



Helping you  
improve farm  
performance

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## Keep up to date

If you are on the Desktop version of Cashmanager RURAL have you installed the latest Upgrade? The current version of Cashmanager Rural is 4.3b. released in October.

To check what version you are on open Cashmanager RURAL click on help then about and check the version is 4.3b - if not click [HERE](#) to download the latest version.

## Christmas Hours

The CRS office will be closed from 3pm on 23rd December and re-open on the 4th of January 2012.

Support hours are reduced to 8.30am to 5.00pm for the week before Christmas 19th - 23rd December and the first week back 4th - 6th January. Back to regular hours from the 9th January.

## 30th Anniversary Celebration

More than 80 guests gathered on the 29th of October to recognise the extraordinary achievement of 30 years in the business of software development. The evening provided the opportunity for staff, company founders, former colleagues and friends to catch-up and celebrate together.

Speakers included David Baker of Baker and Associates, Brian Eccles, Ian and Isobel Campbell and David Howden. All spoke of their association with the company over the years and their pride in its continued success.

The gathering also enjoyed guest speaker Professor Jacqueline Rowarth's address, Jacqueline is the Director of Massey Agriculture and holder of the Foundation Chair of Pastoral Agriculture at Massey University. She delivered an inspiring message about the future of agriculture and managed to also thoroughly entertain the audience - forever altering our view of Richie McCaw's scrum technique.

Celebrating such a significant company milestone, is an opportunity to reflect not only on the company history but also on what the future may hold. Brian Eccles, Managing Director is excited by the opportunities for Farmers in the 'connected future' with greater access to information and technology. His vision for CRS

Software is that it continues to meet the 'niche' needs of farmers, providing them with cutting-edge software solutions that deliver vital information for better decision making and greater profitability.



*Pictured: Brian Eccles, Isobel Campbell, Ian Campbell and David Howden. Cutting the 30th year cake.*

## 30th Anniversary Competition - HP Laptop Draw

We received over 40 entries for the Anniversary HP Laptop draw. Clients who have been with us for more than 20 years were asked to submit their name and a few details about their involvement with Cashmanager RURAL. We received many wonderful stories about the use of Cashmanager Rural and even a few poems!

However there can only be one winner. Congratulations to George and Fern Moore who bought Cashmanager RURAL from Ian Campbell in the early eighties.

Part of their winning entry:

*"We bought the Epsom QX10 and the Cashmanager programme in the eighties, not exactly sure when. Back then my father thought it was totally unnecessary and couldn't see what was wrong with a pen.*

*My wife and I found it all particularly daunting and into the technical future we sent ourselves launching. Daunting was one of many words used to describe it.*

*However much more descriptive language was created*

*between the two of us... some of which won't be mentioned as we wouldn't want to cause a fuss.*

*On a more serious note the use of Cashmanager RURAL has and will continue to be an integral part of our business. It makes our lives simpler and is a huge help towards the smooth running of our farming life.*

*It is, by far, one of our most valuable farm tools.*

*Happy 30th Anniversary. - George and Fern Moore*

## A new tool to help you - remote support



We encourage the use of the 'support desk'. Sometimes clients don't want to call because of a concern that they cannot explain their question well over the phone.

We now have an easy remote support option with the help of an internet tool called TeamViewer. With your permission this software enables us to see your screen. It means you can explain your issues by showing our support team the problem.

TeamViewer takes only seconds to set-up and works well even with low-speed or variable broadband. There is no need to install any software. We have already found that it has significantly reduced the time it takes to resolve some more complicated issues so don't be shy to give us a call.

## Apple iMac

With the increasing popularity of Apple Products we have received a number of calls from clients who are considering their next computer upgrade and want to know if Cashmanager RURAL will work on an Apple iMac. As Cashmanager Rural is a Microsoft Windows based solution it requires a version of Windows to be running for it to operate on a iMac, this applies to both the Desktop and Online versions of Cashmanager Rural.

There are two ways 'Windows' can run on Apple iMac

1. Use a PC emulator
2. Install a copy of Windows XP SP2, Windows Vista or Windows 7

We do not support the PC Emulator option as we don't find that it works as well as installing a copy of Windows.

The latest Apple iMacs are able to be partitioned and have a 'real' copy of Windows installed so at start-up the user can choose to start their Mac using the Apple software or the Windows software.

A full copy of Windows XP SP2, Windows Vista or Windows 7 would need to be purchased to run Windows. The installation of Cashmanager Rural software is then exactly the same as on a standard PC.

*For Cashmanager RURAL to be installed on an Apple iMac the Mac needs to be running either:*

- *MAC OS x version 10.5 or 10.6 & have boot camp version 2.1 installed to install Windows XP SP2 or Windows Vista*
- *MAC OS x version 10.7 & have boot camp version 3.1 installed to install Windows 7*





# Faster Rural Broadband - on its way

Brian Eccles

The government funded Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) will deliver much faster broadband to many more farmers. However at the recent TUANZ Rural Broadband Symposium in Taupo delegates heard that there will still be many farmers who will not be serviced by Telecom or Vodafone and will need to look to local Internet Service Providers.

The key thrust of the RBI is to provide a very high speed fibre optic connection to all rural schools. From this 'trunk' Chorus (Telecom) and Vodafone will offer services to the farm. Because of the cost, laying fibre cables to each farm is not practical, but new technology will greatly improve the copper wire options.

In addition, many new cellphone towers will provide voice and data services over a wider area. To boost signal strength Vodafone will provide special roof top aerials that increase signal strengths by a factor of ten. These changes should greatly increase the number of farms able to receive mobile broadband. The conference heard that the overseas trend is to use mobile technology for delivering ultra fast broadband to homes and businesses.

An exciting variation is to add a router that transmits a mobile phone signal around the house, meaning that farmers no longer have to go to the nearest hilltop to make their mobile work!

As the next generation of mobile technology is rolled out cellphone towers may be able to provide a signal that travels up to 60km (currently 25-30k) and believe it or not, with speeds up to 1000 times faster! Overseas the price is comparable to fixed broadband.

The symposium heard that there will still be many farmers who cannot use the copper or mobile service. This 'gap' will be filled by the regional companies that currently provide wireless internet to farmers. The advantage of these suppliers is that they can install towers on hilltops (solar powered) and beam signals to remote locations at a fraction of the cost of a cellphone tower - which has a minimum cost of \$500,000. Typically farmers need to form a group of 10 subscribers to make these solutions economic.

Symposium delegates heard how broadband speeds will soar, and over the next five years an amazing range of exciting new services for the rural community will make use of this new capability. The speed of change is quite remarkable!

To find out the plan for upgrading broadband in your area, you can look your address up here <http://www.business.govt.nz/fast-broadband>

## Cashmanager RURAL - Limited Licenses

Do you have a Family Trust or Land Owning Company that you would like to put on Cashmanager Rural? Our Limited License option may be your low cost solution. If you have an existing Cashmanager RURAL database you are able to register additional small databases (less than 120 transactions per year) for an annual fee of \$50 plus gst.

The Limited Licenses are 'Cashbook only' databases as budgeting tools are rarely required for this type of Trust or Company.



## Dairy Women's Network Annual Conference

'Dairying with Resilience' will be held in Rotorua 21-22 March 2012.

An impressive line-up of speakers has been confirmed including Dame Susan Devoy and Nigel Latta.

For further information see the DWN website [www.dwn.co.nz](http://www.dwn.co.nz).



*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the CRS Software Team. We hope you are able to spend some time relaxing with Family and Friends over the festive season.*