



From the Race Manager

It has been a slow start for the new irrigation season, with good moisture in the soils and warmer temperatures resulting in good spring growth. All borderdyke irrigators should now all be receiving the TXT reminders the day before they are due to water. If there is any confusion, please call the Raceman. We are gradually introducing the online notification system for spray irrigators, thank you to those who are making the effort, we are looking to run some training sessions in the new year for those who are not yet using the system. We are always open to feedback on how we can improve communication with irrigators.

New Office Facility

Work has begun on the new office building at our Papakaio depot and is progressing well, with plans to in the new building early in the new year.

The two existing relocatable offices are being offered for sale by tender, giving shareholders the first option to buy. If you are interested call in and pick up a tender document from the office at Papakaio. Tenders will close Friday 15th December.



Construction of the new office at Papakaio is well underway



Existing Relocatable offices that are up for tender

Take a Kid Fishing

Lower Waitaki Irrigation were once again proud to be the principal sponsors for the take a kid fishing day held at Labour weekend at Eckhold's pond, thanks go out to the Eckhold family for all the work that they put into make this such a successful event.

Christmas Weed Control

We will be carrying out our annual treatment of races for weed control on Sunday 24th of December, notification will be sent out to those effected nearer the time.

Sid Hurst Memorial

A decision has been made to establish a memorial to the late Sid Hurst, two plaques will be erected one at the Awamoko domain and one at Borton's pond along with the planting of a tree in recognition of Sid's contribution to irrigation and farming in the area and beyond.

There will be official unveiling to be held at a date yet to be confirmed.

Farm Environmental Plans (FEP's)

Those farms with a 'C' or a 'D' rating or have a new management should have been expecting a visit from Irricon to carry out farm audits in over the next few weeks.

Fish Barrier

The Company have employed Riley Consultants to come up with some alternative options for the fish screen at Bortons Pond after plans to construct a rock barrier type screen were put on hold due to uncertainty around the effectiveness to screen all fish.

Scheme development

Construction of a new 16000m³ scheme balancing pond at the end of the Hilderthorpe Race at Steward Road has been completed and commissioned. The Company are still investigating options to construct a forth balancing pond in the Seacliff Road area. There has been an increasing number of enquiries to convert from borderdyke to spray irrigation with 500ha changing to spray for this season, and as much again on the books for next year.

It is of utmost importance that you contact the race manager well in advance of any proposed irrigation redevelopment.



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