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NZDA Member Newsletter June 2020

Since coming back into the office after Covid-19 lockdown in early June the NZDA have been exceptionally busy.

We welcomed to the team our new Chief Executive Office, Gwyn Thurlow. The National Executive are campaigning hard to get hunting issues to the forefront of the Government's mind. We have published multiple media releases in relation to tahr and firearms. We have seen the passing of the new firearms law amendments. Office staff have been hard at work renewing memberships, reconciling accounts and mailing membership cards.

National Competition entries have been arriving at a steady pace, which is pleasing to see given members had a disrupted hunting season.

The Conference Handbook was also published and sent electronically to Branches. Please ask your committee if you want a copy. Remember, this year will see NZDA hold its first ever "virtual" Annual General Meeting.

Conference will be held 25th - 26th July and our branches will be nominating their Delegates soon and the National Executive and National Office look forward to hosting our AGM.

On top of all of that, we have been planning and preparing for our move back to the newly renovated Deerstalkers House. The move is scheduled for the beginning of next week - we aim to keep disruption as minimal as possible.

Lastly, please remember that expressions of interest for the Finance Advisory Group and National Secretary roles close this Sunday, 5th July.

Tahr Cull Update



You will have received NZDA's media statements this week, we are working hard to make sure recreational hunters are informed and our voice is heard.

A special thanks must go to the following members for going above and behind for us all:

- Dave Keen, NZDA Tahr Rep
- Snow Hewetson, Natex and Tahr Foundation President
- Kaylyn Pinney, Natex and fundraiser for the Foundation
- Marcus Pinney
- Gwyn Thurlow, CEO, social media, and NZDA spokesperson
- Don Rood, Media advisor
- Tim Watson, Social media updates

Each of those people have been working late at night, making personal sacrifices, and working on weekends to get the job done for hunters and NZDA.

As you are aware, the NZDA, Tahr Foundation and various other hunting

lobbies are fighting to keep our beloved tahr species at a managed and sustainable level.

We have put out several media releases within the past few days, have attended meetings with DOC and are open to engagement. We have done several interviews on radio and were quoted in parliament during question time.

For more information on the topic, and to see where we have made a feature, please check out the below articles and links:

Rural Life

- [Tahr cull: fears deer next in sights](#)
- [Resolution needed for cull plan](#)
- [Tahr cull: Game council upset at lack of consultation](#)
- [Tahr Foundation, Forest and Bird butt heads over cull](#)

Scoop

- [Anger At DOC's "Sham Consultation" Over Tahr Slaughter Plans](#)
- [Disingenuous Figures Deliberate Attempt To Mislead Public On Tahr](#)
- [Tahr Plan Bad For Hunters And Taxpayers](#)
- [Deerstalkers Call For Good Faith Discussions Regarding Tahr Management](#)
- [Tahr Foundation Goes To Court To Stop Doc Plan To Kill Thousands Of Tahr](#)

- [Tahr Plan Bad For Hunters And Taxpayers](#)

CORANZ

- [DOC's Tahr Plan Threatens a Great Big Game Herd](#)

Timaru Herald

- [Hunters, conservationists, at loggerheads over tahr control](#)

Radio Interview

- [RNZ interview](#)
- [Radio Wave interview \(live on Sunday July 5th, 1:00PM\)](#)

Videos

- [Blood Origins](#)
- ["The latest on the tahr cull" with Willie Duley, NZ Hunter Adventures/The Tahr Foundation](#)
- [DSC Foundation - The Tahr Cull Continues](#)
- [Question 12 - Hon Jacqui Dean to the Minister of Conservation](#)

Podcasts

- Spotify - [The Educated Hunter](#)
- iTunes - [The Educated Hunter](#)

Website - [Tahr 101 - What you need to know about whats happening to](#)

[our Tahr in New Zealand](#)

Fiordland Wapiti meat for Kiwi families



Thank you to the following branches who have donated a total amount of **\$2,060** to the cause:

- Taupo
- Bay of Plenty
- Marlborough
- Wellington
- National Office (on behalf of all members)

Note: Some branches are yet to formally donate, or are in the process of donating. Please remember to tell National Office of your donations and we will update this list in the July newsletter.

[Check out the website for more on the project.](#)



National President Report



Trevor Chappell

Branches would have received a digital copy of the Conference Handbook last week. This was a tremendous effort to complete and a sincere thanks go to our National Secretary, Chaz, and CEO, Gwyn, for producing a substantial document covering all of NZDA's activities over the past 12 months.

There have been a number of persons nominated for various executive positions, including a few surprises, which will provide for an interesting election. Further information on Conference will be sent to all branches/members in the near future.

I attended two branch AGM's this month, Waikato and Taupo. The reluctance of branch members to support their branch committees through attendance is probably indicative of many NZDA branches. If this general air of malaise

continues to permeate our organisation at the branch level, then branches will fold eventually.

The Executive is hoping that a new logo and branding regime together with a revamped website will help encourage younger membership, but the key to increasing membership lies firmly at the branch level and how they welcome and include new members in branch activities.

It is encouraging to read and hear about branches that are working with DOC on conservation projects. There are many opportunities such as working collaboratively on pest removal through trapping, wilding pine removal, track and hut maintenance etc.

This interaction builds good relationships and shows to the general public that hunters take animals for food but also contribute to conservation work.

Many individuals who are NZDA members contribute in this way also and one such person is Will Rickerby of Richmond, Nelson.

In the recent Queens Birthday Honours list Will was awarded the MNZM award for his services to conservation over many years. The work recognised included:

- building and locating hundreds of traps for rat/stoat control and
- ongoing restoration work through native tree planting of a large gully.

Congratulations, Will - let's hope other NZDA members follow your example.

Chief Executive Officer



Gwyn Thurlow

I would like to introduce myself as your new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). I am also taking on the role of General Counsel, which is NZDA's own in-house lawyer. My job is to work full time for you – our members – partly on

administrative functions and helping out our many branches, but mostly on advocacy.

I am thrilled to be here, and I'm excited about working hard to give a voice to hunters and strengthen NZDA's capability to protect hunters' rights.

A key project I am working on is developing a new NZDA website – keep an eye out for that soon.

You can read all about me in an interview I did with Simon Gibson, Hunting & Wildlife editor, in the Winter Edition out now. You can also hear me talk about my passion for NZDA and hunting on a recent podcast ([Episode 37 of The Stag Roar](#)).

If you want to see what I get up to out in the hills hunting, then check out what I'm up to on social: @the_hunter_nz /

https://www.instagram.com/the_hunter_nz/

I look forward to meeting you.

National Secretary



Chaz Forsyth

- Worked on 2020 Annual Report/Conference handbook with CEO and Office manager - checking drafts, obtaining material
- Drafted letters to MPs in the lead up to the 'Debate of the whole' Parliament and the Third Reading of the Arms legislation bill
- Drafted press releases in the aftermath of the 'Debate of the whole' Parliament and the Third Reading of the Arms legislation bill

- Attended and took notes at a meeting of the blue Mountains Hunter Liaison Group to discuss non-compliance by hunting permit holders
- Branch level duties including range officering
- Chaired antique arms branch meeting where I updated members about prospective law changes
- Undertook further research into firearm and related matters - these included placing OIA requests for information among various government departments for information

Lower North Island Representative



Tim Watson

Hi NZDA members,

My activities as follows:

- Liaise with Wairarapa club and attend meeting,
- Deerstalker house project management and meetings,
- Heritage Trust AGM,
- Install Wapiti heads in Deerstalker House before removal of scaffolding,
- Lobbying National party on firearms arms bill,
- NZDA Social media posts,
- Start planning next hunting trip!

My best regards to our membership.

Hunting and Wildlife Magazine



Printed editions also available

There is still the ability to order your printed copy of **NZ Hunting and Wildlife Magazine** and have it delivered to your home address.

\$10 a copy

or

\$29 for 4 x editions

Order your printed editions here!

Contributions needed for NZ Hunting and Magazine

Please send contributions to the editor Simon Gibson at:

editor@deerstalkers.org.nz or mail on a memory stick to NZDA, PO Box 12015, Wellington 6144.

[Click here to read the latest edition online](#)

Deerstalkers House Update

Building work has just about finished as you can see from the photos. The National Office are looking forward to re-locating back to the house on Monday, 6th of July to Wednesday, 8th July.





Colfo Update

Please use the following links to access the latest COLFO media release updates:

- [Media Release - 01/07](#)
- [Media Release - 28/06](#)
- [Media Release - 25/06](#)

General Notices From National Office

Your Membership Invoice Update

2020/21 Renewal invoices are almost complete.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their membership invoice recently. Your capitations fees go towards the running of the Association and the advocacy work to continue to protect our hunting rights in New Zealand.

The Office Staff have been busy reconciling all these payments and dealing with the many queries and new memberships.

We have seen a surge in new membership applications.

A quick thanks to everyone that has referenced their payment correctly, it was a huge improvement on last year and it is very much appreciated as it makes it so much easier.

If you haven't received your invoice yet, this may be because of a couple of

reasons:

1. We have an incorrect email address for you.
2. It went to your spam folder, please check; it will be from nationaloffice@deerstalkers.org.nz
3. You don't have an email address, and you normally receive your reminder by post.

If you still haven't received your invoice (either by email or in the post), please contact membership@deerstalkers.org.nz

Credit and Debit card payments

We have been alerted that there are a small number of people that the below credit card facility is not working for them.

This is due to an older computer or browser not supporting the strict security it needs. If you forward the invoice and email link to a smart phone or another family member, it should work there.

Alternatively you can pay via bank transfer or phone the office to pay over the phone. Just don't forget to include the correct references and invoice number.



Amount payable

\$100.00

Enter card number here: -

 

Membership Cards

There was a delay here due to the printing company's ability to print during the COVID lockdown but we are now aiming to have membership cards printed and posted on a weekly basis.

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