

MANIOTOTO IRRIGATION SCHEME UPDATE



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

The winter maintenance list is reducing by the day. A considerable amount of deferred and planned maintenance is being ticked off across the scheme with more to be carried out before the season starts. Brent is leading this work and demonstrating his efficiency, capabilities and skill set daily as well as learning the intricacies and locations of all the scheme infrastructure. If you see him out and about make yourself known.

WINTER MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Work completed to date: removal of invasive weed in some parts of the race networks, race cleaning on D2 & D3 of Waipiaata, upgrade of E WON controller at Linnburn Gates, gate repairs and adjustments plus H&S upgrades at Linnburn Gates, adjustments to flood gate at Sowburn, under road culvert on Waipiaata (Patearoa Rd), repairs to manual valves D2 & D3 on Waipiaata, D2 by-wash repair, Debris screen annual inspection and clean at Loganburn Dam, CCTV install, solar and battery upgrade at Loganburn Dam.

Still to be completed: improvements to the Waipiaata weir at Blakely's Dam, automation of Gimmerburn by-wash, automation of the Eweburn syphon, computer software upgrades to include scheduling of main gate operations, race cleaning & spraying, metering and telemetry to be installed on the remainder of Westside 12 head gate flumes, continue race rolling program on MESIC leaks, support shareholder with their rubicon gate install.



You're Invited!
Tiaki Maniototo Community Day
 28th July
 Maniototo Rugby Clubrooms 2pm
 Your chance to hear what we have achieved,
 help us plan the next steps and have any
 questions answered.
 Guest speaker: Kate Scott (WAI Wānaka)
 Supper provided
 RSVP by Friday 21st July

Tiaki (verb) to look after, nurse, care, protect, conserve, save.
 Photo: Will Nelson, CCDC

Tiaki Maniototo

Tiaki Maniototo have reached some incredible milestones over the last couple of years. The first half of the first year covered setting up and establishment of the programme. The last 18 months has been filled with action!

Tiaki Maniototo have put together a fantastic presentation showing the work that they have done to date. Join them tomorrow at the rugby club from 2pm to hear more about the project and how you can benefit.

Otago Water Resource Users Group (OWRUG)

OWRUG is an evolving & growing group advocating for balanced, workable policy and solutions for water users in Otago. OWRUG is now an incorporated society and are working to build their membership to ensure that water users are pooling resources to enable representation by irrigation experts and legal counsel throughout the RPS and Land & Water Plan processes in Otago. OWRUG now have over 600 members across Otago and are continuing to build this network daily. Through growing membership, it will share the cost across irrigators and provide OWRUG with a sound membership base that has shown their support and given OWRUG the mandate to represent water users in Otago. To ensure that they can carry out this essential work please consider joining as a member (Affiliate if MIC hold your water consent or as a member if you also have privately held consents) visit www.owrug.co.nz or follow them on facebook or Instagram.

MERGER UPDATE

The MIC board are working through the draft policy for the merger proposal. They will be meeting in a fortnight to provide feedback with the aim of finalising the policy at this meeting.

The policy and shareholder agreement documents have been developed using existing policy from MIC & Westside. We have reviewed all documents and worked to determine if they are still fit for purpose and achieving the necessary outcomes for the company into the future.

MIC BOARD CHANGES

The MIC board have been working through addressing the conflict of interest of Jeremy Anderson being both the GM and board chair. The board have deliberated on this in depth and have now accepted the resignation of Jeremy as an MIC delegate from Westside and MIC board chair. Jeremy will remain as a director of Westside.

Jeremy has been replaced by Johnny Duncan and we extend a warm welcome to Johnny and know that he will represent you all well.

Greg Kirkwood has stepped up as the MIC board chair.

Current Dam Level

87,215,500m3

89% (of spill height)

Current Dam Release

Closed