



# Lower Waitaki

IRRIGATION COMPANY LTD

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2015

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### Environmental

Following the signing of the MOU with ORC the Company have been striving to meet our obligations and are progressing well. The Board appreciate your co-operation and patience throughout this necessary process. There is still a lot of work to be done on the MOU and we will keep everyone updated as we work through the process.

### Development

The Company have invested in four new automated race control sites for the 2015-2016 season in addition to the existing 9 sites already in use. This will further increase our operating efficiencies and ensure that shareholders continue to receive reliable and consistent flows.

The Company have also constructed 7000m<sup>3</sup> balancing pond on the Terrace race 3, to cope with the changing demand from borderdyke to spray irrigation on the race, this pond will reduce losses to by-wash and ensure a reliable flow for end users on the race into the future.

### Staff

As most of you will be aware there has been a change of line up on the Board following the retirement of Chris Dennison after 10 years as Chairman and Dave Finlay after a monumental 41 years as a Director, both Chris and Dave have both been an integral part of the Company over the years and their knowledge will be missed.

We welcome Mark Phillips and Karl Guy onto the board, both Mark and Karl run their own Dairy operations here on the plains and have a vested interest in the future of the Scheme.

Richard Plunket has stepped up into the position of Chairman. With Peter Borrie as chairman of works along with Adri Verbakel, Mark Kingsbury and maintaining their rolls as directors on the Board.



## Water Safety DVD

The Waitaki Irrigator's Collective has funded the production of an animated DVD focusing on water safety around water races and irrigation infrastructure. Initially the idea was aimed particularly at the Lower Waitaki Irrigation Scheme and the need to educate local children and their parents of the dangers around water races. Since its release it has received national recognition and is to be distributed throughout the wider irrigation community. The film can be viewed on YouTube via this link

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_kmEk3yzVI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_kmEk3yzVI)



## Flow Meters

We thank all of you whom were required to install flow meters for your co-operation. The Company have installed telemetry units to the meters and if you have not already received your personnel login and password Please contact Ross.

In conjunction with the installation of telemetered meters the Company are introducing an online water notification system for spray irrigators in order to better manage race flows. This will gradually be introduced over the next two seasons . Ross will contact you in due time regarding this.

## Annual Weed Control

The Company will be undertaking its annual weed control From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec through to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Those affected** parties will receive notification attached to this newsletter.

## General

A reminder to all spray irrigators that water spraying onto Council Roads is unacceptable.

Farm owners please ensure that Farm managers or Sharemilkers are aware of the Company rules, a copy of these can be viewed on the our website [www.lowerwaitakiirrigation.co.nz](http://www.lowerwaitakiirrigation.co.nz)

Just a reminder that The TXT message alert for borderdyke irrigators is **reminder only** and irrigators should be checking their irrigation roster.



From all the Directors and Staff at Lower Waitaki irrigation Company wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.