

# Nelson and Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association

## Quarterly Newsletter – Summer 2024



### Takaka Brigade host the 2024 Rameka Mountain Bike Race

This was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November after a wet week moved us from Rameka to a newly created track down the Takaka Hill. This did not dampen the spirits though as participants from Takaka, Upper Takaka, Kaiterere and Wainui Bay all contested the Trophy. Due to the conditions, the decision was made to have the run from the top of the hill, down 600m of elevation on the newly created track to horseshoe bend and



then along SH60 and East Takaka Road back to the station. The winner this year was Erik Wardrop from Wainui Bay. Congratulations Erik and let's look at adding Wainui Bay to our Provincial! This is a good event in our year so we would like to grow the numbers of participants. If your brigade would like to host the 2025 Mountain



Bike Event, contact our challenge panel at [nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz)

### 2025 Nelson Marlborough Firefighter Challenge to be held in Stoke

This year's provincial challenge was held at Pics Peanut Butter World on Feb 8 and hosted by the Stoke Volunteer Fire Brigade. It was one of the largest events in recent years so it's great to see so many member Brigades participating in this event. We were also lucky to have teams attending this year from as far away as Gisborne and Queenstown. As with most years the day was hot and provided a classic top of the south summer day for the visitors. Sam Goffriller (Upper Takaka/Takaka) and Claire Jones (Queenstown) ran the fastest

### Upcoming Events and Challenges

- UFBA South Island Firefighter Challenge (Mar 29 – Chch)
- Provincial Smallbore Competition (TBC - June/July)
- Schollum Shield Golf (September)
- 2025 Mountain Bike Race (Nov)

\*\*Keep an eye on your FENZ email account as this is where event registration emails are usually sent.

individual times on the day. The Takaka crew also ran the fastest Tandem time (Marian Legends – Sam Goffriller and Kyle Gardner) and Relay (Takaka 39ers) time this year so congratulations to them. Overall this a very successful event so thank you to Jaime Foskett (Stoke) for his efforts in organising this alongside his brigade and all the helpers on the day who made it a day to remember.



### Got an Event that interests you and your brigade?

If you or your brigade have an event that you enjoy and want to challenge your neighbouring brigades, get in touch with our challenge panel and we may be able to organise a small comp. One of the great things about both our competitions and the ones run by the UFBA and other provincials, is that it's a fun atmosphere for the day with like-minded individuals. There's always the staple competitions like firefighter challenge etc but is your brigade into Darts? What about Bowls? Synchronized swimming? Email our Challenge Convenor if you have any suggestions at [nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz)

### Smallbore Competition this Year

Quite a few of our brigades participated in the competition run by the Canterbury Provincial last year and the feedback was generally good. We are therefore going to run our competition this year to find the regional champion and champion team. Registrations for this event will come out after the Summer season is concluded so keep an eye out.

### Takaka 39'ers fundraising for tilt on the world stage

The Takaka 39ers ( Kyle Gardiner , Neil Gardiner , Grant Lawrence and Sam Goffriller) have been fundraising to head over and compete in the 2025 world firefighter challenge which is held in Dallas, Texas late in October . They have a target of \$45,000. So far, they have held a bingo night, quiz night, cake stalls, sold firewood, and held raffles. There's also a casino night coming up in March. \$20,000 has been raised already. The team is very grateful for all the support so far with the fundraising so if you, or a business you know, would like to sponsor this team, get in touch with the lads in Takaka!

### The Presidents Brief

From our President, Ryan Grenfell  
(Havelock/Woodbourne)

I hope you all had a good break over the Christmas/New year period. It has been relatively quiet couple of months since the last newsletter for me, I have been to Gisborne with a few other Firefighters from the area and competed in their Firefighter Challenge in November. I had the privilege of attending the Collingwood VFB honours and awards presentation before Christmas both were great days. The Challenge team have been busy over the last couple of months putting everything together for our Provincial Firefighters Challenge that was held on the 8th of February hosted by the Stoke VFB. We had great numbers for the event this year so thank you to everyone who was there supporting your local brigades.