

# IRRIGATION NEWS



## Reminder

### Unexpected Rain

We have had changeable weather through the first part of November.

Thank you to everyone who let us know that they were turning off due to the rain a week ago.

If you have an order in and you're turning off please give the duty phone a call and cancel any future orders if you don't want to take water that you have already ordered for the following days.

This is important to help us avoid over topping ponds and let us manage our water order to RDRML for the following day.

## Upcoming Training

### Workshops.



### Fert Spreader Calibration events

Travis from Spread Test NZ will calibrate your fert spreader and to talk through how to identify and troubleshoot problems.

Mid Canty wide dates are 13 December 2019, 10 January 2020 & 17 January 2020.

Locations to be confirmed

### Bucket Testing

Irrigation Calibration and Maintenance

**5th December** - Greenlea Farm, Richard/George Lilley's

255 McKendry's Road

This hands-on workshop covers irrigation maintenance and demonstrates how you can bucket test your irrigator to maximise efficiency.

### Coming Soon

Effective Irrigation Scheduling and Soil Water Budget Workshops in Dec and Jan

Lease of Water - Jeremy Stewart (021 027 89848) wishes to lease 8 l/s for the 19/20 Irrigation Season. The lease of the water will be subject to ALIL approval. Please contact Jeremy direct if you wish to discuss this further.

## Water Use - Are you over your daily water allocation?

This season we will be focusing on water use to ensure that water is being fairly distributed to shareholders based on the shares they have allocated to their property offtake.

We have recently completed an audit of the weekly use and found that there were a large number of offtakes exceeding their shared allocation when assessed over a 24hour period.



Please take this opportunity to review your water use in relation to your allocation before we contact individuals.

If you think you have a problem give us a call and we will work with you to find a solution. It may be that your pivot does not have the correct nozzle pack for your water allocation, or that you need to consider when you turn various irrigators on and off.

Why is overuse of water a concern?

- Firstly, the scheme has been designed based on your allocation and design flow. Significant variations from this could affect your neighbors pressures and flows and the performance of the wider network.
- Secondly, continually taking an over supply of water without the share investment or water charges associated with that water increases the cost of water to the rest of the shareholders in the scheme, as the scheme does not receive the funds proportionate to the water taken.

### How do I check my water use?

You can check the water use on your offtake using the desktop online Water Order page (not the mobile phone one).

This link

<https://alil.co.nz/images/documents/2018-Ordering-Water-Waterline-Online-Mobile.pdf>

to our website will take you to the water order instructions. Section 3. will talk you through checking your flow rate.

### Current Fault of water order page

Today we have identified a fault on the water order page. This is being worked on and we hope to have it resolved today. We will contact all shareholders with a text message when the page is up and running again. In the meantime please call the duty phone 027 367 2545 for all new or modified orders. We can see your existing orders so you don't need to call us about them.