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**June Issue 2012:**

*Next social: DVD on Sambar deer in Australia*



**“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter June 2012**



## Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.

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### 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	Rusa hunt coming up. Details will be released soon.
Socials	Head measuring night. Wed, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May @ 7:30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

**Cover Photo:** Scott Russell securing a load of supplies to a Lakeland Helicopter's helicopter – Central Waiau Hut upgrade, 2012.

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## Presidents Report

Hi All

So the economic times must have really hit in our area. As you were all aware we had the head measuring night last Wednesday night 23rd and due to Murray Rob being in Tonga I managed to persuade Bill Gardner from the Eastern Bay club to come over and lend a hand to Measure all our many heads due in. Well must be the 1080, as was poor effort in deed. OK not all of us were successful but as Bill commented you have over 300 members and this is all that's here?

I was some what embarrassed on the turn out; it could have been a good social night. Well done to those who did turn out even if you had nothing to show.

On the range front we have made some progress to what we hope will be an out come on our lease with CNI. We now have a contact person and will be working together with him and the CNI group to hopefully get a new lease agreement. We are also chasing up the Range certification status so you may see more fill arriving in the near future.

On Saturday 9th June we had the Canteen Kids along to the range to have ago at shooting targets with rim fire and maybe some centre fire rifles should they wish. I had approached the pistol club vice pres Grant Rowles and he will also have some of his members there to let the kids have ago at pistol shooting.

The next social will be DVD on the Sambar Hunting in Aussie, and then no more socials till the prize giving dinner in August.

For those of you who are interested in a fly in hunt get a hold of Alex McIvor he is keen to organise a trip in June the more he gets the cheaper it will be. His email is [awmciver@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:awmciver@vodafone.co.nz)

We'll hope to see you at the next social

Cheers  
Colin

**NZDA SOCIAL(s)**

## *DVD on Sambar hunting in Australia*

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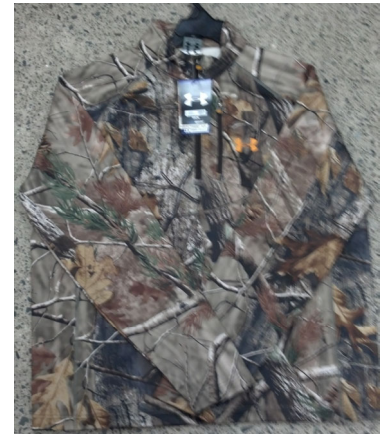
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### Whirinaki Deer pen removal

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

### Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact Colin 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.

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## Range report May 2012

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> I was out of town so not sure if any 300M activity took place.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> was a lovely fine day and from I don't know where 11 shooters turned out for the day. Thank you one and all and I hope you enjoyed your day. Rimfire Silhouette was the program for the day, but as only 2 of those present had shot the match before we relaxed the rules allowing people to shoot how they felt comfortable, which did have some influence on the scores. Most rifles there did not have zero's for the varying distances so when Victor discovered he had left the bolt for his rifle at home and I lent him and his two boys my old model 1 brno, which had zero's it gave them something of an advantage. However I think everyone had fun and not too much should be read into the spread of the scores. In the results I have only used Christian names as some surnames I did not know.

Scores as follows: It turned out some shooters fired 40 shots some less so this is noted.

Name	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total
Victor (30 shots)	3	3	4	5	15
Karl (Jr) (30 shots)	2	5	1	5	13
Dave (40 shots)	4	4	5	0	13
Malcolm M (40 shots)	3	4	3	1	11
Paul M (40 shots)	5	3	2	1	11
Gillian (40 shots)	5	2	3	1	11
EJ (Jr) (30 shots)	0	6	1	3	10
Dennis (40 shots)	5	3	0	1	9
Rebecca (Jr) (40 shots)	2	2	2	1	7
Annetta (Jr) (40 shots)	1	1	3	1	6
Sharon (40 shots)	0	5	0	0	5

### Coming events:

#### JUNE:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 300M North Island Championships.

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> & Wed 6<sup>th</sup> The A.O.S. (Police) have booked the range.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> The range is booked for the Canteen organization, two D.A. members involved.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Deer Silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M, 8 shots per run through.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to be confirmed Cadets.

#### JULY:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 300M club shoot.

Sunday 22nd Rimfire Metalic Silhouette shoot and Junior practice after.4<sup>th</sup> Sunday due to clash on3rd.

**AUGUST:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 300M club shoot.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Deer Silhouette shoot.

The digger has been and gone and now I can look at improving the facilities for shooting .22's

I am also happy to see people are taking the idea of keeping the range tidy very seriously thank you.

Time to reload,  
Malcolm.



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## **In the news**

### SEARCH FOR LOCATOR BEACON AT ROTORUA LANDFILL – THE DAILY POST (05 JUNE 2012)

An emergency locator beacon sparked a search of Rotorua's landfill after the device was thrown in the rubbish.

About 6pm yesterday the Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand, based in Wellington, became aware of the beacon which was transmitting a signal in the Rotorua area.

Due to its proximity to the Rotorua International Airport approach path, every aircraft flying into Rotorua from the south was picking up the signal.

After tracking down the registered owner of the beacon it was established the locator device was disposed of after being replaced by a newer model.

The owner had discarded the device in the weekly refuse collection.

The device was tracked to the Rotorua Landfill on State Highway 30.

This morning police and Land Search and Rescue volunteers searched through the rubbish at the landfill to find the beacon.

Staff at the landfill helped the searchers by pinpointing the exact location where refuse had been dumped the day before.

Using specialist direction finding equipment the errant beacon was quickly found and switched off.

Detective Sergeant John Willson of the Rotorua police said this served as reminder to those disposing of old or unused beacons to be mindful.

Even though they may seem at the end of their useful life they can still be activated if there is any life left in their batteries, he said.

The Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand recommends the following procedure for discarding old beacons:

Old beacons must be deactivated before being dumped.

This means disconnecting the battery prior to disposal or taking the beacon to an approved place to be disposed of, such as a local Police Station, the Rescue Coordination Centre, or a beacon retailer.

If the beacon is not properly disposed of this can lead to a costly and time-consuming search, tying up resources that may be needed to respond to a genuine emergency.

More information on beacon disposal is available by visiting [www.beacons.org.nz](http://www.beacons.org.nz) or by contacting the Rescue Coordination Centre on freephone 0800 406 111 or 0508 406 111.

## LAW ON AIRGUNS AWAITED BY LOUISE RISK – STUFF.CO.NZ (07 JUNE 2012)

Police hope a change in the law will eliminate problems caused by people wielding replica guns in public.

This week's incident in Paeroa happened a few days after the Military Style Semi-Automatic Firearms and Import Controls Arms Amendment Bill – which will require importers of airguns to have a permit from police – passed its second reading in Parliament.

Hamilton police district operations manager Inspector John Kelly said the difficulty with replica guns was that police had to treat every perceived threat as real.

"In such situations police staff have to act in the best interests of public safety."

Following the shooting earlier this week, students in Paeroa said BB guns were easily available from Coin Save, a discount item store in the town.

The owners said they kept the BB guns behind the counter and sold them only to people 18 years or older.

Ben Tang, who took over the ownership of Coin Save Te Kuiti last week, confirmed the \$8 BB guns sold in his store were a popular item with students.

BB guns are also available on Trade Me, where a search for "BB gun" revealed more than 700 listings nation-wide, many with a \$1 reserve.

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## PARENTS' ORDEAL ENDS AS CHILDREN FOUND BY NICHOLAS JONES AND JAMIE MORTON – NZ HERALD (30 MAY 2012)

A group of 11 and 12-year-old schoolgirls were found last night after spending hours lost in the Kaimai Ranges.

The 10 girls, who were wearing light clothing, became lost on a school orienteering exercise.

They were found in bush a two-hour walk from the nearest road after an extensive police search.

The Tauranga Intermediate School pupils were to have returned at midday, but were not found until 8pm.

One mother was almost overwhelmed on hearing they had been found.

"I'm very, very happy," she said. "Very, very relieved."

A father who had been waiting for his daughter praised the search and rescue teams, saying: "They did a fantastic job."

Three police search and rescue teams and crews in two helicopters scoured an area around the Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge before finding the group about 8pm.

Sergeant Logan Marsh of Tauranga police said last night said the children were cold and tired when they were found.

They came down the hill guided by spotlights as the temperature dropped to 4C. Eleven hours after they were due out of the bush, they reached the lodge and were treated by St John's ambulance staff.

From there, they were to be taken back to the school for a late dinner treat of pizza. They were seen smiling and waving as they left the site just before midnight.

Earlier in the evening, anxious parents were seen speeding along a gravel road towards the lodge, about 24km from Tauranga.

The commander for the Western Bay of Plenty police area, Inspector Clifford Paxton, said there was concern for the children's welfare because they were wearing only light clothing.

Conditions were clear but cold, and temperatures had been expected to drop about 5C overnight.

"The parents were obviously very, very relieved that their children had been located," Mr Paxton said.

He said the children were found by a search and rescue team in an area which was a two-hour walk from State Highway 29.

School board of trustees chairwoman Pippa Smith said the students were members of a party of about 50 Year 7 students on a school camp.

They all attend the school's bilingual Whanau Unit.

School principal Brian Diver was not with the group, but went to the scene after learning what had happened.

The lodge, which is at the foot of the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park, is owned by the school.

Its motto is "challenge through encouragement" and its activities include rock climbing, mountain biking, tramping and rafting.

The lodge website says students "will be faced with a challenging programme" during a five-day camp.

- additional reporting, Bay of Plenty Times

#### CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT CUTS 96 JOBS BY MATT BOWEN – STUFF.CO.NZ (25 MAY 2012)

A major restructure aimed at saving \$7.5 million is about to drop at the Conservation Department.

Ninety-six fulltime positions will disappear across the country on July 1 but Hamilton is an anomaly in terms of employment, and stands to benefit.

The regional Waikato conservancy, on the corner of Rostrevor and Harwood streets, has 33 positions and that number will drop to the mid teens.

The big change comes with the creation of one of the three nationwide service centres in the same building.

When the restructure kicks in, 40 new staff will be based in Hamilton and that number could rise to 70 as reorganisation kinks are ironed out.

New space will also be leased in the building, taking the area to two floors.

The other service centres will be in Wellington and Christchurch, which will replace the 12 conservancies dotted around New Zealand.

Their services will include legal, planning, permits, science and technical advice, as well as financial processing.

However, rangers will remain in area offices.

While the aim was to fall in line with their funding level, pre-Budget 2012, acting Waikato conservator Rachel Kelleher said the shift would provide a nationwide focus.

If, for example, the Waikato service centre has an expert specialising in marine mammals, their expertise can be used right across the country instead of focusing on one region.

"That's the benefit of this shared service model," she said.

"To use the full extent of expertise that we've got right across the issues in the country and not just confine them to a location."

Hamilton staff whose positions will be dissolved have the opportunity to be reassigned to the service centre.

One person took voluntary redundancy.

But will the change improve the department's service?

That's the intention, Ms Kelleher said.

"We're in the situation of having a whole lot of new staff joining us.

"We're on this period of looking to set up a new model of working and I think everyone's just keen to get on with the job of working in this new model and providing the best service we can.

"Like all new models I'm sure there'll be a period of bedding in."

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ONE BISCUIT DAILY FOR US STUDENTS LOST FOR 9 DAYS BY NICK PERRY – NZ HERALD  
(11 JUNE 2012)

Two US students trapped in the South Island wilderness by a snowstorm trekked back out to safety after surviving their nine-day ordeal by rationing their meager supplies of trail mix and warming themselves in hot springs.

Alec Brown and Erica Klintworth, both 21, returned to the city of Christchurch today after meeting up with members of a search team famished but otherwise in good shape, police said.

The two students, on a foreign study program in New Zealand with University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, had planned to hike and camp for a few days at some hot springs on the South Island. But heavy rains and a snowstorm prevented the couple from being able to cross a river and return.

"Unfortunately it rained and rained, day after day, and snowed," Alec Brown wrote in an email to The Associated Press today.

He said the nights were tough to take because the rain and sleet pounded down on the tarpaulin covering their sleeping hammock and the river roared reminding them all the time of their predicament.

When they realized they were going to be stuck they started rationing: "a biscuit and jelly one day," Brown wrote "and even less another."

Brown's mother Lisa, of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, said she panicked when she first found out her son was missing.

"It's too much for a mom," she told the AP. "Especially when they're that far away. I just felt so helpless."

She had faith that Alec, an environmental science major, knew the outdoors well enough to survive, she said, adding that Erica, who is studying graphic design, is a strong woman.

The couple's ordeal began June 1 when friend Katie Jenkins, another UW student, dropped them off at a national park on the South Island's West Coast so they could hike in and camp for a few days.

"They were just going to the hot springs, to chill out and study for finals," Jenkins said, adding that she continued on with her own travels and didn't realize the couple were missing until eight days had passed, which is when she raised the alarm.

The couple didn't take much food some carrots, rice, peanut butter and trail mix, according to Police Sgt. Sean Judd, who coordinated rescue attempts. He said that after three days, a steady rain started.

"Then on Wednesday the snowstorm hit and it got progressively worse," Judd said.

Brown said that soaking in the hot pools "helped keep us warm and slow energy loss."

It wasn't until Sunday, Brown said, that the river finally seemed safe enough to cross again. He and Klintworth prepared for their hike out by cooking up a "good meal" of rice, marshmallows, peanut butter and chocolate, he said.

"We then left and crossed the icy waters only up to our waist," he said. "We were climbing the mountains under the dense tree cover when we first heard the helicopter we assumed was looking for us. The copter never saw us and we walked out just fine and met up with the search and rescue by the road."

It was when they attended a debriefing, he added, that "we found out what a big deal all this was."

Judd said the pair made some good choices, particularly by not trying to cross the flooded river, but could have entered the wilderness better prepared.

Brown said he relied on his past experience hiking and camping and felt confident in the couple's ability to survive.

"I believe when you go into the bush you take your life into your own hands and need to be prepared to handle whatever conditions occur," he said. "We could have been more prepared, but in the end we were prepared enough to walk ourselves out."

The incident comes one month after three Boston University students studying abroad were killed in New Zealand when their minivan rolled. The students were driving to a hike at the time of the crash. A fourth student who was critically injured in the crash has since regained consciousness.

- AP

By Nick Perry

#### DON'T GIVE UP: MATES CLING TO LIFE IN LAKE — BY MIKE WATSON — STUFF.CO.NZ (31 MAY 2012)

Two childhood mates who spent four hours in a chilly Lake Taupo without lifejackets refused to believe they would not survive.

Joshua Johnson and Neihana Tawera, both 21, of Turangi, kept telling each other not to give up as they clung to gear bags to float after their new dinghy capsized.

Search-and-rescue crews who helped find the men have described their survival in the 13-degree water as a miracle.

The maximum survival time treading water between 10 and 15 degrees Celsius is considered to be two to four hours. Exhaustion and unconsciousness set in between one to two hours.

"I wasn't going to give in, nor was Neihana; we just keep saying to each other, 'Bro, we're just about there, don't give up'," Mr Johnson, a chef, said as he recovered at his Turangi home yesterday.

"We were encouraging each other all the time, telling each other we nearly [were at the shore], but in fact we were not really getting anywhere.

"I knew in my head I would get to shore; I knew I was just not going to give up, and nor was Neihana."

The pair had "excitedly" launched their four-metre aluminium dinghy about 2pm on Tuesday. It was the first time the pair – friends since they were 5 – had been in a boat on their own.

They were dressed only in light clothing and did not think about taking lifejackets, said Mr Johnson, an asthmatic.

"We just wanted to get out there; the lake was smooth and we thought we would cruise around the bays."

They went in and out of the small bays near Waihi Village until the sun began to go down, then headed back to Tokaanu.

"The wind was getting up and it was getting very choppy; waves were piling into the boat."

Unknown to them, the boat had taken on water, which filled the stern, causing the bow to point upwards. "We knew we just had to get out of there: it was getting pretty scary."

As they went to swap positions, a wave caught them, capsizing the boat and throwing them both into the water.

Each time they tried to right the boat, it would flip upside down again. "We were pretty terrified, we just looked at each other and thought what should we do?"

They tried to paddle the boat back to shore, about 300 metres away, but it was hopeless. Finding it hard to keep afloat without lifejackets, they retrieved gear bags from the boat to use as flotation.

For the next two hours they clung to the boat, then decided to head for shore. But they spent another two hours clinging to their bags, going nowhere.

"The bags saved us, they kept us afloat," Mr Johnson said.

"We were really scared and we were both having our moments; a couple of times we nearly broke down, thinking we may not make it.

"We just kept helping each other, telling each other we're going to get there.

"We both didn't want to die like this, but we didn't know if anyone was coming to help us.

"I remember just looking up at the sky and kicking towards the shore. I wasn't really with it and Neihana grabbed me and guided me towards the shore."

About 8.30pm the Taupo rescue helicopter crew spotted the pair using a searchlight and night-vision goggles, about 200 metres from the boat.

"We could see them circling the boat with the lights," Mr Johnson said. "We were yelling as hard as we can but we knew they couldn't hear us."

Mr Tawera, a Conservation Department worker, waved his small headlight to get pilot Nat Every's attention.

"I knew then I was going to get home," Mr Johnson said. "I think we could have gone on longer but really we probably only had another 30 minutes left.

"We're both strong swimmers, and we have a bit of extra meat around us, which helped."

Both men were treated for hypothermia. Mr Johnson was discharged from Taupo Hospital the same night, and Mr Neihana from Rotorua Hospital yesterday.

Lake Taupo harbourmaster Phillip King said he would talk to the men about not having lifejackets – an offence punishable by an instant \$200 fine.

"It is frustrating when people continue not to have lifejackets when they go out on the lake," Mr King said. "It's really beyond belief these guys lived. If it wasn't for the search and rescue people, they would not be here today."

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### Range Keys

Any person who wishes to have a range gate key for the private use of our range must be a CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER of the Branch and must obtain a key from Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Your membership card must be produced at the time of key purchase. Keys may not be lent or passed on to other persons, whether they are members or not. Non-Members can only enter the Range if accompanied by a current Financial Member. Any use of the range by non-members requires prior approval of the committee.

### Membership Costs (Rotorua Branch)

Senior = \$90 (full benefits at local and national branch level)  
Associate = \$60 (Unable to vote or enter national competitions. Does not receive H&W)  
Junior = \$25 (Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2011. Full benefits apart from voting rights.)  
Student = \$40 (Must be attending a tertiary institute or undergoing an apprenticeship. Proof must be provided.)  
Superannuant = \$50 (Over 65 as at March 1st 2011. Full benefits)  
Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)

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