

ORGANIC SECTOR FORUM 2013.

June 17, 18, 19, 2013.

Wairakei Resort Taupo.

After the success of the ***Organic Dairy Sector Forum 2012***, Organic Promotions is pleased to advise that the venue is booked for the

Organic Sector Forum 2013!

The aims of the event are;

- To bring those involved in organic primary production together.
- To provide 'out of the gate' insight to organic sector practitioners.
- To provide business & social networking opportunities.
- To empower primary producers through knowledge.
- And of course, enjoy some great food and social exchange.

There will be a wide range of 'in the gate' trade displays to enable primary producers to be right up to the mark with input and services options for certified organic production.

The Forum will include a range of seminars and workshops designed for;

- All engaged in the organic productive sector.
- Special sessions for dairy.
- Special sessions for pastoral.
- Special sessions for horticulture.
- Special sessions for input / service providers.
- Special sessions for direct sale raw milk to end user.

While the programme is still a work in progress, **the venue is booked and the commitment made.**

Please feel free to suggest topics of interest or speakers.

The provisional programme is below.

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Monday 17 th June.	Agenda.	Presenters.	Agenda (parallel).	
10 am.	Registrations.		Morning Tea>>trade exhibits.	
11 am.	Opening message. Overview of the NZ organic sector and relationship with the world.	Special guest.		
12.15 pm.	Lunch.		Trade exhibits.	
1.15 pm.	The Right to Farm. In this session we explore a land owners right to produce food/fibre on Class A land. Containment in farm border; liability issues, spray, smell, water, GE, Organic, hort. Vs. pastoral,	<i>A range of speakers have been approached. Please feel free to put forward suggestions.</i>	Trades; 1.30 to 2.30. Growth of certified organic versus non-certified sales. The role Trades have in growing the certified organic supply.	
2.45 pm.	Afternoon tea.		Trade exhibits.	
3.15 pm.	The Right to Farm. Cont.	Farmer discussion.	3.30 to 4.45. Trades; Continued	
5 pm.	Session end.		Trade exhibits, golf, bar, sauna, etc.	
6.30 pm.	Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles.		Trade exhibits, etc.	
7.30 pm.	Dinner; organic buffet.			
Post dinner.	The bars, dance floors, conversation lounges are at your disposal.			
Tuesday 19 th June;				
6.30 am.	Video viewing. <i>Symphony of the Soil.</i>	<i>This is entirely optional!</i>		
7 am.	Organic buffet breakfast opens.			
8.30 am.	Integrity in production & marketing. <i>The role of third party validation and the risks to this.</i>	<i>A range of speakers have been approached. Please feel free to put forward suggestions.</i>		
9.45 am.	Morning tea.		Trade exhibits.	
10.15 am.	<i>Concluding with discussion.</i>	Full panel Q&A.		
12 noon.	Lunch.		Trade exhibits.	

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1.15 pm.	Certification; A workshop on understanding & evaluating the market validation (certification) infrastructure.	<i>A range of speakers have been approached. Please feel free to put forward suggestions.</i>		
2.45 pm.	Afternoon tea.		Trade exhibits.	
3.15 pm.	Continued in 2 groups Pastoral & Hort. <i>Meeting the certification needs of a sector. Open discussion driven from the floor; how well is third party validation working for you?</i>			
5 pm.	Session end.		Trade exhibits, golf, bar, sauna, etc.	
6.30 pm.	Pre-dinner drinks.			
7.30 pm.	Organic Banquet			
Post dinner.	The bars, dance floors, conversation lounges are at your disposal.			
Wednesday 20th June				
6.30 am.	Video viewing. Genetic Roulette.	<i>This is entirely optional!</i>		
7 am.	Organic buffet breakfast opens.			
8.30 am.	Into sessions; Raw milk. Meat marketing. Hort. issues. Direct selling. On farm processing. Branding Arable Domestic only sales Contracts Succession of enterprise Overseer-nutrient budgeting	<u>Various.</u> <i>A range of speakers have been approached. Please feel free to put forward suggestions.</i>	Trades Certification; A workshop on certification infrastructure as it relates to input/service providers.	
10.15 am.	Morning tea		Trade exhibits.	
11.45	More of the sessions.			
12.15pm.	Lunch.			
1.30 pm.	Organic Vs. imitator's?? <i>Sustainability using agrichemicals—facts and fallacies.</i>	<i>A range of speakers have been approached. Please feel free to put forward suggestions.</i>		

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3.00 pm.	Afternoon tea		Trade exhibits.	
3.30 pm.	Organic Vs. imitator's?? <i>Sustainability using agrichemicals—facts and fallacies.</i>			
4.30pm	Summary and final address.			
4.59pm.	Forum Concluded.			
Post Forum.	Linger and chat, golf, bars, etc. or head off home at your leisure. <i>Stay another night.</i>			
Additional options; Sunday or Thursday.	Arrive in Taupo Sunday lunch time and spend the afternoon catching trout for your dinner---cooked by the chef @ Wairakei.	A round of golf--- Could be Sunday or Thursday.	We are working on the possibility of one of the key note speakers running an 'in the gate' workshop on the Thursday.	An opportunity for AGM or executive meetings of various organisations.

The Wairakei Resort is an ideal venue for such a Forum as this.

The Forum will be all onsite, with first class facilities, both in accommodation and conference areas.

Check out the detail on line at:

<http://www.wairakei.co.nz>

The Resort also offers conference room rates for 2 nights either side of the Forum.

See below for the pricing schedule.

For relaxation enjoy our onsite facilities.

- On-site Body, Beauty and Therapy Treatment Clinic
- 9 Hole Golf Course
- Two heated outdoor swimming pools
- Six Spa pools
- Two Astroturf floodlight tennis courts
- Fully equipped gymnasium
- Squash court
- Sauna
- Children's Playground
- Two Restaurants and Bars
- Outdoor function Bar and Barbeque deck
- In-house Nightclub available on request

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Pricing Schedule. (Inclusive of GST.)

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Extra nights (up to 2 either side of the Forum) can be added for a room rate of; Note: no meals included for these nights.		\$140 per room.
Organic Sector Forum. 11 am. Monday 17 th June to 5 pm. Wednesday 19 th June. Meals and Forum only;		\$360 per person.

The importance of being there:

- Mix with other organic farmers/growers.
- Mix with input / service providers.
- Get informed on the various visions entities have for the organic sector.
- Have your say on the future of the organic sector.
- 32(approx.) farms have Fonterra contracts finish in May 2013 & how many Kiwifruit growers are in PSA doubt.
- Be informed and involved in the future of organics in New Zealand.

To register simply email info@organicag.co.nz and state you preference from the pricing schedule above.

You will then be invoiced. You may book and nominate a month for your payment or a schedule of payments.

All accounts must be paid by 20th May 2013. Late booking may incur additional charges.

Regards,

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