



## **ANZ - Entrepreneurship Field Trip (11)**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Field Trip Leader: Neil Gow**

**Focus for the Day: To visit some local rural entrepreneurs**

### **Programme**

- 8.30 am Leave Methven for Rakaia, Leeston Irwell - 73km
- 9.30 am Waipuna Blackcurrants and Arable  
Seed Trialing
- 11.30 am Leave Waipuna for Lake Crichton -15km
- 12.00 pm Lake Crichton for Lunch  
Wright - Man Made Water Ski Lake  
Studholme – Prime Smoke Salmon
- 2.00 pm Leave for Southbridge – 20km
- 2.30 pm Oakley - Vegetables
- 4.00 pm Leave for Lincoln University – 35km
- 4.30 pm Arrive at Field days site
- 8.30 pm Leave for Methven – 80km
- 9.30 pm Arrive Methven Resort

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## **Entrepreneurship Visits**

### **Waipuna**

Murray and Marilyn Stephens and their son Stewart farm 200 owned ha and 86 leased ha. They grow ryegrass seed, wheat, barley, radish seed, vining peas, green and broad beans plus 90ha of black currants. This year they harvested some 630 tonnes of currants – about 10% of the New Zealand crop. Murray has recently retired from chairing the marketing pool which handles the produce of 35 currant growers. He was the winner of the Lincoln University Foundation Farmer of the Year Award for Horticulture

As landlords they lease buildings and 24ha of land to Southern Seeds Technology Ltd, a firm that specializes in trialing and testing seeds for northern hemisphere breeders on a counter season basis. This year they will handle in excess of 80,000 lines of seed all of which are re-exported.

### **Lake Crichton**

Chris Wright and his family operate two man-made international water ski lakes on the portion of their farm that they did not sell to Synlait. Prior to the farm sale Chris was a leading light land sheep and beef farmer, an original investor the co-operative meat exporter Fort Export and a President of the Canterbury A&P Association.

### **Prime Smoke Salmon**

Henry Studholme started Prime Smoke in a former honey factory at Hororata after losing his farm in the debt crisis of the 1980's. He has pioneered a number of smoking techniques for use on sea ranch salmon and now supplies both local and export markets

### **Oakley Vegetables**

Robin and Shirleen Oakley now farm at Southbridge and produce and package a range of vegetables for the South Island supermarkets. Robin has solved the problem of producing Broccoli on a year round basis and is a major supplier of potatoes, the crop he first started growing as a 15yr old. Robin has been a finalist in the Lincoln University Foundation Farmer of the Year Award and has completed a Rabobank Executive Development course