

Greg Kirkwood (Board Chair)

Greg Kirkwood has worked his way to Dairy ownership over the last 29 years building his business using a traditional dairy model. Greg is owner/director of G K Farms Ltd with a dairy platform and run off in the Maniototo, and yet he resides on his lifestyle block in Raglan. Greg started as a junior dairy assistant moving up through the ranks from manager, 50:50 sharemilker to farm owner from 1993 – 2017.

Greg holds a Dip Ag. from Massey University. Greg went through the Dairy NZ Leadership and Business Development course in the early 90's. He also went through the Rural Bank (BNZ) business and personal development programme and undertook the Lincoln University Kellogg's Rural Leadership Course in 2011-2012.

Greg was the chair of the South Island Dairy Industry Association. Greg partook in Fonterra's governance development programme and went on to the Fonterra Shareholders Council as Deputy Chairman in 2015-2016.

Greg was also a director of a startup company Oritain Global from 2015-2017 and continues to be a shareholder of this company.

Greg sits on three of the irrigation boards here in the Maniototo, East (since 2017), West (since 2017) and MIC (since 2019).

Greg is the current chairman of the MIC board and has a holistic, long term and big picture view of Irrigation in the Maniototo.