB issues lie rather than just going a blanket approach for the sake of it. By using sentinel pigs as part of their pre-planning it would enable them to better target the areas that need the most urgent attention.

We have also strongly requested that Deer Repellent be used in all three of the programmes as an indication of their willingness to work with hunters and benefit from the ongoing research work being done and available from CNI Sika Foundation as well as the REZ Survey Project.

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## **DO NOT WASH YOUR HAIR IN THE SHOWER!!**

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful!!!

It involves the shampoo when it runs down your body as you shower with it.

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner!

I use shampoo in the shower!

When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Printed very clearly on the shampoo bottle's label is this warning

**“FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME”.**

**No wonder I have been gaining weight.**

Well!! I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn Dish washing soap.

Its label reads:- “DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE”.

***Problem solved! If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower.***

# Bow hunters

# Corner



**Next club day is Sunday 14<sup>TH</sup> October**

Well 2 Interclub tournaments have been and gone, one at Lakeview on 5th August and the third round here at TVDA on Sunday 16th September.

Congratulations must go to some of our members who scored really well and received certificates for coming either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their Divisions.



Those who received certificates at Lakeview – impressive results folks.

### **Results from last Sundays 'Interclub' Tournament at TVDA:**

Ladies Compound Division:	Shelley Moxsom 1st
Mens Compound Division:	Tony Moxsom 1st
Mens Recurve Division:	Evan Lee 3rd
Mens Longbow Division:	Nigel Thompson 3rd
Youth Compound Division:	Hayden Moxsom 1st
Youth Compound Division:	Luke Moxsom 2nd
Youth Female Recurve Division:	Stazy Rotzel 1st

Many thanks to those who put in the hard yards to make this latest tournament on the weekend another great success.

Very good feedback was received by the shooters on the day. Tournaments and club days don't just happen, they require both physical and mental work so thanks again to those members who turned up at the working bees.

Thanks also to Mike Deane for his help organising the lunch etc. Mike, you are always reliable and you get the job done.

**Dave Madsen  
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Bill and Shelley giving out the certificates at TVDA on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

## ***K2K Trap Line***



**Results for June, July, August/September.**

**4 Stoats, 4 rats.**

**Dennis & Bill.**



***Images like this are being prevented through the trapping work being done.  
The new extended Kaioua Line is about to be checked as well – watch this space.***

# **Spinach and Feta Fritters**

**Steam or cook 1 bag/pkt of spinach or a good sized bunch/potful from the garden (reduces heaps when cooked)**

**Drain the Spinach in a colander and let cool and then squeeze as much water as possible out of the cooked spinach. Re-Squeeze it 2-3 times if necessary.**

**Add the following to the cooled spinach:**

**1 packet of Feta cheese (crumbled up)**

**1 dsp basil pesto**

**1-2 eggs**

**1 onion finely chopped**

**Salt and pepper to taste**

**1 tsp of baking powder if not using self-raising flour**

**Mix altogether well and blend with enough flour to make into a really tacky batter/dough mixture.**

**Cook in a normal frying pan in hot oil like normal fritters.**

Dressing (options):

*½ tub of natural yoghurt*

*1 tsp pesto*

or:

*Dollop of Sour cream and*

*drizzle with Sweet Chilli Sauce*

*Mix yoghurt and pesto together and sprinkle with pine nuts if you want.*



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## The Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group Predator Control Project

The Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group is made up of members from NZDA Taupo, The Central North Island Sika Foundation and Hunters & Habitats Taupo. We meet with the Department of Conservation Taupo on a regular bases and discuss issues that are relevant to all parties involved and also supply volunteers to carry out work such as track clearing and replacing markers, hut maintenance and cleaning up rubbish from popular camp sites in remote locations in the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

At our last meeting which was held at DOC Taupo office on 20 June, we raised the prospect of being involved in a predator control project in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. It was agreed that a good project to start with would be predator control along the Kaipo and Oamaru Rivers, the two main tributaries of the Mohaka River, to protect the struggling Whio populations that are in this area.

### The plan we have in place is as follows:

The Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group will supply all the volunteers needed to carry out this project from setting out the trap lines to regular ongoing maintenance of the trap lines.

NZDA Taupo, Sika Foundation, Hunters & Habitats and DOC Taupo have donated \$5000 each to start the project, with Bayleys Real Estate Taupo sponsoring the Sika Foundations share of \$5000. These funds go directly to suppling Goodnature A24 traps. With the \$20,000, we were able to purchase 108 x A24 traps complete with lure and counters.

We organised two teams to go into the area on the 27 – 29 July to carry out a survey of the Kaipo River from the swing bridge to the Oamaru Hut and the Oamaru River from the Waitawhero Stream to Oamaru Hut, approximately 10 km on each river. The survey was to determine how many Whio were resident, so we could decide where to place the first line of traps, which need to cover at least 6 km of river to be effective, placed at 100m intervals staggered on each side of the river. One pair of Whio were encountered on each river



demonstrating how urgent it was to get this project under way.

On Friday 17 August a team of 12 volunteers went into the Oamaru hut and set out 108 traps along the Kaipo River from the swing bridge down to the confluence with the Oamaru River, protecting just over 10 km of the Kaipo river.

We will go into the area at regular intervals to check the counters and maintain the traps to determine how many predators we are killing and check the Whio population, updating our web sites so everyone can keep track of the project.

This marks the start of a long-term project which could take up to five years before we see a real increase in Whio numbers. We will continue expanding the area protected within this location to create more safe stretches of river as young birds mature and start breeding in larger numbers and move to new territories within the area.

We are now raising funds to protect the 10 km of the Oamaru River from the Waitawhero Stream to the confluence with the Kaipo River. Major sponsors will appear on our web sites, facebook pages and all promotional material that is generated to promote this project. Your support for this exciting and important conservation project would be greatly appreciated.

Gary Harwood

Project coordinator

Mobil: 027 487 2304

Email: gharwood@xtra.co.nz

### **Update following the first check of the newly installed Goodnature Traps**

*Just got back from checking the traps on the Kaipo River. One team were were flown in to the Kaipo swing bridge by Helisika free of charge and split into two parties. One party taking the true left and the other taking the true right. I drove in through Poronui so I could drive everyone back out and made my way up the true right to meet up with first party, we were back at the Oamaru hut by around 1.30p. The other group had the most difficult task on the true left, getting back about 5.30, a big day on the river. Next time we will take an extra group to start from the bottom end and work up the true left to meet up with the ones coming down to make this side more manageable.*

*The traps were installed on the 18 August, in just 32 days the following are the results from checking the counters today. A fantastic outcome and awesome effort from all involved.*

***True left      95 hits***

***True right    88 hits***

***Total          183 hits on the trap counter***

# SIKA DEER REPELLENT TRIALS

## 2017 SIKA DEER REPELLENT STUDY

The effectiveness of using deer repellent coating to deter sika deer from eating cereal baits was studied between June and September in the high-country hunting grounds of the central North Island.

The research was carried out by Landcare Research on behalf of OSPRI with the support and assistance of expert local deer hunters associated with the Sika Foundation.

In areas that wild deer are highly valued by hunters, such as the high country hunting grounds of the North and South islands, deer repellent is widely used during 1080 operations to reduce by-kill by minimising the consumption of toxic cereal baits.

Epro deer repellent (EDR) greatly reduced the incidental by-kill of red deer during earlier trials. However, EDR's effectiveness at deterring sika deer had not been directly researched before this trial. Sika are smaller and generally exist at higher population densities than red deer, so potentially are more at risk. Consequently they're probably hungrier and more likely to eat bait.

## CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND TB CONTROL

As the TBfree programme managed by OSPRI moves towards achieving TB freedom in possums by 2040 and total eradication of bovine TB from New Zealand by 2055, possum control is required in some areas of the central North Island that have never been controlled before.



Bovine TB is well established in many parts of the central North Island, including many of the most rugged areas, therefore aerially distributed 1080 treatment is the most efficient method of controlling possums to reduce disease.

As much of this area contains populations of sika deer, having robust research on the efficacy of deer repellent on cereal 1080 baits is important to determining the likely outcome for sika deer during aerial 1080 operations.

## SIKA DEER REPELLENT TRIAL

The 2017 project aimed to assess whether aerial 1080 baiting had a major impact on the number of sika deer during the Paemahi aerial 1080 possum control operation.

To do this, two grids of trail cameras, each covering about 600 hectares,

were used to compare the number of deer seen a month before the 1080 aerial operation (June) and a month after (July). Two other trail-camera grids were set up in a nearby unbaited block of very similar habitat and deer density to enable a comparative trial.



*Green possum control 1080-pellets coated with EDR look significantly different to the brown pre-feed baits, right.*

## WHAT WAS THE MAIN RESULT?

Deer were abundant – a total of 730 deer were sighted on 83 cameras over 66 days, and deer density was estimated at about 20 deer per square kilometre. Sightings were lower in July (after 1080 baiting) than in June (before 1080). However, the number of sightings declined more in the unbaited areas than in the baited areas. That shows that most of the decline reflected reduced deer activity in winter. It indicates that the baiting did not have any major impact on the deer population.

In contrast, the number of possum sightings fell from 190 before the baiting to zero afterwards, suggesting a total or near-total kill that will greatly reduce the chance of TB possums being present in the area.

Some deer were killed. A total of 11 deer were found dead; five in systematic searches by researchers and six by Sika Foundation hunters. That indicated a by-kill estimate of about 1.6 per square kilometre, or below 10 per cent.

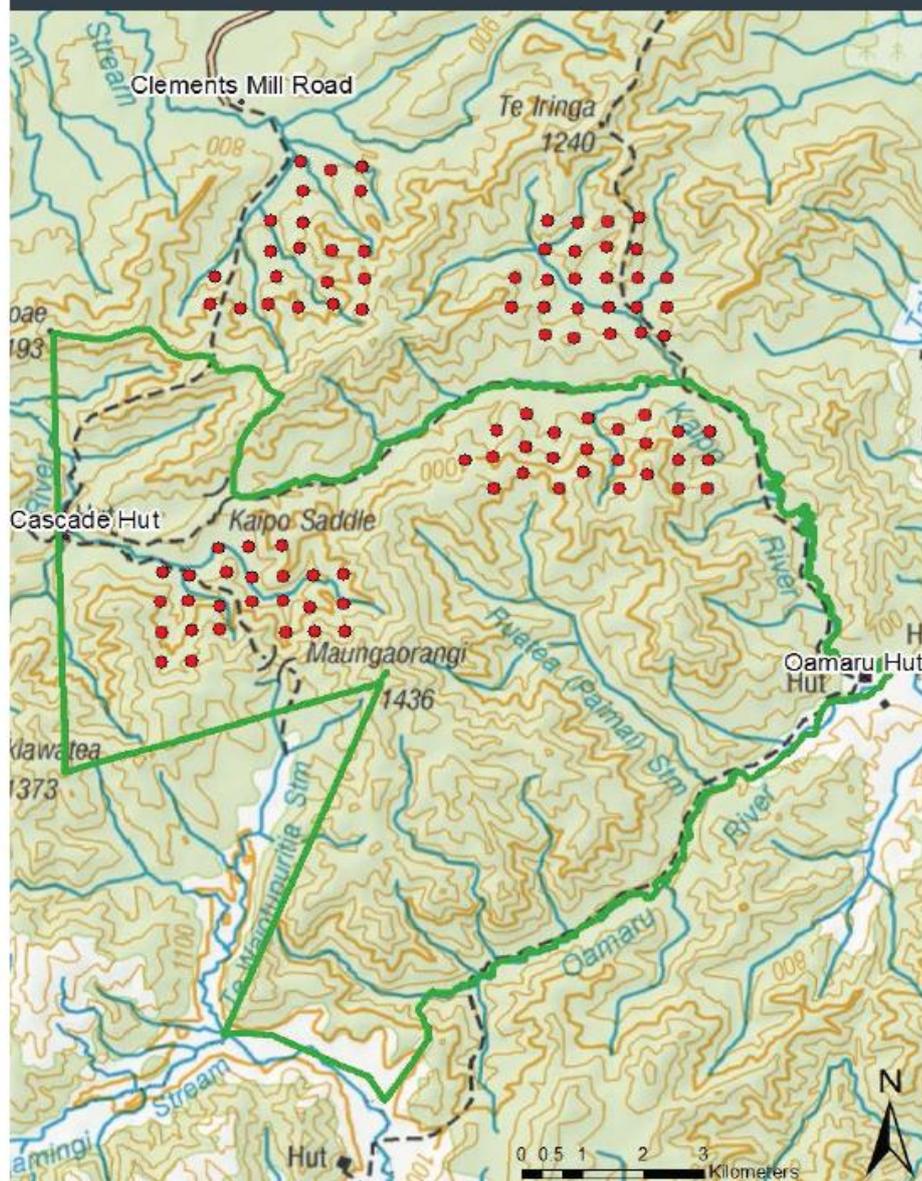
## WHAT DOES THE STUDY SHOW?

The conclusion is that deer repellent 1080 bait did not have a major impact on the population size of sika deer in the Paemahi area. Although a number of deer were killed, the camera sightings show that mortality had little impact on the population. Statistically, there is little chance that sighting rate would have stayed high if more than 20 per cent of deer were killed.

Although more detailed analyses will be conducted for the final report, the interim estimates suggest that losses are likely to be replaced by natural reproductive increases within the next year.

The initial results from this trial are consistent with previous trials on red and fallow deer, which showed low incidental by-kill when deer repellent 1080 bait is used. Although deer repellent significantly increases the cost of a 1080 operation, it minimises the chance of a major reduction in the number of deer available to hunters.

### SIKA DEER REPELLENT TRIAL



Trail cameras (red dots) observed wildlife numbers before and after possum control, within and outside operational boundaries.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

In addition to the Landcare Research study, OSPRI is undertaking its own trial looking at bait acceptance by sika deer. This involves using EDR coated 1080 cereal baits and making them freely available to 30 sika deer within an enclosed (0.5ha paddock) environment.

For the trial, 100 baits will be distributed across grid lines within the paddock and monitored and counted for a 7-day period. Cameras will be used to monitor the trial and to assist in the detection of

other animals (such as rodents) that could eat the baits. The results of that trial will be published as they become available.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

More details and factsheets on Deer Repellent can be found at [ospri.co.nz](http://ospri.co.nz).



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