



Sunday, 28 March 2010

CALLING ON ALL FEDERATED FARMERS MEMBERS

9AM-4PM (OR PART THEREOF)

WE WELCOME YOUR HELP

- Parking cars
- Greeting people as they arrive
- Guiding a walking group.

If you can help out please let us know. We can't be sure how many people will turn up, so the more hands we have on deck the better.

Parking: Cars will need to be parked in A&P show style in a pre-designated area. Please come with a safety vest.

Greeting guests once their car is parked: Everyone will come through the same gate. They need to be welcomed, given a name tag and linked into a walking group.

Guided walks: Every FARM DAY will have a guided walk around the farm. Groups will be kept small. Each farm walk will last about one hour. As the host your job will be to look after the group throughout the farm tour, tell some stories about how you farm and encourage the group to enjoy themselves. Your role is to be the face of farming. This is a great opportunity to build new friends in the non-farming community.

To help with one of these jobs, please contact -

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Our hosts are The Robb family and their manager, Andrew Wallace

69 Hanmer Terrace, Gladstone

The Robb family milk 350 Jersey cows on this 170ha farm, with plans for another 50 to be added to the herd next year. The farm was converted to dairy two years ago, prior to that it ran dry stock.

They will host a farm walk based around the dairy operation. Details will be decided closer to the day.

We also hope to have other activities relating to farming for people to do, and animals to see and touch.

This is not a 'wander at will' farm tour. The public will be met at the gate, put into groups and escorted around the farm.

We need your help on the day to make FARM DAY a success. Please think about lending a hand. There will be a FARM DAY session for helpers at the farm on 8th March at 11am. Please let us know if you are going to be available, so we can keep in contact if there are any changes.



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MARCH 2010



WEST COAST

FARM DAY

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH 2010

Federated Farmers is holding another New Zealand-wide open FARM DAY this year. The West Coast FARM DAY will be held at the Robb farm at Gladstone.

FARM DAY will be a great opportunity to further the relationship between town and country. It gives urban people, particularly parents with children, an opportunity to come out into the country and see what happens on a farm. We look forward to being able to build stronger relationships with people who would not normally venture onto a farm.

Farm Day aims to promote New Zealand's world class agricultural sector, with a strong focus on the environment under this year's theme, *The Green Farmer*.

Our two take home messages from the day are simple and clear. We want people to remember that:

- New Zealand farmers grow healthy and safe food
- New Zealand farmers care about the environment.

I am asking all members to hang page two of this flyer in a shop window, take it to their local school, or pass it on to a non-farming friend.

We cannot run this day without your support. If you could help out, it would be great. It is clear that the more helpers on deck, the easier it will be to pull off another great event.

I hope to see you on March 28th.

Many thanks

Katie Milne

President, West Coast Federated Farmers

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ROBB FAMILY'S FARM

69 HANMER TERRACE, GLADSTONE

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH 2010

10am-3pm

FREE FAMILY FUN



FARM DAY

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