



Seasonal Weed Growth

This season has had increased weed growth following the rain around Christmas. There have been sections of races where the growth has been so rapid it has been impeding flow and mechanical cleaning has been required. The operations team have acted quickly to minimise the disruption for those in these areas and we thank you all for your patience as we work and move through your property. If you notice any areas that need clearing or have build up behind them please contact Brent.



GM Update

It's hard to believe we are entering the 6th period of the irrigation season already. A very different season climatically to last year, but with equally as many challenges.

The dam level is current circa 82% of available storage, which is 5% below the same time last year. It is too early to predict where this will be at the end of the season with the many variables which influence demand and recharge, however a worst-case scenario would be circa 55%.

The infrastructure upgrades throughout the off-season have proven to be successful. Efficiency has been gained in the improved accuracy of water delivery, time savings and travel for the operations team.



Race weed cleaning

GM Update continued...

The board strategy planning day was really valuable, with a good draft framework developed for the future direction of the company. Thank you to those who took time to complete the feedback survey which helped guide the thinking of the directors. There will be information provided on the strategy as it continues to develop.

The directors and the team enjoyed a Health and Safety inspection day in December including a trip to the Loganburn dam. These trips are always very valuable for the board to catch up on what upgrades have been carried out on the scheme and provide an opportunity to identify what matters still need to be addressed.

While the ORC's proposed Land and Water Plan wasn't notified due to a change in national policy, there is ongoing matters in terms of the proposed Regional Policy Statement, in particular Kai Tahu and Forest Bird's appeal against community irrigation schemes being included as Regionally Significant Infrastructure. MIC in conjunction with other water user groups are opposing the relief being sought by the appellants and we are participating in the hearings over the next few weeks. We hope the rest of the season goes well for you all.

Please stay in touch if there is any feedback you would like to share.

Wilding Pine Control in Loganburn Dam Catchment

Wilding pines in the Loganburn catchment are a huge risk for water yield. Brent is active in removing and pasting any pines that he sees near the dam. However, a more organised approach will be required in time to manage this issue.



West Race Slip remedial work & planting of poplar poles and natives for bank stabilisation

Reminders...

- If you are planning fencing or any other work near or across races please remember to contact Brent and discuss your plans prior to carrying out anything.
- If you think there is an area that is impeding flow then please contact the operations team as soon as possible.
- Water needs to be ordered before 4pm if you want it the next day.
- If you are turning off early then please attempt to give as much notice as possible.
- Please let Renee know if you have carried out any upgrades to your irrigation systems this year so she can include it in the efficiency report for our water consents with ORC.
- Please discuss irrigation designs of future upgrades on farm with Brent to see if he can help you out with his expertise.

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Upper Taieri Wai Catchment Group

Upper Taieri Wai Catchment group is doing a push for new members. The Catchment Group was called Upper Taieri Water Management Group until 2020 when it was renamed as part of the process to gaining its incorporated society status.

The catchment group will be working with ORC to develop the catchment action plan (CAP) for the Upper Taieri area, starting late February. The committee of Upper Taieri Wai are working to build membership to ensure that they are supported and have the mandate to do this work on behalf of the community they are representing.

MIC are encouraging our shareholders to join and be active in the development of this plan & UTW.

to join email: uppertaierwai@gmail.com

New MIC Policy Reminders

Water Shares Transfers & Sales

MIC have uploaded all the policies as ratified during the amalgamation process to their website.

These include the details around Transfers & Sales of water shares permanently and/or within a season. Please ensure you read this if it is something that you are currently doing or contemplating.

Main points to note:

- Apply in writing to GM prior to permanently selling or transferring shares - include intended sale price, map showing application location & application method, site visit with an expert may be required (aqualink or similar).
- Temporary transfers - price is set by the company in line with current charges and no additional charges are to be charged between transferor & transferee. Transferee must have a well-maintained point of take and metering.
- Any transfers must go through a fully transparent process allowing reasonable opportunity for all potential purchasers to bid for a share of the allocation available.
- Land sales require signing of supply agreements, easements, and/or caveator transfers in some cases. Please ensure we don't hold up your land sales by contacting us early as it takes time to get these done.

These policies are currently in play and therefore the way we need to all be operating at this time. Policies will be reviewed on their cycle or earlier if required. If you would like to discuss anything within them, please contact Jeremy.

Current Dam Level

80,062,000m³

82%

Charges

Round two of invoices have been sent out last month, these are due for payment on the 20th of February.

Thanks!