

2009, Conference Programme - Farming Forward

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On behalf of the Dairy Women's Network we would like to acknowledge all those involved in the DWN 2009 conference, recently held at Christchurch.

The conference was a resounding success with those attending leaving inspired, motivated and refreshed – and ready for the forthcoming dairy season. This feedback, for us, is particularly good given the current mindset of the 'recession'. In fact, many delegates commented that the guest speakers such as John Penno, CEO of Synlait Ltd and Cameron Bagrie, ANZ Bank Chief Economist, put everything in perspective for them and they now understand that, although there are tough times ahead it is, indeed, a worthy industry to be in.

The Board and the Management team want to especially thank two very important groups of people, integral to the success of the conference. These are –

- The conference committee - for all their hard work and preparation to pull such a large event together. These women have sacrificed a notable amount of their personal time as volunteers to make the conference the success it was. And, of course -
- Our sponsors. This includes our Prime Funder DairyNZ, our Prime Sponsor the ANZ Bank - and our Network Partners: AgResearch, CRS Software, CRV AmBreed, Donaghys, and Meridian Energy. A special thanks, also, to the major conference sponsors: the Animal Health Board, Ballance Agri-Nutrients and the SwainWoodham Group. Although we cannot mention all our conference sponsors by name please consider this a personal acknowledgement of your support to the Dairy Women's Network. Without this, the conference would not go ahead.

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