

# 48<sup>th</sup> AGM CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS



## INDUSTRY POSITIONS 2023/24

### **NZ DEER FARMERS ASSOCIATION (NZDFA) POSITIONS**

Members of the NZDFA Executive Committee, and Selection and Appointments Panel are elected for a two-year term and retire by rotation.

Vacancies are open to wider nomination from all NZDFA members and to be valid, movers, seconders and nominees must be current financial members of the NZDFA, and **nomination forms must be delivered to the Association's office by 4.00pm on Friday, 31 March 2023.**

All nominees are entitled to submit a statement of about 150 words in support of their nomination.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from: [deernz.org/industry-positions](https://deernz.org/industry-positions)

### NZDFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now called for the following positions:

- Executive Committee member, Three vacancies.

Current members **Justin Stevens** (Marlborough) and **Mark McCoard** (Taihape/Ruapehu) retire by rotation and **Jamie Ward's** (Otago) 12-month appointment ends.

### NZDFA SELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS PANEL (SAP) NOMINATIONS

The role of the SAP is to make producer representative appointments to the Deer Industry New Zealand Board.

The 8-member SAP is made up from four Executive Committee members and four elected non-Executive Committee members. Nominations are now called for:

- SAP member, Two vacancies.

Current members **Donald Whyte** (South Canterbury) and **Leith Chick** (Waipa) retire by rotation.

### VOTING PROCEDURE

If each position receives a singular nomination, the nominees will be declared elected unopposed.

Should an election be necessary, the following timeline will be followed:

- Nominations close Friday, 31 March 2023
- Voting opens (papers will be mailed out) on Wednesday, 5 April 2023
- Voting closes Tuesday, 18 April 2023

### **Rule 12.4**

**The Ballot:** *The postal ballot must be commenced at least 21 clear days prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting and shall close 7 clear days prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting. The ballot shall be deemed to have commenced the day the ballot papers are issued.*

Voting papers will be sent out via post and will be encouraged to be sent back via email. Results will be announced via the May DFA Stagline and will be confirmed at the NZDFA AGM on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 in Napier.

## **NZDFA APPOINTMENT TO DEER INDUSTRY NEW ZEALAND (DINZ) BOARD**

The Deer Industry New Zealand Board comprises four producer representatives appointed by the NZDFA, and four representatives appointed by the processing/exporting sector. The producer representatives are appointed through an Electoral College process by the Selection and Appointments Panel and appointed for a **three-year term**.

Nominations are now called for the following NZDFA-appointed position on the DINZ Board:

**One vacancy** – Board member, **Kris Orange** (South Canterbury) who was re-appointed in 2020 for a second 3-year term.

**37.9 Nominations for DINZ:** The Returning Officer shall publicly announce, in writing, the names of the retiring Association representatives of DINZ and call for nominations for a replacement, prior to the end of March each year.

Nominations shall be:

- a) made by any two Full Members, Elected Members or Life members of the NZDFA
- b) in writing; and
- c) in the hands of the Returning Officer at a date to be specified which will be before the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year (25 March 2022).

**37.10 Eligibility for Selection as DINZ Representative:** All persons interested or engaged in the deer farming industry shall be eligible for nomination, with the exception of employees of DINZ or of the NZ Deer Farmers' Association. Each nominee for selection shall be required to make a written declaration of any office held or managerial position or financial interest that either the nominee or any of the nominee's immediate family or any partner or fellow shareholder in any deer farming project has in any organisation which deals directly in the products of or materials for the deer farming industry.

**37.11 Right to Address AGM:** Each nominee for selection as a DINZ representative may address the Annual General Meeting of the Association at a time and date to be specified by the Executive Committee (48th AGM of the NZDFA on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 in Napier).

**37.12 Selection Process:** As soon as possible after the closing date for nominations the Returning Officer shall publish to all Branches and in Deer Industry News a full list of the persons nominated, together with any declarations of interests received from them.

On the date determined for the selection (but not later than the **end of June** each year), the Selection and Appointments Panel shall convene, interview, and select from the nominees as many Association representatives as are required to fill available vacancies on DINZ.

Nominations for the positions will be considered by the Selection and Appointments Panel following the 2023 AGM with recommendations and appointment to the Board being advised to the Minister for Primary Industries at that time subject to the Operating Code of Practice procedures.

## **NOMINATION FORMS**

Nomination forms and more details for the Executive Committee, SAP and DINZ board vacancies can be found at [deernz.org/industry-positions](https://deernz.org/industry-positions)

Alternatively, they can be requested from the Association's office 04 473 4500 or Producer Manager and Returning Officer Lindsay Fung on [lindsay.fung@deernz.org](mailto:lindsay.fung@deernz.org) or 027 668 0141.

If you would like to indicate your interest, or talk to someone in confidence about these positions, please get in touch with NZDFA Returning Officer Lindsay Fung on [lindsay.fung@deernz.org](mailto:lindsay.fung@deernz.org) or 027 668 0141.

If you would like to discuss the positions with a current EC or SAP member to get an understanding of first-hand experience, please visit [deernz.org/nzdfa/contact-us](https://deernz.org/nzdfa/contact-us)

# AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

## 2023 NZDFA MATUSCHKA AWARD

This award recognises the grass roots and unsung contributor to local area activities, functions, and core spirit of deer farming.

Nominations should be made through the appropriate NZDFA branch, then be submitted to the NZDFA no later than 5pm Tuesday 11 April 2023. More information can be found at [deernz.org/matuschka-award](https://deernz.org/matuschka-award)

## 2023 DEER INDUSTRY AWARD

This award is presented to the person or persons jointly or organisation who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most outstanding contribution to the New Zealand deer industry, either in the previous year, or over a period of years.

Nominations close 5pm Tuesday 11 April. Please visit [deernz.org/deer-industry-award](https://deernz.org/deer-industry-award) for more information and nomination forms.

## 2023 MSD ALLFLEX DEER INDUSTRY PHOTO COMPETITION

Once again, MSD Animal Health and Allflex are sponsoring the Deer Industry Photo Competition. Last year's competition saw some spectacular entries from all over New Zealand making the job of judging a very difficult one.

There are some great prizes on offer, including;

- \$500 cash prize for the first-place winner
- Category winner cash prizes
- Premium gift pack for "People's choice" award
- Framed photos of winning photographs

Entries open now! Each entry cost \$5 with no limit on the number of entries. Competition closes 5pm, Wednesday 12 April 2023. For more information and entry form, visit [deernz.org/msd-allflex-photo-comp](https://deernz.org/msd-allflex-photo-comp)

Professional photographers, who derive income from photography, are not eligible to enter. Please don't put yourself at unnecessary risk when getting photos.

## 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

The Environmental Awards are convened every second year and are part of the industry's commitment to environmentally sustainable farmed deer production.

The awards' primary goals are:

- To promote the adoption of sustainable deer farming practices on all deer farms.
- To recognise innovative deer farmers for implementing and practising sustainable and profitable deer farming practices in land and deer systems management
- To encourage sharing of experiences and proven best sustainable management practices and innovation through the resource of the [Deer Farmers Landcare Manual](#) and the [Environmental Management Code of Practice](#)

If you are interested or would like to know more information, visit [deernz.org/environmental-awards](https://deernz.org/environmental-awards)

Nominations close Friday 10 March with the judging taking place across three weeks in late March/early April. The winners will be announced at the 2023 Industry conference dinner on 9 May in Napier.