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GREEN ACRES - Jury, Chris - Waitara. P: 06 754 6672

AWAPIKO - Langlands, Neil & Linda – Taumarunui. P: 07 896 8660

GLENOCHY - MacFarlane, James & Rochelle - Whangamamona. P: 06 762 5880

RAUPUHA - Proffit, Russell & Mavis - Mahoneui. P: 027 355 2927

WAIOTANE - Brosnahan, Sean - Ohope. P: 06 864 4468

KERRYDALE - Robyn Harding - Woodville - P: 021 133 7533

OTOI - Brickell, Ian & Bobbie - Wairoa. P: 06 838 7398 LONGVIEW - Maxwell, Graeme & Sue - Tutira. P: 06 839 7412

THE HEIGHTS - Gaskin, Rob & Heather - Levin. P: 027 481 6924

HAUTERE - Henricksen, John & Carey - Pongaroa. P: 06 374 3888

KAREREVALE - D'Ath, Warren – Palmerston North. P: 06 354 8951 OTAPAWA - Robbie, Douglas & Dara – Eketahuna. P: 06 376 7765

HERANGI - Spellman, John - Te Awamutu. P: 07 870 1433

TE AWAITI - Wakelin, Sarah - Martinborough. P: 022 607 5968

ASHBY - Timms, Gilbert - Shannon. P: 06 362 7829

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MT GUARDIAN - Anderson, Tim, Sue & Edward - Cheviot. P:03 319 2730

WANGAPEKA - de Vos, Cor & Belia - Wakefield. P: 03 522 4280

DOLOMITE - Elliott, Ken - Akaroa. P: 021 221 4185

BLUFF FARM - Evans, Ivan & Julie - Oxford. P: 03 312 1585

GRASSLANDS - Jebson, John & Melissa - Darfield. P: 03 318 3796

RANGIATEA - Gallagher, Blair - Ashburton. P: 03 303 9819

BENMORE - James, Warrick - Coalgate. P: 03 318 2352

OLDENDALE - Oldfield, Philip - Geraldine. P: 03 693 9877

SNOWDON - Tripp/Veronese, Annabel & Roy - Darfield. P: 021639939

HAZELDALE - France, Richard & Kerry - Tapanui. P:03 204 8339

KLIFDEN - Gardyne, Robert – Oturehua. P: 021 144 9721 GOWAN BRAES - McElrea, Mike - Tapanui. P: 027 242 9376

NEWHAVEN - Smith, Blair & Jane - Oamaru. P: 03 432 4154

HILLCREST - Mitchell, R&R - Clinton. P: 03 415 7187

AVALON - Walker, Scott - Tapanui. P: 027 630 5301

KAMAHI + PROGRESSIVE - Ayers, Warren – Wyndham. P: 027 226 4290

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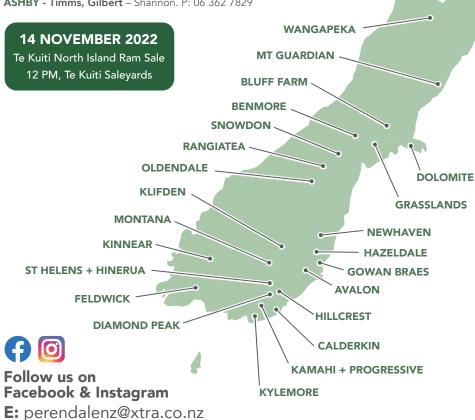
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Farming in a fish bowl

Kate Taylor

huge challenge for arguably New Zealand's most urban farm is not the 200-plus neighbours, but the thousands of people who use the park surrounding it.

Sir John Logan Campbell gifted Cornwall Park to New Zealand in 1901. More than 120 years later, its 172 hectares, governed by the Cornwall Park Trust Board, includes a restaurant, sports grounds, roads and walkways, and many, many trees. It also has 79ha of farmland, managed for the past 15 years by Peter Maxwell.

That is farmed in conjunction with a 78ha block, Pinnacle Hill, at Bombay, which was leased after the Trust lost its Maungakiekie lease, One Tree Hill Domain.

"We like our sheep, so we leased the new block to make sure we could keep the ewe flock going," he says. "But Pinnacle Hill has 8ft [2.4m] gorse in many places. About 42ha has been sprayed with a helicopter and is slowly breaking down, but it's very marginal country, despite being in sight of the Sky Tower."

Peter has changed the sheep policy to keep replacement ewe hoggets instead of buying two-tooth ewes. Seven hundred and forty ewes went to the ram last year. They're mated at Pinnacle Hill and 200 two-tooth ewes return to the park to lamb. Another dry autumn meant 100 mixed-age ewes were brought back this year as well.

"We've had four autumn droughts in a row, which has been crippling for the business, but we've been helped by Perendale genetics. Some of the pasture at Cornwall Park is archaeologically sensitive; some of it can't be fertilized, and some of it can't be cultivated – it's original rushes, ratstail and a lot of kikuyu. It's rough, so we like the foraging of the Perendales here."

The two-tooth ewes are lambed at Cornwall Park, and all the lambs from Pinnacle Hill are moved to Cornwall Park at weaning.

"We grow good raphno brassica crops, which helps with the eczema job on those lambs to get them off to the works, which is Wilson Hellaby's, which is only about 8km away. But it's the crippling autumns that are really upsetting our whole system. The crops help, and the better sheep help."



City sheep: Ewes and lambs in Cornwall Park, central Auckland.

There's about 8ha of autumn crop, including improved new-generation grasses to help fight kikuyu, which is rampant.

"It's big, bulky, hard digestibility and low palatability. The stock do eat it, but they don't do very well on it. It's a continual fight, so we're putting in new grass every autumn; trying to get that to strike is another part of the challenge to just have some winter ryegrass growth, not the dormant kikuyu, in the winter."

Facial eczema 0.6-tested rams are bought from Russell Proffitt's Raupuha Stud.

"We're building that facial eczema tolerance, because this place and the new place absolutely get hit hard with eczema. We're trying a few things but genetics seems to be the best way to do it.

"The older ewes were hit a bit more with the eczema that came later this season, this autumn, but the younger ewes are already more tolerant, so we're pleased to keep those better-bred younger ewes coming through to help fight it. They haven't really had a chance to shine yet, with the new block being so rough, plus the facial eczema and the dry seasons. We might have to drop ewe numbers to keep things sustainable if we keep getting these successive dry autumns."

Cornwall Park's Perendale wool has been described as "white, bright, and quite fine" and Peter takes pride in getting "reasonable" returns for it

"Even out of the gorse block it's surprisingly low in vegetable matter. So we're pretty much hooked on these Perendales given all the challenges we throw at them. Facial eczema tolerance is another plus. We're farming in a fishbowl here so facial eczema does take a lot of explaining to people. Animal welfare is high on the priority list. We don't want to let the side down for the rest of the farming folk who are also trying to do things right."

The business also has 60 registered Simmental cows, with bulls bought from Knauf's Kerrah Simmentals at Wairoa. Silage is bought in to help feed 26 bulls that are sold as yearlings. About 22 heifers are kept as replacements, with the rest sold.

He says temperament is a big deal with more than a million people visiting the park every year.

"A lot of our work is education and

interpretation – telling people about where lambs and calves come from. We spend up to an hour a day talking to people about the farm. A lot of them want to talk about climate change, but some of them just want to know why the cow is bellowing or why the lambs run up and down at about four o'clock every afternoon.

"Hundreds of dogs are walked through the park every day so during lambing about a quarter of the property is restricted from dogs. That takes a bit of policing just to save the lambs a bit, but after lambing, it's all back to full noise."

Moving stock across one of the four road crossings is a real crowd pleaser, he says: "Lots of photos."



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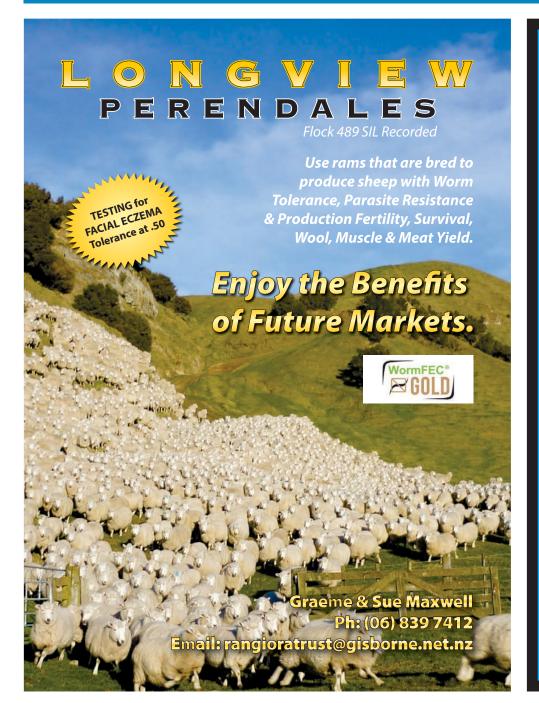
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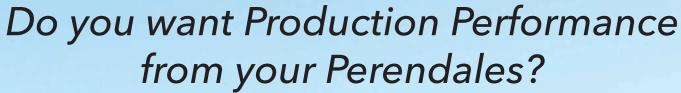
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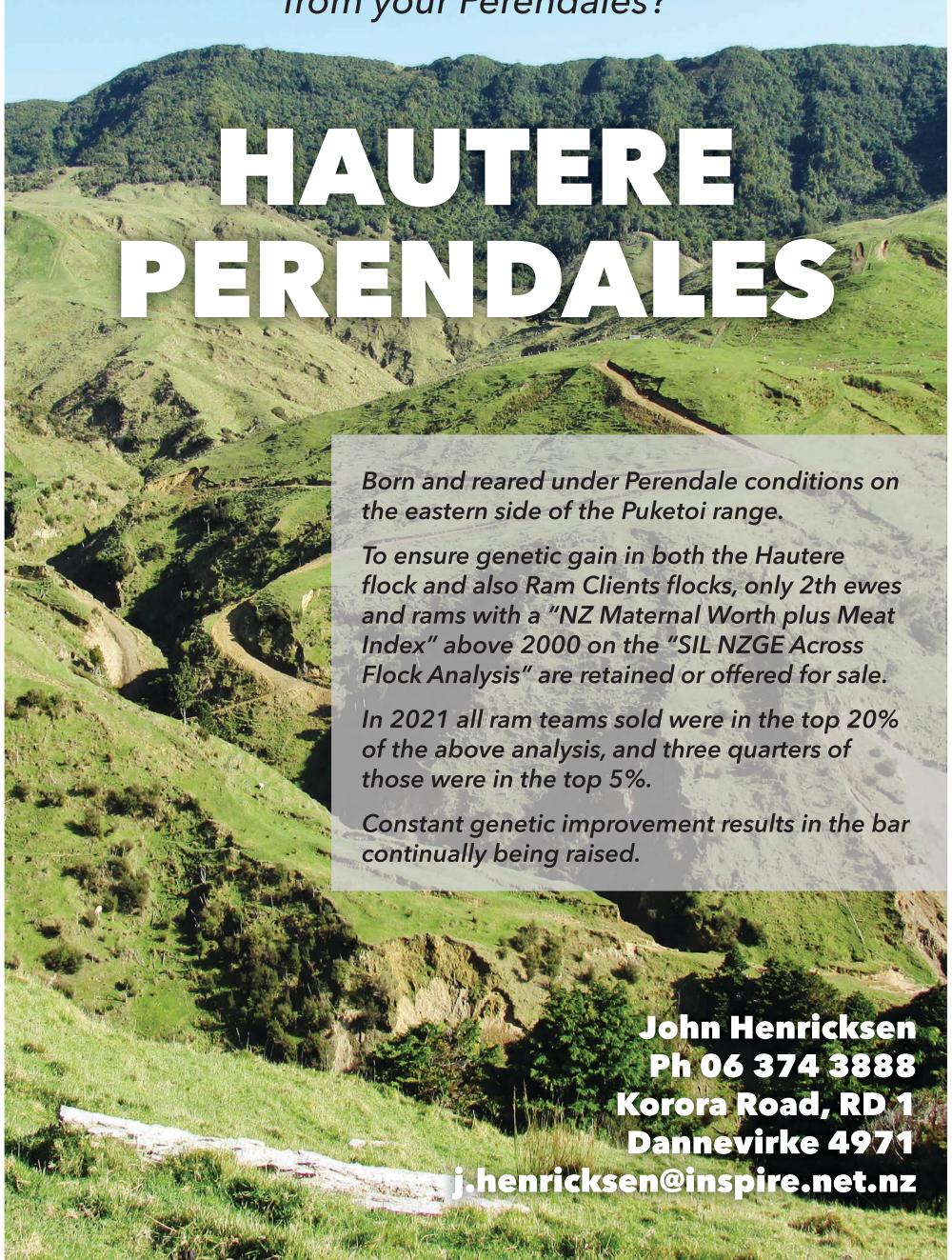
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Perendales are thriving in Halcombe

aintaining a simple, low-input system while still feeding stock well is the aim of Manawatū farmer Stuart Fraser, who has enlisted the help of some top Perendale genetics to achieve his goal.

Stuart farms the neighbouring Gatcombe and Hillcrest properties near Halcombe with his wife Alice, a veterinary pathologist, and son Benjamin, who is at boarding school in Whanganui.

They run a base flock of mixed-age and two-tooth ewes on 309 hectares.

Trade cryptorchid Perendale lambs are purchased late-December through to autumn, and dry-grazing ewe hoggets are on the properties from June-August to December.

"These stock business units help keep us in a flexible, nimble system so we can strike when opportunities present," Stuart says.

"We're on a mission to find our ultimate farming pattern and system. Keep it

straightforward, feed our stock well, as best we can, with a sharp eye on the level of inputs. We have to admire Perendale breeders such as the Proffit family, and all stud stock breeders for that matter. The work they do with recording, researching and testing goes above and beyond for us commercial farmers."

Stuart and three other former cadets visited one of Smedley Station's retired stock managers in Wairarapa recently and were reminded of the saying, "If the sheep suit your country, stick with them". He says his 1990s scepticism of Perendales is long gone.

"What we are witnessing with the Proffitbred Perendales from the King Country and the Paraparas over in Whanganui, is plenty of bone density, which we get paid for, depth of carcase, clean heads with presence, free moving, tremendous foragers, outstanding mothering ability, good bounce-back after any difficult weather conditions, and they have a good,



Woolly and shorn Perendale ewe hoggets on Stuart and Alice Fraser's Halcombe farm last

moderate-sized frame with good bright white wool"

"For our hogget lambing we were quietly satisfied for 1st May liveweight of 45kg and then at scanning time we had a 104% scanning and 15% dries. That was the first crack at it with pure Perendales.

"We have been revisiting hogget lambing in recent years, after dabbling in it using high fertility Highlanders in the early 2000s. This has been an itch I've been wanting to scratch," Stuart says.

"Our forte is sheep; Perendale-Proffit-Raupuha-Ohineiti genetics help with that. We also find we're getting the tremendous benefits of nutrient cycling through the Perendale's good foraging and cleaning up our rolling slopes; love seeing those grenades and marbles."

The Frasers also like the facial eczema tolerance being developed in the breed, along with worm resilience.

"Minimal but optimal drenching is important to us and we're hearing the word 'resilience' a lot lately. We like how this applies to well-bred sheep such that they can carry a low worm burden and still perform and grow. We have witnessed that this year."

For the past five years, progeny have gone to the Marton/Feilding hogget fair. Stuart says Proffit-bred cryptorchid males are turned out shorn and have consistently performed well on a cents-per-kilogram basis.

"They are not the biggest sheep in the yarding but if we can get them to late 40s/early 50s kilograms liveweight by early August, that's job done for us."

Stuart says they're striving towards a system that stacks up financially while farming in a sustainable way that is good for the environment. "These Perendale sheep are providing the necessary autonomy and control in our sheep farming work. With autonomy in your sheep



Bevan Proffit, left, and Benjamin Fraser with Raupuha/Ohineiti Proffit-bred ewe hoggets last spring.

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- ✓ Dosing at 0.6 (to earn the 5 star rating)
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