



MRB / BNZ Client Day

Opportunities and Challenges for the 2020's

Date: Tuesday 3rd November, 2020
Venue: O'Reilly Auditorium
Ashburton Events Centre - 211 Wills Street, Ashburton
Time: 2:00pm – 5:30 pm
RSVP: by Wednesday 28th October
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The MRB and BNZ teams have worked together to provide a premier group of speakers, ensuring that we challenge and equip you with knowledge and ideas to make the most of the 2020's.

Speakers

- 1. Doug Steel - BNZ Head Economist.** One of New Zealand's most informed agricultural economist's, the outlook for NZ agriculture, what we need to look out for and consider for our business forecasts.
- 2. Dana Muir, BNZ, Associate Director, Natural Capital.** With all this shift happening in the Primary sector, what does the future look like for Macfarlane Rural Business clients and BNZ Agribusiness customers? And when it comes to managing your farm's natural capital and environment, how important is mindset in seeing the opportunities for an enriched and prosperous future?
- 3. Gerard Hickey - First Light Wagyu.** The story of pasture fed Wagyu dairy beef. MRB analysis of how this can fit into dairy breeding programs, finishing options and profitability.
- 4. Mark Collie - Carrfields.** Hemp production, an emerging crop opportunity. Potential uses of hemp. How this crop could fit into your farm program?
- 5. BNZ + MRB - Chris Wylie, Jeremy Savage.** The business of dealing with policy and banking changes. What can farmers focus on to get the best outcomes?
- 6. Sandi Wood - Advance Ashburton Community Foundation.** Introduction to Advance Ashburton, how they can contribute to the future success of our region.