

## CASE STUDY – RYLIB MAHANGA DAIRIES

### FARM INFORMATION

**Owners:**

Rylib Group, John and Kelly Nicholls

**Operator:**

Murray Bowden

**Location:**

Hinds, Mid Canterbury

**Size:**

800 cows on 190 hectares

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**Murray Bowden, Mahanga Dairies**



After hearing about FarmTune through Dairy NZ, Murray was pretty skeptical. He thought they were doing pretty good already, and wasn't sure what kind of impact, if any, it would have on his farm.

Having been through the course, Murray is now a reformed believer. Just a few simple changes to the way they were milking is now saving them time every day. "Through the programme we targeted our milking and we were able to see where we as a team were being inefficient. We're now milking 800 cows through a 54 bail rotary in two and a half hours. That was taking us around three hours because of our inefficiencies," says Murray.

One key change Murray introduced to their milking shed was uniformity. "That's where we gain our time by keeping it the same. When you go through our shed you'll see all our cups are taped the same way. It makes it really easy and comfortable for the person milking and comfortable for the cow," he says.

To make lasting changes, it's not enough to have a good plan. As any manager knows, the challenge is getting everyone else onboard. "FarmTune has helped me become a better manager of my guys, and it's empowered them to be able to take ownership of what they do. It's the classic, 'What's in it for me?' Well, we used to start milking at 4am, and we now milk at 4:30am. We used to be finished at 5pm, but we're always done by 4:30pm. Getting the guys to buy in was a real success," says Murray.

As well as saving time during milking, Murray has also seen a drop in unscheduled breakdowns. Because his team feel empowered to make decisions, Murray has more time to get on with what needs doing. "The key thing for me is that my guys can impact change where they see necessary, but FarmTune gives them a process in which to do it. I'm a believer in it. Because of FarmTune, I know I can leave the farm and it will be run the same way as if I was there, which means I can sleep at night."

Do you want to see your staff communicate better and become more organised? This is a programme that will help develop team culture and behaviours to focus on continuous improvement and better, safer work. To find out more, or to register your interest in the next FarmTune series of workshops visit [www.dairynz.co.nz/farmtune](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/farmtune)

Take waste out of your business, empower your staff and grow your bottom line with FarmTune, the LEAN Management Programme for Dairy Farmers.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Built on the principles of LEAN FarmTune is proven system developed by DairyNZ for farmers that gives you the tools to learn how to:

- Sharpen Your Operation
- Find the Opportunities
- Identify and Eliminate Waste
- Improve Health and Safety
- Streamline Milking Times
- Eliminate Frustration
- Engage and Empower Your Team
- Improve Team Communication

FarmTune courses are delivered by trained and accredited FarmTune consultants. The workshops engage you and your farm team to practically learn and implement LEAN farm management.

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## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Over a 3 month programme of 7 half day workshops your farm team will learn:

### WORKSHOP 1: FINDING THE OPPORTUNITY (OFI)

- Introduction to LEAN Thinking
- Establish the Why?
- Waste
- Value Stream Mapping
- Identifying Opportunities
- Toolbox Meetings

### WORKSHOP 2: PROBLEM SOLVING

- OFI Management
- Defining the Problem
- Identifying Root Cause
- People Problems
- Prioritising OFI

### WORKSHOPS 3 AND 4: IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

- Value Adding Solutions
- Future State VSM
- Checkpoints and Checklists
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Visual Controls
- Process Controls Summary

### WORKSHOPS 5 AND 6: EMBEDDING THE BEHAVIOURS

- Workplace Solutions
- 6S Planning
- 6S Implementation
- 6S Audit

### WORKSHOP 7: SUSTAINING PROGRESS

- Continuous Improvement Culture
- Roll Out Plan
- 6S Audits
- Toolbox Meetings

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