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Stagline Online is a monthly newsletter for members of the NZ Deer Farmers' Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

As I sit down to write this, we have just received 13mls of much needed and appreciated moisture from above. This is by no means a drought breaker, but it does put you in a better frame of mind when you can bring a mob of deer up the lane and be able to see 10m in front of you and not choking on powder fine dust! We are used to dry summers in Hawkes Bay and we do farm for them, but this one has got a bit raspy, with farmers running out of stock water left right and center and springs in the hills in the ranges drying up that have never done so before! I hope this is not the start of a new regular climate era.

To compound this perfect storm, we have a huge amount of the country in the same or similar (or worse) conditions, limiting live sales options and more complex with the corona virus outbreak making the waiting list for works stock longer than Santa's Xmas list!

These are the times we need to be proactive.... It's simple but critical stuff: Source your winter feed now, as in the winter you may find it very hard to come by! Talk to friends and local farmers as we are all feeling the same stresses and sometimes a solution can be a phone call away.

Last week our Advance Party gathered and for the second time in our four years of operation, our focus was primarily on drought management. What better use of half a day off farm can you get than sharing problems and taking advice from your local deer farming peers. Keep talking to each other and before we know it, we will be complaining about the cold and wet.... hopefully the wet before the cold though!

Once weaning is completed and mating programs are underway, we can start to look forward to a few major upcoming events on the DFA calendar. We have pushed the Rising Stars Competition out until 17th-18th April (Awards night and viewing on Saturday 18th), details can be [found here >> \(https://www.deernz.org/xcell-rising-stars-competition#XmAW-Kgzbcbs\)](https://www.deernz.org/xcell-rising-stars-competition#XmAW-Kgzbcbs) This is to ensure hard antler is properly hardened and dried, mating programs have been completed and was generally felt that was a good fit timing wise in the Deer Farming calendar without getting too late.

On May 19th-21st we have the Deer Industry Conference to be held in Invercargill at the Bill Richardson World of Transport Museum and Conference Centre. Details about the conference and accommodation can be [found here >> \(https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-2020-conference#XmAXGqgzbcbs\)](https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-2020-conference#XmAXGqgzbcbs) The theme **2020 Vision: The focus is you** is on wellbeing, a future outlook and towards life beyond the PGP workshop programme. Topical issues of the day related to productivity, winter grazing, and environmental management. The third day on the 21st will be an open technical day based on the Advance Party National format but open to all interested farmers and conference delegates. No costs for attendees involved, hosted at the Ascot Park Hotel where you can have hands on tuition with all the latest technologies and gizmos relating to modern and future deer farming. The conference will be professionally MC'd through the skills of Sarah Perriam and will be live streamed as usual. Programmes will be finalised as the last speaker invitations are being followed up.

This conference will also be my last on the Executive Committee as after 8 years of enjoyment and helping drive our industry forward, and I feel it is time for me to allow succession to work its wonders, and also allow me to concentrate on a few things closer to my back yard for a few years. I have got a great deal of enjoyment in satisfaction working in this role and would recommend to anyone who would like to take a step forward in governance and leadership. I would say that a major highlight for me is the mutual respect that the DFA and DINZ staff and Board now have for each other, and I can only hope this great relationship continues. The NZDFA is your voice and we if we are all paddling in the same direction our journey will be faster and smoother!

Grant Charteris

NZDFA Executive Committee

2020 RISING STARS COMPETITION

.When: Saturday 18th April 2020

Time: 4:00pm

Venue: The Canyon, Tarras Vineyard, Cromwell

All enquiries: Pat Johnston | 027 215 9807 | risingstars.dfa20@gmail.com (<mailto:risingstars.dfa20@gmail.com>)

Event Tickets: Bookings are essential for dinner and must be confirmed by **Thursday 2nd April 2020**

Dress: Smart Casual

COMPETITION CLASSES CLASS SPONSOR

1. 1 Year Old Red Hard Antler, Rockvale Deer Stud
2. 2 Year Old Red Hard Antler, Al Lynne Rhodes
3. 3 Year Old Red Hard Antler, Tower Farms
4. 4 Year Old Red Hard Antler, Crowley Deer
5. 2 Year Old Elk/Wapiti Hard, Antler Elk Wapiti Society
6. 3 Year Old Fallow Hard Antler, NZ Fallow Society
7. 'Sire of Three' Hard Antler, LJ AI Services
8. 2 Year Old Red Velvet, Foveran Deer Park
9. 2 Year Old Elk/Wapiti Velvet, Elk Wapiti Society
- NZ Peoples' Choice Hard Antler, Crystalax NZ
- People's Choice Velvet, Ultra Scan - Raewyn Cunliffe
- Supreme Trophy Award (Hard Antler), Peel Forest Estate

PROGRAMME GUIDE

3:30pm Bus departs The Gate Hotel, Barry Ave

4:00pm Viewing of the velvet at The Canyon venue

4:30pm Pre dinner drinks and nibbles

6:00pm Dinner and presentation of trophies

9:30pm Velvet can be packed into crates for pick up from The Canyon on Sunday morning and taken to PGG for transportation

10:00pm Buses return to The Gate Hotel/motels in Barry Ave

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW >>

[\(/SITES/DINZ/FILES/ENTRY%20FORM%202020%20-%20RISING%20STARS%206-3-20%20V3%20INTERACTIVE 0.PDF\)](#)

2020 INDUSTRY CONFERENCE: 2020 VISION – THE FOCUS IS YOU



Location: Invercargill, Southland

Dates: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May 2020 - Deer Industry Conference
Thursday 21st May 2020 - P2P in Action: National Technical Workshop

Venue: The Conference will be held at the Bill Richardson Transport World in first class facilities with access to the amazing truck and car collections as part of the Conference entertainment opportunities. [Click here for information about the venue >> \(<http://www.transportworld.co.nz/>\)](#)

The 2020 Annual Deer Industry Conference will be held in Invercargill. The NZDFA's 45th AGM at will be held on the same day followed with the full conference programme. [Click here for continued up to date information >> \(<https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-2020-conference#.XmGf8Kgza71>\)](#)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW >>

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VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will be asked to directly book accommodation with their hotel of choice. For the nominated hotels listed below, we have negotiated a 2020 Deer Industry Conference rate. Secure this rate by quoting the Reference number for your chosen hotel where needed (see below). Because there is no accommodation commission involved, savings are passed direct to you.

Book now as there is a 28 day room release.

We are holding rooms at the following hotels for the deer conference:

Ascot Park Hotel (<https://ascotparkhotel.co.nz/accommodation>)

Corner of Tay Street & Racecourse Road, Invercargill

To book, call 0800 272 687 or email ascot@ilt.co.nz (<mailto:ascot@ilt.co.nz>) and use booking reference: Deer Industry Conference

Full cooked breakfast \$24.50

Motels \$115.00

Studio units with a queen & a single bed

Located in a separate building from the main complex

Limited cooking facilities IE: Stovetop & microwave

Superior hotel \$175.00

Studio unit with either two queen beds or one king

Tea & coffee making facilities

One bedroom Apartments \$190.00

Queen & a single bed in the bedroom with the option to use two sofa beds in the lounge

Limited cooking facilities IE: Stovetop & microwave

For further details on room types at the Ascot, please [click here >> \(http://www.ascotparkhotel.co.nz/invercargill-accommodation-overview\)](http://www.ascotparkhotel.co.nz/invercargill-accommodation-overview).

Kelvin Hotel (<https://www.kelvinhotel.co.nz/>)

20 Kelvin Street, Invercargill

To book, call 0800 802 829 and use booking reference: Deer Industry booking 3566

Rates are twin share room \$150.00

Cooked breakfast \$25.00

LIVE STREAMING

Sarah Perriam of Perriam Media will live-stream the event on the [Deer Industry NZ YouTube channel \(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoRyfkOKxV5a36uphKLJyJQ\)](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoRyfkOKxV5a36uphKLJyJQ), on the Deer Industry website & links on the [Deer Industry Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/deerindustry/\)](https://www.facebook.com/deerindustry/).

MANAGEMENT, REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP

Registrations and conference management is supplied by Wellington-based Melissa Bahler, via Positive Events Plus, aided by the DFA Executive Committee and DINZ staff. Melissa is also the events manager for the NZ Institute of Primary Industries Management and well versed in Wellington's conference and meeting infrastructure.

As in 2019, in a move designed to add attraction, a 25% discount will be offered on full registration for the second (or more) registered delegate from the same farming entity.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Conference organiser: Melissa Bahler, 027 664 3080 (tel:027%C2%A0664%C2%A03080), positiveeventsplus@xtra.co.nz (mailto:positiveeventsplus@xtra.co.nz)

DINZ: details will be updated on this page or or contact Tony Pearce at tony.pearce@deernz.org (mailto:tony.pearce@deernz.org), 021 719 038 (tel:021%C2%A0719%C2%A0038)

2020 DEER INDUSTRY PHOTO COMPETITION



It's time to get snapping again! Gather up those great shots you have buried or head out on the farm with your camera and enter the **2020 MSD Animal Health Deer Industry Photo Competition**.

There are some great prizes on offer, including;

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

Last year's competition saw some spectacular entries from all over New Zealand making the job of judging a very difficult one. Many of the images you would have seen featured in the industry's magazine, Deer Industry News and right here on the industry website www.deernz.org (<http://www.deernz.org>).

Like last year, it will be just as easy to enter - no need to print and post your photos. Email them through to rebecca.norling@deernz.org (mailto:rebecca.norling@deernz.org?subject=2020%20Photo%20Competition%20Entry), along with your entry form.

CLICK HERE FOR THE 2020 ENTRY FORM >>

([HTTPS://WWW.DEERNZ.ORG/SITES/DINZ/FILES/2020%20PHOTO%20AWARD%20ENTRY%20FORM-EDITABLE%20FINAL.PDF](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2020%20Photo%20Award%20Entry%20Form-Editable%20Final.pdf))

There is no limit on the number of entries and successful winners will be announced at this year's Deer Industry Conference (19-20 May in Invercargill) with photos on display for attendees to see. Details of how to enter will be included in this year's entry form.

Please ensure that photos from phone cameras are of a high quality and can be viewed clearly on a large display screen.

DEADLINE: The deadline for entries into this year's competition is Friday 8 May 2020 at 12:00pm.

Previous winning picture can be viewed in the [photo gallery here >> \(https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-photo-competition/photo-competition-results-page#.XkmiXTEza70\)](https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-photo-competition/photo-competition-results-page#.XkmiXTEza70)

NZDFA BRANCHES UPDATE TO THE CHAIRMEN AND BRANCH COMMITTEES

A Branch Chairs update report was circulated to Branch Chairs on 20 February. [Please click here to view the report >> \(/sites/dinz/files/BC%20update%20February%202020.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/BC%20update%20February%202020.pdf)

The report includes information re events and activities both nationally and locally. Any feedback is welcome or a view whether we should try and make this a regular monthly dispatch would be beneficial.

- NZDFA leadership positions, nominations and activity
- Submissions on antibiotic free status for Cervena®
- 2020 45th Deer Industry Conference. 2020 Vision – "The Focus is You" 19th-21st May, Invercargill
- Regional NAIT workshops
- Winter Grazing workshops

- Farmers and Trees Extension project
- The Rising Stars Hard antler and velvet competition

2020 EAST COAST BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT AWARDS



Congratulations to Central Hawke's Bay sheep, beef and deer farmers **Evan and Linda Potter** who have won the East Coast Ballance Farm Environment Awards. The Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme runs in 11 regions throughout New Zealand, promoting sustainable farming and growing.

Balancing business security with protecting the land and resources for future generations was one of the reasons behind the Potters' win, the judges said.

"Evan and Linda epitomise the value of long-term vision, sound management practice, strong work ethic and a genuine passion for the protection of the environment. When asked where people should start, Evan responds, 'does it matter? Just start somewhere.'

"A 'do it once, do it right' attitude can seem expensive at the onset but now the benefits of future proofing are paying off. Building bridges, fencing and water investment has given them first-class access to this environmentally challenging farm."

"I don't know if I'd call myself green - maybe light green," Evan told the judges.

The Potters enjoy an excellent working relationship with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and in 2019 won the top environmental award for the New Zealand Deer Industry.

Before being named the Supreme Winners, which is judged under its own criteria, the Potters won three category awards:

- East Coast Farming for Future Award, sponsored by the Hawke's Bay Regional and Gisborne District councils
- Bayleys People in Primary Sector Award
- Synlait Climate Stewardship Award.

Ballance Awards Regional finalists were:

Tony and Lynda Gray
Evan and Linda Potter
Mike & Nicky Salvesen

Also of note: Congratulations to Gisborne Farmer of the year Malcolm and Caroline Rau

To read the full media release, [please click here >> \(/sites/dinz/files/2020%20East%20Coast%20Ballance%20Farm%20Environment%20Awards%20Winners.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/2020%20East%20Coast%20Ballance%20Farm%20Environment%20Awards%20Winners.pdf)

NZDFA INDUSTRY POSITIONS

Nominations are open for 2020 vacancies created by retirements by rotation on the NZDFA Executive Committee - 2 vacancies, the NZDFA Selection and Appointments Panel (NZDFA SAP) - 2 vacancies, and 1 producer appointed vacancy for the DINZ Board.

Full details and formal notifications related to the 2020 conference, the NZDFA AGM, DINZ Board and the nomination timetables requirements will be published in the January-February edition of Deer Industry News.

Nominations close Friday March 27th 2020

For any further information or discussion pleased contact Tony Pearse 021 719 038 or tony.pearse@deernz.org (<mailto:tony.pearse@deernz.org>).

Nomination forms

[Executive Committee >> \(/sites/dinz/files/Exec.%20Committee%20Nomination%20Form%20%20Vacancy%20%202020.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/Exec.%20Committee%20Nomination%20Form%20%20Vacancy%20%202020.pdf)

[Board >> \(/sites/dinz/files/DINZ%20Board%20nomination%20form%202020.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/DINZ%20Board%20nomination%20form%202020.pdf)

[SAP >> \(/sites/dinz/files/SAP%20nomination%20form%20%202020.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/SAP%20nomination%20form%20%202020.pdf)

[NZDFA proxy form 2020 >> \(/sites/dinz/files/NZDFA%20Proxy%20Form%202020.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/NZDFA%20Proxy%20Form%202020.pdf)

CHANGES TO NAIT LAW

Changes to NAIT law were passed by Parliament on 10 December 2019.

Some of the requirements for farmers and People In Charge of Animals (PICAs) have changed to make the system stronger and protect the biosecurity of our sector.

Government and your industry bodies will be talking to you about the changes in more detail over the next few months, but in the meantime, here's a summary of what's changing.

- To meet the tagging exemption, animals must now be 'unsafe' to tag, rather than just 'impractical'.
- PICAs need to register any 'unsafe to tag' animals in NAIT at any time before they are transported (rather than 48 hours before). You must visibly identify the untagged animals that have an exemption.
- In 6 months' time, it will be an offence for anyone to transport an untagged animal that does not have an exemption. A transport operator is exempt if they are carrying a declaration from the PICA that the animals are identified and registered with NAIT. MPI and NAIT will work with the industry on the content and form of this declaration before the requirement comes into effect.
- In 12 months' time, PICAs will only be able to use NAIT tags at the location they were purchased for. This brings New Zealand in line with international best practice. Any tag stockpiles should be used up in the next 12 months.
- PICAs selling animals should now make a NAIT animal's location history reports available to a purchaser if requested. NAIT Limited is setting up an easy way for sellers to generate these reports.
- PICAs must provide an annual estimate of the number and type of non-NAIT animals at a NAIT location. The particular animals that must be declared are specified in the regulations.
- Penalties for all NAIT offences have increased with the view that they will act as a greater deterrent. These increases take effect immediately, apart from for the two new offences of using a tag at another location (which has a 12 month transition period) or transporting an untagged animal that does not have an exemption (which has a 6 month transition period).
- Infringements will go up to \$400, and court convictions can incur fines for individuals of up to \$100,000 or \$10,000 per animal or instance of offending, and to \$200,000 for body corporates or \$20,000 per instance.

If you'd like to know more, [click here to view a Q&A for farmers \(/sites/dinz/files/NAIT%20Act%20amendments%20-%20farmer%20Q%26A.pdf\)](https://sites.dinz/files/NAIT%20Act%20amendments%20-%20farmer%20Q%26A.pdf) and visit the [MPI website \(http://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/livestock-and-animal-care/national-animal-identification-and-tracing/\)](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/livestock-and-animal-care/national-animal-identification-and-tracing/) for more general information and background.

WHICH NAIT SCANNER TO BUY?

If you've been putting off making a decision on which NAIT scanner to buy to record stock movements on and off your property, have a squiz at this [article \(https://nzfarmlife.co.nz/tag-readers-put-through-their-paces/?fbclid=IwAR1eP9iOVKQ5wO6MhIAIvc0up0OPxI9OVTuJ2Nb3oWG-M00czfbVZTsSJDw\)](https://nzfarmlife.co.nz/tag-readers-put-through-their-paces/?fbclid=IwAR1eP9iOVKQ5wO6MhIAIvc0up0OPxI9OVTuJ2Nb3oWG-M00czfbVZTsSJDw). Ospri commissioned an on-farm comparison of four entry-level handheld wand-type scanners. The article is full of practical advice on the features handy for different sorts of farm operation.

TAGGING DANGEROUS ANIMALS

If you have an animal too dangerous to tag or retag, send them to the works in the first instance. Declare the animal as unsafe to tag in your NAIT account, and ensure it is clearly marked before sending to the works. Need help? Call OSPRI 0800 482 463

→ NAIT

Sending **unsafe to tag** animals to the works?

Before sending
Declare the animal is unsafe to tag (UTT) in your NAIT account

AND

Mark the animal
Ensure the unsafe to tag animal has a marking so it can be identified at the works

Need help
Call the OSPRI Contact Centre
0800 482 463

Note: unsafe to tag animals moved to a meat processor will be subject to a \$13 UTT levy (excl. GST) per head.
Failure to comply with the conditions of the UTT exemption may result in a \$400 fine per animal or prosecution.

OSPRI NAIT is an OSPRI programme

NOTICEBOARD

POTENTIAL STAFF LOOKING FOR WORK

Pierre Grobler and his partner are considering to come and work in NZ. Pierre has education and experience in game farming both antelope and predators. His partner has education in medical and veterinary lab diagnostics. He would be interested in working on a deer farm. He would like to get involved with the breeding, capture, hunting and general ranch management. His partner would like to do lab work with the ideal of specializing in genetics.

If you think you might have an opportunity for Pierre, please contact him directly on pgrobler91@gmail.com (<mailto:pgrobler91@gmail.com>).

Marcus Healey is interested in any potential work on Deer Farms in New Zealand. He is currently working for Wessex Water a local utility company in the UK where he has worked with machinery (diggers & other industry related equipment). He has grown up working on farms (dairy, game, beef) and has already done some farm work when he travelled to New Zealand for 6 months in Fielding.

He is currently living in the UK & looking to emigrate as soon as possible with his family.

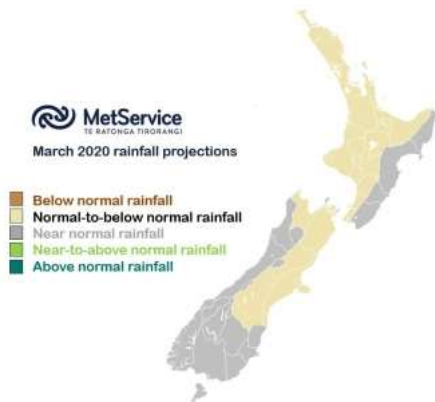
If you think you might have an opportunity for Marcus, please contact him directly on marcus.healey@wessexwater.co.uk (<mailto:marcus.healey@wessexwater.co.uk>)

MASSEY STUDENT LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE

Genna Ackroyd is a final year student studying Veterinary Science at Massey University. She has recently been given an assignment based around deer herd profiling, which requires students to make contact with a deer farmer and obtain some statistical information from their farm. She would like any interested farmers in the Manawatu region that may be willing for Genna and a couple of other students to visit their farm for a couple of hours to contact her to organise a visit.

If you would be willing to help out, please contact Genna on gackroyd@gmail.com (<mailto:gackroyd@gmail.com>)

THE MARCH 2020 OUTLOOK



For northern and western areas of the North Island, as well as Nelson, Marlborough and Canterbury, a somewhat drier than normal March is predicted. For the east coast of the North Island, and the remainder of the South Island, near average March rainfall totals are forecast.

Temperature-wise, well above average temperatures continue this week, before a noticeable drop to closer to average March temperatures next week, and beyond.

Bottom Line:

Highs look set to be intermittently broken by showery troughs during March. Rainfall totals remain on the low side for northern and western parts of the North Island, as well as the north and east of the South Island. The recent extreme warmth eases off next week.

Joke of the Month

A passenger in a taxi heading the, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drive up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologised to the driver and said, "I didn't realise that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
Deer Industry NZ Parasite Management Workshops 2020	Various	<p>Deer Industry New Zealand with support from the New Zealand Deer Farmers Association are running a series of workshops throughout the country focusing on parasite management on deer farms. The workshops will be held in two parts. A morning session for vets to focus on a technical discussion and sharing suggestions for best practice, and an afternoon session for deer farmers to work through practical parasite management processes.</p> <p>The pending arrival of a new anthelmintic for deer, combined with weaning just around the corner make these workshops very timely. The location and dates for the workshops throughout the country are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Nelson/Marlborough - Wednesday 15th April 2020 ▸ Wairarapa - Wednesday 18th March 2020 ▸ Rotorua - Wednesday 25th March 2020 ▸ Hawkes Bay - Wednesday 22nd April 2020 <p><u>For more information and to register, please click here >> (https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-nz-parasite-management-workshops-2020#.XmGpg6gza70).</u></p>
The Big Deer Tour 2020	April 5 - April 9 2020	<p>The 2020 programme will take place from Sunday 5th April to Friday 10th April 2020.</p> <p>Over the course of the week, selected students will spend time working with and learning from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Deer Farmers to gain an appreciation for the passion that they develop for these unique animals ▸ Deer researchers and scientists ▸ Agricultural consultants working with deer clients ▸ Venison and velvet marketing companies. <p>Applicants will be students studying toward completing a masters or degree in an agricultural related discipline that will lead to a qualification appropriate to employment in the agricultural sector. Deer Industry NZ will also be willing to consider individual recommendations from industry contacts.</p> <p><u>For more information, please click here >> (https://www.deernz.org/big-deer-tour-2020#.XmGpiagza70)</u></p>
Beyond the Green Revolution	Thursday 12th March	<p>PUBLIC LECTURE</p> <p>Beyond the Green Revolution</p> <p>Walter Jehne</p> <p>Dr Walter Jehne, an Australian soil microbiologist and hydrology expert, will explain how greenhouse gases and water at the soil, oceans and atmospheric interfaces, conspire together to produce the climatic extremes that have become our new normal. Walter will provide coherent explanations as to how we arrived at this parlous state and what can be done to remediate the problems. He will provide convincing evidence that "the answer lies in the soil" and that sound animal husbandry and pasture management together can rebuild soil carbon, to levels that enhance food production and regenerate the soil microbiome. This is not only essential for sustainable farming but will remediate climatic extremes, which are currently causing widespread environmental destruction in all parts of the planet.</p> <p><u>For more information, please click here >> (https://www.deernz.org/beyond-green-revolution#.XmGphggza70)</u></p>
National Catchment Group Workshop	Thursday 2nd April 2020	<p>When: Wednesday 1 - Thursday 2 April 2020</p> <p>Where: Ascot Park Hotel in Invercargill - accommodation bookings are open now! Use the code NZL0320 if booking online to get a discount!</p> <p>Cost: Event registration is \$75 plus GST.</p> <p>NZ Landcare Trust, proudly supported by Beef + Lamb NZ, present the National Catchment Group Workshop.</p> <p>Gather. Learn. Connect. Celebrate.</p> <p>Full details and programme coming soon but this is a not-to-be missed event. To register and to view more information, <u>please follow this link >> (https://www.landcare.org.nz/news-item/register-now)</u></p>
B+LNZ Environment Workshops	Various	<p>These workshops will help you understand your farm's unique natural resources and develop a plan to remain productive while putting actions in place to manage any potential risks to the environment.</p> <p>Using Beef + Lamb New Zealand's Farm Environment Planning Toolkit, you'll get specialist assistance to assess the potential impact your farm has on your surrounding environment and develop actions to manage these risks.</p> <p>Click on event for more details and to register (essential):</p> <p>B+LNZ Farm Environment Plan Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ <u>Gore, Monday 9th March (https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-farm-environment-plan-workshop-gore-0)</u> ▸ <u>Napier, Tuesday 21st April (https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-farm-environment-plan-workshop-napier)</u> ▸ <u>Wairoa, Wednesday 22nd April (https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-farm-environment-plan-workshop-wairoa)</u> <p>B+LNZ Land and Environment Planning Workshop, Level 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ <u>Kerikeri, Friday 13th March (https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-land-environment-planning-workshop-level-1-kerikeri)</u> ▸ <u>Lawrence, Tuesday 17th March (https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-lep-level-1-workshop-otago-farmers-lawrence)</u>

