



Community Support Projects

Over the past five years, MIC has worked alongside the Tiaki Maniototo project to support initiatives that benefit our community and contribute to the health and wellbeing of the river that carries your irrigation water to you. Through this work, we have developed strong relationships with a wide network of stakeholders who share an interest in the Upper Taieri and its future.

One of the key goals of Tiaki Maniototo has been to reconnect people with the river and provide greater opportunities for recreation and enjoyment. In 2024, MIC approached the Paerau community to ask whether they would support the development of a recreation site, on behalf of Tiaki Maniototo, at the confluence of the Taieri River and Loganburn Creek.

We chose this location because of its importance to the irrigation system. It is where water released from Loganburn Dam begins its journey into the Taieri River before reaching the Paerau Weir. MIC monitors water levels at this site daily through telemetry to ensure there is sufficient water entering the system to support supply. It also happens to be a beautiful and accessible location, making it a natural choice for a community recreation area. We hope it provides an opportunity for locals and visitors alike to stop, enjoy the river and connect with this special part of the Upper Taieri.

It has been particularly encouraging to hear the positive feedback and see the level of use the site has already received. Projects like this were identified as an important priority in MIC's 2024 Strategic Plan. We intend to continue building on this work and looking for opportunities to improve access, amenity and experiences for the wider community, while continuing to support the health and wellbeing of the river system that is so important to us all.



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UTW Catchment Group



2027 Water Charges

The MIC budget has been set for the 2027 financial year.

We have maintained the same base charges for the third year in a row. The monthly billing cycle is working well, thank you all for adapting so quickly to this. If you have automatic payments set up there is no need to change this, for those that don't you may like to adopt this to make it easier.

The base rate is set at \$24/mega litre, over 75% water use will be charged as per usual.

Associate Director Position

We have been thrilled with the level of interest in the MIC Associate Director position. The shortlisting process has now been completed, and we will be interviewing four strong candidates over the coming week.

It has also been encouraging to receive positive feedback from members of the wider community, who have expressed their support for the initiative and commended the Board for taking steps to help build and strengthen governance capability within the Maniototo.

The Associate Director initiative follows on from the Governance 101 training delivered by Dawn Sangster earlier this year and also supports one of the key goals identified in MIC's Strategic Plan — developing strong governance capability and planning for future Board succession.

We look forward to introducing you all to the successful candidate at the upcoming AGM in October.

MIC GM REPORT

As another season approaches, we are faced with navigating a lower dam level than is ideal (80% at the time of writing) and the prediction of a "Super El Nino" weather pattern. On a positive note, while we have not had any significant weather events in the Loganburn dam catchment throughout the winter, it is currently 100mm higher than it was at the same time last year.

The winter maintenance program is coming to an end, with one last Rubicon gate to be fitted this week at Toipuke farm for the take to fill the new dam on that property. Brent has been busy with the regular maintenance tasks to ensure the races are ready for the new season.

The AGM is scheduled for the 15th of October. We will have a presentation from Phil Page of Gallaway Cook Allen on the schedule of work required as we work towards reconsenting in 2034. Phil has a wealth of experience in the Resource Management space and has been involved in a number of significant reconsenting applications throughout Otago.

Waitaki MP Miles Anderson and Minister of Conservation Tama Potaka are visiting the area on the 7th of September and will present to a group of invited stakeholders at the Maniototo Golf Club. This will be a great opportunity for those present to question DOC on matters affecting them, particularly weed and pest management.

We wish you all well for the coming season and hope to see you at the upcoming AGM if you can make it.

SAVE THE DATE

MIC 2026 AGM

15th October 2026 at 7pm

Maniototo Rugby Club Rooms

A Pie & Cold One to Finish

More details will come via email to all shareholders



Current Dam Level

78,054,000m³

79.8%