

MHVwater

Shareholder Update

Coming Up

Bucket Testing Workshop

Learn how to get the most out of your irrigation water.

Suitable for all irrigation managers.

Thursday 15 March 2018
9am, Hinds

“Aiming for an A” Workshop

Learn what an A grade farm looks like and types of practice to help achieve this.

Thursday 5 April 2018
10am

Irrigation NZ Conference

Explore the role of irrigation in Central Otago as well as tackle the numerous challenges facing the irrigation community.

Alexandra
17-19 April 2018

[Register for the Conference](#)

** Please note you will need to register directly with Irrigation NZ for this conference.*

“What’s my Number?”

Workshop

Learn more about OVERSEER and how to interpret your budget.

Friday 18 May 2018
2pm

Register your place for any of our workshops by contacting the office on 03 307 8389 or info@mhwwater.nz or learn more on our [website](#).

Message from the CEO

Our aim of delivering sustainable solutions for our Shareholders and the Community is key to our draft strategy. The strategy sets the direction for the Board and for our Management Team and it is important for us to involve you to ensure it meets your expectations. Over the next couple of months we will be holding shed meetings to get your feedback and to shape this document. The aim is to have it finalised for the AGM. So please keep an eye out for the invitations, we will circulate the draft details in due course and I look forward to working with you on this.



We have also been working on different ways to communicate with you and facilitate communication between shareholders. Accordingly, we have set up an internal ‘secret’ Facebook page. If you want to join, please email me or Jo and we’ll invite you. The page is not possible to find unless you have been invited, because the page is for us to communicate with each other and we want it to be a safe forum. Of course, Facebook will not be our only form of communication, and we will continue to have newsletters, shed meetings and as always phone and face to face contact.

There was a great article this week in NZ Farmer which also is on [Stuff](#) online about Managed Aquifer Recharge. It reads well and reinforces that we are committed to balancing the irrigation needs of our shareholders with protecting and enhancing the natural environment. This community led partnership is such a positive for us and the district and I’m really pleased to be able to share that good news story.

And lastly, invitations will be coming out shortly for our Agri Innovation – Mid Canterbury Seminar. This will be a fantastic afternoon that will deliver solutions you can implement on farm now, give some insight to future research and development and give you the tools to consider how you can incorporate these innovation on farm. There will be no cost to attend and a huge amount of value, so please lock in the afternoon of the 2nd of May in your diary.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Mel

Valetta Wells Required

We are on the lookout for volunteers for water quality sampling within the Valetta Line area.

Wells need to be easily accessible, and have a water collection point close by. We will consider all depths.

Information collected, will be reported back to well owners and used by MHV for quarterly reporting.



Why do we need to Bucket Tests?

A Bucket Test performs the function of testing two key performance indicators of an irrigator - Distribution Uniformity (DU) and Application Depth. Often the issues identified through the test are issues that can't be picked up through a visual assessment, or by a rain gauge test.

It simply is a tool to help you understand your system and improve inefficiencies which may be costing you money for example, additional pumping costs or lost production from over or under watering.

It is also another piece of evidence for your FEP Audit to help build a picture around your Irrigation Calibration and Maintenance and helps prove that your machine is operating efficiently.

Learn how to bucket test your own irrigators at our [Bucket Testing workshop](#) on Thursday 15 March. We have a session running from 9am -12pm in the Hinds area, so book your place now on 03 975 8547 or info@mhwwater.nz. This workshop is suitable for all irrigation managers, and places are limited, so please confirm your spot.

Alternatively, our Scheme Operators are now trained to undertake these bucket tests for you. These bucket tests are done at a cost recoverable rate of \$100 per irrigator. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact the office on 03 307 8389 or info@mhwwater.nz.

MHV Water has a bucket test kit available for shareholders use, so contact the office to book the kit. There is no charge to this, we simply ask that you return the kit as soon as you have finished with it.



Farm Activity Variation

We need to understand the Nutrient footprint of our scheme and any changes within it, as such this is a reminder that if you are wanting to change your farm activity and/or increase your nutrient footprint you need to complete a Farm Activity Variation Application for Board approval. Due to the cycling of the Board meetings this can take up to 6 weeks. Please ensure your application is submitted with plenty of time for it to be assessed by our Environmental Manager in advance of the Board Meetings. If you have any queries regarding this please contact Mel or Eva.



Facebook Group

Join our MHV Shareholder group and receive updates and useful information about the scheme.

This is a "secret" group on Facebook so is not searchable or accessible to anyone that is not a member.

On this page we post snippets of information about upcoming events, health and safety, weather events and general news or projects of interest within our scheme. It is simply another avenue of communication in addition to text, newsletters, email, shed meetings and phone calls.

If you or your senior staff would like to join this group, please email mel@mhwwater.nz or jo@mhwwater.nz and we can join you up.



Watch this space

AGRI INNOVATION
MID CANTERBURY

Wednesday 2 May 2018

1pm - 5pm

Ashburton Trust Event Centre

Wills St, Ashburton

Free agri seminar hosted by

MHV Water Ltd,

BCI Water Ltd and

Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd

Further details to come.



Align Longfield Open Gate Field Day

Over 100 people attended the Open Gate Field Day held in February at Align Longfield.

Industry experts spoke about FEP audits, Ecotain and soil moisture monitoring, all means to the end goal of better water quality outcomes.

Align Farms spoke about the staff policies they implement to ensure staff are well equipt to carry out their work. They also spoke about the Good Management Practices they implement as they strive to reach better environmental outcomes.

MHV Water is very appreciative of the assistance of Align Farms and in particular Align Longfield in the preparation and delivery of this field day.

We are holding another "Aiming for an A" workshop on Thursday 5 April at 10am which will be more focused toward the farmer.

To register for the workshop, phone 03 975 8547 or email info@mhwwater.nz



Vehicles in Races

With approx. 320km of open races we remind you to please be careful around the races.

If you see a vehicle in a race please contact emergency services if required and then call your Scheme Operator (once everyone is safe).

Your Scheme Operator will manage any possible spills, water flow levels, aid safe recovery and ensure we are aware of any damage.

