

NEWSLETTER

DATABASE AND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

From 1 June 2018 the company will move to using upgraded database and accounting software. We hope any glitches are minor during the transition.

INVOICE BY EMAIL

If you are receiving this by post and have an email address we could use instead please contact the office on admin@keriirrigation.co.nz

ADMINISTRATOR

We welcome Lissa Mitchell into admin. Pam McQuoid has left us to travel with her husband. Lissa and family are in the process of relocating from Hamilton. Lissa has a great deal of admin experience and is proving to be an asset in the office.

Invoices

YOUR INVOICE to year end date 31 May 2018 is on its way. This is your final invoice for the 2017/2018 year.

INVOICE FREQUENCY is changing for the 2018/2019 year. A reminder that your next invoice will be issued 30 September 2018.

For **NON COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS** this will be your only invoice for the year through to 31 May 2019. There will not be a January and May invoice as

in the past.

For **COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS** this invoice will be for 100% of your fixed meter and irrigable hectare annual charges. There will not be an invoice issued at 31 January as in the past. Commercial connections will get invoiced for water used as at 31 May 2019.

All **COMMERCIAL** and **NON COMMERCIAL** connections will continue to have their meter read annually and

any excess water use charges will be invoiced in May 2019.

PAYMENT TERMS can be arranged with our office if the new invoicing frequency schedule is likely to cause anyone financial issues. If you are currently making **REGULAR WEEKLY OR MONTHLY PAYMENTS** into your account at KIC you are welcome to continue to do so.

Fees for the 2018/2019 Season

Your Directors have considered the impact of higher costs to maintain and or replace aging infrastructure, increasing KIC compliance costs for health

and safety and engineering costs associated with maintaining regulatory compliance for the two large earth dams owned by the

company. **NEW SEASON CHARGES** are as follows (valid 01 June 2018 to May 2019):

	2018/2019
COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS (incl. GST)	
Annual water meter charge	\$200
Annual charge per irrigable hectare	\$154
Water used per m ³	4.5 cents
Water allocated per m ³ reserved but unused	1.5 cents
NON-COMMERCIAL (incl. GST)	\$480

Across NZ, 23 irrigation schemes have average charges to their members of \$780 per hectare or 14 cents/m³. Kerikeri irrigation scheme customers last year

paid the equivalent of \$266 per hectare or 8.8 cents/m³. **Non-commercial connections in other schemes** pay up to \$845 per year for an allocation

of 400 m³. KIC charges for **Excess Water** are 0.41 cents m³. In other schemes it is up to \$2.18/m³

WEBSITE

KIC will increasingly be using its **WEBSITE** to keep customers informed of important notices, pipeline repairs, outages and water test results. To find back copies of newsletters and other important information please visit www.keriirrigation.co.nz

SPAM EMAIL

KIC has been a victim of spam email sending fake invoices and requests for payments. If in doubt, hover over the senders email address on the screen and it will show KIC detail if genuine.

KIC will only send invoices on (or about) 31 May 2018 and 30 September 2018

OVERHEARD AT MANUWAI....

Two fish swim into a solid wall. One turns to the other and says Dam!

Annual Meter Inspection and Maintenance

METER READING has been carried out over the last month. Out of the 1,500 installations inspected 220 have been identified as requiring follow up maintenance.

Issues to be followed up are meter boxes needing repair

or replacement, labelling and signage missing and dirt and rubbish build up inside the meter box.

Of the 220, **90 require vegetation control. Please assist by ensuring your water meter is accessible by cutting back hedges, weeds**

bamboo etc. Other company infrastructure like pump sheds and PRV installations will also be given a makeover in the coming months.

From the Archives

NZ Herald 3 March 1979 – Public Notices. Excerpt from the “Notification of the proposed Kerikeri Irrigation Scheme”:

The reservoirs will be capable of storing 3,000 cubic metres of water per irrigable hectare, equivalent to an average application rate of 2.5mm/day for 120 days.

The pipe reticulation will be designed to enable a maximum drain off rate of 3.5mm per 24 hour day over the scheme's irrigable area. The scheme will be capable of delivering water to all properties at a minimum pressure of 100 kpa (15 psi) when the system is operating with all the irrigable land being watered at the design rate.

A gravity supply is possible to 68% of the area at a head of 250 kpa (38 psi) or greater; to 16% at a head of between 100 kpa (15 psi)

and 250 kpa (38 psi); with the remainder requiring booster pumping. The scheme is not intended to provide water for human consumption.

In later years as demand approaches design capacity, the installation of restrictor devices and/or metres may be found necessary to ensure a fair water distribution.

The supply may be shut off during “out of season” months for maintenance purposes. Water will be supplied under a water availability agreement which

- a) Will show the landholders agreed unit quantity of supply per 1000 cubic metres
- b) Will provide for a number of supply periods totaling 40 consecutive seasons with the length of the

periods being in accordance with the provisions of the water rights issued.

- c) Will be variable under the conditions which protect the scheme revenue and rights of other irrigators
- d) Will state that in a drought exceeding the scheme capability of 3000 cubic metres per Hecate, reduction of supply may be necessary

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