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Heather Feetham  
Winner of Pukekohe Young Grower 2021



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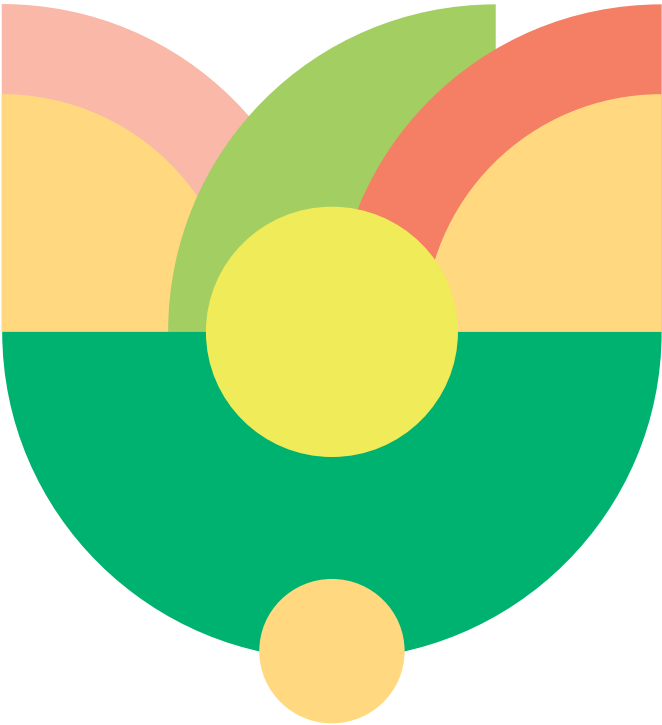
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2022 GALA DINNER

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PROGRAMME

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| 6.00pm | Doors open, pre dinner drinks |
| 6.50pm | Guests seated, entrées served |
| 7.00pm | Welcome                       |
| 7.10pm | Panel session                 |

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| 8.00pm         | Dinner served    |
| 9.00pm         | Awards           |
| 9.30pm         | Dessert served   |
| 9.30pm onwards | – mix and mingle |

DINNER MENU

Entrées

Smoked Field Mushroom – Bruleed Goats cheese – Pickled pear & wild rocket on Charred Brioche

Mains – Alternative Drop

Crunchy Thai Snapper with Asian coconut seafood broth & shaved aromatic slaw

or

Whole mustard crusted Scotch fillet of reserve beef Horseradish & bone marrow aioli – layered gratin potato & Pan Jus

or

Vegetarian option available on request.

Selection of grower’s vegetables & salads to compliment on tables.

Dessert

Desserts will be served with tea & coffee



Marcus Bruce, 27  
Broccoli Crop Manager at Sundale Farms Ltd.

Marcus started off working on a dairy farm where he enjoyed operating machinery. He was then offered a job with a vegetable grower, starting out on the planters, and working his way through the business to become a sprayer operator. Marcus says his current role of broccoli crop manager at Sundale Farms is dynamic, as he is responsible for ensuring the planting and maintenance of the crop, all the way through to harvest.

Chris entered the Young Grower competition to push himself, gain experience through the competition and better his career.



Sarah Dobson, 25  
Environment and Sustainability Technician at A.S. Wilcox

Sarah is an environment and sustainability technician for A.S. Wilcox & Sons. While she works on a range of projects relating to sustainability, her main role involves preparing farm environment plans for the business. Sarah has been involved with A.S. Wilcox for more than five years, starting off in a summer internship role, then later while completing her master’s on the effects of fertilizer on potato flavour, and now in her current full-time role.

Sarah says she felt inspired to enter the competition to challenge and extend herself practically as her role is primarily office-based - even though she loves the outdoor and hands on nature of horticulture. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and family, and has a love of all things food, with a lifelong mission to create exceptional roast potatoes.



Molly Green, 24  
Technical Field Advisor at Horticulture Ltd.

Molly attended Massey University and studied plant science. Since then, she has worked for a few large growers on both the growing and operations side. She has experience growing carrots, lettuces and various brassica crops, and has spent four months working as a Technical Field Advisor for Horticulture.

Molly entered the competition to push herself further in her career and meet like-minded people. She says her greatest achievement in her career has been being involved in many different events to promote horticulture as a great career for young people. In her spare time, Molly owns and competes horses and has many house plants to look after!



Chris Lowe, 25  
Orchard Manager at Punchbowl Kiwifruit Services

Chris is a fourth-generation onion grower, born and raised in Pukekohe. He has always been keen on growing, so he went to Massey to gain a Bachelors of Agricultural Science, majoring in horticulture. Since graduating, Chris has been working at Punchbowl as an orchard manager, looking after gold and green kiwifruit and blueberry orchards.

Chris says he is entering the Young Grower competition to push himself and to get out of his comfort zone. His greatest achievement was becoming an orchard manager at 25 – his dream job since he was young. Outside of work, Chris enjoys stand up paddle-boarding, taking his dog for walks and KFC.