



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

June Issue 2017:



**“The Tines”
Rotorua NZDA Branch Newsletter**



Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.

Phone numbers listed on inner back page.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting	Last Monday of each month
Range Shoots*	3rd Sunday of each month
Socials	4th Wednesday of each month
Party Hunts**	4th Weekend of each month

** Regular Club Hunting & Trophy Shoots. For extra range shoots and 300 metre shoots please refer to Yearly Range Calendar.*

***Some Party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.*

Our programme for this month:

Party Hunts	Please see page 13
Socials	Measuring Night 14th June 7p.m. Kaimanawa fly in 16-19th June How to class hunting basics 21st June
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2017 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry or Rod Andrews.

Cover Photo: A couple of Stags from the Whirinaki this year with Cyclone Debbie Passing through. Joseph styles and John Moreland. Story Page 8

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor, John Moreland on 027 688 0317 or editornzdarotorua@gmail.com

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Presidents Report:

Hi all

Well a few things that been going down, we the committee had a meeting with Dave Wills from DOC the discuss the upcoming poison drop in the Whirinaki. Dave wanted to meet with us to inform us that the proposed drop in January 18 due to the “mast” is now be bought forward to Nov 17.

I know that we the NZDA are not in agreeance to the use of 1080 but by working with DOC we can make the best out of the worst deal. And before you lot go off I did seek guidance from National on this subject Dave has also informed that deer repellent will be used. No doubt further information will be released closer to the time.

I have also had a wee meeting with Tod MacClay on the possibility of a guest appearance from Minister of Police to speak at a social, he I confident that this would possible but we would have to work around Paula’s schedule so I will get back on this one.

The range,

Well as you head out there the first thing you will see is our nice large flag pole donated by the new owners of the RSA building, it’s cool and even better taller than the pistol clubs pole!! So, we will get our own flag to fly on shoots or you can fly one of yours if you so desire. Second thing is we have reroofed the 200m with a new but old extended roof which is also way better so we are getting there.

Big thanks to the Central boys who gave us a hand in doing it and by moving forward to the 100m to hold their monthly shoot cheers lads, this allowed the 300mm to be free for odds and sods who rocked up to shoot.

Also thanks to the newbies who came out to help and meet and greet us.

Bit of a plug for one new member Steve who has just started Scope Café sounds like a good place for a brew so best you get along and check him and his food out

Lastly Me and Horse (mark self) have taken up a Sika foundation hunt mid-June so hopefully the deer will to frozen to move and we may have some luck

Do not forget head measuring night 14 June 7pm at HQ

Cheers

Colin

NZDA Rotorua Basic Hunter How To Class

Denley is going to run a few short classes on Hunting basics. Topics to be covered include deer species, equipment including firearms, personal safety and what to look for etc. The first session would be on 21st June 2017 at the Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms. Course would likely run over 2 to 3 nights and at the end, there would likely be a party hunt in the Kaimanawa's, staying at Sika Lodge.

Contact Denley for further info on 027 897 4368.



Sika Foundation Update.

The Foundation want information on your hunting trips, time hunting etc. This is to help manage the heard and to keep it healthy. Go to the Sika Foundation website, www.sikafoundation.co.nz and click on the online data. Complete the form only take about 5 minutes and each month there is a prize draw. April winner received a year subscription to NZ Hunting and Outdoor magazine.

Please support the Foundation as our Herd of Special Interest will be coming out soon before its forwarded to the Minister of Conservation, Game Animal Council.

Fly-In Hunts Organized by the Foundation - dates are now out. See the website for details. Contact for these hunts is John Cook (President). Email John on johnjack@actrix.co.nz



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Whirinaki Roar 2017 Part.1.

Climbing the hill after leaving the hut 20 minutes ago with the sun sparingly breaking through on a warm April afternoon I would not want to be anywhere else. A gentle breeze blew in from my left as I picked my way up through the old animal tracks littered with branches large and small a result of heavy snow fall from the winter.

The pace is a lot slower than my younger days but have learnt to walk much quieter now and take more notice of the smaller things. Like the speed and direction of the leaves as gravity forces them to the ground. The fluttering of the tom tits as they chase the insects disturbed by unnatural movement. A wisp of possible deer odour heightened my senses creating an opportunity to stop and rest. Waiting a few minutes noticing nothing more I continued the climb. There it was that faint odour a deer?

A change of course had me sidling to the left climbing up to the ridgeline and carefully peering over the edge. Seeing nothing at first I slowly scanned the steep heavy bush gulley and settled on a patch of brown 50 metres down that didn't quite blend in right. Time, wind and light were on my side as I settled behind a log allowing events to unfold at their own pace. Eventually the patch moved so slightly and half a back leg appeared confirming it was in fact a deer. The remaining could not be seen so I had no sense of what I was dealing with. To shoot an animal in the back legs would only cause a long chase and the possibility of a lost wounded deer .

Another few minutes passed with no change in movement or events so I gave a small cough to see what happened. The response was a flick of a partly hidden ear and nothing more. Growing impatient I gave a slightly louder cough which caused a slight turn of its head and with great relief an antler tip appeared. I smiled as I closed the bolt of the Parker Hale 308.



Resting the rifle on the log another cough started to unsettle him but not enough for a shot. A double cough achieved the desired result and he swung his head right around to locate the source of the sound. The Leopold cross hairs were dropped an inch below his bottom jaw joint and the trigger squeezed. The resulting boom was visually entrapped as he dropped completely from sight, no drum of hooves no movement of bush, nothing.

Another round loaded and waited, rising from the position for a better view but no noise, no sight, no sound. A few more minutes slide by as I gather my thoughts, mark my position and find a path down to that patch of ground. It's always a relief when you arrive a see that beautiful animal lying prone, a clean kill.

A young stag of 8 points in his prime not yet roaring only 600 metres from the hut makes for a good haul of venison. He was carefully dismembered and all front and rear quarters hung in the trees for collection the next

day. To be continued.



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Rotorua Range Report May 2017.

Saturday 6th, C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle shoot.

Sunday 7th, D.A. 300M target shoot. Seven attended shooting their own program.

Saturday 13th, Working Bee, Was fairly well attended as the previous day had been a shocker weatherwise and a fair amount was done on the reconstruction of the 200M mound roof. The remainder of the framing has been completed and now ready for iron to go on Saturday 3rd June all going well.

Sunday 21st, Rimfire silhouette shoot again attended by seven shooters, must be our lucky number.

Scores for the day:

Name,	Chickens 40M	Pigs 60M	Turkeys 77M	Rams 100M	Total.
Paul M.	1	4	2	3	10
Malcolm M.	4	4	3	3	14
Lyall C.	5	5	6	7	23
Dennis P.	5	7	4	6	22
Chris	2	5	0	2	9
Sara S.	3	5	3	3	14
Aaron W.	0	3	3	3	9

Coming Events:

JUNE:

Saturday 10th, C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle clubday.

Sunday 11th, D.A. 300M target shoot, not a serious competition, just a chance to test your rifle at this distance and see how well you can manage at this distance.

Sunday 18th, deer silhouette shoot, Deer size picture on 1200 sq backer, shot at 300, 200, 100 and 50M. Eight rounds of ammo for each run through.

JULY:

Saturday 1st, C.N.I.G.C. service rifle club day.

Sunday 2nd, D.A. 300M target shoot.

Sunday 16th, .22 rimfire silhouette shoot, 40, 60, 77 & 100M.

Found property; I am pleased to say some honest person has handed in a rifle suppressor left on the range. This item can be recovered from the outdoorsman, if you can assure the staff it is in fact yours.

Just a friendly reminder if you attend the range with a mate and do not yourself own a key, we would appreciate you paying the applicable range fee, \$10-00 for non members and \$5-00 for members who do not hold a key. Afterall the mate who lets you in has paid much more for his key each year.

Time to reload,

Malcolm P.



Rotorua Hunting and Fishing,
Trade Central, 1530 Amohau Street, Rotorua 3010, Ph 07 349 6303.

FIREARMS CODES

Some branches may not be aware that the 2017 copies of the Firearms Codes have been recalled. We have limited copies of the previous arms codes. This has a serious impact on us as we send the firearms codes with HUNTS packs and membership packs. Until further notice we will download and print copies from the NZ police website.

Gun enthusiasts say a botch-up that saw 35,000 error-ridden copies of the Arms Code distributed around the country has heightened distrust and frustration with the way police are administering firearms laws.

The police were this week forced to tell gun owners to destroy a recently circulated update to the Arms Code because it contained "a number of errors".

Among the "errors" in the 70-page booklet was a claim that licensed firearms owners would be "required to justify the number of firearms you hold when the police inspect your firearms security" when in fact there is no such requirement under the Arms Act.



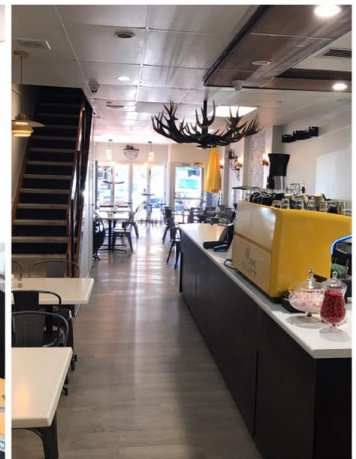
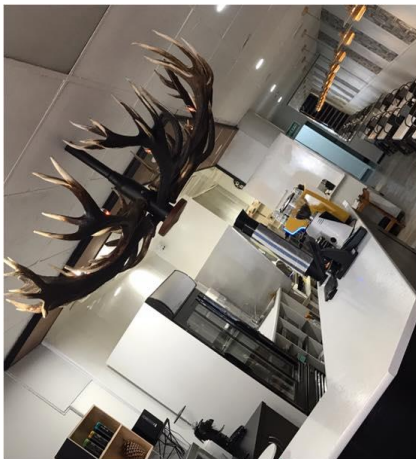
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A carload of hunters, looking for a place to hunt, pulled into a farmer's yard. The driver went up to the farmhouse to ask permission to hunt on his land. The old farmer said, "Sure you can hunt, but would you do me a favour That old donkey over there is 20 years old and sick with cancer, but I don't have the heart to kill her. Would you do it for me

The hunter said, "Sure" and headed for the car. Walking back, however, he decided to pull a trick on his hunting buddies. He got into the car and when they asked if the farmer said it was OK, he said, "No, we can't hunt here, but I'm going to teach that old cuss a lesson." With that, he rolled down his window, stuck his gun out and blasted the donkey. As he exclaimed, "There, that will teach him!" A second shot rang out from the passenger side and one of his hunting buddies shouted, "I got the cow!!!"

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NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES

31st May

DOC INFORMATION ON THE MAST

Hello to you all,

This is an update (released 25 May 2017) on the proposed BFOB 2017 programme.

We now have final counts of beech, rimu and tussock seed set from across the country. This is our best predictor of rodent and mustelid numbers in the coming spring and summer. The attached “heat map” shows the seed counts we have recorded (NZ. JPG). Essentially we expect rats and stoats to reach problem levels in the red, orange and green areas of this map.

☐ This data became available at the end of March. Since then we have done an initial assessment of our proposed predator control programme in response. Our assessment was based on;

- ☐ The threatened species populations that are most at risk.
- ☐ DOC's long term ecosystem management goals.
- ☐ The recent history of rodent, mustelid and possum control at each site.
- ☐ Any complimentary work planned by OSPRI, regional councils or community groups.

The feasibility of delivering work in time to be effective.

☐ Attached, is our proposed predator control programme in 2017/18 (Proposed sites North Island and Proposed sites South Island). The maps show all DOC planned aerial 1080 and large scale ground operations planned in 2017/18. The maps include DOC work that is already confirmed and work that is pro-posed, dependant on pest numbers, consultation and funding. The planned OSPRI aerial 1080 programme is also included to provide a more complete picture. Please note there is also dialogue occurring with Tuhoe and others, about possible work in Te Urewera, Raukumara, Kaimai-Mamaku, but this has not reached the point of any new predator control proposal to date.

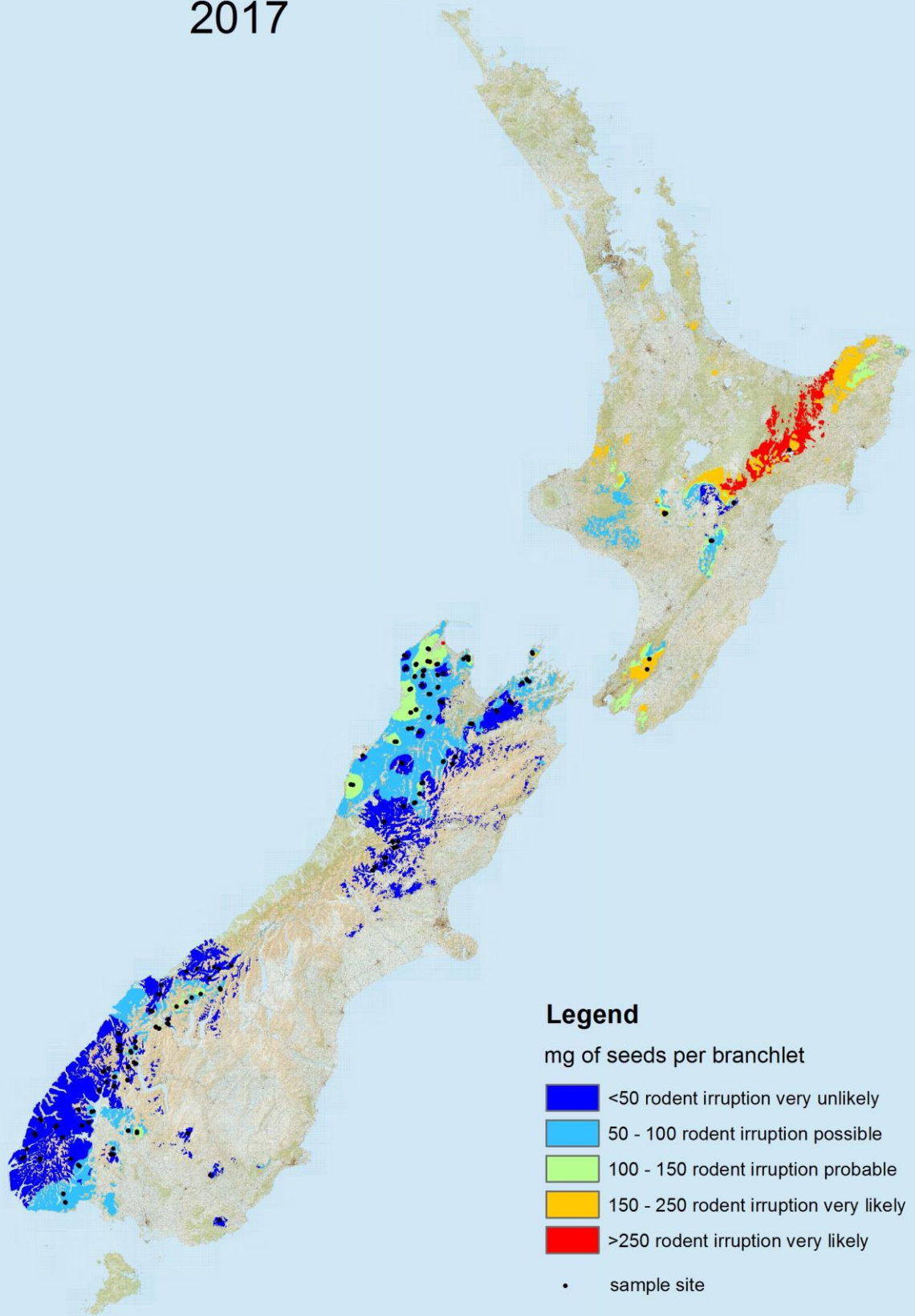
As in 2016, we would like to consult with GAC and NZDA to help shape our programme in response to hunter interests. It would be very helpful to get your advice on how best to do this.

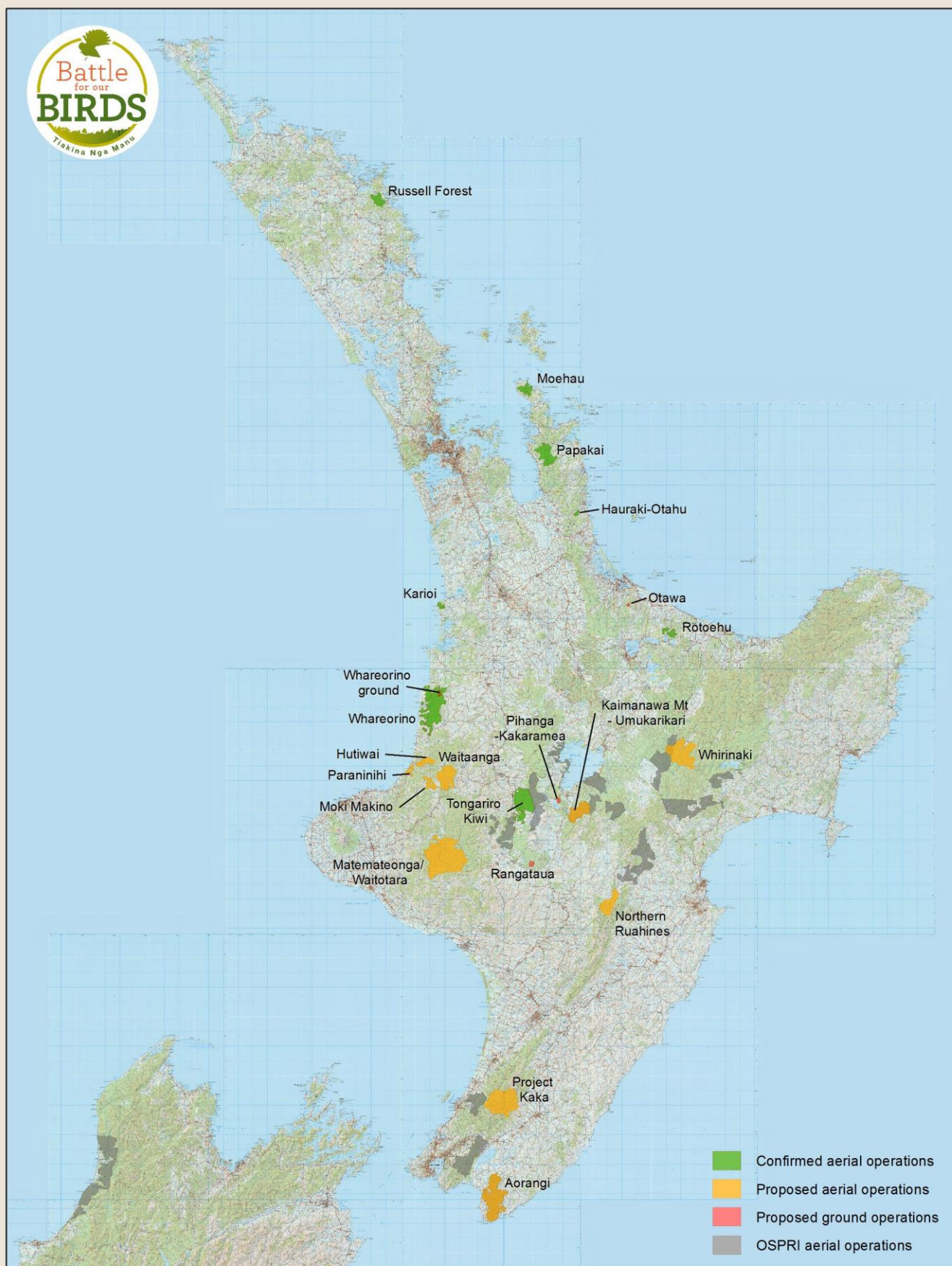
Peter Morton

Department of Conservation

Please see the following maps on the next 3 pages.

Helicopter beech seed sampling 2017





- Confirmed aerial operations
- Proposed aerial operations
- Proposed ground operations
- OSPRI aerial operations

80 Kilometres

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BFOB 2017 Aerial Pest Control Areas

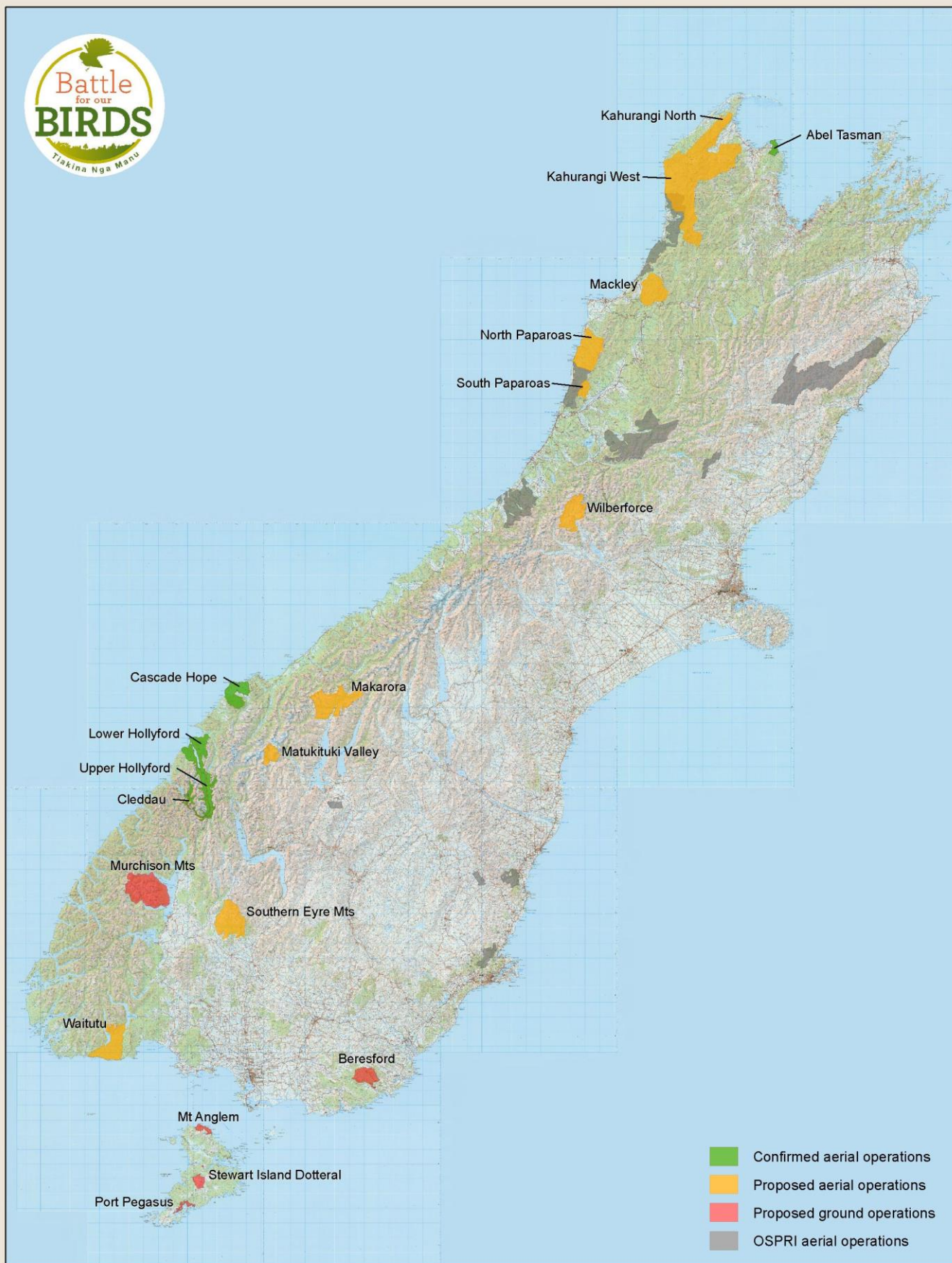
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- Ross Paton

facebook

There will be relaunch of the NZDA Facebook page in mid June, for the members that have Facebook we would love for you to like the page and comment on the articles that are posted. The more activity on the page the more interest will be created. Check your emails early in June, we be sending out an email with a link to the Facebook page. We hope you like the look.

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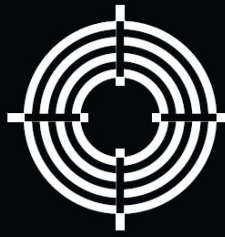
Urewera NZFS hunters Photo Arth Hyson

Hunters on the shooting range, Ggwavas forest, Ruahine range, 1959. All hunters in the Wellington conservancy of the NZFS came together for a training, shoot and other 'activities' once a year at Gwavas. Photo: Ted Smith



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Premium Lounge (Kaitaki & Aratere)	\$45.00 18yrs plus

Peak Dates:

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13-18 April 17

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Motorcycle	\$39.00
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Additional half metre	\$37.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	\$124.00 each
Additional half Metre	\$19.00
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