

KERIKERI IRRIGATION

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NEWSLETTER

ASSET REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM

Refurbishment of the Manuwai turbine and pump shed (five pumps, three turbines and a large electrical circuit board plus associated pipes and electrical equipment) has been completed with minimal outages to supply. One of the three turbines has had its pump replaced with a generator. Electricity is now being 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 and when payment for power generated is at the highest. Over the last two winters 2.6 kms of 600 mm Dia asbestos concrete pipe from the southern dam to Waimate North Road was replaced. This year in house Kerikeri Irrigation staff have completed the complex and challenging job of getting new pipe under Waimate North Road, installing a Tee junction to supply Waimate North Road, Valincia 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 2025 TO 31 MAY 2026

Your directors decided to hold the service charges for the 2024/2025 year the same as those applying for the 2023/2024 year. They carefully considered the situation for the 2025/2026 year and have decided to increase commercial fees by 6% and non-commercial fees by 2.5% to enable the asset refurbishment work to continue and to keep the company in a sound financial position.

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 financial 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 130 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.

CCTV COVERAGE

As a result of the annual dam safety report by the engineers, there is now CCTV coverage of the entrance to both dams. The bell mouth outlet and the dam face are also able to be monitored remotely 24/7. If there is an extreme weather or seismic event people are not put at risk by needing to attend the site in person.

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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