

## **2020 Annual General Meeting – Waikato Branch**

NZIPIM One Day Forum and AGM, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug at the Sky City Hamilton.

### **Chairman's Report**

Since the last AGM on the Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the branch has continued to run high quality activities for our Waikato members. The delivery of our events have been modified somewhat due to the challenges that Covid-19 has presented us. But as a committee we believe these activities have assisted in members professional development, knowledge base and networking opportunities. At our committee planning meeting 12 months ago we decided to increase the amount of networking activities for members, as you will see from the events listed below we have achieved this goal.

#### **Activities throughout the year included:**

In August we started our events with a networking/social event for members at the Good Union pub in Cambridge. There was positive feedback from the people who attended this event which gave us confidence that our branch members were wanting these types of events.

In September we had an update from LIC on measuring pastures from space program. This was followed by Samantha Tennent- Farm Performance Developer at DairyNZ giving us an update on the reproduction tools provided by DairyNZ

In October we had two Greenhouse Gas course organized but the national office being held at the McMeekan Centre. This was a very good course and was oversubscribed here in the Waikato requiring a second event.

In December the team from AgFirst presented the work they had done on Land Use Diversification in the Waikato Region. This event created very interesting discussion.

The first event for 2020 was another networking/social event at the Roaming Giant pub in East Hamilton. There was an excellent turnout to this event.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March we had our annual breakfast event (being held the day before Level 4 lock down was announce by the government). Cameron Bagrie from Bagrie Economics presented his thoughts on where the world economy was going to head with the Covid 19 pandemic. Brian Peacocke from Property Brokers also gave us an update as to the changing land valuations around New Zealand.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> April under full lock down the branch organized Jo McFadden from Pep Worldwide to do a webinar on how to organize Outlook focusing on organizing your emails in calendars and in task folders.

In May we carried on with the use of webinars and organized an event covering the new Debt Mediation legislation that had recently passed on legislation.

In July & August as we came out of lock down, we as a committee decided to run two networking/ social events at Te Awamutu & Morrinsville. We thought it was important to take these events out to the rural service towns to make them easier for the local rural professionals to attend. This strategy worked well.

I am sure you will agree with me we have had a busy and diverse schedule of events this year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support and direction I have received from the branch committee. It was a challenging year to organize events. The committee members generously offer their time and input into organizing activities. I personally thank them on behalf of the branch membership for their efforts. I would also like to especially acknowledge the contribution of our branch secretary/treasurer Steven Law for his support. Finally I would like to thank NZIPIM CEO Stephen Macaulay and Events Coordinator Melissa Bahler for the support they provide from Wellington.

Steve Canton

Chair

NZIPIM Waikato Branch

## Waikato Branch Financial Summary for the year ending 29 February 2020

Opening Balance 1 March 2019		19,804.73
<b>Waikato Events</b>		
Greenhouse Gas Breakfast Seminar	(79.95)	
Integrating dairy cow and dairy goat farming	(15.65)	
Land use diversification in the waikato	(102.88)	
Managing people on farm	(193.91)	
Networking Event - April 2019	(149.04)	
Networking Event - August 2019	(194.17)	
Waikato Branch Winter Forum	<u>(609.77)</u>	<u>(1,345.37)</u>
Branch Grants	2,000.00	
Interest Revenue	<u>438.40</u>	<u>2,438.40</u>
<b>Closing Balance 29 February 2020*</b>		<u><b>20,897.76</b></u>

\*Note bank balance has been adjusted down by \$1,460.85 for revenue which relates to an event held in March 2020. This revenue will be reflected in the 2021 Branch Financial Summary.