

Ruataniwha – It's Now or Never



7PM, TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER
WAIPAWA MUNICIPAL THEATRE, HAWKE'S BAY

Free to attend – Interactive evening for Hawke's Bay farmers
Jointly hosted by Federated Farmers & Irrigation New Zealand

Federated Farmers and IrrigationNZ have joined forces to give farmers the facts they need to make decisions on Ruataniwha dam water. 'Ruataniwha – It's Now or Never' is free and will take place on 4 November at Waipawa's Municipal Theatre at 7pm.

"There is too much misinformation being spread about Ruataniwha and the cost of dam water" say Andrew Curtis, CEO IrrigationNZ. "That is why we are bringing up both pastoral and cropping farmers involved in North Otago Irrigation company (NOIC) and Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd (BCI) as real life examples."

This is about real life people, how they have worked through the decision to irrigate and made water work for them in practice. Both farmers have had decisions with a water price comparable to Ruataniwha.

This night will greatly help Hawke's Bay farmers to sort out the information wheat from the chaff. Ruataniwha is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Hawke's Bay. We implore farmers to be at the Waipawa Municipal Theatre on 4 November at 7pm..

PRESENTERS

PETER MITCHELL

Runs a diverse cropping operation on NOIC Scheme. This is a good example of the opportunities irrigation can create.

RAB McDOWELL

Runs a traditional sheep and beef enterprise that has diversified into finishing, dairy support and occasional cropping on BCI scheme. Rab provides a good example of the approach many Hawke's Bay farmers exploring irrigation for the first time may initially take – adding irrigation to your existing enterprise rather than completely reconfiguring the farm system.

HUGH RITCHIE

Will explain why the addition of Ruataniwha water will work for his cropping enterprise.

ARTHUR ROWLANDS

Will explain why Ruataniwha water will work for his diversified traditional Hawke's Bay sheep and beef enterprise.



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