

2018 ANNUAL AGM & CONFERENCE, WHANGAREI

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ITINERARY 6 - 8 JUNE 2018

DAY ONE - Wednesday 6 June

3.00 pm Registrations at Distinction Hotel, Whangarei

6.00 pm Meet & greet in the Distinction "Anchor Down" Lounge bar

7.00 pm Jersey NZ Awards Dinner in the Marina and Hatea Conference Rooms

Conference opening - DR SHANE RETI QSM, MP for Whangarei

Be entertained with a lively, comedy act by Conartists

DAY TWO - Thursday 7 June

7.30am Breakfast keynote speaker: John Wilson, Chairman Fonterra Board Sponsored breakfast by Fonterra

John Wilson joined the Fonterra Board in 2003 as a farmer-elected Director and became Chairman in 2012. He is Chairman of the People, Culture and Safety Committee. He served as the inaugural Chairman of the Fonterra Shareholders' Council. John is a director of Turners & Growers Limited, and is a chartered member of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand. He is on the Executive Board of the New Zealand China Council.

John firmly believes that Fonterra's future strength as a co-operative relies on farmers having the opportunity to move from the cowshed to the board room. John and his family live on their dairy farm near Te Awamutu. He jointly owns a dairy farming business based in Geraldine, South Canterbury.

9.00 am Keynote Speaker PROF Dr Dorian Garrick, B.Agr.Sc - Chief Scientist at the Massey University's AL Rae Centre - "Application of genomics to dairy cattle improvement"

Professor Garrick received a First Class Honors degree in Agricultural Science from Massey University in 1981 and a PhD from Cornell University in 1988. He held the inaugural appointment to the Jay Lush endowed Chair in Animal Breeding & Genetics at Iowa State University for 10 years from 2007. Prior to this he spent five years at Colorado State University and 15 years at Massey University where he held the AL Rae Chair since 1994. Dorian has been integrally involved in the development and implementation of national animal evaluation programs, performance recording databases and breeding schemes. His recent work has focused on theoretical and applied aspects of using genomic information to predict performance. Dorian works routinely in the improvement of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

10.00 am Morning Tea at Distinction Hotel



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10.30 am Workshops - choose between the following two workshops.

SESSION 1: Dr Joe McGrath - Animal Health

Following on from a sucessful workshop at the 2017 AGM & Conference in Wellington where Dr. Joe McGrath discussed "skeletal health and osteoporosis (in the cow not you!)", he is back for another workshop on Animal Health.

SESSION 2: John Vosper - Director at Jersey Girl Organics Ltd - Managing an Organic Jersey herd while adding value to your Jersey herd

The Vosper family has been farming on Cleavedale farm for five generations. Organic production methods require commitment, and energy. There are no shortcuts – no artificial fertiliser; No production line fast tracking; no modifications. In a world where so many want to rush, minimise or lie we believe in patience, generosity, honesty and doing all that is needed to let nature work her magic.

12.00 - 12.30 pm

SESSION 3: Murray Jagger - A progressive Jersey NZ farmer and company director with a focus on fostering a more productive and prosperous pastoral sector and community. "How Jersey cross beef breeding/marketing can add value to our Jersey farming businesses.

12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch at Distinction Hotel featuring a cooking display with Jersey cross meat

2.00 pm Depart for Herd visits - Split into two groups, and travel to Williams Jerseys and Okura Jerseys,

Hikurangi.

4.15 pm Depart for Barge Showgrounds Event Centre, Whangarei. On arrival enjoy nibbles and a cool

beverage

5.30pm Jersey Pride Sale sponsored by LIC

7.00 pm Dinner and Youth/Jersey NZ auctions

DAY THREE - Friday 8 June

9.30 am Annual General Meeting, Distinction Hotel

1.00 -2.00 pm Lunch

6.00 pm Sustainability themed 'OP Shop Ball' dinner sponsored by Bell-Booth at Distinction Hotel.

Take the opportunity to dress up, wear something purchased from an OP Shop

(glamorous or fun) or use recycled materials to put together an outfit.

Entertainment provided by live band "Bootleg".



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DISTINCTION WHANGAREI ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION IS TO BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH DISTINCTION HOTEL BY 11 MAY 2018

Rooms cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Distinction Hotel, Whangarei are holding rooms from 6 – 8 June 2018 for attendees of the Jersey NZ Conference at the following rates:

- Standard studio single/twin rooms: \$149.00 per night (room only)
- Superior studio rooms: \$179.00 per night (room only)

To make a booking, please email reservations@distinctionwhangarei.co.nz or call (09) 430 4080 and quote the reference R-38084

These rates will be valid with the hotel until 11 May 2018 or until the allocation of rooms has been booked. Any bookings after this time will be taken subject to hotel availability and at the best available rate.

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