

PAKARAE/WHANGARA B5 PARTNERSHIP PANUI PAREKAREKA

Shareholders impressed with farms

More than 60 shareholders in the Pakarae/Whangara B5 partnership visited the property earlier this year to see how development work was proceeding and what else was being done on the farms.

The day was such a success that the field day is now being proposed as an annual event and shareholders are urged to come and have a look at the great work being done on the properties at future field days.

The group met at the Whangara Marae and were taken up the B5 airstrip where they could see the new laneway and development work in terms of fencing and water.

They were taken to the top of the Pakarae hill to look at stage one of the water system and then check out the crops planted on the Pakarae flats for the first time in years.

Many positive comments were passed on to the farm workers and management from shareholders impressed with the development.

One issue many were not prepared for was the wee detour taken by one John Mackey who drove his 4WD into the ditch whilst marveling at how good the farms looked.

The next field day will be in January 2009.



OVERALL SNAPSHOT

	March 08	March 07
Stock numbers		
Sheep	35,747	29,013
Cattle	5122	3555
TOTAL	40,869	32,568

- Made 11,000 bales of hay this year – sold some off
- Cropped the Pakarae flats for the first time in years
- Resowing 132 hectares of new grass after sweetcorn harvest
- Capital fencing put on hold until water system in place



Keep sending us your feedback

To all shareholders,

Thank you for your feedback on our first newsletter and for the positive feedback from both Whangara B5 and Pakarae shareholders following the field day in January. The board has decided that as long as the development of the farms continues we will hold a field day once a year so you can come and see what is happening on the farm and how great it is looking.

It is also a great time to meet Richard, the manager, and his team and hear first hand how the partnership is going, what the plans are and how we are progressing.

There were some pretty scary moments as we drove around the narrow and steep hills of Pakarae, so be warned you townie four wheel drivers, unless you know how to control those vehicles in the wet, get on a horse. One of our life members thought he had a weak heart, but after driving that track, he would like to go back again and go fishing off the beach.

On a more serious note: I have attended, on your behalf, meetings on Climate Change, and forwarded a submission to the Crown protesting the ambiguity of the legislation as presented at these meetings. It does not seem to have been well thought out and will hugely impact Maori land. The Government's Economic Development Fund has been announced and at this stage \$700 million over three years will be available for groups to furnish applications.

This is a step in the right direction as it seems the partnering up of Maori land blocks, especially on the East Coast, is growing.

This, our second newsletter, has a snapshot of what we have been doing on the farms over the summer and we hope it will continue to be one way we can communicate with all our shareholders on a regular basis. If there is anything you would like to know more about please contact us and we can put something together for subsequent issues.

Regards Ingrid

Water in places it's never been before!

Water is a crucial component of any farming enterprise and every farmer dreams of a fully reticulated water system which in turn allows for better pasture management and stock performance.

At Pakarae/Whangara B5 there is water in places it's never been before – and that's a good thing!

The partnership has completed the first stage of its three stage water reticulation project and has installed 33 kilometres of pipe, 60 troughs and seven 30,000 litre tanks on part of the farm.

Stage one involved the installation of a diesel pump to get water to the top of the Rawhiti block and then gravity feed both sides of the main ridge.

Stages two and three will be installed over the next two financial years and will see more than 600 troughs installed in total as part of the \$750,000 water reticulation project. More troughs and more paddocks contribute to the partnership's overall goal of lifting stocking rates to 60,000 stock units in four years.



- 60 TROUGHS
 - SEVEN 30,000 LITRE TANKS
 - 33 KILOMETRES OF PIPE
 - FOUR WEEKS TO INSTALL
 - AGFIRST ENGINEERING DESIGNED THE SYSTEM AND GREENLINE TRENCHING FROM TAUPO INSTALLED IT.

PRODUCTION SUMMARY

15,880	LAMBS	16KG	135	R2YR STEERS	280KG
4,745	EWES	27KG	285	R3YR BULLS	320KG
200	R3YR STEERS	325KG	170	R2YR HEIFERS	240KG



Operations Manager Steve McHardy

I work closely with Richard to organize upcoming events and make sure they are carried out properly. I am also the 2IC so I am in charge when Richard is away from the farm.

A typical day would entail working with staff and organizing the day's events whether it be stock work or fencing as well as planning future work.

I started this job on the 30 April 2007. I was managing a 1500 ha property for 18 years and decided it was time for a change. This job appealed to me because it was farming on a bigger scale with more staff and more opportunities and it's also a very beautiful property.

The best thing about this organization is that it's going forward with good goals set for itself. It also provides opportunities and training and encourages goal setting within the partnership for its staff.



Drought affecting stock markets!

The partnership has again been affected by the drought that is hitting most of the country but not in the traditional way a drought affects us.

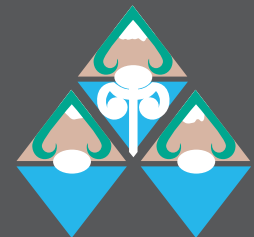
This year it is not lack of moisture and grass - we have had steady rain in January, February, March and now April and have experienced excellent pasture growth - but falling beef and lamb schedules that are affecting our returns.

With the drought there has been an over supply of stock to be slaughtered and this along with a soaring New Zealand dollar has caused the beef and lamb

schedules to remain low and space to kill stock tight.

This has meant we have had to be a lot more strategic with the marketing and timing of our stock sales to maximize the returns that are available.

The positives for us from the drought are that we are not affected and have been able to hold our stock until schedules improve but also there is a huge demand for grazing and supplementary feed. We have taken advantage of both of these and the extra revenue gained from this will help to balance things out.



WHANGARA
 INCORPORATED BLOCKS

Comprising
 Pakarae/Whangara B5 Partnership

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 Whangara B5
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