



CENTRAL OTAGO TRACKS & WHEELS

MODERN MUSCLE • VINTAGE STEEL

EASTER 2027 • FRI 26 – SUN 28 MARCH • CROMWELL, CENTRAL OTAGO

WORLD-RECORD TRACTOR MUSTER TO HEADLINE NEW CENTRAL OTAGO MACHINERY EVENT

AT A GLANCE

- World record attempt: the most Massey Ferguson tractors in one place. Ireland holds it at 285; 500 spaces allocated.
- More than 1,000 machines on display and working over Easter weekend, 26 to 28 March 2027, Cromwell Racecourse.
- 10,000 tickets a day, potentially the biggest event Cromwell has ever hosted.
- Permanent arena built with \$350,000 of donated earthworks; a rugby paddock goes back to the community.
- Machinery registration open now at tracksandwheels.co.nz.

A new Cromwell machinery event will attempt a world record at Easter 2027: the most Massey Ferguson tractors gathered in one place.

More than 1,000 vintage tractors, trucks, earthmovers, steam engines and planes will be on display and working at Central Otago Tracks & Wheels, which runs from 26 to 28 March 2027 at the Cromwell Racecourse. Organisers will release 10,000 tickets for each of the three days, which could make it the biggest event Cromwell has ever hosted.

The headline act is the world record attempt. The current record of 285 Masseys was set in County Kildare, Ireland. Organisers have set aside 500 spaces to beat it and want every Massey in the South Island there, from concours restorations to the one in the back of the shed with bird nests still in it.

PETER MACDOUGALL, MASSEY MUSTER COORDINATOR:

"We only need 286 Masseys to take the record off the Irish. There are more than that sitting in sheds within an hour of Cromwell. Wash the bird muck off it, get it here, and be part of it."

The programme includes earthmoving machines in action, a 120m tractor pull, Clydesdales, machine parades, steam and stationary engines, a local vendor market and a kids zone.

Aircraft will fly in to the airfield next door and park along the fence line as a static display.

The arena being built at the racecourse is permanent. Local contractors and sponsors have donated \$350,000 of earthworks and construction materials. Under the land use agreement, the committee will hand over a full-size rugby paddock in the centre of the parade ground and hand it back to the Cromwell community.

ODETTE HOPGOOD, EVENT LEAD:

"This is a community event. The arena gets built by local firms for nothing, and when the show packs up, Cromwell gets a new rugby field. For the event itself we will need a small army of volunteers to make it happen."

A three-day pass is \$100, youth 16 and under are \$35, and single days start at \$35. Camping is available on site. Machinery owners can register their vehicles now at tracksandwheels.co.nz.

Central Otago Tracks & Wheels is a not-for-profit event run by a local committee of machinery enthusiasts, several of whom ran departments at other major South Island machinery events. It will run every two years, and the 2027 show is the first under a six-year venue agreement with the Cromwell Racecourse.

ENDS

EVENT INFORMATION

Event: Central Otago Tracks & Wheels

Dates: Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March 2027 (Easter weekend)

Venue: Cromwell Racecourse, Cromwell, Central Otago

Web: tracksandwheels.co.nz

Media contact: Oliver Bylett, 0210 200 5088, marketing@tracksandwheels.co.nz

Interviews:

Jono Robertson – Event host, 021 225 9949