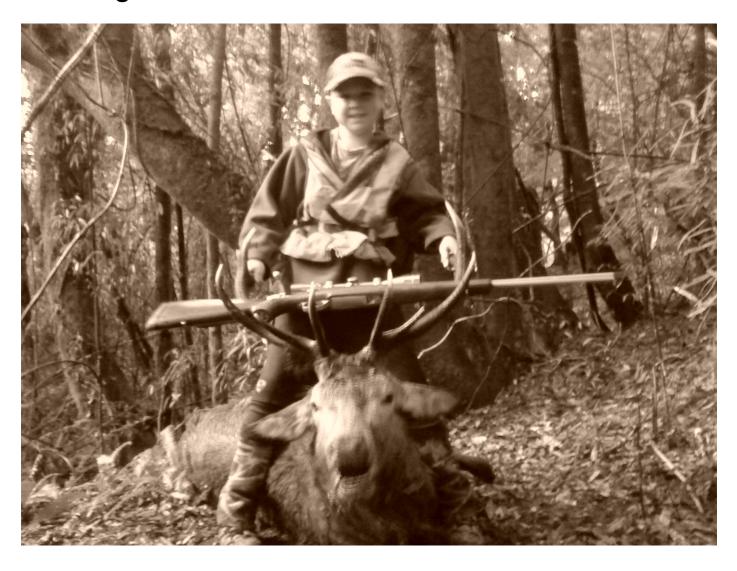


# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

## July Issue 2011:

Next Social: Mid winter pot luck dinner and video evening.



"The Tines"
Rotorua Branch Newsletter July 2011



#### 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
Range Shoots\*

Socials

Last Monday of each month
3rd Sunday of each month
4th Wednesday of each month
4th Weekend of each month

#### **Our programme for this month:**

Party Hunts Trap shooting. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July. To be held at Moores

Quarry. More details will be emailed closer to the time. \$8 for 25 targets. Boxes of ammo available at \$10 per

box. Call Colin for more info 343 9481.

Socials Mid winter pot luck dinner and video evening. At the

Neil Hunt Park Club-rooms from 7.30pm.

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms, Tarawera Road, Rotorua.

Range Shoot Range itinerary for 2011 in this issue:

**Contact Malcolm Perry.** 

**Cover Photo**: Cam Russell with the first wild deer he has seen. Shot by Scott Russell in the 2011 roar. Read story on pages 9 and 10.

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor, Elvis Bowring on 350 3230 or <a href="mailto:ebowring@gmail.com">ebowring@gmail.com</a>.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Some Party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.

#### **Presidents Report**

Hello all

Well winter is here. It may not be all that cold but man its been wet, so for those of you who have been out in the scrub good on you. I have been trying to catch up on the chores around the place that I have left as you do.

Anyway as some of you were aware we held the head measuring night. For those of us that didn't manage to bring something there was the usual intrepidation on what might show up. There was not a lot of species on offer. Some good reds, a rusa no sika which was a tad surprising and yes big J's fallow head. I could have taken the biggest deer hoof had I not left it in the freezer!

The photo section had a fair representation as well, so you all will have to wait for prize giving night to see who wins what.

Our social night was target shooting with air rifle; this was a good night for those of us who came along. It was amazing to see the change in the lads from social to some what serious as the shooting progressed! But in all it was a great night and we will look forward to holding another. I am sure Murray had played with the scope but! Thanks to Cliff and Keith for supplying the air rifles. PS watch out for Neil!

Also like to welcome new member who came along Dave Loe well done mate. I have been approving a lot of new guys and telling then to come along one night. Great you managed to front. We aren't too bad and the pizzas were dam good too.

Next Party hunt will be a Clay Target shoot at Moores Quarry, 4th Sunday in July run by the Mountain Billie's Club. It will be a bit of fun and a challenge so check out the notice and book it in. As I shoot with these guys one of them has mentioned a bit of a shoot off against the DSA boys so you guys that can shoot clays had better front!

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Cheers

Colin

#### NZDA SOCIAL(s)

July social: Mid winter pot luck dinner and video evening. Please bring a plate. Come along and enjoy good food and good like minded company.

#### At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms Neil Hunt Park, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm.

All welcome.

#### **NZDA PARTY HUNT**

Trap shooting.

4th Sunday in July. To be held at Moores Quarry.

More details will be emailed closer to the time. \$8 for 25 targets. Boxes of ammo available at \$10 per box. Call Colin for more info 343 9481.

#### **Classifieds**

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SKS rifle – 7.62x39. Norinco. Open sights and scope. Good condition. \$700 ono. Call Elvis on 349 8322 or 021 066 7868.

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No items wanted.

Wanted

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Any interesting articles.

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Send to editor – <a href="mailto:nzdarotorua@gmail.com">nzdarotorua@gmail.com</a>

Or phone 021 066 7868

#### **Range report May 2011**

There was quite a lot of private activity this month, but not so much from organized shoots.

Sunday 1st May Should have been 300m club shoot.

Sunday 15th May Rimfire Metalic silhouette shoot. We had six shooters and myself which is a good average turnout for us, although it could be better. Brenda brought a young lady (Aimee) from her work, Lyal had daughter Casandra and a new member who had not shot silhouette's before, were half the attendance and the reason I did not participate in the finish shoot. Aimee we have had on the range just once before and she was happy to shoot regulation standing, and did quite well but unfortunately she and Brenda must have got away with their score sheets. Those scores I have are:

Name	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total
Lyal Clare	2	5	4	3	14
Paul Midgley	3	4	3	1	11
Ralph Price	1	5	2	4	12
Casandra Clare (Pr)	4	1	1	2	8

The conditions were reasonable and everyone enjoyed their shooting with the day finishing about midday.

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

June:

Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th 300M North Island Championships.

Sunday 19th Deer silhouette 300, 200, 100 & 50M 8 rounds ammo per run through.

July;

Sunday 3rd 300M club shoot.

Sunday 17th Rimfire metallic Silhouette 40, 60, 77, & 100M

August;

Sunday 7th 300M club shoot

Sunday 21st Deer silhouette

September;

Sunday 4th 300M club shoot.

Sunday 18th Morning Rimfire silhouette shoot. Afternoon, Start 1-15pm Swazi shoot for Juniors.

October;

Sunday 2nd 300M club shoot.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th Central Regional Championships Rimfire and Centrefire matches as in our National events.

Roger Jones has very kindly pushed back some of the excess fill on the right hand side of the range which will be very helpful for our major competition shoot, Thank you Roger.

Time to reload, Malcolm.

#### **Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates**

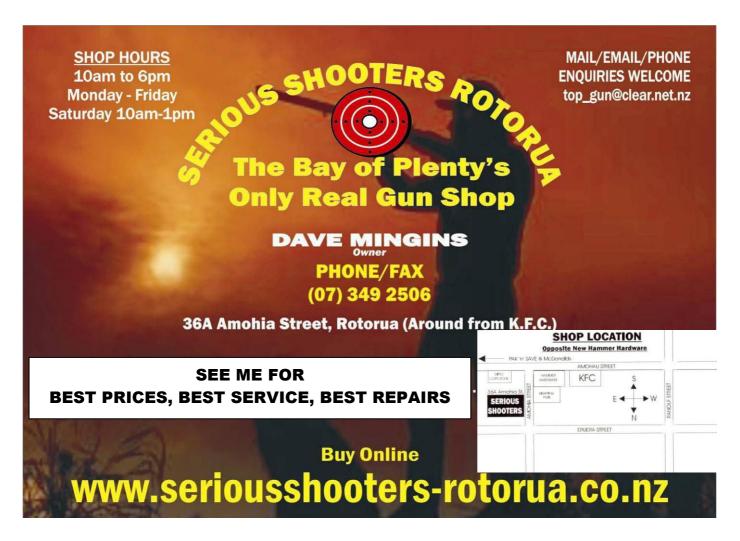
All projects are on hold to spring.

#### Whirinaki Deer pen removal

Waiting for word on the next lot of activites. If you want any further information, or are able to help, please contact Darryn or another committee member.

#### Whirinaki Hut restoration

If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact Darryn or any other committee member. We will be doing one or two huts every year. Although we are working, there is ample time to get in some hunting as well.





### **Annual Sale**

15th to 31st July!!!

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#### CAM'S STAG by Scott Russell

It's now Saturday April 2nd, the roar must be close. Cam and I are back at our spot at sun-up. Cam was gutted that he didn't come with me when I got the ten pointer, he is nine years old and has not yet seen a deer even though over the last two years he has probably walked close to one hundred km in the bush, may be today will be his day.

We walk up the valley and I show him where I shot the ten pointer. We stop for a rest on the slip, and hear a distant roar. Immediately we are up and off up the valley. I'm pretty sure I know the gut he is holed up in, but before we get there we hear another closer one in the saddle above us. We decide to have a go at the closer one first, I roar and he roars straight back, we climb closer and then I realise the wind is wrong. Cam and I try to cut back to get the breeze right but the stag stops replying to our roars. Damm! We find the area he was in but he is gone. Since we are so far up we decide to leave the first stag for later and continue on to the area where I shot the spiker. Cam wants me to roar as we go up the spur but I explain that if something came we wouldn't be able to see it as the bush is too tight. We get to the top after a few rests and then roar... nothing. When we get to the spot that the spiker was we find that what looked like a potential wallow has now been churned up, you can even see the imprints from the deer hair in the mud!

I give a roar... nothing.

We walk twenty metres to the spot I was standing on when I shot the spiker and roar again... nothing.

Let's stop and have a muesli bar and have a listen for half an hour I suggest. So we sit down. No sooner have we sat down we hear movement in the bush, we look at each other. "That sounds like a deer!" I say to Cam. "Move back behind me and block your ears". Cam quickly shuffles back.

The first thing we see is some antlers, then the head, then the whole body of the biggest stag I have seen in the bush heading straight toward his wallow. With my son by my side, seeing his first deer at only twenty metres away, I put the crosshair on its neck and Boom! Perfect shot!

We race over and congratulate each other, Cam is so excited, all of his hard work has paid off. He tells me this is the best day of his life, even better than 'Splash Planet' and 'Rainbows End'. He marvels at the size of its antlers 'eleven points', and he is a big deer. He is now addicted to hunting for the rest of his life, and because he was with me, he is my good luck charm. I know what he means! I have just shot my best deer; my best hunting buddy was with me I tell him. I have achieved what I set out to do, shoot a deer in the roar and get Cam to see one, but now the hard part starts, and I aint carrying this one out whole, so it is time to break out the meat bag. We get some pictures (unfortunately there was condensation in the camera), and then bone him out. We get so much meat that we have trouble closing the meat bag, but eventually we are ready to go. Cam is determined to carry the head out; he puts it over his shoulders and we're off. Fifty metres on he gives me the head, so I give him the rifle to carry, and with lots of rest stops we head back.

As we head down the main spur into the valley we hear our first stag roar again, with my roaring horn in my bum bag and my hands supporting the meat bag I roar back at him with just my open mouth and he roars straight back.

We look at each other, "Let's have some fun" I say. We decide to only shoot him if he is bigger than the one we already have. We leave our gear behind and only take the rifle and roaring horn

and advance to the top of a gut, with a good view into it we roar at him and he roars at us from somewhere above the gut but won't come any closer. Lets leave him for another time I say to Cam it's getting late and we already have a heavy load.

We finally make it to the boat and head for home with a deer but no fish (Fishing is too boring for Cameron), what a perfect day.





#### **NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS - June 16 2011**

#### **MINUTES**

Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request:

- NZDA National Executive meeting Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May 2011
- NZDA Heritage Trust mee4ting March 12 th 2011

#### NZDA NATIONAL SHOOTING CALEDAR 2011/12

Enclosed in the mail to branches and available electronically on request. This will also feature in the next Bugle due out early July 2011.

# THE ARMS (MILITARY STYLE SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREAMRS AND IMPORT CONTROLS) AMENDMENT BILL

Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request:

- · NZDA's submission
- · COLFO's submission

#### **CONFERENCE**

- · Conference handbook/annual reports have been posted.
- · At this stage one copy has been sent to each branch, national executive member, national life members and past presidents
- · Branches that have more than one delegate attending conference are asked to contact the national office for one more additional copy
- · Further copies are available at \$15 each.

#### Please note

I am away until Thursday 23 June (ash permitting) so any requests for electronic versions of papers enclosed or additional copies of conference handbooks will not be available until after that date.

Regards

Dianne Brown CEO

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#### **General**



#### In the news

<u>DISMAY AND PRAISE FOR 1080 REPORT BY SHABNAM DASTGHEIB – STUFF.CO.NZ (09 JUNE 2011)</u>

The Government and environmental organisations have rallied in support of a report into greater use of 1080 poison, but critics say it pushes a corporate agenda.

Dr Jan Wright, the parliamentary commissioner for the environment, issued a report yesterday promoting 1080 use as the most effective tool for dealing with pests. It warned that, unless the poisoning programme was used over larger areas of forest, kiwi and other native birds could disappear from the wilderness.

Forest & Bird, the Conservation Department (DOC) and the Animal Health Board, among others, welcomed the report, but Poison Free New Zealand spokesman Paul Cohen said it was not based on real science and was simply pushing a corporate agenda.

"It's just typical corporate science driven by people who want to drop 1080. It's fabricated to look good. They have an agenda ... to keep dropping 1080 but the true science shows it is dangerous for our environment and humans."

Mr Cohen said secondary poisoning, and poison in waterways, was a widespread problem. He pointed to trapping as an alternative.

Maori Party MP Rahui Katene said she would make a decision on whether to proceed with her member's bill calling for a ban on 1080 after she read the report and discussed it with her colleagues.

"It is an independent report so we need to take it seriously, but there are two very entrenched sides to the debate," she said.

The Green Party welcomed the report, but was questioning why alternatives such as new trapping technology and subsidies to the fur industry were not thoroughly considered.

Dr Wright's report expressed concerns over a state proposal for a Game Animal Council to manage hunting interests on conservation estates, which had potential to conflict with DOC's work.

Forest & Bird advocate Nicola Vallance said her organisation did not support the proposal, saying it would be worrying to see areas of conservation land controlled "by hunters for hunters".

DOC would not comment on the Game Animal Council proposal as it was before Parliament.

DOC director-general Al Morrison said the report was a careful and considered investigation of all issues surrounding 1080 and the results were clear. "Without the protection of pest control methods like 1080, nine out of 10 kiwi chicks born in the wild are slaughtered by predators before they reach their first birthday."

Spokesman Rory Newsam said the department was working to prioritise a national policy on possum fur harvesting.

"We are already working with the fur industry to make it easier for trappers to get on the areas. It's up to them if they can make it economical."

The report called for the Animal Health Board, which uses aerial 1080 operations to control possums and other carriers of bovine tuberculosis, to be subject to the Official Information Act, which it is not at present.

Board spokesman John Deal said his organisation was comfortable with such scrutiny.

Couple's dog poisoned on own property

Val and Peter Findlay lost their 18-month-old rottweiler in 2009.

They live on a lifestyle block about three minutes from Thames. Mr Findlay was taking the dog for a run on their property when he was poisoned.

"He was a lovely, friendly dog who we always kept under control. He was good as gold. We have had enough, we don't like 1080 and we have been on the radio today saying we don't want it used," Mrs Findlay said yesterday.

DOC had set up a 1080 base station on a neighbouring property but had failed to notify the Findlays and other neighbours or put up any signs, she said. "We don't want it to happen to any other families with pets. They don't go out there and monitor their catch, and poisoned carcasses are left in the bush which dogs can eat."

Mrs Findlay said another of the couple's dogs was poisoned on the same day, but she pulled through.

WHAT IS 1080?

1080 is a chemical reproduction of a naturally occurring toxin found in Australian, South American and South African plants.

DOC incorporates it into bait to manage pests and predators in order to protect vulnerable native wildlife.

It is absorbed through the gut, respiratory tract, mucous membranes and open wounds. It stops the energy cycle of living cells, causing animals to die of heart failure while they are semi-comatose.

Dogs are 10 times more vulnerable to 1080 than possums and other pests, and are readily killed by 1080, which is also toxic to livestock.

DOC drops aerial 1080 on about 2 per cent of public conservation land.

It is a controlled substance under the Pesticides Act and can only be applied by licensed operators.

- The Dominion Post

#### 1080 REPORT 'KICK IN THE GUTS' - DUNNE - STUFF.CO.NZ (08 JUNE 2011)

UnitedFuture leader Peter Dunne has described a new report on the use of the pesticide 1080 as a "kick in the guts for many of our provincial communities".

A report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Jan Wright warns that unless 1080 is used over larger areas of the mainland, kiwi could vanish from unprotected areas within a generation and native birds could disappear from New Zealand's forests.

The pesticide was cost-effective and safe, and any proposed moratorium would destroy more of the landscape, the report found.

However, Dunne said 1080 had been used in New Zealand since the 1950s yet native bird populations remained in serious decline with predatory pests still the major culprits.

"Most people recognise that after 50-odd years of fighting a losing battle it's probably time to rethink your strategy, however not according to the proponents of 1080."

The Department of Conservation spent around \$100 million a year on 1080 operations but less than \$2 million a year on researching and developing alternatives, he said.

"No matter what DOC's science says, spraying such an unpopular and deadly toxin over large tracts of our conservation estate, water catchments and farmland will never be accepted by those that reside in our provincial communities and see the devastation it causes.

"1080 is an extremely cruel and indiscriminate killer, with a high level of secondary poisoning. While it is possums, rats and stoats that are targeted by the poisoning, many native birds, pets, and recreationally-valued game animals are killed by it also."

#### REPORT'S FINDINGS SURPRISE

Wright was surprised by her findings from an investigation of 1080.

She compared it with other poisons and other pest-control methods, and measured its cost-effectiveness and safety.

"I was also surprised, when you set it up against these criteria, just how good 1080 was. I really didn't expect it to look so good," she said.

Any proposed moratorium on the use of 1080 would allow possums, rats and stoats to destroy more of the landscape and devastate native bird populations in the future, she said.

"It's a future where many of our birds, other animals, plants, will be only on offshore islands where the public may not be able to go ... that everyday experience of walking through the bush followed by a pair of fantails won't be happening."

Other Vocal opponents of 1080 include Maori Party MP Rahui Katene, who is intending to draft a member's bill calling for a ban on its use, and documentary-maker Clyde Graf, who made the Poisoning Paradise film with his brother, Steve.

Graf said nationwide opposition to 1080 was growing, and he predicted a public outcry would follow Wright's report.

"You can't litter in this country of ours, you can't allow cows in the waterways because it all seems to be unclean, yet here we are dropping a deadly poison into our waterways and stating it's OK in big amounts."

He said scientists were deterred from publishing evidence about the harmful effects of 1080.

The Labour Party backed the report, saying it provided an evidence base for people to form their views around 1080.

Conservation Spokesperson Ruth Dyson said New Zealand could not afford to give up the battle against introduced pests such as possums and stoats.

"To do so would be abandoning our moral responsibility to future generations."

Labour was calling on the Government to adopt all six of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's recommendations around 1080 including developing a national fur harvesting policy and ensuring there is no moratorium on the use of the pesticide, she said.

"The Minister of Conservation (Kate Wilkinson) has demonstrated she is only too willing to support Gerry Brownlee and his proposals to mine in national parks; this is a chance for her to support the proposals in this report and make a strong statement for conservation."

#### **EMOTIVE ISSUE**

Wilkinson said 1080 was an emotive issue, but she hoped the science would convince its detractors.

When asked how the Conservation Department would be able to use 1080 over a larger area, considering the squeeze on its budget, Wilkinson said the department oversaw eight million hectares and had to identify where 1080 was the most useful.

"At this stage, we're not looking at increasing the use of 1080. We're looking at ways we can more effectively and efficiently use it."

Wright said that, whether it came from "efficiency gains, reprioritisation, or more funding", greater resourcing for 1080 applications was needed.

The only option for controlling possums, rats and stoats on almost all of the conservation estate was to drop poison from aircraft. "And 1080 is the only poison currently available for aerial pest control on the mainland that can do this job."

A 1080 moratorium would allow interconnected ecosystems to deteriorate and tree species to vanish because native birds such as kereru were crucial to seed dispersal, she said.

Research to develop better poisons should continue, but no potential alternatives on the horizon could yet replace 1080.

The vast majority of forests were subject to no predator control at all. "It's not only a matter of keeping up with aerial 1080 but it's using it over a bigger area."

Wright is calling on Environment Minister Nick Smith to investigate ways to simplify and standardise the way that 1080 is managed, because the "labyrinth" of laws covering its use created unnecessary confusion.

She is also calling on Wilkinson to ask DOC to prioritise a national policy on possum-fur harvesting, because its economic potential could encourage the culling of possums.

#### **USING 1080**

New Zealand has one of the highest extinction rates of native species in the world and at least 19 species of native forest birds are under attack from introduced mammals. They include kiwi, kereru, whio, kaka, kakariki and hihi.

1080 is one of 11 poisons used by DOC to control possums, rats and stoats. It is incorporated into bait, and strict controls over its use include using public notices and monitoring how long carcasses take to break down.

In 2009, DOC applied aerial 1080 to 174,000 hectares to control possums and rats.

In 2009, the Animal Health Board controlled possums and other TB carriers over 3.4 million hectares. About 0.4m hectares of this was controlled using aerial drops of 1080.

Kill rates for possums are above 90 per cent when using 1080, and are close to 100 per cent for rats.

An aerial drop costs from \$12 to \$16 a hectare, while ground baiting can cost up to \$40 a hectare, or \$80 in rugged terrain.

#### THE RISKS

Individuals from 19 species of native birds and 13 species of introduced birds have been found dead after aerial 1080 drops. Most deaths were associated with four operations 35 years ago that used poor-quality baits.

Since 2007, eight dogs are reported to have died from 1080 poisoning, two of them after an operation was not adequately notified.

1080 kills deer, although deer repellent can be added to the bait.

In the 1960s, a possum hunter died after eating 1080-laced jam bait. At the highest concentrations of 1080 in baits, seven baits could kill an adult and one could seriously harm a child.

An adult would need to eat two tonnes of watercress at one meal to risk death, if the watercress had absorbed 1080 through the soil.

Residues can linger in carcasses for some months under very cold and dry conditions.

#### - KIRAN CHUG/Dominion Post and DANYA LEVY/Stuff

#### HUNTER IN CLIFF FALL DEATH NAMED BY MARTY SHARPE – STUFF.CO.NZ (30 MAY 2011)

A hunter whose body was found dead at the bottom of a cliff in Hawke's Bay has been named as Jerry Fox Joe.

The 48-year-old Wairoa man, was hunting near Raupunga, south of Wairoa, yesterday.

Police sergeant Aubrey Ormond said Joe had been hunting with two associates when they decided to split up at around 9am.

When he later failed to meet them as arranged the associates began to search for him.

When this was unsuccessful they raised the alarm and enlisted the help of locals with the search.

"Police were contacted and a short time after this the man's body was located by the local searchers at the bottom of a steep bluff," Ormond said.

"Given the steep terrain the Lowe Corporation rescue helicopter and Search and Rescue personnel from Wairoa were used to recover the body," he said.

- The Dominion Post

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#### Membership Costs (Rotorua Branch)

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