Scheme Update

With the irrigation season coming to a close, the Operations and Infrastructure team are moving their focus to winter maintenance to ensure reliability in the delivery of water. As well as the ongoing regular maintenance, we are taking the opportunity this year to undertake some significant liner repairs on the Carew Ponds which support the Open Race. This is the first major repair on the liner in the nine years of having the ponds operational.

The costs associated with the pond liner repairs and other incremental increases will affect the water charges for the 2025/26 year. While few like to see water charges go up, we continue to manage scheme costs responsibly while ensuring essential maintenance is undertaken. Water Charges have not been finalised, though we can give the following indications:

Water Charge – Share Class	**Current Charge** (per litre per second)	**Estimated Change** (per litre per second)	**2025/ 26 Estimate** (per litre per second)	**Estimated Chan** (%age)
Open Race	$191	$35 - $40	$226 - $231	18% - 2
Valetta	$386	$20 - $30	$406 - $416	5% -
Ruapuna	$738	$25 - $35	$763 - $773	3% -
Environmental	$9/ ha	$0.50 - $1/ ha	$9.50 - $10/ ha	6% - 1

Formal notification of 2025/ 26 Water Charges will be communicated prior to 31 May.

CEO Commencement

Our incoming CEO, Andrew Mockford, joins the team on 19 May to allow a two week handover period with Jason Hurst, our Interim GM. We are very appreciative of Jason's stewardship in the role since January and the positive impacts he has made during his tenure.

Mid Canterbury Water Storage Ltd

Mid Canterbury Water Storage (MCWS) is a company owned 50/50 by MHV Water and ALIL, which has acquired land at Klondyke for water storage. MCWS was successful in having the Klondyke project listed under the Fast-track Approvals Act and is now investigating options for the first stage of the build, targeting the current needs of MHV Water and ALIL.

We will ensure engagement with MHV shareholders as key information becomes available.

Effluent Workshop

Thursday 15 May 2025

Two sessions will be run:

Session 1: 10:00am – 12:00pm at Ealing Hall
Session 2: 1:30pm – 3:30pm at Winchmore Hall

The sessions will include:

- Expert advice on effluent management from **Logan Bowler from Agblution Solutions.** Logan has had 15 years experience in farm dairy effluent and will share his expertise on how you can get the most out of your effluent system and meet environmental compliance.
- This will be followed by a **panel of industry experts** (including auditors and industry) where attendees can ask questions.

Please RSVP to Nicole Matheson, 027 205 2355 or nicole@mhvwater.nz

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Acton Farmers Irrigation Cooperative Limited
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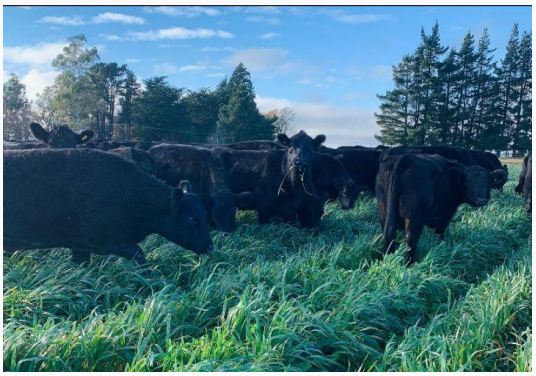
Rangitata South Irrigation Ltd
MHVwater
Enviro Collective

Farm Environment Plan (FEP) updates

The FEP update provides you with the opportunity to review your Environmental Management to ensure you are on track to achieve/maintain an A audit, move towards Advanced Mitigation and review any actions identified in your FEP audit.

Please make a time to update your FEP with Nicole (027 205 2355 or nicole@mhvwater.nz) or Russ (027 300 9599 or russ@mhvwater.nz).

Intensive Winter Grazing (IWG)



Environment Canterbury are not carrying out winter grazing flyovers in the Ashburton catchment this winter.

Winter grazing remains a high-risk activity and the Environmental groups and NGO's will continue to keep a close eye on practices.

Ensure you have an Intensive Winter Grazing Management Plan. A plan is required for sheep on crop and transitional crops on dairy farms, including how you manage waterways and critical sources on farm.

Any crop planted within 5m of a waterway (excluding irrigation and stockwater races) will need to

be lifted or cut and fed out. If you have a boggy corner or wet area, please fence it off.

Please call Nicole on 027 205 2355 or nicole@mhvwater.nz, or Russ on 027 300 9599 or russ@mhvwater.nz if you have any questions or need a hand putting together your Plan.

Below ground work

Before starting any below-ground work on your property — including the installation of fixed grid or fence posts — please ensure your service provider lodges a BeforeUdig request and/or contact MHV Pipe Operations on 027 239 5199 to locate any underground services.

Taking this quick step helps keep everyone safe and prevents costly damage. Stay safe — check before you dig!

Property sales and share transfers

With June fast approaching, there are several property sales in the pipeline.

When shares/properties are sold it is often a time of change on the property and given our resource consent covers the nutrient discharge for all our Shareholders we need to be sure that any share sales do not impact on our ability to meet the conditions of our consent.

If you are buying or selling, and have not spoken with Jo (027 335 5524 or jo@mhvwater.nz) or Nicole (027 205 2355 or nicole@mhvwater.nz) about a sale/purchase, please contact them as soon as possible to check your responsibilities in the process.

Share transfers are approved in line with our Share Transfer policy which can be viewed here.

Pond overflows

The practice of allowing pond overflows can cause flooding issues downstream on roads and properties, and can be a health and safety risk.

We are reviewing overflow events and permissions for pond overflows that return unused irrigation water back to an open race. We may contact you if such events are identified.

We request that you monitor your pond levels and only order the required flows.

Continued MHV Research

Our Senior Hydrologist, Justin Legg, is undertaking a PhD at the University of Otago to help us better understand Nitrate movements in our groundwater. We are pleased to share the following publications as a result of Justin's work:

1. The first "*Nitrate-nitrogen (NO3-N) response domains following a large-scale rainfall event on the Hekeao Hinds Plains of Mid-Canterbury, New Zealand*" examined the changes in NO3-N across the Hekeao after the 2021 rain event for a period of 12 months. Read Article

2. The second "*Protocol for the use of an Optical Nitrate Nitrogen (NO3–N) sensor for measuring ground and surface water NO3–N concentrations*" is a how-to-guide using the Hydrometrics GW50 Optical Nitrate Probe; and was published in Methods X, which is also an internationally recognised and respected journal. Read Article

This work compliments the continued ground and surface water monitoring programme undertaken by MHV.

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