



Deer Industry Environmental Awards 2017





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What impressed the judges:

- Very proactive relationship with processor and promotion of the story behind the production of a high quality product.
- Careful staged development of the property maximising opportunities and strengths of the farm environment.
- Excellent programme of planting for shade and shelter to fit animals, land and people.
- Excellent examples of stream protection, riparian planting and use of sediment traps to improve water quality.



Lyndon & Millie Matthews and Family, Puketira Deer, Waikari, North Canterbury



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What impressed the judges:

- Perseverance in coping with challenging droughts and earthquakes and looking ahead to opportunities developing with irrigation.
- Recognition of environmental values and the opportunities it provides for the next generation to have a positive impact on the property.
- Excellent pasture management and use of high producing species to fit soils, climate and feed demand.
- Clear view of farm succession taking into account family interests.



David & Hilary Ward, **RadfieldAg**, Ashburton, Canterbury



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What impressed the judges:

- Excellent integration of whole farm system through excellent knowledge, good planning and attention to detail.
- Continual enhancement of soil capacity through strategic use of high producing crops and finishing of livestock to fit farm system.
- Involvement in Advance Party is resulting in strengthening relationships with suppliers as well as sharing of knowledge.
- Strong community involvement and input into development of local plan through sharing of data and understanding of water use and aquifers.



Hamish & Julia Mackenzie, **Braemar Station**, Lake Tekapo, Canterbury



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What impressed the judges:

- Excellent partnership of Hamish & Julia working to their strengths and complimentary skills that fit the farm business.
- Julia's proactive leadership encouraging involvement and input into local plan and courage to take speaking opportunities.
- Scale and understanding of farm limitations and opportunities in a unique and challenging environment.
- Retention of natural values and character across the farm without compromising production.



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What impressed the judges:

- Inspirational and highly motivated business recognising risk areas and implementing mitigations for continual improvement.
- Complete understanding of animal requirements and how they fit the farm environment
- Phenomenal thinking, planning and development over three years starting from scratch showing passion and drive.
- Recognition of business opportunities and development of property to allow family succession.
- Excellent protection of native areas while allowing for future business opportunities.