

RURAL CHATTER

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Hello readers

What would the topic of conversation be if we didn't have weather events? It's hard to know as there is always something going on to discuss.

Hot, cold, wet and windy - we have had it all this summer.

I have never seen so much grass at this time of the year, all we need now is a spell of excellent weather so that the grape growers can take full



advantage of their exceptional crops.

There is still plenty of activity in the real estate market with steady enquiry for lifestyle and farm properties. I am experiencing contact from all over New Zealand as well as locally. The strength of the Bayleys brand adds value to your property sale in terms of having more buyer enquiry, more viewings and more confident buyers.

Thinking of selling?

You are very welcome to call me in total confidence.

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NEW LISTING



Boundary lines are indicative only

1676 Korere-Tophouse Road, Kikiwa - \$900,000

This lovely historic home was built in 1914 and is set back from the road. The owners operate a tourist lodge catering for overseas clientele. There are three double bedrooms with individual ensuites and an owner's wing that includes a large bedroom, ensuite and office. Formal and informal living rooms create the hub of the home and there are enough rooms for the owners and the guests to occupy comfortable and cozy individual spaces. Gotland sheep graze the front paddocks, their friendliness delighting the guests. The gardens have been designed to enhance the grand old villa - oaks and ash trees line the drives and walkways and are under planted with lavender and other traditional plants. The gentle Motupiko river runs along the back boundary of the property and guests can sit along the banks and enjoy the gentle summer breeze, take a swim and enjoy the natural flora and fauna. Kikiwa Lodge has been awarded the 2017 Guest Review Award for excellence in hospitality. Contact me to arrange a viewing.

NEW LISTING



115 Howard Valley Road, Howard - \$4,100,000 + GST (if any)

This 357.19ha property is in two titles with 220ha effective grazing divided into 47 paddocks. This well-balanced farm carries approximately 2,800 stock units and is currently used as a cattle breeding and grazing unit. Most of the effective area has been re-grassed within the last 10 years. The steeper hill country was planted in Radiata Pine in the early 1990s and has several forestry cutting rights which are due to expire within a few years. A good portion of the forestry has been harvested and is ready for replanting. This provides an excellent opportunity for the new owner to establish their own forestry investments. The covered cattle yards, implement shed and 6-bay hay shed are all in exceptional condition. A near new one bedroom cottage provides additional accommodation for a farm hand or family member. The homestead was built in 2004 and has 5 bedrooms and an office and is situated on the terrace and enjoys commanding views over the farm. There are many other special features to this property that can only be appreciated by viewing.



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No Compo Yet For Wrong Seeds

An embarrassed PGG Wrightson Seeds says it is too early to say if hundreds of Southland farmers who were inadvertently sold a swede variety previously linked to livestock deaths will be compensated for the blunder. David Green confirmed the seed wrongly sold to the farmers was one of the varieties implicated in the deaths of hundreds of cows and sheep on Southland farms in 2014. He could not predict if any deaths would again occur as a result of the old seed being mistakenly sold. The company had been in touch with the affected farmers, and some had asked for compensation, he said. (Southland Times)



Plant Dilutes Nitrogen

A new environmental plantain developed to reduce nitrate leaching increases the amount of urine animals produce, which means the nitrogen being excreted is more diluted, reducing the nitrate load in the urine patch. It reduces the amount of dietary nitrogen in urine compared with ryegrass and animals grazing Ecotain take longer to convert ammonium to nitrate. Slower conversion allows plants a great opportunity to take up the nitrogen, reducing the potential for leaching. (The Country)



Big Friesian Turning Heads

An 8-year-old friesian cross steer that pushes the needle to 2,520kg, or 2.5 tonnes is turning heads in Taranaki. That's only 200kg less than a typical female Indian elephant. Farmer Roger Honeyfield believes the big animal could be heaviest steer in the country. He stands at a shade over 1.8 metres - higher than the top rail on the farm's stockyards. The steer was bought from the Stratford saleyards as a rising three year-old and has been on the farm ever since. "There's been no special treatment for him, he's just lived on grass and run with the rest of the herd. I reckon he could get up to 2.8 tonne." That would put the animal at the same weight as Big Red, a 2.8 tonne devon red from Manawatu that died in 2004. (Stuff)

May the roof above you never fall in, & those gathered beneath it never fall out.

May your home always be too small to hold all your friends.

Happy
St Patrick's
Day

...and remember

You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.

WANTED

100 plus hectares of quality grazing land within 40 minutes from Richmond.

Smaller country property with nice home and no close neighbours. Wakefield / Upper Moutere / Mahana area. Around \$700,000.

I am always looking for properties, so if you are considering selling, call me for a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL appraisal.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

1st APRIL



Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on 31st March

St. Patrick's Day Mint Shake

INGREDIENTS

2 cups vanilla ice cream
 1/4 cup whole milk
 1/2 tsp peppermint extract (or 1 tsp or more mint liqueur)
 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
 3 or 4 drops green food coloring
 Whipped cream and green sugar sprinkles or mint sprig for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Blend the ice cream, milk, peppermint extract, vanilla and food coloring in a blender until smooth. Pour into one or two serving glasses and garnish with whipped cream and sugar sprinkles or mint.



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SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Variation: Substitute the mint extract/ liqueur for Baileys Irish Cream



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