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SCHEME NEWSLETTER

In this month's newsletter we outline the timeframes for our upcoming AGM; introduce Stephen Craig-Pearson; advise of the New Manager Training date; remind you of our scholarship and ask you to shoulder tap any suitable applicants; and share important information regarding the start-up of the Expansion.

AGM

The AGM date has been tentatively set as Wednesday 1st November, and will be held in the Empire Room of the Oamaru Opera House, commencing at the usual time of 7:30pm. The NOIC Constitution provides for the rights and obligations of you – the Shareholders of our Company – and within that we have certain provisions for how meetings should be run and how notice for those meetings should be managed. The draft planning calendar for the AGM has been set as follows:

Tuesday 3rd October:

Early notice of meeting letter goes out containing information on nominations for Shareholder Director, requests for discussion points or resolutions to be added to the Agenda, and information on how to receive a printed copy of the Annual Accounts.

Monday 16th October:

Nominations for the Shareholder Director position must be received in the NOIC office. This year both Grant Isbister and Keri Robinson are up for rotation.

Tuesday 17th October:

Formal Notice of Meeting will be sent out by this date and will include the Agenda, Minutes from the previous meeting, the Instrument Appointing Proxy form, and audited accounts if requested.

Monday 30th October (48 hours before meeting):

Instrument Appointing Proxy form must be received in the NOIC office in order for the Proxy to be able to cast their vote.

Who Needs to Return a Proxy form?

- If you are not attending the meeting yourself, you may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on your behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the company.
- If your farm is a Limited Company, your Company MUST appoint a corporate representative as a proxy to attend and vote on behalf of your company. If you don't have a proxy, you can't vote.
- If your farm is a Family Trust or Partnership you can appoint a proxy to attend and vote on behalf of your organisation if you are not attending. If you are attending only one of you can vote.
- If you did not tick the five year validity box in last year's proxy form.

The person appointed Proxy must attend the meeting

Commercial Manager

Stephen Craig-Pearson started working as NOIC's new Commercial Manager in the middle of August. His family lives in Dunedin where his wife is a nurse at Dunedin hospital and his children go to high school. Stephen works four days a week in Oamaru and one day a week from Dunedin.

Stephen started his career in banking in Invercargill and has worked overseas in project finance for several international banks, as well as serving a variety of industries within the corporate banking sector here in NZ. Ten years ago Stephen moved into chartered accounting, which led him into business consulting and financial management. For the last seven years Stephen worked for NZ Genomics, a national science infrastructure that served all sectors of NZ science including the environment, agriculture and horticulture.



Stephen is a keen rower and competes in master's regattas. He rows for the Otago Rowing Club and last year achieved a personal best at the master's games.

Stephen is keen to get out of the office and get to know the farmer shareholder community first hand. He hopes his high viz won't be shiny and new for too much longer.

Genesis Energy

Genesis Energy is our Company electricity provider and they are now offering to work alongside our shareholders to get them a good deal for farm and household electricity and gas. Genesis Energy is one of New Zealand's leading energy providers. They use agribusiness and energy industry expertise to add value to your farm, so they can be partners not just suppliers. If you would like a pricing comparison and some advice on how to increase savings this season, drop the local rep Rebecca Law a line. Or send

her an email at Rebecca.law@genesiseenergy.co.nz along with a copy of your recent bill for an obligation free quote. You can also call Rebecca on 027 562 6047.

Election Issues

We have received advice on an upcoming meeting regarding the proposed water tax and other electioneering issues, which we would encourage you to attend:

Labour water spokesperson David Parker and local Waitaki candidate Zelig Allan are holding a public meeting on **Friday 15th September** at the **Blind Foundation Hall on Steward Street, Oamaru at 6:00pm**

Directors and staff will be meeting privately with David and Zelig prior to the meeting to communicate our views as well as being in attendance at the meeting.

Expansion Start-Up

We hope to be hitting an important milestone very soon when we will be handing over the first expansion off-takes to shareholders for use. Key points to note are:

- Off-takes will be becoming available section by section.
- We will call you if your off-take is available for your use, during this call we will co-ordinate with you a time that our operator can attend.
- Our operator must be with you when you first use your off-take.
- If you do not receive a call your off-take is not yet ready for use.
- After first use with our operator attending, you will then have the ability to take and use both irrigation and stock water from your offtake.
- We are working hard to deliver all off-takes as soon as we practically can.

We would like you to know that we appreciate your continued patience as we move through this staged hand-over process, and we are aware that you are all as keen as we are to see our scheme up and running!

NOSLaM Pod Meeting

NOSLaM recently held a meeting at the Five Forks Hall with a view to establishing two further Pods which will encompass the Upper and Lower Kakanui catchments. This meeting was well attended with 42 farms represented. Pods have already been established in the Waiareka and Awamoko catchments.

The NOSLaM Committee will be meeting in the next few days to determine their next steps as they move toward the creation of farmer led Pods in the Kakanui catchment, as well as their plans for the already established Waiareka and Awamoko Pods. For further information please contact NOSLaM directly on noslamoffice@gmail.com or phone 021 194 9597.

New Manager Training

We will be holding our annual New Manager and Irrigator Training session on Wednesday 11 October from 1:30pm until 6:00pm. The training is to be held at the Parautika Farms workshop at Tilverstowe Road (the first farm on the right after turning from Tokarahi-Ngapara Road).

This event is **COMPULSORY** for all New Managers. **Every farm must have had a staff member who has attended one of these events still working on the property.**

Any NOIC irrigator is welcome to attend. This is an informative session and a great opportunity to upskill yourself as well as any less experienced staff members. This year Irrigation NZ will run the session accompanied by NOIC staff. We intend to cover:

- A guide to scheduling irrigation (soil moisture, Evapotranspiration, Application depths, Soil Types ...);
- Environmental requirements and expectations as a NOIC irrigator and community member;
- Offtakes, emergency numbers and the ins and outs of NOIC.

Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance which should be kept in your Environmental Folder in the Farm Office so that it can be produced during your Environmental Farm Plan audit. This is a free event and a good afternoon tea will be provided.

Scholarship

A wee reminder about our scholarship ... if you know of a Year 12 or 13 student studying at one of the North Otago high schools or East Otago High School, who may be interested in applying for the NOIC scholarship, application forms are available from the school careers advisors, on our website, or by contacting us here at the office.



Our scholarship recipient last year was Meg Knowler (pictured above) who has gone on to study a Diploma in Agriculture at Lincoln University and will next year be starting a three year degree in Marine and Environmental Science, which includes environmental tourism.

**Don't forget that we have an emergency number
0800 333 437**

With kind regards from the NOIC team