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Nau mai te whanau ki Te Uranga B2 Te hotoke o to maatau panui. Kia mahana te wa o tenei takurua me te coronavirus ka hoki mai ki o tatou ka hoki mai ana etahi ki te kainga.
Ki te hunga e tata ana, kia atawhai, kia atawhai.

Producing food remains the shining light

As we now start to focus on *"life on the other side"* and a recovery of our economy *"post-COVID"* all eyes are on the primary production sector and in particular, agriculture, to *"pull us through"*. While it is true, and been said many times that agriculture remains the best place to be in amongst all of the challenging times that we are facing, the reality is the returns from the agricultural sector will also be hard hit over the coming few years.

While the last month has confirmed for us that it is not all *"doom and gloom"* and we have seen the world demand for our quality food products increase again we need to be realistic that the *"gloss has come off"*. Farming has had a very stellar run over the last few years and while these businesses remain strong, the income line will decrease and with ever increasing costs of running farming businesses this means the profit line will take a big hit. Hopefully this message has got through to the government as they work out that their tax take over the next few years will be well down. This is not good for the country when we look at the cost of COVID-19 through government subsidies and the like.

It has been interesting however that farmers are now the *"flavour of the month"* again and after a constant barrage of new regulation and restriction on farming, the government has started to realise where the money comes from. While most farmers do not ignore their sustainability and environmental obligations it will be good to see a more balanced approach being taken by the government here so that we can ensure that we have a vibrant and thriving agricultural production sector in New Zealand for the next 100 years or more.

So what does this mean for Te Uranga B2 and every other farming business for the year ahead? The key focus must be on efficiency across the board. We must ensure that everything that is being done to produce quality, safe products that the world demands and look carefully at the cost of producing these so that the profit line is kept up.

It was Winston Churchill who said, *"Never let a good crisis go to waste"*. This is how we must treat the *"perfect storm"* of events of the last three months. We must use this as an opportunity to make the Te Uranga B2 business even stronger for the future.

Darren McNae, AgFirst

The impacts of Coronavirus

Everyone will be aware of the Coronavirus and its spread around the globe. So what impact is this having on New Zealand agriculture and more specifically Te Uranga B2 farm operations?

The immediate impact has been on the beef market. Around the globe there has been a move to tighten border controls, impacting trade. Specifically, in China these restrictions have been very strong and coupled with imposing limits of movement on residents in cities means food supply is constrained and demand for produce subdued.

Both factors have led to a log jam of product in our meat works. Their chillers are full and there are significant delays in finding slots to send produce to the works. Prices have fallen alongside this. Te Uranga B2 is no different to other farms in feeling this impact.

However, Te Uranga B2 remains a in a sound position. It has a strong financial base and

resilient farm practices and is still tracking well against its budgets.

Peter Topham, Peak Chartered Accountants

Hawke's Bay Feed Relief

With the continuation of a severe drought in the Hawke's Bay looking to progress into winter, Ruapehu Federated Farmers are looking to the generosity of local farmers to help fill a 30% deficit in winter feed budgets.

Drought

The drought and widespread dry across the country have caused significant feed shortages exacerbated by a reduction in processing capacity as a result of the new protocols that processing companies had to maintain during the Covid 19 lockdown.

While the Bay is traditionally dry over summer preparing for an unprecedented drought of this magnitude is easier said than done, with that in mind Ruapehu Federated Farmers is combining with **Ongarue Transport** to help coordinate pick up and deliver hay and silage to the Bay if you would like to donate hay or silage bales and are willing to help another farmer in need out we would love to hear from you.

Pickups

We can arrange pickups, there are no minimum or maximum, or if you, like others locally that have no spare bales but are keen to jump on board we are handling financial donations to help purchase feed locally to send over, please email or phone one of your local feds team with any assistance you could provide to help get the Bay out of shit situation going into winter.

Te Uranga B2 does not have any feed to donate so instead it has donated \$1,000, that will purchase about 8 silage bales that will feed about fifteen cattle for a week.

Young Animators Workshop

Te Uranga B2 will be sponsoring its third 2-day **Young Animators Workshop** during the July school holidays – Monday and Tuesday, 13 & 14

July – in Taumarunui for tamariki aged 10 – 14 yrs.

Tamariki will learn to animate stories using tablets supplied by animator Nikora Ngaporo who with his crew will conduct the sessions. Up to 30 tamariki can attend the workshop.

The workshop is free but tamariki must bring their own kai. The workshop starts promptly at 9.00 am each day finishes at 3.00 pm.

To register your tamariki contact **Carla at Peak Chartered Accountants, at 37 Miriama Street, 07 8953013, email: carla@peakca.co.nz**

Upokomatu Quarry

The quarry on Ngakonui Ongarue Road has supplied the Incorporation farms with metal for many years. Jilesen Contractors Ltd of Taumarunui has taken over its operation from George Conrad supplying metal also to local farmers and roading contractors.



The overburden – top soil – has been used to infill the gully below the quarry to be sown in grass seed.

**2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER,
Ngakonui Hall**

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*Te toto o te tangata, he kai, Te oranga o te tangata he whenua
Food supplied the blood of man; his welfare depends on the land*

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