

In this month's newsletter we advise of the dates for the upcoming New Manager Training and our AGM; remind all of the scholarship availability and the closing date of Friday 21st November; and remind you of key dates and requirements surrounding the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 2nd November** at the Oamaru Opera House Empire Room, starting at the usual time of 7.30pm.

You will soon receive your first set of papers which contains early notice of meeting; request for nominations for Shareholder Director; request for discussion to be added to agenda; and request for printed copy of annual accounts forms.

Nominations for Shareholder Directors must be received at the NOIC office by **Friday 14th October**. This year both Leigh Hamilton and Kelly Diprose are up for re-election.

Your second set of papers will contain the Notice of Meeting; Agenda; Minutes of the Previous Meeting; audited accounts if requested; and the Instrument Appointing Proxy.

A quick note on Proxies and the use of:

A proxy is to be used if you are unable to attend the meeting in person OR if your farm is a limited company.

- If your farm is a limited company you **MUST** appoint a corporate representative as proxy to attend and vote on behalf of your Company. If there is no corporate representative appointed as proxy then you cannot vote.
- If you are not attending the meeting yourself you may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on your behalf. That proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the company.

The Instrument Appointing Proxy document **MUST** be returned to the NOIC office by **Monday 31st October**. The person appointed as proxy **MUST** attend the meeting in order to vote.

Last year there was some confusion around who was eligible to vote and who was not. To reiterate, your shares must be issued not just allocated to vote, and you must have paid all of your share call money due. There are very few that fall into either of these two areas but if you are in that minority we would urge you to take action if you wish to participate.

Meter Readings

The Water Supply Agreement requires that meter readings be received two days after the end of the month and so we ask that Shareholders provide their water meter readings to us as close to the end of the month as practicably possible.

That information can be provided by logging into our website using your farm login and password.



It is a good idea to get accustomed to using the website as it contains your irrigation history and efficiency data. If you do not know your farm log-in please contact us here at the office so that we may provide it to you along with some easy instructions of how to access the site.

Environmental

All farms should be undertaking soil moisture monitoring, with some farms higher risk due to slope or more intensive irrigation. Those higher risk farms may require soil moisture probe. Please call Dylan on 021 048 6253 for advice on monitoring soil moisture.

We still have quite a number of Environmental Farm Plans which have not been provided by incoming shareholders. We are aware that water will be arriving later than expected but assure you that we are doing all we can to keep things moving along in a timely manner. If your farm plan has not been provided to us we will not be able to provide water to you when it becomes available. It is important for new shareholders to know that farm plans are an important condition of our Consent from the Otago Regional Council.

Did you know that Irrigation New Zealand have developed a bucket test app. which will go live mid-October. We also have a bucket test kit and soil moisture probe available for use. Contact Dylan or the office if you would like to know more.

New Manager Training

Every year we provide training for new managers to the scheme on the basic requirements for being a water user under NOIC's policies and procedures. It is an opportunity to not only learn a little about the Company and irrigation in general, but to meet some of the key staff such as Dylan (Environmental Manager) and Steve Burns (Operations

Manager). This year we will be holding two training sessions for managers new to NOIC irrigation supply to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to attend.

- **The first session will be held on Monday 3rd October at the Maheno Tavern from 10.30am to 1.30pm.**
- **The second session will be held on Thursday 27th October at the Five Forks Hall from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.**

Please contact the office or email lmcdougall@noic.co.nz to confirm who from your farm will be attending. We will be following up if we do not hear from you as attendance is compulsory for those who have never been on the scheme before.

Construction Update

Construction updates are going out weekly and we have been advised that they have been very useful in keeping everyone up-to-date. We are still happy to receive any calls regarding queries or concerns that you may have about the construction.

Health & Safety

Please remember that construction sites are workplaces and there are many hazards. Please do not wander around in any sites and if you must enter a construction site ensure that you check in with the site foreman in the first instance. If you are unsure who the site foreman is please contact Nicola McGroutner of McConnell Dowell on 021 502 389.

KCCP Planting Day & Sign Unveiling



The Kakanui Community Catchment Project have been working on creating a rest area in Enfield to accommodate their Pride In the Kakanui sign. NOIC have been supporting the work in this area as well as sponsoring the signs. We have created a great information sign which is on the reverse of the Enfield sign so that visitors to the area will be able to get an understanding of

what we do, and gain knowledge of the various structures they may see as they pass through. The site is placed right on the A20 trail which is a real bonus!

On **Sunday 11th September** there was a planting day in the rest area and an official unveiling of the sign.

Here's a couple of before and after photos of the site ...



The NOIC signage is filled with some very interesting information about our scheme and how it operates, as well as a map which shows the full pipeline area. Please contact the office if you would like us to email you a printable pdf version for your own use.

NOIC Scholarship

NOIC's Scholarship is a grant of \$1,000 awarded to secondary school students who either live and study in North Otago, or whose immediate family live and work in the area but who are boarding or studying out of the area.

The application process involves filling in a short form which is accompanied by an essay stating what skills and knowledge the student hopes to gain from their studies; areas of environmental management or sustainability the student is most interested in; and the applicant's opinion or outlook on the potential benefits and/or disadvantages of irrigation.

Application forms are available from the office, and careers advisors and agriculture teachers at our local high schools also hold them. Scholarship applications are due in by Friday 21st October this year and are then shortlisted by staff before being presented to the Board for their final decision.

Don't forget that we are now on Facebook!

With kind regards from the NOIC team