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August Issue 2013:

SOCIAL: Pool, pizza and fun air rifle shoot



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter August 2013



Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

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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	October Party Hunt with CT Club. Lake Waikaremoana 18, 19, 20 October. Watch this space for more info
Socials	Pool, pizza and fun air rifle shoot Wednesday 28th August 2013 @ 7:30pm, Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2013 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Rykia with a deer she got recently with a little help from NZDA Committee member Scott Russell.

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well it seems winter is all but gone but I suspect it is a mere illusion, and couple of frosts will knock it all to hell.

So what's the go? Well so far we've held the last social with Dan The GPS man along from Magellan. Not bad kit, tough call, as most of us are running Garmin gear, but at the prices he was offering they were good buying and a few of the bods picked up a bargain. Go in and see Cliffy as there may be a deal still to be had.

In all it was a good turn out and a few old faces showed up, big Tony Ryan was along- great to catch up mate, also some new members and some I hadn't laid eyes on but that's the good thing about turning up.

Couple of new things to view in the club are the old Deer Park sign, and the new Honours Board.

Well it seems there's been a bit of fubar with the 40th as we had miss calculated the timing so it's on hold for a bit. More info will be provided in future newsletters so watch this space.

On the Doc front our contact Regan has left due to fixed term contract and the inevitable budget cuts so we will be but to David Niven and co, so we will await news.

Had a yarn to John Hura regarding the lease and all going well we may see something in the near future so once again watch this space.

Well hope those of you that are keen on the next party hunt down Waikaremoana have registered with Dennis, should be good fun trip.

Well lets see you all a the next social shooting, pool and pizza.

Cheers for now

Colin

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THE ADVENTURE WAS GREAT

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NZDA SOCIALS

Social – Social shoot, pool and pizza.

At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms

Neil Hunt Park, 28th August 2013, 7.30pm

All welcome. Cheap (\$4) drinks available.



Rotorua Field Shoot

Bring along your hunting gear and give it a go!
Limited numbers, pre-registration is essential!
Late lunch BBQ provided.

Saturday 9th of November 2013
Woodstock Farm, Highlands, Rotorua

9am Start, don't be late. Attendance to the safety briefing is required.

Center Fire Event:
\$20 entry fee.
Targets from 50m to 400m.
20 shot event bring a few extra for some fun afterwards though.
No caliber over 8mm allowed.
No full length magnum calibers allowed.

Contact: Malcolm Gillice (Home: (07) 345 6409) after September 30th to pre-register.

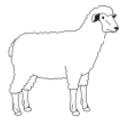
Party Hunt

Party Hunts - October Party Hunt/Fish with Rotorua CT Club.

Lake Waikaremoana 18, 19, 20 October. Watch this space for more info

Contact Dennis for more info (348 4343) and to confirm your interest.

Note new date!!



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Range report July 2013

July 7th 300M shoot. Our two local regulars and three visitors from Waikato turned up to test their skills. The visitors appeared quite optimistic producing targets printed on an A4 sheet of paper, however they were up to the task and hitting those targets proved to be no problem. Conditions were good and a great time was had by all, with the visitors keen to come back again.

July 21st Rimfire Silhouette shoot, four shooters and a coach other than myself turned up for the day's event, the four people being one lady, her niece and two men. We paired the two men and two ladies and I R/O'd While Dennis coached his niece. For silhouette shoots it is easier if shooters are paired as they can score for each other. Day's results are:

Name.	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total
Lyall	3	5	3	2	13
Malcolm M	6	5	0	3	14
Sapphire	1	0	1	0	2
Sharon	3	3	3	2	11

I had to head home at midday, so Dennis and the others stayed on for a bit of practise.

Target Backers, I am trying out a different style of target backer, cheap and easy to organize and hopefully a little longer lasting. They are made from pallets, and can be left down range. I was concerned however the other day when attending the range that the 50M frame had been moved to the left clear of the bullet stop meagre, though it might be. The intention and requirement is that the targets be placed in front of the bullet stops, and the 50M one will be improved in the near future.

Coming events;

August; Sunday 4th 300m Shoot, I will not be available but hope to arrange someone in my place.

Sunday 18th Deer silhouette, 300, 200, 100, and 50M. Eight rounds per run through.

September; Sunday 1st 300M shoot.

Sunday 22nd NOTE DATE CHANGE Rimfire Silhouette shoot. Junior shoot in afternoon, may be SWAZI shoot, have yet to check if sponsorship available

October; Sunday 6th 300M shoot.

Mon to Fri 7th -11th The police have booked the range.

Mon to Fri 14th-18th Police have booked the range.

Saturday & Sunday 19th-20th Central Regional Championship. As our championship shoots have been lacking in participation of late there will be a requirement for shooters intending to compete to register their interest no later than 6th September to Sandi Curreen Ph 07 886 4090; or Malcolm Perry Ph 07 348 4473. I will be out of the country after 16th October and will have others organized to run the shoot.

Time to reload,

Malcolm.



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At the 65th conference, which was held in Blenheim recently, **Peter Dunne explained to the delegates that the next few weeks would be crucial to the out come of all our endeavours to have heli-hunting banned from our national parks and public conservation estate.**

Right now the state of play is the judicial review sought by the heli-hunters found Peter Dunne had no case to answer and that he had acted fairly in allowing the heli-hunters two year temporary permits to run until legislation was introduced to ban heli hunting.

What we need to have happen now is that the legislation must be passed before the heli-hunting brigade can apply for new permits, the current permits run out in February 2014 but some of the operators have already applied for permits.

If there is no law in place to stop this practice before the current permits expire then they can be issued new permits with the very real likely hood that they could be ten year permits.

We cannot allow that to happen when we have come so far.

What can we do now?

We need to write to the minister of conservation Nick Smith and urge him to have this legislation introduced at the earliest possible opportunity.

We should ask him to honour the coalition agreement the National Government has with the UnitedFuture Party and protect our national parks from the unacceptable practice of heli-hunting. The New Zealand public has made it clear that heli hunting has no place on public conservation estate and expects action to protect those lands and the rights of all New Zealanders to enjoy those lands with out the intrusion of heli-hunting.

Suggestions for what you should say could include:

These letters DO NOT have to be items of great scholastic measure but written to plainly and simply state that Helihunting or AATH is a disgrace to the ethics of what we as NZ'ers hold close to us and IT MUST BE STOPPED AND PREVENTED FROM BEING UNDERTAKEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

Make two copies of your letter, in your own words and send one to Nick Smith and one to John Key as minister of tourism.

The Hon Dr Nick Smith
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

The Right Honorable John Key
Prime Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

NZDA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES for the July 2013 meeting

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

This includes: issues over the Wilkinson Postal shooting entries, national shooting development committee updates, AATH issues, St James Conservation WARO permits, poison and toxins, organized tahr operations, DOC statement of intent 2013 – 2017, just to name a few issues. This is a good way to see what your National Office and National Association are up to on behalf of members, branches and the Association.

1080

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

1. NZDA MEDIA RELEASE '1080 – Lucky not to have it'

This is as a result of the parliamentary commissioner for the environment, Jan Wright's proposal to encourage wider use of the deadly poison 1080.

2. A new petition: Stop 1080 poisoning in New Zealand. Possum control is the excuse, but it kills everything, including native birds. **Read more about it on:**

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http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop_1080_poisoning_in_New_Zealand_Possum_control_is_the_excuse_but_it_kills_everything_including_native_birds/?ehAyyeb

Campaigns like this always start small, but they grow when people like us get involved -- please take a second right now to help out by signing and passing it on.

3. A blog that has been set up re 1080 – ‘Why 1080 is a dirty word’

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/blogs/in-our-nature/8954961/Why-1080-is-a-dirty-word>

4. Conservation, Minister—Questions And Answers Parliament August 2 2013

Richard Prosser (NZ First) to the **Minister of Conservation**: Does he stand by all his statements?

Hon Dr Nick Smith (Minister of Conservation): Yes.

Richard Prosser: Does he stand by his statement on 18 July this year that “I am totally satisfied that 1080 is the most effective tool that we have to be able to ensure survival of many of New Zealand’s iconic native species,” given that 1080 is known to kill all oxygen-breathing organisms including native birds?

Hon Dr Nick Smith: Yes, I do. There was a very substantive inquiry by the Environmental Protection Authority into 1080. It concluded that it was safe and the most effective tool. I would also draw to the member’s attention the report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment that drew the same conclusion. Those members who advocate a ban on aerial 1080 are indirectly writing a death sentence for many of New Zealand’s birds, like kiwi, and they would also put key export industries at risk, given the importance of 1080 for controlling TB amongst New Zealand’s animal herds.

Richard Prosser: What reports, if any, has he received concerning a number of kiwi hand-raised by—

Mr Speaker: Order! To be fair to the member, his microphone came on very late in the question. Would he start that question again.

Richard Prosser: Thank you, Mr Speaker. What reports, if any, has he received concerning a number of kiwi hand-raised by the Department of Conservation and fitted with tracking equipment being killed by the 1080 that was dropped by the Animal Health Board in the Whirinaki State Forest in the winter of 2012?

Hon Dr Nick Smith: I do not have information on that specific incident, but what I can say to the member is that if you look at the programmes where aerial 1080 is used and you look at the bird survey figures 12 months later, 2 years later, and 3 years later, the evidence is overwhelming that for birds like kiwi, like kākā, like kōkako, and like so many of our robins and other birds, all of those populations increased because 1080 kills pests like possums and rats, which are such a huge risk to New Zealand’s native birds.

Richard Prosser: What precautions is he taking to ensure that no native species—kea, in particular—are killed in a planned aerial 1080 drop to be carried out this year by the Department of Conservation over almost 114,000 hectares of conservation land in the western Kahurangi, including parts of the Kahurangi National Park?

Hon Dr Nick Smith: That is one part of an area of about 1 million hectares that will be treated with 1080. The criticism by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment is, in fact, that we should actually be doing more. I tend to agree with that view simply because, whether it be the Kahurangi National Park or whether it be so many of our other parks, the evidence is overwhelming that 1080 is the most effective tool for controlling the pests that kill our native birds.

Richard Prosser: I raise a point of order, Mr Speaker. My question was specifically about what precautions he is taking—

Mr Speaker: Order! I think on this occasion that particular part has not been adequately addressed, but—

Hon Dr Nick Smith: Oh, point of order, Mr Speaker—

Mr Speaker: No. I am inviting the member to repeat the question.

Hon Dr Nick Smith: I raise a point of order, Mr Speaker. At the beginning of my answer I said that I did not have information about the specific drop in Kahurangi National Park, which is what the member is now raising a concern about. I am more than happy to provide that detailed information, but it is a legitimate answer for a Minister on a very specific question, when there has been such a general opening question, to say that, no, I do not have information on that.

Richard Prosser: I raise a point of order, Mr Speaker. In fact, the lack of reference to specific information was to the previous question.

Mr Speaker: I think the easiest way forward is for the member to re-ask the question and for the Minister to answer it as he sees fit.

Richard Prosser: What precautions is he taking to ensure that no native species—kea, in particular—are killed in a planned aerial 1080 drop to be carried out this year by the Department of Conservation over almost 114,000 hectares of conservation land in the western Kahurangi, including parts of the Kahurangi National Park?

Hon Dr Nick Smith: Every year the Department of Conservation does dozens and dozens of these operations, and I do not have the specific information on that drop. What I would say is that the overwhelming evidence and the post-drop surveys show that the number of birds recovers very substantially after 1080 drops because we push back on the pests that are killing so many of our native birds.

FUTURE EVENTS

1. **Taupo Prize Shoot, and 'Big Balls Hunter Class Shoot, 2 November 2013**
(North Island Branches see enclosure, which includes all details, entry form, etc)
Contact Bill Seal phone 07 378 9630 or whmmseal@xtra.co.nz
2. **Douglas Score seminar Manawatu Branch, Palmerston North, 2 November 2013**
3. **Douglas Score seminar, Hawke's Bay – February or March 2014**
If there are any branches that wish to hold either Douglas Score seminars or range officer courses please contact the national office.
4. **Sika Show, Taupo, September 28/29th 2013.**

DART TUNNEL

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

- Response from Hon Dr Nic, Smith in regard to his decision to decline the tunnel between the Dart and Hollyford Valleys as a result of advice, and strong views from submitters etc.
- To all those who submitted – thanks – there has been a win here

MONORAIL

If you wish to also submit against the monorail in the same area **go onto**

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- Eliminating Predators from Stewart Island
- Scoping report to investigate issues for technical feasibility

TAHR ISSUES

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1. **Operation Plan for Tahr Control in Otago Conservancy – 1st July 2013 – 30th June 2014**
2. **Operation Plan for Tahr Control in Canterbury Conservancy – 1st July 2013 – 30th June 2014**
3. **Operation Plan for Tahr Control in West Coast Conservancy – 1st July 2013 – 30th June 2014**

4. Tahr Liaison meeting report August 5 2013 which includes:

- Ballot blocks
- Culling operations
- East coast
- Live capture and tahr capes
- DOC organized hunts
- Tahr research

NZ POLICE FIREARMS COMMUNITY ADVISORY FORUM

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

Minutes of the inaugural meeting held at Police National Headquarters June 18th 2013 that includes:

- General objectives
- Forum meetings and reason for group
- Key objectives for this meeting, ie definition of 'pistol grip'
- Technical amendment to the Arms regulations
- Other matters including, safe use of firearms, safety catch issues, increase in sales for semi-automatic firearms , etc

Trevor Dyke is the NZDA representative to this forum.

DOC UPDATES

1. **Devastated: Didymo confirmed in remote Fiordland**

A recent water sample collected by the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Fish & Game confirmed the presence of the invasive freshwater algae didymo in Fiordland's Large Burn valley.

It is the first time that a river west of the divide has provided a positive didymo sample and is a hugely disappointing result in the battle to keep Fiordland didymo-free.

The Large Burn (which drains into Caswell Sound) is infrequently visited by fishing and hunting parties.

"We're at loss to know how didymo got here, given anglers are strictly required to obtain a 'Clean Gear Certificate' before entering Fiordland to fish," said Fish & Game field officer Bill Jarvie.

"Fish & Game has worked hard alongside DOC, physically cleaning fishing gear prior to certifying anglers to enter Fiordland. Hunters aren't subject to the same strict requirements, but they too have been actively encouraged to Check, Clean and Dry their gear."

The incursion into the Large Burn valley is the first positive didymo sample in Fiordland since 2010 where it was discovered in the lower reaches of the Iris Burn River. Together Fish & Game and DOC collect the samples from high risk waterways around Fiordland each year.

Mr Jarvie and DOC freshwater ranger Lyndsay Murray were both disappointed with the result. "It's pretty gutting really – it's the first confirmed positive sample of a waterway west of the divide," said Miss Murray.

"The geographic barrier of the mountains that helped keep it out of remote Fiordland has been breached."

The suspicious algal bloom was alerted to DOC and Fish & Game by a local helicopter operator who had heard a report from a client that they had dropped in to the area that they believed Large Burn was affected.

Everyone is thankful to the helicopter operators who have helped advocate and keep the 'Check, Clean, Dry' message in clients' minds.

In the past, reports from observant anglers have come to DOC and Fish & Game regarding finds of suspicious algae from other rivers. Although these reports have generally come back negative, DOC and Fish & Game appreciate the vigilance shown by users.

Western Fiordland remains one of the "last frontiers" of rivers to remain free of didymo in the South Island, despite it being so close to the Waiau River, where didymo was first discovered in 2004.

This could be attributed to the fact that didymo managers in Fiordland have implemented additional controls to prevent the spread of didymo, such as the Clean Gear Certificate for all anglers wanting to fish in backcountry Fiordland, as well as cleaning stations at lakeside huts.

Up until now it was thought that these controls were working well. A review of the controls implemented for didymo control in Fiordland is currently taking place as a result of the Large Burn discovery. This positive sample serves as a harsh reminder that if someone neglects to follow the protocol, this is the potential outcome.

While it is devastating that didymo has been found west of the divide, it is no excuse to give up on preventing its spread. "Strictly following the 'Check, Clean, Dry' methodology must be undertaken when you are using or crossing waterways, and if you are moving up or between different catchments," said Miss

Murray. It is easy to make sure you are not carrying didymo by checking, cleaning and drying, and we can prevent further spread through these actions.

Background information

Check Clean Dry, simply follow these steps:

Check: Before you leave a river or lake, check items and leave debris at site. If you find any later, treat and put in rubbish. Do not wash down drains.

Clean: Detergent: soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in 5% dishwashing detergent or nappy cleaner (two large cups or 500mls with water added to make 10 litres); OR

Hot water: soak for at least one minute in very hot water **kept above** 60 °C (hotter than most tap water) or for at least 20 minutes in hot water **kept above** 45 °C (uncomfortable to touch).

Dry: Drying will kill didymo, but slightly moist didymo can survive for months. To ensure didymo cells are dead by drying, the item must be **completely dry** to the touch, inside and out, then left dry for at least another 48 hours before use.

If cleaning or drying is not practical, restrict equipment to a single waterway.

“Didymo found in remote Fiordland River” key points in order of importance:

1. Didymo found in Large Burn
2. First river ever in Fiordland west of the divide to test positive
3. Sample only easily accessible by helicopter – implicates parties which have accessed area by helicopter
4. Samples collected yearly – first positive sample in Fiordland in new waterway since 2010 (discovered in very lower Iris Burn).
5. Geographic barrier of mountains now breached
6. Harsh reminder of what happens if not everyone follows the controls which are put in place to prevent the spread of didymo
7. Clean, Check, Dry (CCD) is easy and effective!

Contact: Freshwater Ranger Lyndsay Murray [+64 3 249 0200](tel:+6432490200) lcmurray@doc.govt.nz

2. New online mountain weather forecast service

Conservation Minister Dr Nick Smith today launched a new online mountain weather forecast service that will improve the enjoyment and safety of trampers, hunters, mountain bikers, skiers and fishers using New Zealand’s National and Forest Parks.

“New Zealand’s mountain environment can quickly turn from warm and calm to treacherous. We can improve the safety and enjoyment of users by providing more frequent and detailed weather forecasts on the internet,” Dr Smith says.

“We lose about six people per year in our mountains and often these deaths are weather related. We also have about 150 mountain search and rescue callouts a year. This improved weather service will reduce risk and save lives.

“The new online mountain weather forecast service will provide standardised five day forecasts updated every day for 24 mountain locations across eight of New Zealand’s most popular parks. This compares to a previous service of eight locations with a mix of forecast lengths from two to five days and from a frequency of twice daily to weekly.

“It makes sense for an area like Fiordland to have a forecast for four different locations because the National Park is so large that the weather can significantly vary between east and west and north and south.

“Another welcome addition is the inclusion of a specific forecast for the Tararua Forest Park. Trampers and hunters who use this area can now plan with more certainty given the fickle nature of the weather in this popular area. Other mountain areas will be covered in the brief and extended mountain forecast.”

DOC has had a contract with MetService since 1997 to provide weather forecasts for specific National Parks and mountain ranges at a cost of around \$106,000 per annum. This new forecast service requires more than doubling of funding to \$226,500 per annum.

“Our mountains are to be enjoyed but also respected. We lose the lives of too many people who do not take adequate preparation. I’m encouraging people to use this new tool to improve the safety and enjoyment of their mountain recreation.”

Funding of \$230,000 over four years has also been provided to the Mountain Safety Council to enable it to continue providing its world leading avalanche forecasting and advisory service until a sustainable long-term funding source is found.

The avalanche advisory service can be accessed through the mountain forecasts, which are located in the Mountains and Parks section on the <http://www.metservice.com/national/home>

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3. New DOC Chief Executive Appointed

The State Services Commissioner, Iain Rennie, today announced the appointment of Lou Sanson to the position of Chief Executive and Director-General of Conservation, (DOC).

Mr Sanson is currently the Chief Executive of Crown entity Antarctica New Zealand and he has been appointed to this role, his first in a core public sector Chief Executive role, for three years.

Commenting on the appointment, Iain Rennie said that throughout his career, and in particular in his work with Antarctica New Zealand, Mr Sanson has built and maintained effective working relationships with diverse stakeholders and been involved with a number of organisational structural shifts.

'I consider Mr Sanson to have the intellectual capability, strategic leadership, policy experience, change management skills, and personal qualities to be successful in the role.

"With a proven commitment to conservation, he possesses the focus to roll out the new business model and required shift in culture and practice, while maintaining delivery of the wide range of DOC services," Mr Rennie said.

The Chief Executive and Director-General of Conservation leads a department of approximately 1,700 staff located in 99 separate locations around New Zealand.

The Department's budget is approximately \$335 million and Mr Sanson will be required to manage around \$5 billion in capital assets, including 8.5 million hectares of land and 3.7 million hectares of marine areas.

Mr Sanson begins his role on September 14 2013. The current DOC Chief Executive Al Morrison is leaving to take up the role of Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Centre at the State Services Commission.

4. With **the DOC reshuffle** many of you have wondered who you should be contacting in your local conservancy. Attached is a list of those names, their various roles and the areas where they are based. List enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

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There is limited time to respond to the draconian measures proposed by the Ministry for Primary Industries.

The Minister in charge, Nathan Guy, will make a decision after the **23rd August submission deadline**. It is critical we make a stand now because this decision could affect everyone in New Zealand. It could change the way all fisheries are managed – and that means your local fishing spot could be hit next! This madness has to stop, and it can, but only if you take action. **Go to www.legasea.co.nz/sos**, to fill in a submission form, share it with your friends and help us to SAVE OUR SNAPPER

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

DOC asks the public: have we got our conservation strategies right?

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is asking the public to have their say on its management of recreation and our natural and historic heritage in the south and eastern South Island.

DOC has today released its draft Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) for Canterbury, Otago and Southland. These will guide DOC's management of conservation land, wildlife, cultural heritage and recreation in these areas for the next 10 years.

DOC Planning Manager Dave Newey says feedback from Ngāi Tahu, conservation boards, interest groups and the public has already helped shape the direction of these draft strategies. "We now want to know if we've got it right," says Dave.

"This is a once-every-ten-years opportunity to have a say over issues that are very close to many peoples' hearts—such as mountain biking in Fiordland, engaging Christchurch in conservation and preserving Otago's wetlands."

The new strategies reflect national management priorities for ecosystems, wildlife and recreation. They show how DOC is focusing on these priorities at a regional level and how this fits with the places and values important to communities.

"DOC is committed to working in partnership with the community to halt the ongoing decline of New Zealand's biodiversity," says Dave.

"These strategies cover a large area of the South Island, from the places where we live, such as the Otago and Banks peninsulas, to the places where we play, including Aspiring, Aoraki and Fiordland national parks. It's your heritage, have your say."

Members of the public can view the three draft CMS on the DOC website at www.doc.govt.nz/cms. This webpage also includes a submission form and information on how people can make a submission. The submission process is open until 13 September 2013.

Further information

A conservation management strategy (CMS) is a statutory document that provides strategic direction for the Department's management of public conservation land integrating legislation, policy, strategic goals over a ten-year period. It aims, through conversations with communities, to show how natural, historic and cultural heritage of regional and local importance fit into the national context.

A CMS also:

- identifies how to integrate management of places to achieve national conservation outcomes;
- clarifies priorities for management of conservation resources;
- guides decision making (e.g. on applications to undertake commercial activities);
- describes conservation outcomes to be achieved;
- sets out a framework to increase conservation efforts over the next decade recognising that the department cannot do it alone.

Regards

Dianne Brown
CEO

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Press Release: Mountain Safety Waikato - 1 August 2013

Hypothermia the “cold blooded killer”.

Hypothermia is a sure way to have a short life if you don't take reasonable care when tramping during the colder months. Hypothermia is a silent killer of people who do not understand what is going on, says John Greenwood, Publicity officer for Mountain Safety Waikato.

A hypothermia disaster was narrowly averted on a recent trip into the Hurunui Hut in the Kaimai- Mamaku Forest Park by a Mountain Safety Council Instructor who was at the hut when a party of three arrived in dribs and drabs, cold, wet and certainly in the early stages of hypothermia.

None of these three were wearing what can be termed adequate and appropriate clothing for the cold wet conditions that were being experienced that weekend.

They were lucky indeed that an instructor, trained in Outdoor First Aid, was at the hut to ensure they were treated correctly, Mr Greenwood said.

Everyone tramping or climbing during these colder months should have adequate wet weather gear, be wearing layered thermal or wool clothing, have adequate food and know exactly the conditions that can be expected during the tramp.

Some signs of hypothermia are: unusual behaviour such as grumbling, fumbling, stumbling, mumbling, and falls. Often the person will act quite irrationally and refuse to believe anything is wrong.

Urgent action is needed to get the hypothermic person out of the cold and wet, into dry clothing and be warmed very gently if they are to survive. Keep the patient calm and rested. Urgent evacuation should be organised as hospital treatment may be essential in severe cases.

More information can be obtained by attending a Mountain Safety Council Bushcraft or Alpine course. Or on line at www.mountainsafety.org.nz/ProductFiles/PMPLTS31.pdf .

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Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

Okui hut has been completed.

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. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to volunteer.

Unfortunately, Regan who was in charge for the latest round of hut upgrades has now left DoC. We look forward to working with others within DOC in the future to help make these great huts for comfortable for hunters enjoying the Urewera/Whirinaki Forests and we wish Regan all the best for the future.

In the news

FIORDLAND DIDYMO FIND 'HUGELY DISAPPOINTING', – STUFF.CO.NZ (24 JULY 2013)

The invasive freshwater algae didymo has been confirmed in Fiordland's Large Burn valley, the first time it has been found in a river west of the main divide.

It was a hugely disappointing result in the battle to keep Fiordland didymo-free, the Department of Conservation said.

Fish & Game field officer Bill Jarvie said the Large Burn, which drained into Caswell Sound, was infrequently visited by fishing and hunting parties.

"We're at loss to know how didymo got here, given anglers are strictly required to obtain a 'Clean Gear Certificate' before entering Fiordland to fish."

The positive didymo sample was the first in Fiordland since 2010 when it was discovered in the lower reaches of the Iris Burn River.

Western Fiordland remained one of the "last frontiers" of rivers to remain free of didymo in the South Island, despite being close to the Waiau River, where didymo was first discovered in 2004.

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SPATE OF GUN THEFTS REPORTED IN WAIKATO – NZ HERALD (25 JULY 2013)

Police are urging gun owners to be vigilant in locking up their weapons after a spate of firearm thefts in the Waikato.

District Firearms Officer Richard Plas said over the past three weeks three rural homes in the Eastern Waikato had been left unlocked while the owners were out and unsecured firearms stolen.

"The burglaries have occurred in the Paeroa, Karangahake and Whitianga areas and in each incident four firearms of various calibres have been taken with the most recent occurring last week.

"With these burglaries in mind, police wish to remind firearms owners that it is their responsibility to ensure that their guns are secured against theft."

Mr Plas said firearm ownership was a "privilege not a right" and it came a fair amount of responsibility on the part of the gun owner to keep their firearms secured and notify police of any change address.

"Police investigate all instances of firearms theft and where it has been found that the gun owner has been negligent then it is possible that their Firearms Licence will be revoked."

To secure firearms against theft, gun owners could use a solid steel gun safe firmly secured to the building, keep that safe and guns out of sight and install a burglar alarm, Mr Plas said.

Police also recommended removal of a part of the gun, such as the bolt, which would ensure that if it was stolen the gun could not be used by the thief or any other criminal who might acquire it.

Meanwhile, Mr Plas said anyone offered cheap firearms for sale should consider they were helping to fund the criminal cycle and might in fact be making themselves the next potential victim.

"Time and time again Police carrying out searches of properties linked to organised crime and gangs encounter firearms in possession of unlicensed offenders.

"These offenders keep details of who they sell and obtain firearms from, by buying 'off-ticket' firearms you are funding their activities and placing yourself at risk."

Legal requirement for gun owners:

- * they are not put in a place where a child or unlicensed person has access to them;
- * ammunition must be stored so that if a person gains access to the guns they are not also able to access the ammunition; and
- * no firearms are left in any vehicle that is unattended.

- APNZ

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