

NEWSLETTER

Asset Refurbishment Program

Refurbishment of the Manuwai turbine/pump shed (five pumps, three turbines and a huge electrical circuit board plus associated pipe and electrical work) is the last above ground asset to be upgraded. Work on this has begun and while there will be some water outages in the Northern area every effort will be made to minimize these. Work recommenced in April to complete the southern main pipe renewal project which was severely impacted by rain last winter. This work is costing the Kerikeri Irrigation Co approximately 3 million dollars.

Charges Applying From 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024

Your Directors recognize there are financial constraints affecting everyone including the Kerikeri Irrigation Co however they have elected to hold the service charges for the 2023/2024 year the same as those applying for the current 2022/2023 year.

New Drinking Water Standards and Domestic consumption

As a result of new legislation recently passed into law, including Taumata Arowai regulations and the new drinking water standards, there are legal implications to KIC if a user is suspected of consuming KIC irrigation water and KIC takes no action. If it comes to our attention the water maybe being consumed on property, the user will be asked to sign a declaration stating they are not using the water for human consumption. Failure to complete the declaration may result in disconnection.

E. Coli Risks

The risk of E. Coli being present in water will vary at different times of the year especially from water supplied from the weirs after heavy rain. According to the World Health Organization, a zero count of E. coli per 100 ml of water is considered safe for drinking. A count of 1–10 MPN/100 ml is regarded as low risk; 11–100 MPN/100 ml is medium risk. After a particularly severe weather event recently, one of the weirs recorded an E. Coli test result of 15,000. The northern and southern dams which supply approximately 90 percent of connections consistently test within the low-risk guidelines. All water test results are available on the company's website at www.keriirrigation.co.nz

Payment of Accounts

Thankyou to those who pay their accounts when due. If you are on a payment plan, please ensure your regular payment is sufficient to pay the full charge within the year it is due. The Kerikeri Irrigation Co year is from the 1st June to 31st May the following year. Interest charges will apply to monies outstanding beyond the 31st May each year.

Email Notifications

If you received this newsletter in the mail, you are one of 160 out of 1,550 connections we do not have an email address for. We cannot advise you of interruptions to water supply and updates when supply will resume. Please check the website for planned and unplanned outages before phoning the after-hours line.

REMEMBER.... The water supplied is for irrigation and outdoor use only. It is untreated and potentially carrying levels of E coli unsafe for people to be exposed to at various times of the year and is not intended or fit for domestic use.

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