

### Message from Rebecca Whillans, Chief Executive



The Annual Meeting of ALIL will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Hotel Ashburton, commencing at 7.00pm. Accompanying this newsletter is a call for nomination for Directors. Nominations are due by 4.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Colin Glass retires by rotation at this year's Annual Meeting and is not seeking re-election, leaving a vacancy on the Borad for the coming year. Please have a think about standing.

It was great to see many of you at Mike's celebration earlier in the month & I look forward to catching up with you again at the Annual Meeting.

### 2025 – 26 Irrigation Season

#### RDR Shutdown

The RDR shutdown will occur from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> September. During this time the RDR operations team will be completing a number of scheduled works. Additionally, ALIL will be building the new offtake at Forks Road & Ashburton District Council will be completing repairs to a stock water discharge area off Montalto Road, Klondyke.

It is anticipated that water orders will be accepted from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Orders for water, must be placed by 1pm the day before you wish to irrigate. The water order page can be accessed from our website or via this [link](#).

#### Stock Water

We wish to remind shareholders that ALIL does not guarantee supply of stock water; it is delivered on a "best endeavours" policy. During the RDR shutdown, there may be supply disruptions requiring you to use your backup stock water supply.

We also wish to advise shareholders that stock water callouts outside of the irrigation season during weekends will incur a fee

### New Managers / Water Orders / Workshops

#### New Staff on Farm? Let us know!

If you have new staff who will need to be able to order water for next season, please let us know, via email or text. We will require the following information:-

- First name
- Last name
- Mobile phone number
- Email address
- Which offtakes they will need access to (if required)

If the new personnel are replacing departing staff, let us know that you would like the old staff removed as well. Personnel changes can be sent through to [rachel@alil.co.nz](mailto:rachel@alil.co.nz) or text to 0276 439 172.

### New Manager & Water Ordering System Workshop

In advance of the irrigation season, we will be holding a workshop to welcome new Managers to ALIL, provide an update on environmental requirements & to demonstrate access & how to order water. The workshop will be held on:-

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Winchmore Hall, starting at 1pm.**

A **drop-in session** at the ALIL office, 326 Burnett Street will also be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025, between 10.00am & 1.00pm** for anyone wanting assistance in placing Water Orders. There is no change to the water order process from last season.

### Scheme Management of Nutrients Workshop

Shareholders are invited to join Management & Directors at a workshop to explore options for nutrient loss management within ALIL. The workshop will be held on:-

- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, 12.30 – 2.30pm, Hotel Ashburton. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to [info@alil.co.nz](mailto:info@alil.co.nz)**

We will be discussing:-

- What a vision for land use management of farms within ALIL could look like in 50 years' time
- Historic land use and future land use on farms within ALIL
- Options for the scheme to meet future nitrogen loss reductions

## Environmental Update

### Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Keeva Hintz to the team as our new Environmental Support Coordinator. Keeva will be assisting with the schemes environmental requirements whilst Sarah Everest is on maternity leave.

Originally from Taranaki, Keeva has recently graduated from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with first-class Honours. Growing up on a dairy farm, she has practical hands-on experience in environmental monitoring, pastoral farm systems & irrigation practices.

Keeva looks forward to meeting shareholders during the next 12 months.



### 2025 FEP Programme

The Farm Environment Plan (FEP) updates for 2025 have commenced. Information will be sent out to shareholders to inform them of what is required this year. If you would like to book your FEP, please contact Keeva on 027 755 4702 to arrange a time.

### B Grade Audit Results

The Board is very proud of the number of shareholders that now hold Advanced Mitigation (AM) and A grade audit results and is working to lift the remaining properties to the same level.

ALIL only has 6 farms left with a B grade audit. We actively work with B grade farmers to assist them in improving their on-farm standards, in order to move those B grades to A grades.

Frustratingly, some of the B grades are due to a low level of confidence on irrigation distribution uniformity, resulting from bucket testing not being completed or being completed too late, without sufficient time for required maintenance to be completed. To combat this the Board is updating its Environmental Management Strategy (EMS).

Where there is non-compliance in respect to incomplete or failed bucket tests that haven't been addressed by the shareholder, ALIL will arrange for bucket testing to be completed, and all associated costs will be on-charged to the shareholder.

### Bucket Testing

Do you have an outstanding bucket test action on your FEP or Audit Report? Please contact Keeva on 027 755 4702 or via email at: [keeva@alil.co.nz](mailto:keeva@alil.co.nz) if you wish to book a Bucket Test.

We also have a bucket test kit available that you can borrow if you wish to complete the bucket test yourself.

### Situations Vacant – Casual Environmental Assistant (Bucket Testing)



Applications are invited from individuals that would be interested in assisting with the co-ordination of our Bucket Testing Programme from January through until the end of the irrigation season in May. This casual role would suit either a Year 11/12 High School Student, or University Student.

No previous knowledge is required, but there will be the requirement to gain an understanding of irrigation systems. A clean driver's license will also be required.

To apply, or for more information, please send a cover letter & current CV to: [info@alil.co.nz](mailto:info@alil.co.nz) before the end of September.

## Scheme Operations Update

### Annual Backflow Prevention Testing Due

If you are adding anything (such as effluent or fertiliser) to your ALIL-connected irrigation or stock water system, you are required to install, test and maintain backflow prevention to meet the requirements of the ALIL Backflow Prevention Policy.

ALIL Property off-takes are not fitted with anything that would stop water flowing backwards from the farm into the ALIL system. Normally, the higher pressure from the ALIL system prevents water flowing into the ALIL system, however if the ALIL pipe is drained for any reason or if there are pressure fluctuations in the system reverse flow can occur. Backflow prevention devices prevent water that may be contaminated with effluent, fertiliser, or other agrichemicals from backflowing into the ALIL pipeline where it could potentially be drawn into another user's irrigation system.

**If you have backflow prevention on your system to prevent contamination of the ALIL water supply, you must test your backflow valve annually and submit test results to ALIL.** Any questions can be directed to Rachel or Keeva & to submit copies of these tests when completed to [rachel@alil.co.nz](mailto:rachel@alil.co.nz) or [keeva@alil.co.nz](mailto:keeva@alil.co.nz).

### Gravel Sales

The scheme has pit run shingle available at \$2 m<sup>3</sup>. Please contact Mike King on 0276 008 556 if you're interested in purchasing some of this material.

### Mike King 20-year Anniversary



20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 marked 20 years since Mike King, our operations Manager, joined ALIL. It was awesome to have 80+ shareholders, staff, wider irrigation scheme associates & contractors join in acknowledging this special milestone.

Mike's contribution to the scheme has been significant and lasting. He started in a season that was anything but easy – a very dry one. His initiation to irrigation operations was chasing water all over the district, making sure it was fairly allocated, and often having those 'tough' conversations to keep things balanced. That baptism by fire set the tone for the way he's worked ever since: fair, practical, and always with the scheme's best interests in mind.

We hope that his knowledge, commitment, and personal integrity will continue to benefit the scheme for many more years to come.

### In Memory of Brett Evans

On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 we formally acknowledged the loss of ALIL's Scheme Operator, Brett Evans, who was tragically killed in an Avalanche while skiing last September.

A rock & plaque were unveiled in Brett's memory, which have now been moved to the ALIL site on the corner of Reynolds Road & Methven Highway.



## Director Vacancy & Call for Nominations

The Annual Meeting of ALIL will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Hotel Ashburton. Colin Glass retires by rotation and has advised he will not be seeking reelection at this year's meeting, creating a director vacancy. Phil Lowe will retire by rotation & seeks re-election.

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: [rebecca@alil.co.nz](mailto:rebecca@alil.co.nz) by **4.30pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. 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.

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 – Phil Lowe, Ali van Polanen & Sue Duncan
- Associate Directors (previously Board Observers) – George Lilley, Johnny Rowe & Linda Rollinson (scheduled to be completed in 2025)
- Sponsored Shareholders – James Anderson, Andrew Currie, Jude Henderson & Caro Letham

We strongly encourage any shareholders or family members of shareholders to consider either Director or Associate Director 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,



**Colin Glass**  
**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)

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### 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](http://www.alil.co.nz)), or by clicking the link [here](#).

**We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.**