

Newsletter of the BFEA Alumni - Summer 2017



Final Judging Round nearly completed

A BIG thank-you to all Alumni members who have given of your time to help in the judging process.

Its really an asset having so many farmers involved in the judging, making the time to get out and about meet the entrants. Its such a privilege to be accepted onto someone else's farm, hear their farming philosophies, their challenges and triumphs. Thanks also to those of you who made mention of the BFEA judging in tweets or on FaceBook. Its so great hearing wonderful stories of the positive things taking place in farming, across all sectors.

You really are terrific ambassadors for our industry.



Jane Smith
@newhavenfarmsnz

Inspirational day judging the Ballance Farm Environmental awards around Otago. The future is in good hands. Proud to be a New Zealand Farmer.



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Tweet by Jane Smith (Otago)

Regional Awards Evenings

With the Regional judging nearly complete the next event on the calendar is the Regional Awards.

These, as you all know, are always a terrific night. If anyone is interested in attending regional awards evenings, details are available at the link below. Make sure to book you see so as not to miss out.

<http://www.nzfeatrust.org.nz/calendar>



2016 BFEA Horizons Supreme Winners David and Adrienne Hopkins and Ben and Belinda Price

Alumni Members in the News

There have been highs and lows in the media in connection with Alumni members.

- To Richard and Annabelle Subtil (Canterbury) - our hats go off to you for the way in which you reacted following the irrigator tyre slashing event at Omarama Station. Your poise and composure following such a frustrating event was laudable.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/north-otago/extending-olive-branch>

- To Marilyn and Gray Baldwin (Waikato) - a great profile on the cost and benefits of Environmental Stewardship.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/88327296/no-free-lunches-for-farmers-investing-in-environmental-stewardship>

- To Lisa and Paul Charmley (Horizons) - another great profile, this time in conjunction with the Dairy Environmental Leaders forum in Wellington recently.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/the-country/news/article.cfm?c_id=16&objectid=11791208

If you know of any other news about Alumni members please feel free to

email us the link. We'd love to share your stories among the Alumni Family.



Alumni Tweeters

To the tweeters out there, make sure you use the hashtag **#bfea** when you have something cool to share about sustainability within your farming operation. Its a wonderful way to connect positively with a wider audience.



Tweet by Jane Hutchings (Northland)

We'd also love it if you could email us your twitter handles which could be listed in the next Alumni newsletter. Its always great to keep the Alumni Family connected and share in the great work that is being undertaken across all our farms.

Keep up the good work
The BFEA Alumni Committee

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