

# MANIOTOTO IRRIGATION SCHEME UPDATE



Welcome to the eleventh edition of the collaborative update from the companies of the Maniototo Irrigation Scheme.

Summer dry has well engulfed the Maniototo, with years like this we thank the foresight of those that established the Maniototo Irrigation Scheme, a very different landscape we would have today without it. Times are tough enough with low stock prices and high interest rates, imagine it without irrigation water too!



## GM Update

*A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We are getting to the business end of the merger process and after our shareholder meeting in Ranfurly and the subsequent Distribution Company meetings we have engaged with most shareholders. We are getting plenty of good feedback as I connect 1:1 with those of you that have questions around some of the finer details of the merger. We will be forwarding voting documents in due course once the board puts any final tweaks to the details. As discussed in the meetings, it is important you have your say as shareholders, and we strongly encourage everyone to vote when the time comes.*

*Operationally, things are going well. While ongoing maintenance continues, the main race infrastructure is performing well. With the el nino conditions bringing hot dry windy days, evapotranspiration levels have been relatively high.*

*Brent is very focussed on delivering water as effectively as possible and he is appreciative of the timely communication he is having with those on the Westside and Waipiata races.*

*I had the opportunity to catch up with Pete Oswald, from the Central Widing Conifers Group at the A&P show. He gave some interesting insights into the risk that wilding pines have to the catchment for the Loganburn Dam. This an area of concern which we as a wider community will need to focus on collectively. Brent and I spent part of the day at the Dam recently removing and pasting pines.*

*Let's hope the Autumn brings some rainfall and relief from the dry conditions we are experiencing. I will be back in touch soon.*

## IT IS THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTER

All the little things out on the scheme are just as important as the big infrastructure when it comes to looking after the scheme and keeping it well maintained. The scheme is aging, and many items are getting close to the end of their life span or well overdue for some TLC. Brent's engineering knowledge and practical skills are an asset as he identifies solutions that will last the test of time. When we meet on Monday mornings Brent and Robert are building a list of the little things that have been forgotten about and prioritizing them to be ticked off. If you know of anything in your stretch of race that needs attention, please let Brent or Robert know.



## MERGER UPDATE

We thank those that have engaged in the merger process to date and have been pleased by the level of support and encouragement we have been shown over the last couple of weeks post the wider shareholder meetings and distribution meetings. Hearing this feedback has helped us with getting some sleep at night and is reassuring to know that the policy that has been proposed is workable and fit for now and into the future.

The board and management really do want to get this process right and would like to be able to go into the merger vote knowing that all shareholders in the distribution companies have had a voice and feel they have been listened to. We continue to extend an invitation to those that would like to work through any details with us to please contact Jeremy or any MIC board member. Alternatively, there is a link to a feedback form in the pack or you can copy this link <https://forms.office.com/r/VMrU6U86K9> to your browser bar and fill in the form to provide us with your thoughts.

Further details re notification of your companies special general meeting will come out in the coming weeks. Please pencil in the date of the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

### Reminders

- Please check end guns and k-line are not spraying on to roads!
- Please let the operations team know of any breakdowns as soon as possible to help reduce by-wash.
- Remember to carefully graze race banks and safely remove any obstacles that end up in the race.
- Please do regular checks on your meters and ensure that you call your service provider if there are any issues.

### Congratulations Robert & Anna

We wish to extend a huge congratulations to Robert and Anna who got married last weekend.

### IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY FIELD DAY

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30-4pm

433 Puketoi Runs Road

### Current Dam Level

71,277,000m<sup>3</sup>

72.83%

### Current Dam Release

4.4 cumecs