

Wairarapa Branch Newsletter

New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association



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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi there Wairarapa Deer Farmers.

Well here we are in the midst of winter and you have to be careful what you wish for don't you! It's only a short while ago that we wished for rain, and now we've got it in bucket loads. Thankfully the ground temperature is still up there and growth is good. But we have to keep focussed to ensure the best outcome in spring.

"Focussed" was the topic at the recent NZDFA Annual conference in Hawke's Bay. It got me thinking about our own Wairarapa branch group and I thought "Hey, we're doing pretty well when it comes to being focussed." The relaunch of our branch newsletter; the re-establishment of our local field days and a growth spurt in our membership numbers all tell me that we're a pretty focussed lot and I'm excited at where we and the industry are currently heading.

In this issue, amongst other things, we give you dates for our planned events for the remainder of this year – so there's no excuse for not marking your calendar and getting involved.

The local field days need your support and are really invaluable as we are exploring various deer farms in our region and really getting down to basics, comparing notes about feed, diseases, growth, and swapping ideas about procedures, and costs. They are "grass roots" days starting at noon. We bring our own lunch and finish off with a club -sponsored "happy hour". We're still formatting the days, but are looking at bringing in the occasional outside guest who can talk to us about relevant industry issues. So watch this space! In the meantime if you'd like to be a "host" farm or know some more about it, please contact me!

And if you're one of our paid up members but never come to a meeting, maybe it's time to get "focussed" and think about the merits of sharing your thoughts, successes, difficulties and fun times with a passionate group of deer farmers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 30, Wednesday

FIELD DAY – Carterton
Shane McManaway's

SEPTEMBER 2, Thursday

FIELD DAY – Masterton
Dean Wilkinson

NOVEMBER 11, Thursday

FIELD DAY – Carterton
Gavin & Barbara McManaway

DECEMBER 3, Friday

CHRISTMAS PARTY and
Velvet Competition

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- Highlights from DINZ Annual Conference.
- Wairarapa farm focus field days.
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"I WANT TO BANK \$30,000 A WEEK FOR 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR AND NOT HAVE MY OPERATING COSTS EXCEED 30% OF MY REVENUE" ...

