

Growing Great Calves and Well Designed Effluent Systems

Growing great calves

How well you manage your calves between birth and weaning will affect your heifers' productivity when they join the herd. We are going to look at our hosts' (**Keith and Tracey Crawford**) calf rearing sheds, and discuss best practice, what works in older facilities, and keeping diseases at bay.

Emma Cuttance, VetEnt, will talk about calf health and welfare research findings, and best practice calf management to achieve better outcomes for your calves. She will cover the importance of "gold" colostrum and how to ensure your calves get enough good quality colostrum close to birth.

Joanne Leigh will give you the low-down on the tricks of the trade from a professional calf rearer's perspective. Joanne and her husband, Jonathan, own a dairy farm and set up their large-scale calf rearing business, [Top-Notch Calves](#), 16 years ago. They rear 2000 calves in autumn and 5000 in spring. Joanne will share how they produce consistently good results from their operation.

Effluent systems – the right fit

Keith and Tracey currently have a two pond system and they are considering how they will meet their future effluent management obligations. **Logan Bowler**, DairyNZ, will take you through what is required, and what you need to think about when designing a system that is right for your farm. Also, Logan will cover: storage options, system design, irrigation options, green water use, and the costs and benefits of the different options. This session will give you tools to help you choose the right system for your farm and manage it effectively.

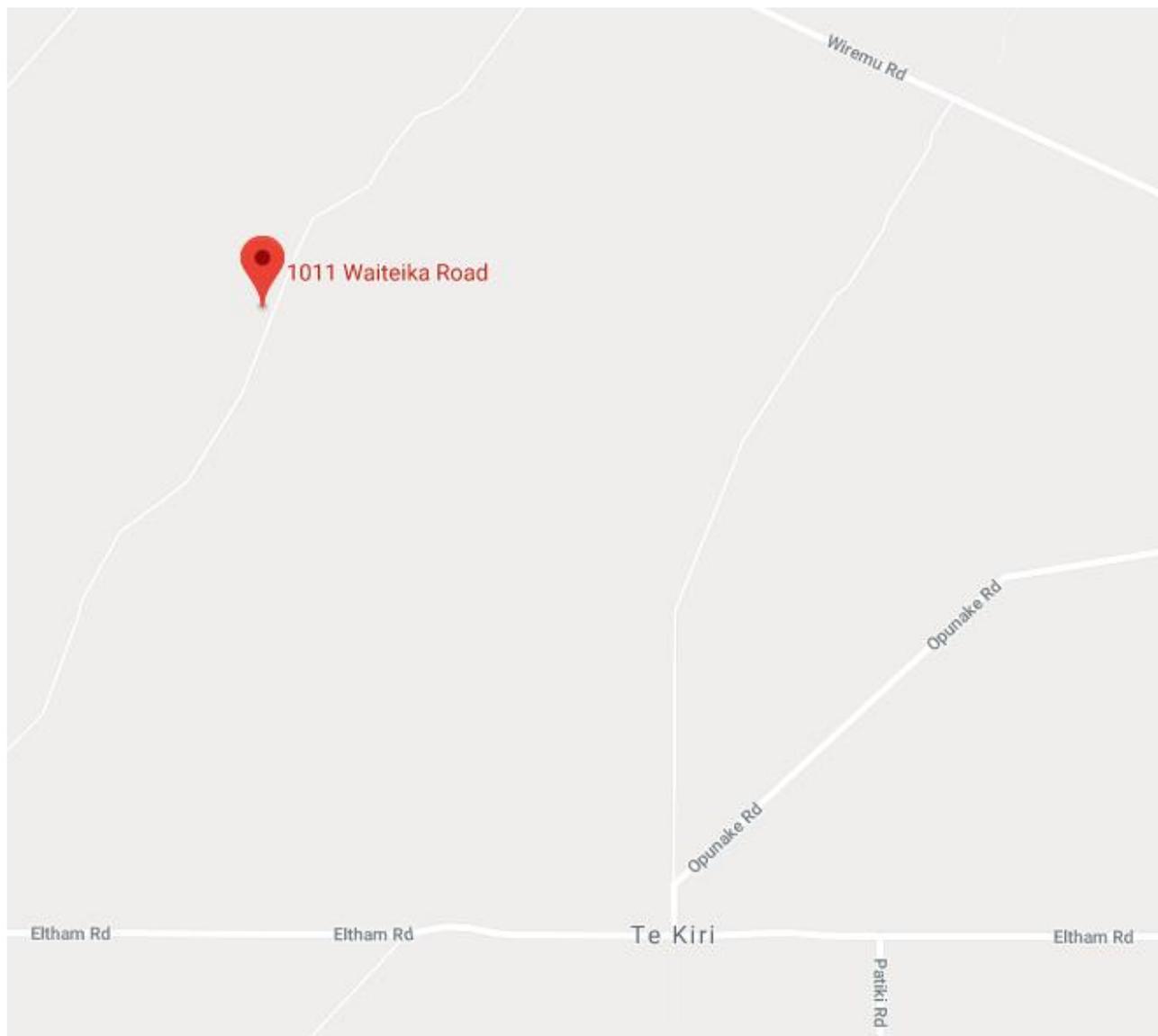
Free event, all welcome. Morning tea and lunch provided.

When: **Tuesday 26th February**
morning tea 10.15 am for a cuppa,
main program 10.30 am – 1 pm (followed by lunch)

Where: **Keith and Tracey Crawford**
1011 Waiteika Rd, Oponake
S/N 41460 (see map on next page)

RSVP by: **24th February**
register on-line at www.smallerherds.co.nz
phone Tracey Crawford 0212 726 422

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