

NEWSLETTER

RELOCATION OF WORKSHOP TO WIROA ROAD

The company is relocating to land it already owns at its southern dam, Waingaro, at 504 Wiroa Rd. The commercial building in Norfolk place in Kerikeri will be sold creating a surplus of funds over the cost of moving. It is expected the move will take place in September 2026. Moving large trailers and equipment around a busy street in town has become too difficult and can be unsafe. Spare pipes are already stored on the site so it makes sense to utilize the land. A new workshop is under construction, and a small accessory relocatable building will be added later.

ASSET REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM

Refurbishment of the Kerikeri Irrigation scheme above ground assets is now complete. All the forty-five-year-old equipment including pumps, motors, generators and electrical switchboards have been replaced with new reliable equipment that will make the scheme fit for purpose for many years to come. One of the biggest advantages of the refurbishment is the opportunity to adopt new technology. Remote alerts sent to the mobile phone when there is a broken pipe assist in diagnosing issues and getting a faster resolution. Instead of driving around looking for a leak when a customer reports no water, pressure alerts enable field staff to go straight to the problem.

CHARGES APPLYING FROM 1 JUNE 2026 TO 31 MAY 2027

Having held the service charges the same for two years in a row then a small increase of 6 % for commercial and 2.5 % for non-commercial last year the directors have decided again on a small increase in charges for the 2026/2027 year. They have voted to increase commercial fees by 5% and non-commercial fees by 2%. Like everyone the company is experiencing cost increases, some up to 30% for new pipes. The company is in a sound financial position and will continue to replace old pipes and improve other assets as required.

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 5% of 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 after-hours.

AFTER HOURS SERVICE

If a situation arises that you need to contact the company out of normal office hours please be sure to leave a message and your contact details. The call will not be answered but is monitored 24/7. Any response will be determined by the information that is left by the caller.

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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