

RURAL CHATTER

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Hello readers

It is interesting to meet so many rural people who have so much local area knowledge and better still, they want to share their experiences and wealth of knowledge with others. This made me think about the forums that are available to connect people so that we all benefit from each other's experiences.

These days most people are connected to the internet and there are so many different options that are available to us all for helping and sharing information. But does this really work for all?

I still think that connecting people to people rather than people to the internet has a lot of underestimated value. Visit the Brightwater sale yards on a Wednesday and see how many people are there just for a catch up with like-minded people. A kind word here and there and a joke shared is excellent therapy or fun and in a comfortable and rural environment.

Maybe I will see you there next Wednesday?

A young man at a construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone based on his strength. He especially made fun of one of the older workmates. After several minutes, the older worker had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" he said. "I'll bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to the other building that you won't be able to wheel back." "You're on, old man," the young man replied. "Let's see what you've got." The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then nodding to the young man, he said with a smile, "All right. Get in." 🙌😄

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Easy



1312 Eighty Eight Valley Road, Wakefield - PBN

This lovely property has three titles with a total land area of approximately 123ha and with a good balance of flats and easy, north-facing hill country. The home was built in 1986, it is designed to take full advantage of the sun and the garden vistas. It has a large country kitchen with bay windows, dining room, living room, three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. The farm is well fenced and supported by good sheep yards, wool shed and implement shed. A large hay shed is situated next to the hay paddocks. A stream runs through the top fields and is lined with willows which provide excellent shade for the stock. Water is via a spring, a well and the creek. Willow Grove is a working farm producing quality stock. There is a mix of new and established grasses with plenty of scope to take this property to the next level.



266 Sherry River Road, Tapawera - \$599,000

The Sherry River area is renowned for its relaxed and peaceful lifestyle. This home is being divided off a much larger block of land, it was built in the mid 1980s on a solid concrete block base and with a board-and-batten exterior. It is a well-proportioned home with an extra large country-style kitchen and two living rooms. Both living rooms are heated by log burners - one has a wet back and the other is smaller but very efficient. A master bedroom and ensuite and three other bedrooms provide plenty of options for a large family and are heated by a heat pump. Beautiful mature trees enhance the property and screen it from the road. The land area is approximately 5,212 m² (subject to final survey) so there is room enough for the pets and children's outdoor activities. This is a lovely country family home worthy of your inspection.



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Local Back-up Offer Accepted For Jericho
Landcorp Farming has accepted the back-up bid for Jericho Station sheep and beef farm in Fiordland after the preferred foreign buyer withdrew. Soutland farmer Ed Pinckney was pipped by an \$8.7 million offer from Chinese buyer Qianlong Farms when the 1400-hectare farm was put to market in late 2016. The intended purchaser of Jericho farm has withdrawn its application from the OIO and is therefore unable to complete the purchase of the farm. (Farmers Weekly)

Weather Pushes Up Vege Prices

Recent bad weather has hit vegetable crops, pushing up the price of tomatoes, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, and broccoli. Tomatoes rose more than 60% in March to \$4.65 a kg. In March last year, tomatoes were 83 cents cheaper at \$3.82 a kilo. Overall, vegetable prices were up 11% in March. Lettuce prices were up 20%, cauliflower rose 85% to \$8.35 a kilo, cabbages were up 50% at \$3.18/kg, and broccoli was up 20%. In contrast, fruit prices were little changed, up 0.2%, and apple prices were down 16% at \$2.70. Overall, food prices rose 1% for the month. (Stuff)

New Bio Wormer

A new Australian product, which aims to eliminate the losses graziers face from intestinal parasites, is about to be launched on the NZ market. Bio Wormer is a biological worm control product that uses a natural strain of fungus - *Duddingtonia flagrans* - that seeks out and traps the

larvae of parasites such as Barber's Pole Worms, Brown Stomach Worms, Black Scour Worms and Thread Worms. It acts by reducing the numbers of infective worm larvae, including multi-resistant larvae; emerging from manure onto pasture using nature to fight nature. When fed to animals, the thick-walled spores remain inert, which means it has no effect within the host animal, and resist digestion, passing through into the manure. There they germinate and form trapping organs that capture, paralyse and consume emerging infective worm larvae, including multi-resistant larvae. The spores are safe, non-toxic and residue-free. (Stuff)



FEIJOA CHUTNEY

INGREDIENTS

- 900g feijoas
- 2 medium onions
- 2 apples
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 15 ml mixed spice
- 1.5 cups malt vinegar
- 450 grams brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

DIRECTIONS

Peel and chop fruit and veg. Add vinegar and boil slowly for 1/2 hr stirring. Add remaining ingredients and boil 1/2 - 3/4 hr until well blended.



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Main Road, Foxhill, Wakefield

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A couple of hectares of land, within 20 minutes travel time to Richmond, for a buyer who wants to build an eco-friendly home. Price range up to \$600,000

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