



# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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**October/November Issue 2015:**



**“The Tines”  
Rotorua NZDA Branch Newsletter  
October/November 2015**



## 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** To be advised in future.

**Socials** Fletcher Tabuteau who was born and bred in Rotorua, and elected into Parliament in 2014 as a representative of the New Zealand First Party will speak at the Rotorua Branch of the NZ Deer Stalkers. Come and hear Fletcher Tabuteau talk about the "1080 Project" an NZ First initiative to hold a moratorium on dropping 1080 over New Zealand. October Wednesday 28th.

**Range Shoot** Range itinerary for 2015 in this issue:  
Contact Malcolm Perry or Rod Andrews.

**Cover Photo:** Caleb Fawcett with his first goat. Shot with a Ruger 22-250.

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## **Presidents Report October 2015**

Hi all

Well I have been away chasing pukes down south na just kidding! So too the news -

Mark and John will hopefully have the roof on the complex on the upcoming weekend. We were going to throw it together a couple of weekends back but with the Rapids shoot on decided it best to lay low. Once this roof is on Dennis will hold a roof shout, you think!! Seriously we must then box up the walls, fit windows and slap on the ply, then job done! Then we will need to fit the water tank, and interior fittings, sink etc. All this is in hand. So it is looking good so far but wait there is more!!

### **The Mead road job.**

As you would all be aware the condition of the road is not good. During the Pistol Worlds it was done up by the Pistol club, but now sadly it's slipped back. We as a club are taking the initiative to get it right as we still intend to truck in fill.

Mr Bagnall of the Black Powder Club arranged a meeting of all the clubs to discuss this very issue and how we are going to maintain it going forward with regards to who contributes what in terms of cost. That will be discussed at later meeting for now we must concentrate on getting the road up to a fair standard.

We have been out for quotes and they range from 5k for a quick and dirty to 48k for well-formed rolled road which will need little maintenance. I will look at further quotes but in the meantime we are going to hold a road working bee on the Saturday 24th of October, 9.00am. Yep first date of the long weekend. We realise this may be an inconvenience but we must start ASAP. So the plan is to deliver a truck load of 40-60 all in then on the Saturday armed with trailers and barrows etc, we begin to fill all the really bad areas, starting at the beginning of the road. We may compact the holes as well. Should this work we would continue along the road, then finally run a grader along the road. We will also have to open the water drainage holes as well. Don't panic as we have a guy with a digger for that.

So we need all we can muster and if you can't be there how about a donation to the cause of 50 bucks (cost of a box of ammo!!). This donation will go towards the range.

## **So what else has been happening?**

Well I attended the CNIGC rapids shoot held over two days. This was a well-run, slick couple of days. Top prize was a AR15 from NZAR15 drawn out from your registration number. I was not the lucky one. We had 41 shooters on both days including lunches supplied. While attending a lot of the guys complemented on how good our range was and we are lucky to have one like it. I encouraged them to come along to our shoots and support Malcolm. A few were keen and they are from Auckland these guys joined the NZDA up there and they have no range, so hopefully we can get them down here. Remember we need people to shoot as this will generate funding for the road and the range etc.

## **So for the disappointing news**

We have finally had a reply from the BPC of the use of the land between us and they have declined our proposal on three points

- As they shoot clay target at the front of their range the land that is approx. opposite our 150m-300m is a safety fallout zone.
- They have a 200m range which is approx. between our 300 and 200m range and from here they lob there rounds down the range, once again the forward land area is safety zone.
- Finally as there is nothing in it for their club they were not interested.

So I will look at this and propose a shorter 200m range that should cater for the first two issues and hopefully we can get resolution on the 3rd.

We are to hold another 30 shoot called the Dads Army Shoot on November 15 so dust off the old 30 and come along. See the details in this newsletter and tell your mates. Should be a cracker, spit roast and all. If you would like to assist or donate a prize, let me know. We will be running a raffle and maybe some give aways. This all generates interest and valuable funding.

Remember folks to get out to the shoots Malcolm has set up, as we need you to support your club.

Cheers for now  
Colin.

# Dad's Army Shoot

You are invited to a  
**Target Shoot - World War 1&2 Theme**



*Prizes will be awarded*



**Where:** At the NZDA range on Meade Road Rotorua. Take Tarawera Road out of town, Meade Road is on the right past Green Lake.

**When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Start time: 0900hrs.

**What:** Target shooting, various distances, various firing positions.

**Cost:** \$30 including lunch.

There will be a raffle, tickets available on the day.

Shooters are to use a sporterised or unmodified WW1 or WW2 rifle with open sights.

Shooters will need to show a valid Firearms Licence. Those without an FAL can shoot if supervised by an FAL holder.

**For further information:** Contact Warren 021 444 894

*Run by the Central North Island Gun Club in conjunction with the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association*



NZDA Rotorua is proud to introduce

# Fletcher Tabuteau



Fletcher was born and bred in Rotorua, and elected into Parliament in 2014 as a representative of the New Zealand First party. Come and hear Fletcher talk about the “1080 Project” and other related matters.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

at the NZDA Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road  
(entry just past the Outdoorsman Headquarters)

**Doors open at 7pm**

with a Sausage Sizzle on the night

Cost: \$5 includes a free raffle ticket to win prizes



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# **N.Z. DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION**

**TAUPO BRANCH**



**P.O. Box 356, Taupo**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**TAUPO BRANCH PRIZE SHOOT      7th NOVEMBER 2015**

**Hi guys,**

**Just a reminder to you all, that we will again be holding our annual Prize Shoot at our range, on Mountain Rd, Taupo, on 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Our registration will remain at \$25.00 each, for the Graded and Big Balls Hunter Class**

**A cash prize of \$100.00 has been donated by Great Lake Tannery. This will mean that the highest scorers in the Big Balls Hunter Class, will again get**  
**\$50.00 1<sup>st</sup>                      \$30.00 2<sup>nd</sup>                      \$20.00 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**This is in addition to the normal prizes from the table.**

**So hunters, spread the word and see how many we can get on the mound this year. Again we will have a great selection of prizes for both categories, as well as our famous post shoot refreshments. Bill and I will be away for a few weeks, attending our son's wedding in Prague, so any queries, will be answered by Kris or Lee.**

**We look forward to seeing you on the 7th November.**

**Regards    Margaret Seal**

**For more information**

**Taupo Prize shoot coordinator,**

**Margaret Seal**

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# Hon Todd McClay

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## **Rotorua range report November 2015.**

Hi Guys,

It seems there was little interest in organized club shoots in September, and the shoots in October will not attract ordinary club members either.

### **Coming events:**

#### **October;**

***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – range closed – being used by Hamilton AOS.***

#### **November;**

Sunday 1st 300M D.A. target shoot.

Saturday 7th C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle shoot (also Taupo prize shoot)

Sunday 15th Deer Silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100, & 50M distances, 8 rounds ammo per run through.

#### **December;**

Saturday 5th C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle shoot.

Sunday 6th Christmas shoot, Swazi shoot for Juniors and end of year BBQ.

That's it for 2015.

Time to reload, Malcolm.

### **Induction courses:**

Note: that you will need to have attended one of these courses in order to get the new range key. All Induction Courses have to happen at the range. These are being undertaken to ensure members are aware of the safety requirements of using the NZDA range and are a step towards the committee getting the range certified. These courses should only take around 30 minutes. You only need to attend once this year.

For further information, please call Dennis on 027 200 6489.

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# National Championships

23/24/25/26 October 2015

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex  
Newell Road  
Tokoroa



**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**80 Shot Metallic  
Silhouette (Rimfire)**

**\$30.00**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Rimfire 60 Shot**

**4P @ 50 & 100m**

**\$35.00**

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Centrefire 60 Shot**

**4P @ 100 & 200m**

**\$35.00**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

**60 Shot Prone - C/Fire**

**@ 200m (am)**

**\$35.00**

**60 Shot Prone - R/Fire**

**@ 100m (pm)**

**\$35.00**

**Closing date:** Friday 9 October 2015 (penalty may be applied to late entries)

**Refreshments:** Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied

**Camping on Site:** \$5 per person per night

Registration Forms are available on request or found on the website at: [www.deerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz)

**Start Planning Now!**

**We look forward to seeing you**



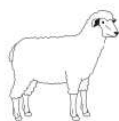
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**Rotorua Hunting and Fishing,**  
Trade Central, 1530 Amohau Street, Rotorua 3010, Ph 07 349 6303.

## Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

### Stoat trap clearing

DOC has asked for assistance with clearing stoat traps in the Whirinaki Forest.

If you are interested in helping out by volunteering some time, please contact a committee member.



### **Kiwi Aversion Training:**

As part of Conservation Week 2015, the Department of Conservation will be repeating our kiwi aversion training event. This year, it will be held on Sunday 1st November.

The handler's fee remains \$20 and as last year, 10 minutes per dog. This year, we'll be running it at Tikitapu Nature Reserve which is usually a dog free area but we are giving permission for dogs booked into training to be present for the purpose of the event.

If you would like to book in, please reply to this email with your preferred time slot between 9.00am and 4.00pm and I'll try my best to fit you in.

Thanks,

Caraline Abbott (Bsc)  
Partnership Ranger | Kaitiaki Manutataki  
Department of Conservation -Te Papa Atawhai  
99 Sala St | P O Box 1146 Rotorua 3040  
DDI 07 3497412 - VPN 6412

### **Community rodent hunt:**

Sunday 1 to 8 November 2015 | Rotorua: A fun, light hearted community event.

What

Rodents are known to jeopardise populations of plants, insects and birds and also spread pathogens which cause diseases in humans. The Conservation Week 2015 community rodent hunt is a fun, light hearted community event that targets rodents in your area including back yards, maraes and farmland.

For advice on how to trap safely and in an inexpensive way, contact Caraline at the Rotorua DOC office.

Enter the competition in the community spirit the rodent hunt has been intended, by abiding by the terms and conditions below.

Terms and conditions:

1. The winner will be the person who kills the most rodents (mice and rats) during Conservation Week 2015.
2. The winning prize is two admission passes to Rotorua Canopy Tours, courtesy of Skyfly limited.
3. The rodent hunt will start at 9.00 am on 2 November 2015 and finish at 5.00 pm on 8 November 2015 .
4. The winning entry will be judged from a photograph of the total rodents killed during the competition. The judge's decision is final. A photograph of all rats/mice killed during the duration of the competition must be emailed to [naturalrotorua@doc.govt.nz](mailto:naturalrotorua@doc.govt.nz) before 5.00 pm Friday 13 November.
5. Only dead mice and rats will be counted for this competition.

6. Landowner permission must be achieved prior to accessing land for the purposes of this competition. Contact DOC if you wish to get permission to kill rodents on public conservation land.
7. Entrants are responsible for their own health and safety while engaged in this activity
8. Traps must be securely covered to protect children, pets and native species. DOC is happy to provide advice.

When:

Sunday 1 to 8 November 2015

Where:

Rotorua

Cost:

Free

Booking:

Before you start trapping, email [cabbott@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cabbott@doc.govt.nz) to receive an entry form. You must agree to the terms of entry and return your form before you start trapping.



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**This is a personal memo from the McKenzie Partnership Steering Committee**

## Dear members of NZDA,

NZDA had another successful conference this year hosted by Wanaka; on the agenda for delegates, observers and the National Executive in attendance was the status of the McKenzie Partnership.

### From humble beginnings -

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At the 1984 conference the idea of future proofing the association, by means of having a permanent National Headquarters was tabled. A task force was established and delegates returned to their branches to raise funds for an association nest egg.

From that beginning a capital sum of \$27,000.00 was raised. The association and their new capital partnered with Wellington Branch and by way of property transaction and judicious investments the McKenzie Partnership was created.

### A mature investment -

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The McKenzie Partnership was carefully grown and the investment will mature this October. We can proudly announce that the NZDA national body share is now worth \$500,000.00.

Now thirty years later the demand for National Headquarters has stood the test of time. Currently National Office employs two full time staff for NZDA as well as extensive operational records. It is also home to the Heritage Trust where they catalogue and store the historical treasures given to NZDA. Both have become desperate for space.

Our current rented space has recently come in at 26% of EQC structural soundness. This means that engineering reports are currently being compiled and at best tenants can expect extensive work to be done to the first floor to bring the building up to the minimum requirement of 34%.

The leases for the current NZDA and trust offices expire early next year, this coupled with the matured McKenzie Partnership Trust allows the Association to purchase a building for our national headquarters.

### Moving forward -

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At the Wanaka conference two main factors were weighed against one another –

- The use of the investment to subsidise capitation
- The use of investment to purchase a property for headquarters

After deliberation the delegates sanctioned the purchase of a property for use as national headquarters.

### 3 Collina Terrace, Wellington -

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After years of joint voluntary efforts, the perfect property has been found. With the important features of access, passive revenue streams, fit for purpose and a fantastic central location met, 3 Collina Terrace which is now under contract with the settlement date of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Within 5 minutes' walk from Wellington Station, 2 minutes from closest bus stop and a stone's throw from Parliament Buildings Collina Terrace is considered an exciting opportunity by those who have seen it because it offers secure investment backed by high land value. For the purposes of transparency; the asking price was 1.5m – reduced to 1.2m and settled for 1.1m.

In addition to this there are 6 car parks which will create revenue for the association. The property is ideal for our purpose and a professional project manager familiar with our requirements has been appointed, to oversee whatever works are identified as necessary.

The building will house The National office and Heritage Trust. NZDA Wellington Branch will be a 50% investor in the project and is designing an integral hall to be installed at the back of the existing building. That work will be done at the cost of Wellington Branch.

Further information will be forwarded as progress advances.



## Want to play a part?

The McKenzie Partnership has two partners: NZDA National Association and Wellington Branch. The Heritage Trust was bequeathed \$50,000.00 from the Hong Tse Estate for investment in a shared property and will be directly involved in the purchasing of 3 Collina Terrace.

To manage the purchase of the property and to retain capitation stability the McKenzie Partnership and Heritage Trust are offering two means of involvement for members and branches – Voluntary Donations and Equity Partnerships.

### Voluntary Donations -

All member and branches are invited to make voluntary donations towards the purchase of 3 Collina Terrace. Any donations are non-refundable and will be subsidised dollar for dollar by Mark Dunajtschik, weather the donation from a member or a branch.

**Voluntary donations are to the Heritage Trust and therefore are tax deductible.**

This opportunity is a one-time offer and is in the best interests of the Association and your membership enjoyment. The more donated the less investment funds the Association has to use; ensuring its continued capitation subsidisation.

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I would like to make a personal contribution of -	\$	In the dollar for dollar subsidy

Branch		
Name		
Address		
Phone		
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Our branch would like to make a contribution of -	\$	In the dollar for dollar subsidy

If you or your branch would like to make a voluntary donation please deposit the funds either directly into the bank account or contact the National Office.

### 3 Collina Terrace Steering Committee bank account

Bank Account: **03-0558-0139562-005**

### Equity Partnerships -

The steering committee acknowledge provision is been made for branches to become equity partners and we request expressions of interest from those branches interested. They will be provided a prospectus when one is available upon the completion of all the work required for it.

As an Equity Partner – your branches investment will help to release the investment funds of the National Association.

Please make your branches expressions of interest known to the Steering Committee via the National Office.

Branch Equity Partnership - Expression of Interest	
Branch	
Contact	
Phone	
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For and on behalf of the Steering Committee:

Tony Macklin, Tony Allen, Alby Frampton, Mark Dunajtschik and Ian Wright



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### **NEWSLETTER to Branches**

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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#### **What's Happened?**

12-13/9 NATEX meeting

26-27/9 Sika Show –

Bill & Jim manning the HUNTS stall & Steven Shaw coordinating head measuring.

11/9 Wellington Minister Dunne (Bill, Graeme), HUNTS Trust meeting (Bill, Tony)

12-13/9 Wellington Natex meeting

15/9 Golden Bay branch (Bill)

16/9 Marlborough branch (Bill)

17/9 Wellington Animal Welfare meeting (Tony)

19/9 Christchurch SCI meeting (Graeme)

28/9 Rotorua GAC (Bill)

#### **Next Month**

Taupo Prize Shoot

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#### **Please Note –**

#### **BCC Newsletters**

Some branch newsletters are still being sent out without the recipient's addresses being BCC'd. It's very important as this stops spam emails and also keeps members emails private. **Please ensure all members are BCC'd into the email.**

For those of you who are unaware of this function, all you do is click on the cc.. and add the emails under bcc.. rather than just under the usual to.. option.

## Membership Renewal

To help National Office with membership renewal it is vitally important you complete the attached branch contact update form. Committee members for whatever reason do change but we need to keep it up to date at the office. Please return the form as soon as possible.

It has become increasingly clear that as the online banking has evolved the National Office are seeing an increased number of new members submitting their applications directly to national office and not direct to the branch they wish to join. This has been driven directly by some branches that have seen the advantages the online banking function will offer and efficiencies it will have for the association as a whole and are advertising the National Office contact details directly. In order to address this National Office will accept and process membership application subject to the final approval of the branches as per the NZDA constitutional rules – a rejected application at branch level will be refunded in full. The NZDA only wishes to go from a very manual and expensive credit card payment process to an online version. Every time we tick the boxes for an automated system other issues are raised.

Very soon when the online credit card facility is up and running prospective new members will have the ability to pay national office directly. We will therefore need to scan all new members application forms to the branch for approval. Hence the importance of the branch contact form being completed and returned. We will scan and email all applications to branches for approval as all new membership applications will need to be addressed with the national office address. Any rejected applications will have their money refunded in full. It will state very clearly that membership will be processed and accepted subject to the final vetting and approval by branches.

Also attached is another copy of the membership renewal form for 16/17 financial year. Remember that when we receive the completed form in the office your members will receive their renewal invoices in the order that these forms were returned to us at the office.

## Change of Addresses

We are receiving a large number of return Hunting & Wildlife magazines per issue. Please keep your address up to date. When a Hunting & Wildlife magazines or



invoice is returned we remove your address from the database and send you an email. If you do not reply to this email we cannot guarantee future delivery of your hunting & Wildlife magazine. You can either update via the websites contact us tab or email us directly.

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### New Website

Some of you may already have seen but our website has been updated!

<http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/>

It may look as though as though online payment is available. This is not yet the case as we are still sorting out some final processes with the bank.

If there are any changes you require, contact the membership email so any changes can be made as soon as possible.

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### Attachments

- Land Care Review in Fiordland National Park
- Taupo Branch Shoot
- 2015 Prizeshoot Big Balls
- Heritage Trust Newsletter
- Membership Renewal Form
- Branch Contact Update Form
- South Island Shoot

*Sue and Kirstie*

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## **In the news**

### NEW ANTI-1080 PROJECT ANNOUNCED BY NEW ZEALAND FIRST – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (28 SEPTEMBER 2015)

New Zealand First announced a new anti-1080 project at the weekend, saying it would be calling for a moratorium on the use of the poison.

About 50 activists attended a rally in Hokitika on Saturday.

NZ First agriculture and primary industries spokesman Richard Prosser said they wanted to build a project to educate the farming community and the public about 1080 and bovine Tb.

"As part of that project, we are going to ask for a moratorium on the aerial use of 1080. A 10-year moratorium. The funding saved can be better used on ground operations and finding a viable alternative to 1080," Dr Prosser said.

He called the new project 'Beyond 1080'.

A website was under construction, where people would be able to send e-cards to the Minister of Primary Industries and the Minister of Conservation, and download a petition.

"Mostly though, we need your support for public meetings -- if you'd like to organise one in your community, get in touch with my office."

Dr Prosser said Ospri Tb Free spent a "measly" \$3 million on research into alternatives at the moment -- "let's bump that up and get some real work happening".

The New Zealand Institute of Economic Research estimated that expanding the possum industry could lead to an increase in GDP of \$58.5m, along with an additional 760 jobs each year.

"New Zealanders pride themselves on being able to live off the land. Every single one of us knows at least one person who hunts ... Stopping New Zealanders from doing something that is quintessentially Kiwi doesn't make sense."

He contractors walked in to the bush see if chew cards had been bitten by possums, they dropped 1080 and walked back in again to see how many chew cards had been bitten.

"So, the question we ask is, why can't they walk in with traps?"

### VICTIM PLEADS FOR MERCY FOR 'HERO' PILOT PROSECUTED OVER DRAMATIC RESCUE – STUFF.CO.NZ (5 OCTOBER 2015)

A "hero" helicopter pilot is facing possible jail-time over the dramatic rescue of an injured hunter who says he owes the pilot his life.

Hunter Scott Lee was left dangling on the edge of a 50-metre drop after falling in remote bush north of Kaikoura on April 5, 2014.

He suffered a broken femur, and had to be tethered to a tree with his girlfriend's clothing to prevent him from plunging further down the bluff to his death.

Stricken hunter Scott Lee is helped by Search and Rescue from where he was tied to a tree above a 50-metre drop by his girlfriend's clothing.

Local pilot Dave Armstrong stepped up to complete the rescue after another helicopter had already turned back.

But now he faces charges because his licence was at the time suspended, due to a medical scare from a diagnosis which had already been called into question.

The prosecution is thought to be the first of its kind in New Zealand for a pilot performing a search and rescue mission.

Dave Armstrong manages Kaikoura Helicopters.

The situation has outraged some in the flying community, as well as the hunter Armstrong saved, with the Christchurch man saying he was "absolutely devastated" for the pilot.

Lee has written to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) pleading for them to drop the three charges Armstrong is facing next week in Kaikoura District Court.

In the letter he explains how he had gone after his girlfriend, Lisa McKenzie, who had tumbled down a shingle bank, before tripping and badly breaking his leg on the tree that broke his 15-metre fall.

The first rescue chopper had been forced to turn back due to low fuel.

Armstrong then attempted the rescue, and it is understood he sat alongside his co-pilot as a supervisor because he was suspended from flying.

But his junior struggled to make the manoeuvre in their Robinson R44 light four-seater machine.

Kaikoura Search and Rescue (SAR) alternate controller Mike Morrissey said it was cloudy, the couple were in dense bush on a steep slope, and the view was that Lee could not be left overnight in such conditions.

Armstrong took the controls instead and dropped in Morrissey, a doctor, and the rest of the SAR team .

"Dave knew exactly where these guys were," Morrissey said.

"He's been flying to do rain gauges there every month for years.

"At that time Dave had the opportunity to do it. He was the best person for it so we used him."

Lee said he and his girlfriend had lost hope after hearing the first chopper turn back.

He had even accepted he might die alone by the time he heard the approach of Armstrong's chopper.

It took the SAR crew about six hours to stretch Lee out of the bush, Morrissey said.

A source close to the case said Armstrong's flight-logs were later seized by police on behalf of the CAA.

The source said the day Armstrong flew, there was doubt about his medical issue and he had been challenging the opinion while trying to get the grounding order lifted.

Lee and McKenzie both wrote to the CAA in support of Armstrong when they heard of the prosecution.

"We truly believe that we owe our lives to Dave and the team that helped us, and there is no way we will ever be able to express our gratitude to them."

Lee wrote: "Clearly it was a life or death situation and we are grateful that Dave made that decision as I would not be here without him."

He said the pilot did not deserve such scrutiny.

"He's done a heroic act in my eyes. If anything, he deserves a medal for what he's done," Lee said. "He's a hero."

Wanaka pilot and Armstrong's friend, John Levy, said the cost of the prosecution and being grounded had affected the family's livelihood.

A spokesman for the CAA said it was not in a position to comment on the case while the matter was before the courts.

Armstrong and his lawyer also declined to comment.

## THE CHARGES

The charges relate to alleged breaches of the Civil Aviation Act for performing search and rescue flights without a current medical licence.

The Act, which is currently under review, says pilots can breach the law in life or death emergencies, but not if they are not lawfully entitled to fly.

That includes for medical reasons, or if their craft is not airworthy.

The maximum penalty is 12 months' jail or a \$10,000 fine per offence.

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## HUNTER KILLS GOAT, GETS LOST, SHARES GOAT WITH HIS DOG TO SURVIVE BY TOM HUNT – THE DOMINION POST (2 OCTOBER 2015)

The same goat that caused a man to get lost sustained him and his dog through two cold nights in the Kapiti bush.

Tim Cleghorn, 28, went out for an afternoon walk with his American Staffordshire dog Thor on Wednesday.

He was not heard from for two days, triggering a search in the rugged terrain behind Waikanae on the Kapiti Coast.

He emerged on Friday and was reunited with his family.

Speaking following the ordeal, Cleghorn said it had been a "spur of the moment trip" and he had packed a can of Sprite, some "bits and pieces" and a hunting knife before heading into the bush.

Thor, a trained hunting dog, got the scent of a goat and they chased it down a valley then up the other side.

Thor got the goat and Cleghorn "stuck a knife in the heart" before gutting it.

It was starting to get dark and he realised he had lost his compass so put some ferns on the ground as a mattress and built a fire using a lighter.

"I hacked off a back leg [of the goat] and cooked up some chunks."

He had an emergency blanket and his dog to keep him warm through the night.

On Thursday he still couldn't find his way out and the weather was fast turning but he found a more sheltered place and started another fire which he used to dry out enough wood to keep him warm through the night.

He and his dog had another cooked goat meal.

"It tasted like s\*\*\* but it gave me s\*\*\* loads of energy," he said.

The next day he made his way to the road where police found him.

"I knew I was going to make it out. It was just a matter of time."

Their meal of goat may not have tasted nice, but Cleghorn credited it for giving them strength.

Senior Sergeant Anthony Harmer said Cleghorn emerged "wet and cold" but otherwise fine.

"He was a lucky man with a loving family."

Earlier police put a notice under the windscreen wiper of Cleghorn's car asking him to call police if he arrived back.

On the car were bumper stickers, "I'd rather be hunting" and "I love vegetarians, they taste great".

Harmer appealed for people heading into the bush to tell someone where they were going, take sufficient supplies, check the weather, and to know their limitations.

Harmer had special thanks for volunteer searchers and locals who had come to help.

"Police can't do this sort of work alone."

Cleghorn's mother Sue Aicken said that, until her son emerged from the bush, he had been unaware people were looking for him and had thanked the searchers.

"[He's] obviously pretty tired, pretty embarrassed."

"I knew I was going to make it out. It was just a matter of time," Cleghorn said.



A MetService spokesman said the temperature dropped to lows of around 10.5 degrees Celsius on both nights.

Anton Williams from Kapiti Deerstalkers said the area was "pretty rugged" and a few people, including a mother and child in the past few years, had lost their lives after being caught in bad weather.

Steep terrain, tricky river crossings and often turbulent winter weather has caused more than 20 tramping deaths in the Tararua Ranges since 1970 including those of Te Papa boss Seddon Bennington and friend Marcella Jackson, who died of hypothermia near the Kime Hut in 2009.

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### MORE EDUCATION THE FOCUS AFTER DEERSTALKER DEATH BY ANNABELLE TUKIA – 3 NEWS (14 OCTOBER 2015)

There has been another round of calls for more education for hunters following yesterday's discharge without conviction of a deerstalker who accidentally shot his son.

Invercargill man Stephen Long's lawyer told the court his client had convinced himself he was looking at a deer.

NZ Deerstalkers Association president Bill O'Leary spends a lot of his time teaching hunters how to stay safe in the bush. He supports a judge's decision to let Mr Long off without a penalty for shooting his son on a hunting trip in March.

"Only the thickest of people would say Stephen has not already suffered," says Mr O'Leary.

The court heard Mr Long, who had hunted on Stewart Island 36 times, looked with his naked eye and through a scope but was convinced he saw a deer and not his 24-year-old son 20 metres away.

It's a phenomenon his lawyer described as cognitive bias and experts in human behaviour say it's a subconscious response that tricks a people into seeing what they want to see, not what's actually in front of them.

"What will happen is your mind will fill in those gaps," says human error expert Karl Bridges. "We believe those gaps could contribute to someone mistaking a deer with a human."

Mr Bridges says the cognitive bias theory explains why it's often experienced hunters that accidentally shoot a mate, not novices.

"I suppose an expert is more likely to refer to a previous incident and draw their conclusions from that to make their decision in their current situation."

It's something that's of growing concern to the association, which is trying to raise awareness among experienced hunters. It says the only way an animal can be positively identified is when you see the whole thing, not just part of it.

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## NEARLY 30 YEARS AFTER THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT, NATURE IS FIGHTING BACK – STUFF.CO.NZ (6 OCTOBER 2015)

Some 30 years after the world's worst nuclear accident blasted radiation across Chernobyl, the site has evolved from a disaster zone into a nature reserve, teeming with elk, deer and wolves.

The remarkable turnaround in the area, which was declared a permanent no-go zone for people after the accident in 1986, suggests radiation contamination is not hindering wildlife from breeding and thriving, but underscores the negative impact humans have on populations of wild mammals.

"When humans are removed, nature flourishes - even in the wake of the world's worst nuclear accident," said Jim Smith, a specialist in earth and environmental sciences at Britain's University of Portsmouth. "It's very likely that wildlife numbers at Chernobyl are now much higher than they were before the accident."

After a fire and explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in 1986 threw clouds of radioactive particles into the air, thousands of people left the area, never to return.

Smith and co-researchers took the opportunity to see what happens to wildlife in an area where contamination is heavy but people are largely absent.

Earlier studies in the 4200 square kilometre Chernobyl Exclusion Zone showed major radiation effects and pronounced reductions in wildlife populations.

### RATES SOAR

But new evidence, based on long-term census data, shows that mammal populations have bounced back.

The study found a relative abundance of elk, roe deer, red deer and wild boar - with population rates similar to those found in four designated, and uncontaminated, nature reserves in the region. The number of wolves living in and around the Chernobyl site is more than seven times greater than can be found in comparable nature reserves.

And helicopter survey data also reveal rising trends in the abundance of elk, roe deer, and wild boar from 1 to 10 years after the accident.

"These unique data showing a wide range of animals thriving within miles of a major nuclear accident illustrate the resilience of wildlife populations when freed from the pressures of human habitation," said Jim Beasley of the University of Georgia in the United States, who co-led the work.

The results, published in the journal *Current Biology*, may also hold lessons for understanding the potential long-term impact on wildlife of the more recent Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan, the researchers said.

- Reuters

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