

# MANIOTOTO IRRIGATION SCHEME UPDATE



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

As we enter summer, it is fair to say the Maniototo has enjoyed a very good spring. The plain appears to be awash with feed and plenty of supplement has already been made.



## GM Update

Irrigation demand has been lumpy so far this season, as regular rainfall has seen ordered water being cancelled. Please remember to communicate in a timely manner with Brent and Robert as late cancellations can lead to unnecessary by-washing.

The system upgrades installed in the off-season have proven to be extremely useful regarding water management. Being able to schedule multiple gate openings and having the Gimmerburn by-wash automated has given Brent the tools to enable him to use his time for ongoing maintenance managing the water more efficiently.

Hopefully, some of you got the time to provide feedback on the proposed Land & Water plan and you found the material Renee prepared useful. With a change in government, it will be interesting to see what if any changes are made to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Watch this space!

The Loganburn is overflowing, with an estimated 1.0 cumec running over the spillway. River flows have remained relatively high, so it may be later in December before dam water needs to be released. We will continue to work closely with the ORC to ensure adequate river flows are maintained throughout the season.

*We hope you all enjoy the upcoming festive season and get the chance to get a break in what we know is a very busy time of the year. Jeremy*

## Toi Puke Hillside Slip

Remedial work has been carried out at Toi Puke on the Westside Race to correct a hillside slip that has been slowly narrowing the race corridor. This work was identified by Brent as semi urgent to ensure that the slip didn't end up compromising the race and water supply to those irrigators below.

Hazlett's have cut a drain below the hill to relieve the water from the natural spring that seeps from this area, redirecting it away from the race network. S & B Contracting has been in and fenced the area off and we will complete this project by planting poplar poles in the autumn to further stabilise the bank.

## MERGER UPDATE

It may feel that the merger process has gone quiet, however there has been significant work happening in the background we have been leaving no stone unturned. The MIC directors have been receiving advice from Galloway Cook Allan around constitutional set up, shareholder agreements and reviews of the draft policy direction. Directors have been provided with data and past historic records to help inform the direction for policy decisions to get the best outcome for the company and its shareholders.

The merger pack is almost complete with the board meeting again next week to sign off on the final decisions before circulation.

Our initial timeline indicated that we would have the merger pack out in December, after review the board feel that January would be a more suitable time to call a shareholder meeting and work through the pack in detail with everyone. An invitation to this meeting will be sent once details are confirmed.

### 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.

### Operations Team

- Robert will be covering Brent to give him a weekend off on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Any issues or to order water please contact Robert.

### Board Annual H&S Tour

- The MIC board are carrying out their annual scheme tour on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. If you are aware of any specific H&S issues that you would like them to view during this tour please let us know.

### Current Dam Level

97,722,500m3

100% + (of spill height)

### Current Dam Release

Closed & Spilling