



**Darren Graham McNae**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**2009**



# DARREN GRAHAM MCNAE

## Personal

- Born 1978, Masterton, New Zealand
- Currently residing in Hamilton

## Academic

- 1997 - 1999 Bachelor of Applied Science (Rural valuation and Management), Massey University
- 2000, Diploma in Rural Studies (Pasture Management and Pasture Assessment), Massey University

## Other Qualifications / Training

- Qualified Massey University Tutor on Dairy Nutrition
- 2000 – Certificate in Adult Learning – Massey University
- Registered FARMAX<sup>®</sup> Consultant
- 2005 – Certificate in Sustainable Nutrient Management in New Zealand Agriculture – Massey University
- 2005 - Toastmasters

## Memberships

- NZIPIM (member)
- New Zealand Grasslands Association

## Monitor Farm Programme Involvement:

- 2004 Facilitator Support for BOP Monitor Farm Programme
- 2004-2006 Facilitator Support for Waikato Franklin Monitor Farm Programme
- 2002-2006 Facilitator Waitomo MWNZ Monitor Farm Programme - S & K Smart
- 2009-2009 Facilitator Northern King Country MWNZ Monitor Farm Programme – P & T Coley
- 2009- Facilitator Lake Taupo MWNZ Monitor Farm Programme– Multiple farms

## Supervising Consultant for:

- Whiroa E Trust Sheep / Beef
- Te Paiaka Trust Sheep / Beef
- Glenshee Trust Dairy
- Paengaroa North B10A Trust Dairy
- Pukenui J Trust Sheep/Beef
- Zoetermeer Trust Dairy
- Te Uranga B2 Incorporation Sheep/Beef/Dairy

### **Support Consultant for:**

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| ▪ Tiroa E Trust      | Sheep / Beef |
| ▪ Te Hape B Trust    | Sheep / Beef |
| ▪ Putauaki Trust     | Beef         |
| ▪ Rakeihopukia Trust | Cropping     |
| ▪ Owhata 2B & 7      | Cropping     |

Key Role – Technical Support and Management

### **Other Farm Advisory:**

- A number of on going and one off clients in the Bay of Plenty, Taupo and King Country regions completing a range of tasks from lease analysis through to property purchase proposals.
- Current work base is described as 60% Drystock, 35% Dairy and 5% Cropping. I believe that there is a real strength to both myself and my clients to maintain this enterprise mix.
- Model Controller for MAF Farm Monitoring - Central North Island Hill Country Model for 2004 -2006

### **Employment:**

- 1999-2000 Farm Technician - Bay of Plenty, Central Plateau, Waikato  
AgFirst Consultants (Central) Ltd, Rotorua
- 2001 - 2002 Farm Consultant / Practice Manager,  
AgFirst Consultants (Central) Ltd, Rotorua
- 2002 – Full time Farm Consultant – Bay of Plenty,  
Central Plateau, King Country,  
AgFirst Consultants (Central) Ltd, Rotorua

### **Background:**

I come from a sheep and beef farming background in the Eastern Wairarapa. This operation is currently investigating expansion / intensification opportunities in order to ensure profitability in future years.

During my time in this region I have participated in a large variety of farming operations and also experienced a diverse range of management techniques.

This was furthered once employment began with AgFirst Consultants in the Bay of Plenty. Initial period of employment was primarily as Practice Manager for the office with the opportunity to begin the establishment of a client base.

### **Extension and Rural Intelligence:**

1. Development and validation of a practical pasture quality-scoring system for farmers. System currently in use by DairyWatch, a BOP Dairy Farm monitoring service - 2000
2. Development of Structure and Operation of Sheep Stud Breeding System to most effectively combine the genetics of five farms to result in the most efficient genetic gain - 1999
3. Data technician for the 2000 - 2005 MAF Policy Farm Monitoring Contracts. This included two models incorporating farms from Wanganui to Otorohanga. Model Controller for Central North Island Hill Country Model for 2004 - 2006.