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WHAT IS THE MET SOCIETY?

The Society is a group of people from around New Zealand (and overseas) who like to share their fascination in weather and its antics. The Society was inaugurated at a meeting held in Wellington on 11 October 1979. The objects of the Society are to encourage an interest in the atmosphere, weather, and climate, particularly as related to the New Zealand region.

What does the Society provide?

- Access to a lively committee who are specially elected watchdogs for any contentious issue involving weather or climate.
- For members in the main centres: An e-group for communications plus organised meetings throughout the year on weather and climate topics.
- A quarterly newsletter full of member's news and views plus descriptions of recent significant weather.
- An annual professional journal *Weather and Climate*, providing members access to the latest peer-reviewed thinking in the profession of meteorology. It is accepted internationally as the journal that gives recognition of the value of meteorological and climatological work done in New Zealand. It contains papers of interest to both professional and general readers. It also includes book reviews and explanations of the unusual. Members are invited to send in their own descriptions or photos.
- An annual conference.
- A web site <http://metsoc.rsnz.govt.nz/>

Who are the Society members?

We are a mix of professionals and non-professionals.

We come from a broad range of backgrounds, including:

- meteorologists, weather watchers and storm chasers
- climatologists, environmentalists and geographers
- hydrologists and ecologists
- sailors and divers
- trampers and climbers
- aviators and glider pilots
- agriculturists and aquaculturists
- astronomers and cloud-admirers
- economists and engineers
- professional weather forecasters

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Anyone with an interest in the atmosphere, weather and climate of New Zealand may join us. We welcome applications from non-professionals and from those in disciplines related to the study of the atmosphere (oceanography, hydrology, etc.).

A brief description of the Society and a list of services are outlined on the other side of this page. If you wish to apply for membership, please complete the form below.

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2. My interest in meteorology is:

3. I am willing to have my name and location published in Society documents: YES NO

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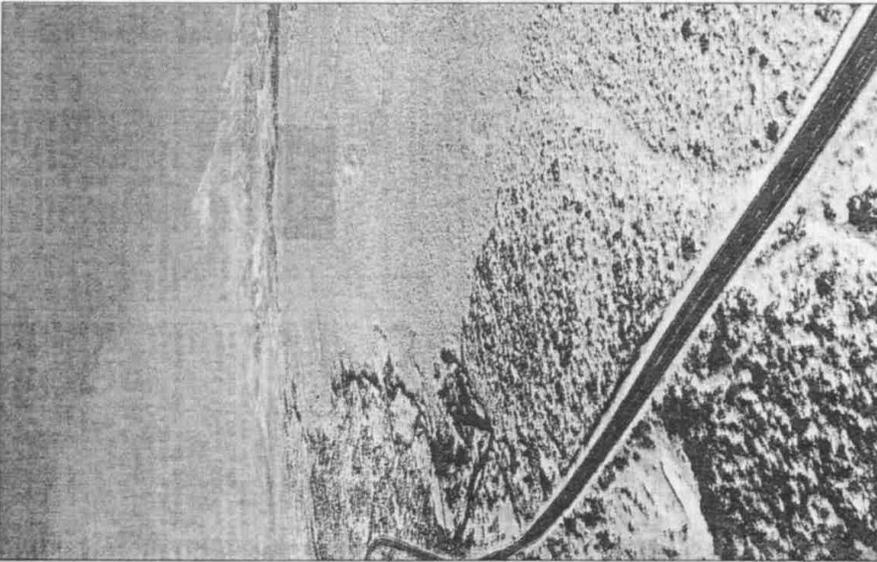
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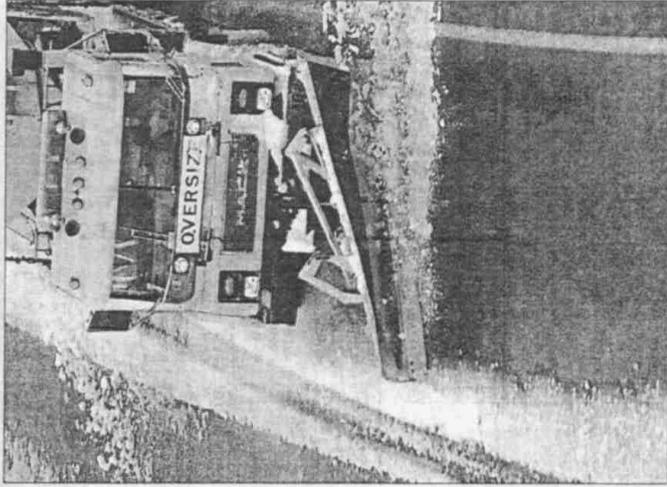
routes for a second day. **Richard Robinson** points his camera at the frozen landscape.



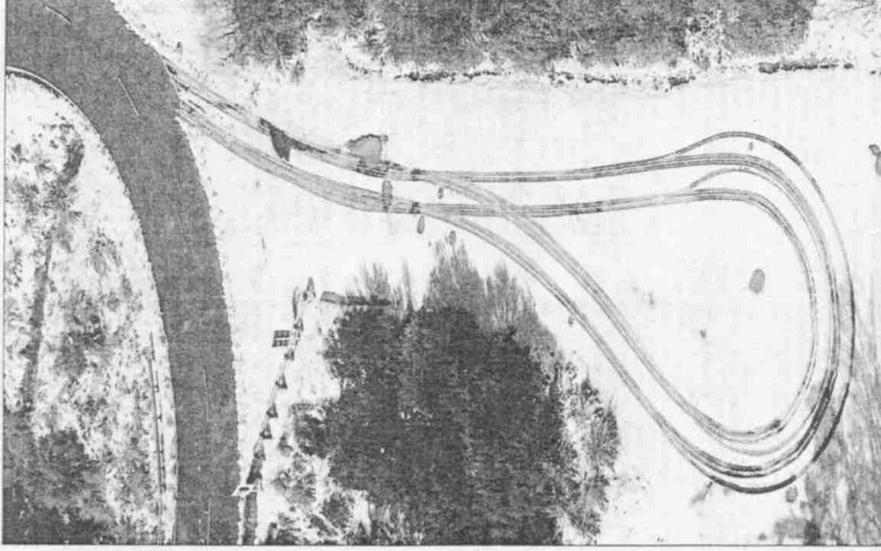
ROAD TO NOWHERE: The Desert Rd is snowed in, causing traffic chaos.



COLD SHOULDER: The Kaimanawa mountains take on shades of painter **Grahame Sydney's** work under a moching blue sky.



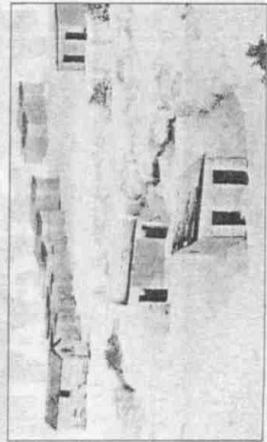
TOO HEAVY: The heaviest fall for 25 years was too much for Desert Road snowploughs. But the road from Wanganui to National Park has reopened.



IN THE LOOP: Grader tracks form a moose.



SNOW GO: Working to clear the Desert Rd.



WHITE-OUT: A cluster of sheds near **Waiouru**.



SURF'S UP - Wind-driven waves lashed the beach at Pilmimerton yesterday to the delight of hardy windsurfers. Southwesterly winds over the Tasman Sea since the weekend had built up huge swells and waves swinging around towards the east, MetService spokesman Bob McDavitt said. "They are generated near Tasmania and end up in Pilmimerton." The waves were created in the same weather system which damaged Sydney last Friday. Picture: CRAIG SIMCOX