



EXCITING TIMES for Hinenui Genetics – Our Son Ryan, daughter-in-law Claire and their two daughters, Emily and Annabelle, have made the big move from Southland and joined the team at Hinenui.

They bring with them expertise in I.T., recording systems and plenty of hands on experience. Both have come from diverse backgrounds with Ryan working for an irrigation and water system company. Claire, a trained teacher, comes from a prominent sheep farming family and has also spent time marketing and working on a Southland stud.

Our daughter Deana and son-in-law Phil with their three children, Hamish, Ella and Freddie operate the Makaretu block in Rere and make up the other half of our Hinenui Genetics team.



Annabelle (2), Claire, Ryan, Emily (3), Ella (5), Hamish (6), Deana, Freddie (2) and Phil.

LAST AUTUMN we were offered the opportunity to purchase the Puketauru Coopworth flock from Tom and Anne Abraham from the Rangitikei area. This was an opportunity we couldn't resist. We took charge of the ewe flock pre mating, along with a large number of replacement ewe hoggets. This flock is based at Makaretu where they were mated alongside our Coopworths. The change of environment hasn't seemed to have impacted the performance of these ewes, as scanning results were on par with the Hinenui Genetics Coopworths, and to date, we are impressed with the lambs at foot.

## Puketauru Coopworth Stud

This flock was formed in the early '70's, by David and Sue Abraham, who used a Hinenui Sire at that stage. Tom Abraham took over the flock some 20 years ago and like ourselves are only a handful of Coopworth family succession flocks in the country.

Tom's selection in recent years has mirrored that of Hinenui Genetics with a strong emphasis on growth and meat which is expressed in their phenotype. Tom also focused on selecting for facial eczema tolerance and holds 'FE GOLD' accreditation.

In recent years we have shared genetics so the two flocks aren't totally alienated.

We would like to thank Tom, Anne and family for the opportunity to work with the Puketauru flock and wish them all the best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

With the inclusion of the Puketauru flock we have fully recorded ewes on both Hinenui and Makaretu, and have exited our commercial flock.

**This blend of Coopworth ewes will give us the largest pool of Coopworth genetics under one umbrella in the Country.**



Ryan and Phil inserting EID tags and taking DNA samples from the Puketauru ewes and hoggets.





We have once again been accredited with the **FE GOLD** brand for our Coopworths, Romneys and RomWorths.

Of all the FE GOLD Rams sold throughout the country, 30% of these rams are from HINENUI GENETICS - **SAFE GUARDING YOUR INVESTMENT!**

**“EVERY ONE COUNTS”**



## Coopworth Conference

This year's annual Coopworth conference was held in Taupo in May. We visited many interesting locations in the Waikato District.

One location that we found particularly interesting was the tour of Maui Milk, Waikino Station, one of the largest Sheep Dairy operations in New Zealand.

Many of the ewes that are in production today are an East Friesian/ Coopworth cross which have been proven to produce great results.

## J & T Hickey Charity Dog Trials

Hinenui Genetics, once again sponsored the novice event at the J & T Hickey Charity Dog Trials in August.

This year's winner was Karen Newman from Tiniroto with 'First'.

Second was Lucy Deighton with 'Jean' and third was Jake Rosie with 'Girl'.

Karen was presented the Bill Teutenberg Memorial Cup.



*Come and see us at the Gisborne A & P Show on the  
18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October at our new car park -Park 3 #218 -219  
Keep a look out for our tent!*



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