

# 'The Great Adventure'



## Off-Road High Country Tour & Best Practice Day

We at FCANZ like to shake things up, and the Board works hard at member benefits, recognising that the Association provides valuable networking opportunities, for both fellow members and partners.

Appreciating the incredible landscapes and interesting areas our members work in, Debbie White – whose husband Tony is a winch challenge competitor and has undertaken a number of 4-wheel drive trips – got together with Scott Heasley of Heasley Fencing, Waipara North Canterbury to discuss holding a 4-wheel drive tour of one of the stations he works on, MacDonald Downs, which covers 70,000 acres. Wanting to make a two-dayer of it, Mike Renner of Renner Fencing, Seddon has also been involved in the planning.

So if you like grand landscapes, interesting areas, good fencing and equipment and a bit of fun then this two day 'Best Practice' trip is for you and your partner, or crew.

### Criteria

- Limited to 30 vehicles
- FCANZ members, employee members and their partners only
- Minimum age – 16 years
- Suitable for participants with their own 4WD vehicle

### Day 1 – Thursday 23 November

Through Awatere Valley, Molesworth to Hamner Springs

- **8.30am:** Meet at Mike Renner's property, Awatere Valley.
- **1st stop:** Upcot Station, with host Bill Stevenson. Look over some high country work, old set of saleyards, travel up to Upcot Saddle for spectacular views (if weather permits).
- **2nd stop:** Molesworth Station, with host Jim Ward. Short talk on the biggest farm in NZ – Molesworth Cob Cottage.
- **3rd stop (overnight):** Hamner Springs. Group dinner. Accommodation will be booked by FCANZ for participants.

### Day 2 – Friday 24 November

Through MacDonald Downs, Lees Valley, to Darfield

- **8.00am:** Breakfast at Hurunui Historic pub. Enter MacDonald Downs Station.
- **1st stop:** Look over some high country fencing and off road tracks.
- **2nd stop:** Meet with Bill Paterson, learn the station's history. Lunch at the Woolshed – high country fencing and off road exhibitors.
- **Rest of day:** Travel through Lees Valley out onto road in Oxford.
- **3rd stop (overnight):** Darfield Motel / Hotel or head home. Dinner: Darfield Hotel.

### Cost

- **\$75.00 pp (excl GST)**
- Cost includes lunches both days, and breakfast on day 2
- Motels / hotels, dinners and fuel at participant's own cost
- Accommodation in Darfield to be booked by participant (FCANZ group)

**To register, contact [admin@fcanz.org.nz](mailto:admin@fcanz.org.nz)**

*Thank you to Scott Heasley, Mike Renner, Tony and Debbie White and John Noakes for organising this trip and Debbie Robertson from Rural Safe for overseeing Health and Safety.*

### Exhibitor Opportunity

MacDonald Downs Station  
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for a registration form