for Te Rapa plant expansion

ing another \$20 million into its Te Rapa site cream cheese and minito produce more export FONTERRA IS pump

operating officer dish butter to meet rising Robert Spurway, chief

outter is from hotels, res preferences in China and "Much of the demand ws the shift in food seeing for mini-dish



"Many of these mar-kets have in the past

out-of-home eating places where consumers are

citchens in China - all

choosing dairy.

preparation and at the table."

ers daily choosing more the co-op says, but more interesting is consumaspects are important,

grew 40% in the financial year to date versus the Consumer and foodservice volumes in China

have grown 20% annually — from 17,000 tonnes in same period last year.

Recent butter imports

seen demand, particularly from China, excee supply," says Spurway. 2009 to 63,000t in 2016.

> "So this expansion is in response to the market -- investing in capacity and add strategy by converting more milk into higherdelivering on our value-

we can be more responsive to our customers." more choices in the prodreturning products.
"It will also give us ucts we're able to make so

eight, and butter produc-tion at least double from cream product lines to 250 million to 650m mini The expansions will see Te Rapa go from six

The additional cream cheese line will increase

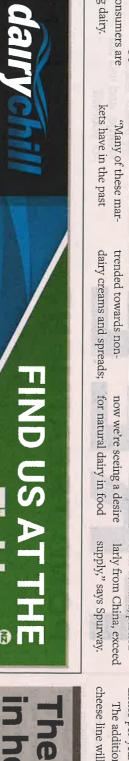
plant capacity from 30,000t to 33,500t per year, and add capability to make 5kg blocks in addition to the 20kg ones now

tory was built in 1967 for powder drying. The Te Rapa fac-

line was added in 2013. butter and cream cheese. built in 1997 to make and bulk

products per year. about 500 staff and makes Te Rapa employs

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in honey There's money

grown on marginal land, says Manuka Farming NZ general manager Stephen Lee.

create sustainable new revenue from manuka plan-The company will run free Fieldays seminars at which experts will tell landowners how they can

mary Growth Partnership (PGP) programme so that from the High Perform ıânuka plantations "so we will present key findings 'Make money from manuka honey' is the theme ance Mānuka Plantations Pri

The talks "will cover the whole value chain that

financing options, designing plantations for opti-mum production, dealing with disease risks sucmoney from the honey".

The speakers will come from apiculture, forestry finance and academia. Topics: financial grants and

erosion-prone land.

• Pre-register at www.manukafarmingnz.co.nz try landowners, who could use manuka to protect as myrtle rust, and ways to optimise bee health.

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