

## Futureproofing Your Farm

Our host, **Peter Curtis**, manages one of Pāmu's (formerly Landcorp) Moutoa Dairy farms, milking 300 cows. A HerdHome was installed in 2015, with the goals of: gaining a 12.5% return over 10 years, increasing cow comfort, and reducing their nutrient footprint. Peter will share his experiences incorporating a barn into their farm system and getting the best results out of it. Also:

### Off-paddock shelters. Worth it, or not?

Building an off-paddock shelter is a big investment: in money, and in reworking your system to optimise its use. **Dave Horne**, Massey University, will talk about the pros and cons of off-paddock shelters, the opportunities they offer, and how they can fit into a smaller herd business. Factors to consider include not only their financial impact, but also how they affect animal and people welfare. Dave will also talk about the research at Massey's No.4 Dairy, where they are developing a housing system suitable for lower North Island conditions. Their aim is to combine high production and profit with lower nitrate and phosphorus leaching.

### Profitable plus sustainable. Is it possible?

Pāmu has a goal of leading the way in sustainable farming to protect and enhance the environment, but what does this mean in practice on-farm? And how do we build a farm that is both profitable and sustainable? **Alison Dewes**, Pāmu Head of Environment, will talk about how Pāmu is actioning its goal at the farm level and how you can still make money while lowering your environmental footprint.

Horizons' One Plan continues to be a challenge for everyone. **Adam Duker**, DairyNZ, will outline the latest regulatory developments, what the One Plan means for you, tackling the challenges, and what you can do to meet your obligations now and in the future.

**Free event, all welcome. Morning tea and lunch provided.**

**When:** **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
10 am for a cuppa,  
main programme 10.30 am – 2 pm

**Where:** **Peter Curtis**  
587 Kere Kere Rd, Moutoa  
S/N 45366 (see map on next page)

**RSVP by:** **23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
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