



**Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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## FAMILY ENROLMENTS

Something has cropped up recently that we appear not to have any formal process around – our expectations when a family member or close friend of one of our staff enrolls on one of our courses. There is potential conflict of interest which needs to be formally managed.

Policy and process needs to be developed, but in the interim if you or your tutors have any family members or close friends enrolling on one of your courses, it is essential that I am notified.

An e-mail to me providing the following detail is all that is required:

- Course Details
- Name of Student
- their relationship to you / the tutor
- whether you believe there is any potential conflict of interest
- how any conflict of interest will be managed

I will then have a conversation with you to ensure that acceptable measures have been put in place to manage potential conflict.

A copy of these guidelines have been saved on <M:\AgNZ\Policy & Forms\Policy\Interim Guidelines\Interim Guidelines - Family Enrolments - September 2010.doc>.

A copy will also be e-mailed to Hub Coordinators for discussion at their next Hub Meeting.

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## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT - POWERPOINTS

A number of years ago, Agriculture New Zealand introduced guidelines around the development of PowerPoints. Our objectives were:

- To put PowerPoints into the same 'category' as study guides – ie internally quality checked before being shown to AgNZ learners to ensure that the content and presentation of material meets our quality standard.
- To ensure that time paid for by Agriculture New Zealand is not being wasted by staff re-inventing something we already have developed or are developing.

Guidelines to re-clarify expectations and processes have been developed and can be [found on M-drive](#). The key messages are:

1. PowerPoints developed in AgNZ time are the property of AgNZ.
2. Before developing a new PowerPoint, all tutors will:
  - Check whether we already have a PowerPoint for the topic or whether one is already being developed
  - Get Permission from the National Project Manager – Resource Development
3. Tutors will only show PowerPoints that have been given the Quality Tick by the National Project Manager – Resource Development to AgNZ students.
4. Tutors will only be paid for the development of PowerPoints if a budget has been approved and a Resource Writing Schedule signed for each Project

More detail on this process can be found in the [Interim Guidelines Folder](#) on M-drive. A copy of these guidelines will also be e-mailed to Hub Coordinators for discussion at their next Hub Meeting.

Audrey Spence

**Academic Manager**

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## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR HORTICULTURE

Horticulture Powerpoints to support delivery of unit 21039 and 22175 have been loaded to M drive. These powerpoints were developed by Micky Cunningham. They are highly visual and designed to be used as a running backdrop and catalyst for discussion NOT a regurgitation of material in the study guide.

Micky developed these in her own time in the weekends using her personal Mac computer which gives the opportunity for very high quality graphics.

As the file size is enormous (over 100MB each) the files have been loaded to M drive as PDF files. This can still run as a slideshow but has to be manually driven using a pointing device or key strokes (it does not change slides every x number of seconds automatically like a slide show presentation in powerpoint).

Shortly I will also be loading up two further slideshows developed by Micky – an absolutely luscious one for horticulture plant identification (you will love it!!) – and a show for integrated pest management which can be used to support delivery for unit 21557, 21043 and 21044.

If you have a course coming up you will automatically be issued these slideshows with other course resources. If you have a course running and would like a copy of the powerpoint please contact your Regional Administrator (Natasha or Jen) quoting the unit number to obtain a copy.

As usual, if after using them, you have any feedback or suggestions for improvement please complete a SIR and forward to Feilding.

Julie Malcolm

**National Project Manager – Resources and Moderation**

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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES – SOILS

These are now available on M drive and cover Unit 24543. You can find these by going into Resources and then select either unit number, Learner Materials, Learning Activities Issue 1.0 Sept 2010. They all have tutor instructions and answers which you will find in the Unit folder under Tutor Materials.

These will be sent out to Destination Dairy and Future Farmer courses. If you are not one of those courses and wish to order it, please contact your Regional Administrator – Jen for North and South or Tash for Central and Nelson.

If you have any corrections to be made, any suggested changes or ideas, please contact Liz Sanders, she is more than happy to help. Her email is [esanders@pggwrightson.co.nz](mailto:esanders@pggwrightson.co.nz)

Thanks

Claire Clare

**Resource Administrator**

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## THIS SPOT COULD BE YOURS!

Do you have anything you would like to add to GatePost? Don't forget to send your stuff in to me so I can share it with the rest of the company! I will be sending out the Camera to another lucky candidate sometime soon, so keep watching this space!

It is always neat to hear what you are all up to and any success stories you may have!

Many Thanks,

Jen McLaren

**Regional Administrator – North / South**

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# FUTURE FARMER STUDENTS SOUTH ISLAND TRIP

During the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, eleven Future Farmer Students of the Future Farmer Course, Course Tutor Mark Goss and Landcorp Aratiatia Farm Business Manager Mark Cunningham, undertook a trip to the Te Anau Basin in the South Island. The group visited several of the large Landcorp properties, met the Managers, talked to staff and looked at how the South Island Landcorp operations compare to the Aratiatia property in Taupo - where the Future Farmer Students are based.

This was a great opportunity for our students as some of the staff the group met had previously completed the Future Farmer programme and were happy to share their experiences since graduating from training and beginning to work for Landcorp.

The following Landcorp properties were visited...

## **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

- Haycocks/Hikuraki Station-A deer/sheep/beef breeding operation. At 6700ha this is one of the largest farms in the area.

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

- Mararoa Station- Another large deer/sheep/beef breeding operation where a focus was on the extensive conservation activities and the students had the opportunity to talk to Daniel Hall an ex Future Farmer graduate who is now the Deer Farm Stock Manager.
- Lynmore Station- A lamb/cattle and deer finishing unit where students were able to talk to Rachel Bishop (a graduate from the Future Farmer class in 2009), about her experiences completing the course.
- Duncraigen Station – A Landcorp Angus Bull Genetic operation where the students could learn about the management of a breeding programme and the process of selling sires to Landcorp farms and the private sector.

## **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**

- Stuart Farm- Another large deer/sheep/beef breeding operation where the students were able to focus on the red deer breeding programme and meet Lesley Pollock a graduate from 2008 who has been working for Landcorp for two years.

While based in the Te Anau lakes area we were able to stay at Hikuraki Lodge which is attached to the Hikuraki property and close to the Mavora Lakes district. Here the students had the experience of "roughing it" as they had to prepare and cook all meals and exist without TV or cellphone coverage.

The trip was extremely educational for the students and gave them the opportunity to see some of the awesome scenery of Fiordland. We were also lucky enough to take a drive up to Milford Sound where the views have to be seen to be believed.

Thirteen tired individuals returned to Taupo on Thursday evening and the students are now enjoying a 2 week recess break where they can work on their assignment of writing extensive reports on the properties visited and an essay detailing their experiences.

I would like to close by thanking Mark Cunningham for his supervision of the trip and to Landcorp Farming for their generosity in making the trip possible. Photos on the following page!

Mark Goss

**Course Tutor/Supervisor**

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# FUTURE FARMER STUDENTS SOUTH ISLAND TRIP - PHOTOS



Sorry Mark – I couldn't resist putting in this last one!  
Thanks for being a good sport about it though – You're awesome!!!

Have a great weekend everyone!

