

Message from Rebecca Whillans, Chief Executive



The Annual Meeting of ALIL will be held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at the Methven Memorial Hall. As usual two Directors will retire by rotation. Accompanying this newsletter is a call for nomination for Directors. Nominations are due by 4.30pm on Friday 15th September 2023.

Please have a think about standing. We will send a reminder in the 1st week of September.

2023 Water Charges

Further to our July update, the Board has now agreed that water charges will remain unchanged for the year ending 30 June 2024. These have been set at:-

- \$7.34 per share for Stage 2
- \$7.25 per share for Stage 1 (Greenline)
- \$750 per FEP, base charge
- \$7.00 per ha, over 50 ha (total FEP area less 50ha)
- \$150 for Authorised Properties (properties less than 50ha irrigated)
- Administration charge of \$85 per shareholding for those on Direct Debit & \$115 per shareholding for those not on Direct Debit

Water charges are invoiced monthly (in arrears) and split evenly across 11 months of the year, with a balancing invoice in June. Payment of water charges are due on the 20th of the month following invoicing.

These water charges have been set with allowances made for additional storage assets and the increase in water charges from RDRML arising from the Fish Screen and increases in their insurance costs.

2023 – 2024 Irrigation Season

There is no planned RDRML maintenance shutdown at the start of this season, therefore the irrigation season will start on 10th September 2023.

Orders for water, must be placed by 1pm the day before you wish to irrigate. We will be following up with those shareholders who do-not place an order & take water and those that order & do not take water. If you have had any on-farm changes & need to enable new staff to order water, please contact the Operations Team (Mike, Luke, Brett & Rachel) on the ALIL Duty phone: 0273 672 545.

Easements

The schemes solicitors, Tavendale & Partners, have been working on getting all easements in place since the ALIL pipelines were installed, and where possible, surrendering easements on open races where they are no longer required.

This project is nearing completion, however there are still a small number of shareholders that have not returned their documentation. The Board has instructed that signing of the easement documentation is to be resolved as soon as possible, but no later than the start of the 2023/2024 Irrigation season. This is on the basis that ALIL has completed the piping, surveying, and documenting of most of the scheme and wishes to finalise matters to allow resources to be put towards future projects.

All shareholders receiving water from Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd have signed a Water Agreement. Clause 14 of the Water Agreement provides provision that the Farmer agrees to grant such easements in gross over their property as the Company may reasonably require. Therefore, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this.

Stockwater



Do you require a stockwater supply from the scheme for the 2023/2024 season? If you haven't already, you will need to apply for a connection using the ALIL Stock Water Registration Form, which can be requested from our office.

ALIL will not be in a position to deliver stockwater next winter, unless a stockwater offtake is in place.

There is an upfront fee applicable of \$3,000 + GST. This fee is required to provide for a company issue flow meter and pressure reducing valve on the stock water connection.

Stock water allocation is capped at a rate of 280 L/ha/day, being 70 litres per lactating cow on a 4 cow to the hectare basis.

If you have any questions regarding stockwater please contact Mike on 0276 008 556.

Backflow Prevention

In June, shareholders were notified that the ALIL Policy on Backflow Prevention had been updated & adopted. Chemigation valves are now the only backflow prevention device permitted for backflow on the scheme. Double check valves are no longer an acceptable backflow prevention method. Please use the following [link](#) to find out the installation, testing & compliance requirements. The Operations Team will be checking all offtakes as part of the de-winterising process, ahead of shareholders being able to take water.

Nominations

Nominations are called for Directors and are to be received at the Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd office (326 Burnett Street, Ashburton, or via email to: carmen@alil.co.nz) by **4.30pm, Friday 15th September 2023**. The nomination should be submitted together with a brief profile on the nominated person which will be circulated to shareholders with the Notice of Meeting. The nomination form is attached below.

Future Directors

The Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd Board has been focused on succession. To assist in raising governance awareness the Board has sponsored governance training for the last few years.

Those that have attended governance training have been

- Current Directors – Andy Grant & Phil Lowe
- Board Observers – George Lilley & Ali van Polanen
- Sponsored Shareholders – James Anderson, Andrew Currie, Jude Henderson & Caro Letham

It is important that the company develops a pathway for succession of future governors. At last year's Annual Meeting, shareholders made it clear that the Observer role is an effective means of enabling as many shareholders as possible to gain an awareness of the companies governance processes & procedures.

We strongly encourage any shareholders or family members of shareholders to consider either Director or Observer roles.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the management, or a Director of the Board should you have any queries or concerns.

Regards,



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Chair

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Directors Nomination Form

I/We hereby nominate:-

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Of
(Shareholding)

Phone Email

Nominated by
(Name) (Shareholding) (Signature)

Seconded by
(Name) (Shareholding) (Signature)

Accepted by
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(Nominee's signature)



Contact us

As always, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the ALIL team should you have any questions or concerns or require general scheme support. Our contact information can be found on the ALIL website (www.alil.co.nz), or by clicking the link [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.