



## Chief Steward

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North Island Round One, 2018 series

Held by Taranaki Offroad Race Club INC

Club track – Manganui Road, Waipuku

From first impression to leaving the event at its conclusion, you have to say it is one of the most professional tracks constructed with in New Zealand. During the day it was continually groomed to keep all classes of racing on an even footing. Personal safety was paramount and the paper work well maintained. For a small membership club, the support given by the club members was very commendable. End result, a great team.

Scrutineering was carried out in covered workshops showing that some cars tagged were not correctly inspected by the tagger. Items that could have caused the driver to leave the car on the trailer were overcome by the club members by lending equipment or arranging repairs. This is the first event to have a professional service carry out the noise limits as per the ORANZ rule book. It was obvious that those that had made the effort were well with in the limits. A few border lines but all were credited to race the next day. During the day, one truck broke a muffler and it was obvious against the other competitors. Equipment was made available to carry out the repair and the truck did not miss a race. Well done the TORC support team.

The races were held in quick succession with only one break for lunch. Great mixed classes that kept the large spectator crowd entertained through-out. Retrieval of broken cars were done quickly from the track; any roll overs were attended too promptly with the support of first aid. Although roll overs were rare, those that couldn't keep their wheels on the ground were quickly checked and salvaged in a quick and professional manner.

Drivers brief was accurate, to the point with no dumb questions. Though it is intriguing that competitors don't think to fit or ensure they have their transponders.

There was one protest which was dealt with no effect to any contestant's competition points.

All in all, a great event, well run and well attended – over 60 entries.

Yours sincerely,

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