



## NZDA-BOP Rifle Range Info Pack

### NZDA

Formed in 1937, the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association is New Zealand's recognised National body representing and speaking for hunters generally. The Bay of Plenty Branch was formed in 1950

The fundamental aim of the association is to ensure that the organisation and management of recreational hunting in New Zealand is carried out by hunters.

Our Mission Statement is:

*"to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and the sport of shooting, for the members of the Association"*

Club nights are the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm (except April, when many are away hunting). Check out the web site for location map and calendar of events.

### Range Location and Description

The range is located at the end of Shooters Rd, off Te Araraho Rd, within the TECT All Terrain Park, which is located on State Highway 36 (Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga) approximately 29 km from Tauranga and 27 km from Rotorua.

The range has a fixed firing position, and fixed target details at 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and 300m.

### Responsibility and Use

The New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Inc. Bay of Plenty Branch (NZDA-BOP) is responsible for the control and management of this range. NZDA-BOP Branch has been granted a lease with Western Bay of Plenty District Council for exclusive use of the leased area located within the TECT All Terrain Park.

This range is for the use of NZDA-BOP members, although non-members will be able to use the range on public open days or by special arrangement.

The range is a no-danger-area range and as such all shots fired within the cone of fire must be captured by the range construction in such a way that there can be no ricochet induced. Strict control of the shooter and rifle is an integral part of the safe operation of the range.

### Club Investment

NZDA-BOP has been working with Western Bay of Plenty District Council since the early 1990's to make this range a reality. Club members have invested an immeasurable amount of time working through the bureaucracy and red tape to secure this land and develop this range. Our club has spent in the region of \$90,000 to date building the range (which includes grants from the Lion Foundation and NZ Community trusts totalling over \$25,000). Club members and volunteers have contributed over 1200 man hours and 200 machine hours to build it so far. The total budget to complete the range development will be in excess of \$200,000! This is a significant investment, and we must protect this investment by ensuring the range is used safely and in accordance with the range certification.

This range is within a public park surrounded by other park users, some of whom may not support or understand shooting as a sport. You are reminded that we live in a society where political correctness ignores logic and



common sense, and "shooting" is rarely portrayed by mainstream media in a good light. One irresponsible act by an unthinking or uninformed shooter could easily result in the permanent closure of this range, so the use of this range will be strictly controlled and non-club members will only be able to use this range under direct control by a Nationally Qualified Range Officer on public open days or by special arrangement.

### Fees and Charges

The NZDA-BOP clubs lease rental for the land is based on the number of range tickets sold annually to club members. NZDA-BOP have recognised that not all of our club members are interested in range shooting, so it is optional for club members to purchase a range ticket. Club members with a current range ticket are entitled to participate in club events and use the range for their personal use without additional user fees. Club members without a current range ticket cannot use the range for their private use and will have to pay the casual user fees on club days.

Prospective range users must be a current financial member of the club before they can purchase a range ticket. Part of the process to obtain a range ticket includes attending an induction course and participating in at least three shoots under the control of a Nationally Qualified Range Officer before they are allowed to use the range for their personal use.

The current subscription cost to join the club are listed on our website here:

<https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/membership/>

The first year subscription also includes a one-off joining fee for new members. Note that this joining fee is a contribution towards the clubs assets that present and previous club members have accumulated and not directly related to the range. You can complete the on-line application form here:

<https://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/branches/north-island/bay-of-plenty/>

### Notes:

1. There are a number of fixed annual operating costs that we have no control over such as:
  - Council lease rental \$28.75/range ticket/yr
  - Public liability insurance required by Council at approx. \$1400/yr (this equates to \$10-\$20 per range ticket depending on number of range tickets sold).The range ticket sale price has been set to cover these fixed costs plus an allowance for replacing target backer boards, general repairs and maintenance costs and consumables, and will be reviewed as and when more accurate costing information is available
2. The gate keys carry their own extra responsibility. They must not be copied or lost, and must be returned at the end of the financial year, when the locks will be changed. A new key will be issued at no extra cost upon renewal of your membership sub at the start of the next financial year.

### Range Ticket Holder Responsibilities

Range ticket/key holders can only permit access for themselves, their pre-nominated 'Family members', and other NZDA BOP range ticket holders. The gate must be locked immediately behind you upon entry to the site if you are up there by yourself.

Range ticket/key holders can only permit access to (and supervise) non-members or members without a range ticket, if they are a Nationally Qualified Range Officer. We will be holding courses/tests for the Nationally Qualified Range Officer qualification throughout the year when we have enough applicants.

### Range Club Days and Public Open Days



Range Club days are the third Saturday of each month from 9am to 12 pm, and we also run an open public day on the last Sunday of every month, from 9am until about 3pm. These days are managed by rostered Nationally Qualified Range Officers. The range will be available for non-range ticket holders to use on public open days, but only under direct control of one of the nationally qualified range officer rostered on duty. The casual user fee will apply.

### Range Hire

The range can be hired for private/commercial functions by arrangement. Please contact the Range Manager if you are interested in special hire or use of the range.



Range Location

