

# Waikato Branch Winter Forum and AGM

**LOCATION:** Hamilton Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, Airport Road, Hamilton.

**DATE:** Wednesday 30 August

**TIME:** 1:15 PM-9:30 PM

## NZIPIM Winter Forum: Alternatives to current pastoral Agricultural Farming systems in the Waikato.

Continued questioning of the viability and sustainability of our current pastoral agricultural practices has had all involved in farming consider alternatives that maybe considered on Waikato farms.

Join us to hear a mix of well-respected Agribusiness leaders and emerging young leaders speak about alternatives available for Waikato farming businesses now and in the future.

<b>1:15pm</b>	Tea and coffee and Branch AGM
<b>2:00pm</b>	Introductions
<b>2:05pm</b>	Forestry: an option 25 years ago & an option today. Warren Parker, former CEO Scion.
<b>2:45pm</b>	Off paddock dairy herd shelter. Hamish McMillan & Zoe Pow, Herd Homes.
<b>3:25pm</b>	Afternoon tea.
<b>3:45pm</b>	Sheep milking, Progress to date, including establishing a premium product that matches consumer demand. Thomas MacDonald, Business Manager, Spring Sheep NZ
<b>4:25pm</b>	Milking goats v dairy cows -financial comparisons. Mason Pickering, Final year Waikato University Agri Business student.
<b>5:05pm</b>	Maize grain & silage, opportunities available & returns, Ian Williams, Farm Systems Specialist, Pioneer.
<b>5:45pm</b>	Happy hour
<b>6:30pm</b>	Dinner Guest Speaker: Keith Woodford, Honorary Professor of Agri-Food systems, Lincoln University.