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Exhibitors urged to register for South Island Agricultural Field Days

More than half of the sites at the 2019 South Island Agricultural Field Days (SIAFD) have been sold and potential exhibitors are encouraged to get in quickly to secure a spot.

SIAFD media liaison person Daniel Schat says the SIAFD website makes it easy to register for a site on-line.

“We have revamped the website and while parts of it will still be updated closer to the SIAFD event, the registration section is working perfectly. It is the best way for anyone who wants to exhibit their agricultural or lifestyle products and services to book a site,” Daniel says.

“Agricultural technology is the primary focus of SIAFD and we are proud of our status as the field day with the largest machinery demonstration programme in New Zealand.”

Every two years the three-day South Island Agricultural Field Days attracts about 30,000 members of farming public. It runs from 8.00am to 5.00pm, Wednesday 27 March to Friday 29 March 2019 at the field days’ permanent home near Kirwee.

Alastair Robinson, a dairy farmer from Waikuku, is the new chairperson of the SIAFD Executive Committee, which has financial and governance oversight of the SIAFD Society. In 2015 Alastair chaired the SIAFD Organising Committee, which runs the field days, when the event was first held in Kirwee.

He says preparations for the 2019 field days are tracking well and the Organising Committee is improving infrastructure at the venue.

“This year we have a new secretary and event coordinator, Tineka Johnstone, and she is doing a good job getting things up and running. Sites are selling well, which is important because income from registrations helps us carry out the work we want to do to improve our facilities.”

Alastair says the Organising Committee is currently upgrading the electrical infrastructure at the Kirwee venue, which will make it easier and safer for exhibitors to set up their sites and clean up afterwards.

“Earlier this year we have gravelled all the laneways, which will make life more pleasant if we get wet weather during the field days. We have also extended our irrigation system and planted native trees along the boundaries of the property.

“We want to thank RX Plastics in Ashburton for the 150mm pipe that we used to extend the irrigator, Cresslands Contracting and Porter Group for digging the pipe trench, Tony Redmond,

Andrew Walker and Rodney Hadfield for helping lay the pipe, and Orari Nursery for the native plants.”

Alastair says a number of businesses have been very generous with their support and others will step in with help as we get closer to the event.

He says it is important to remember that the SIAFD is organised and run entirely by volunteers who do that work on top of their busy work lives.

For further information contact Tineka Johnstone on 03 318 1845 or info@siafd.co.nz or visit www.siafd.co.nz.

Captions:

Chairperson of the South Island Agricultural Field Days Executive Committee Alastair Robinson.

RX Plastics supplied the pipe that the SIAFD Organising Committee has used to extend the irrigator at the field days venue.