

NEWSLETTER

Asset Refurbishment Program

Refurbishment of the Manuwai turbine and pump shed (five pumps, three turbines and a large electrical circuit board plus associated pipe and electrical equipment) has largely been completed with minimal outages to supply to the northern area. One of the three turbines has had its pump replaced with a generator. Electricity will be put back into the national grid. It is hoped to run this generator 24/7 during the winter months when the dam is spilling water anyway and when payments for power generated are their highest. Over the last two winters two kms of 600 mm Dia asbestos concrete pipe from the southern dam to Waimate North Road was replaced. This year internal Kerikeri Irrigation staff have completed the complex and challenging job of getting new pipe under Waimate North Road, installing a T junction to supply Waimate North Road, Valencia Lane and Amuri Road. This piece of work did have some issues and some connections were without water for longer than the two days estimated to complete it. The company is very appreciative of the patience and understanding of the people in the southern area while the issues were resolved. To date the company has spent over four million dollars renewing and future proofing 40-year-old infrastructure.

Charges Applying From 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025

Your directors recognised there are financial constraints affecting everyone including the Kerikeri Irrigation Co considering this they held the service charges for the current year the same as those applying for the previous year. They carefully considered the situation for the 2024/2025 year and have decided to increase all fees by 4% to enable the asset refurbishment work to continue and keep the company in a sound financial position.

New Drinking Water Standards and Domestic Consumption

Recently all landowners connected to the scheme were sent a letter from the company chairman plus an updated water supply agreement. The company's constitution allows for minor changes to the water supply agreement by giving three months' notice without having to have a new agreement signed by all connections. The two main changes highlighted the responsibilities the company has under the new drinking water standards legislation and the process for arbitration if a landowner has a dispute with the company. You are encouraged to read the documentation.

Payments

Thank you 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.

Email Notifications

If you received this newsletter in the mail, you are one of 145 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 office or 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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