



***“Beyond reasonable drought”
- adapting dryland farming to climate change -***

Wednesday, 14 May 2008; 9.30 - 3.45

Meet: ‘Bonavaree’ woolshed, 309 Grassmere Road, Seddon, Marlborough

Morning tea available from 9.00am.

Woolshed session: 9.30 – 11.00. Surviving climate change

Setting the scene and welcome 9.30 – 9.45

Doug Avery, Starborough Flaxbourne Soil Conservation Project chairman

Nick Edgar, CEO, NZ Landcare Trust

Keynote speakers 9.45 – 10.30

Alan Porteous, NIWA - “Variability and trends in the climate of South Marlborough”

Dave Pearce, Grove Mill - “Seeking the high ground”

Stuart Ford, AgriBusiness Group – “Just add water – future proofing rural communities”

Panel discussion 10.30 – 10.50

Farm Tour

‘Vietnam: 11.00 - 12.15

Soils, erosion and dryland forage plants: Doug Avery, Barrie Wills (Central Environment Services) and Richard Hunter (Marlborough Research Centre Trust).

Followed by a tour of the southern flats and downs (no stops).

Lunch at the woolshed, 12.15 - 1.00, provided by CRT

Farm Tour

Glen Erin Wetland : 1.00 - 3.30

Farming systems: Fraser Avery (Bonavaree Farm), Graeme Ogle (Ogle Consulting) and Derrick Moot (Lincoln University)

Biodiversity and landscape options: Philip Simpson (ecologist) and Paul Millen (forestry and environmental consultant)

Closing address: 3.30 - 3.45

Don Ross, former CEO of the NZ Landcare Trust