

Tasmanian Irrigation Branch Out - December 2025

Quarterly report

Tasmanian Irrigation CEO Mike Sylvester

It has been a busy start to the 2025/26 irrigation season. It's pleasing that all of Tasmanian Irrigation's 19 operational schemes are now operating at 100 per cent allocation. And behind the scenes, it's been all go with our Annual Report tabled, we appeared before the Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee, our Corporate Plan has been accepted, and we have been working on a submission to the Tasmanian Government's Agricultural Strategy Review. Tasmanian Irrigation CEO Mike Sylvester shares a quarterly update on all the latest TI news...



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Tasmanian Irrigation festive season opening hours

Tasmanian Irrigation wishes all Tasmanians a wonderful festive period, and a safe and prosperous 2026. Our office will be closed from noon on Wednesday 24 December and will reopen on Friday 2 January. Some of our Scheme Operators will be taking leave between Christmas and New Year. For urgent irrigation scheme inquiries, please contact the emergency number on 0457 850 398.

A festive holiday closure notice graphic. At the top, there are several green and gold Christmas ornaments hanging. The text is centered and reads: "TASMANIAN IRRIGATION WILL BE" in a small, dark font, followed by "CLOSED" in large, bold, green capital letters, and "For the holidays" in a cursive script. Below this, there are two green banners: the first says "CLOSED" and the second says "REOPENING". Under the "CLOSED" banner, it says "NOON ON 24 DECEMBER 2025". Under the "REOPENING" banner, it says "9AM ON 2 JANUARY 2026". At the bottom, it says "HAVE A SAFE AND RESTFUL HOLIDAY PERIOD" in a small, dark font.

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Supporting Tasmanian farmers

Tasmanian Irrigation is encouraging you to support local farmers this Christmas by selecting Tasmanian produce for your festive celebrations. From your peas, broccolini and leafy greens to your chicken, hazelnuts and wine, we will be sharing the inspirational and innovative stories of 10 irrigators who are utilising highly-reliable Tasmanian Irrigation water to grow some of the world's best food and beverages. Learn how you can support our farmers this Christmas...

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Meet the Board - Kate Vinot

Civil engineer and economist Kate Vinot has been re-elected Chair of Tasmanian Irrigation for a second term. Kate has extensive experience in Director, Board Chair, CEO and executive roles. In this edition of Branch Out, she shares why she applied to join the Tasmanian Irrigation Board and her strategic vision for the Company...

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Operations - Quarterly Update

All Tasmanian Irrigation schemes are operating, ensuring farmers have the water resources required for a productive 2025/26 season. Tasmanian Irrigation Chief Operating Officer David Skipper details the latest water delivery news, as well as providing a season outlook...



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Program Development & Delivery - Quarterly Update

More than 105 kilometres of pipeline is in the ground for the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme, the successful tenderer for the Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme is about to be announced, feedback on the Tamar Water Scheme business case will soon be received from the Tasmanian Government and recruitment for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme project team is about to commence. Tasmanian Irrigation's General Manager Program Development and Delivery Jacob Gerke shares the latest project news...

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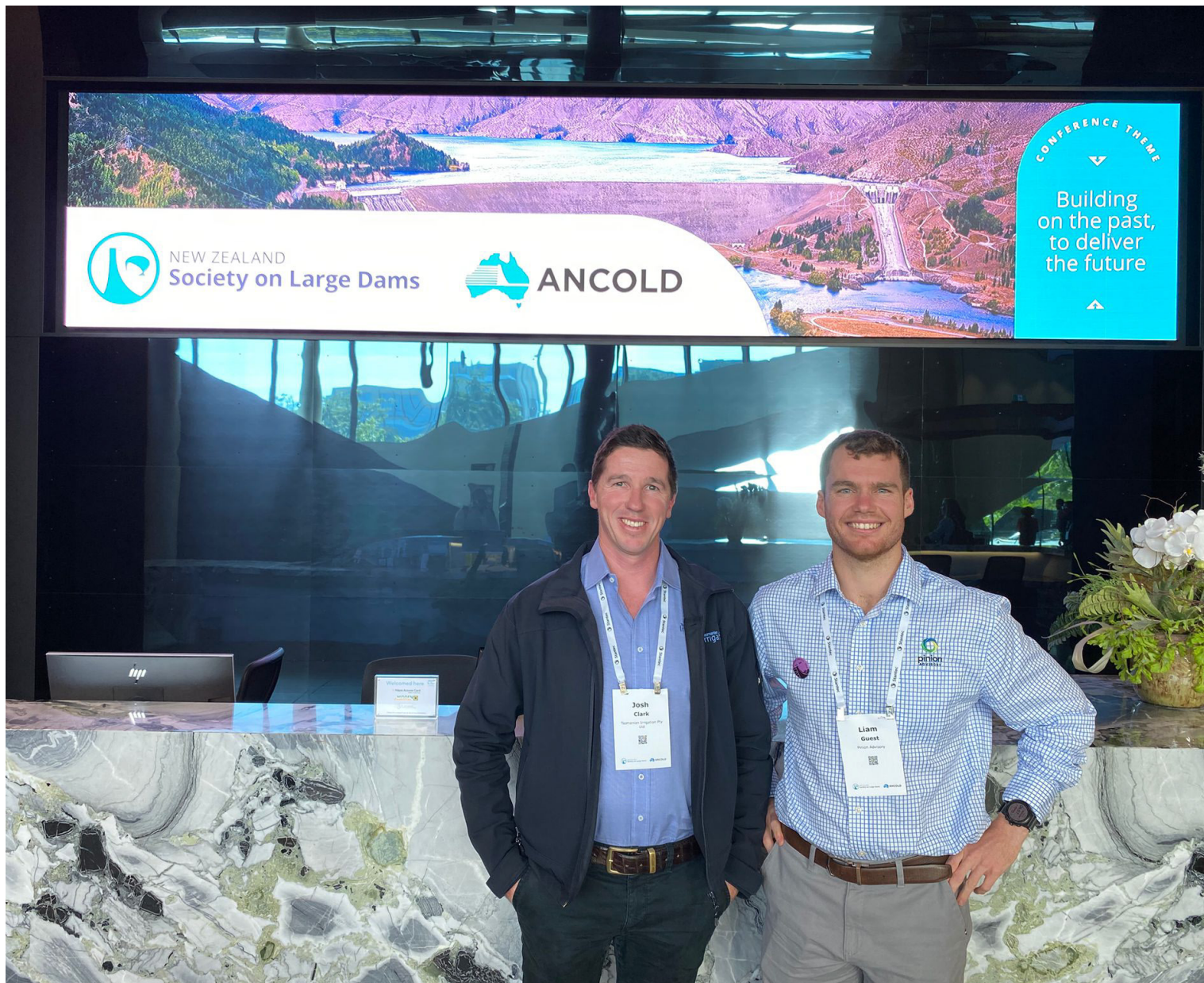
Meet an irrigator - Will Eddington

Richmond irrigator, sheep farmer, viticulturist and tourism entrepreneur Will Eddington has added another title to his impressive CV – environmentalist. Will’s Richmond Estate property is home to an internationally significant wetland, which was enjoyed by Tasmanian Aboriginal people prior to colonisation as a place to gather and hunt. Learn how a collaborative environmental project has restored the natural beauty of the site, improving soil, water quality and tree establishment, as well as encouraging the return of snails, crabs and fish...

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Josh Clark places TI's Dam Safety Framework on the international stage

Delegates at a recent dam conference in New Zealand were treated to an in-depth insight into the development of Tasmanian Irrigation's Dam Safety Management System. Josh Clark, Tasmanian Irrigation's Dam Safety Engineer, travelled to Christchurch to present to the Large Dams Conference, detailing how TI effectively manages dam safety across its portfolio of 23 dams.

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Beacon Award for Jacob Tierney



Tasmanian Irrigation's Jacob Tierney has received a Beacon Volunteer Ambassador Award for his commitment to mentoring and empowering young Tasmanians. Jacob, the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme Project Manager, has shared his passion for jobs in the civil engineering and irrigation industry with students, hosting them on site and encouraging them into exciting new career pathways.

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Meet an Irrigator Representative Committee Chair - Richard Burbury

Campbell Town farmers Richard and Georgie Burbury will increase their area under pivot by 500 hectares when the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme starts to deliver water in 2026/27. Richard details the changes this new project will deliver – from the perspective of a farmer, business owner, IRC Chair and a community member.

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2025 Farm WAP audits complete

Tasmanian Irrigation completed 58 audits of Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAPs) this year, reaffirming our commitment to sustainable irrigation and environmental compliance across our schemes. Farm WAPs guide the responsible use of Tasmanian Irrigation water and are a cornerstone of our approach to sustainable irrigation, helping protect the long-term productivity and environmental values of irrigated farmland. Learn more about Tasmanian Irrigation working to strengthen environmental stewardship...

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Looking to purchase Tasmanian Irrigation water?

Water is available to purchase on only four of Tasmanian Irrigation's 19 operational schemes, with the remaining 15 schemes fully allocated. New flexible purchasing and lease opportunities are now available to help landowners secure access to irrigation water. Find out which schemes have water available and how you can secure water entitlements to grow your business...



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Community Resilience Dashboard Expanding to Tasmania

Australia's first online tool capturing the factors contributing to community resilience in the face of extreme climatic events, such as droughts, bushfires and floods, is expanding to Tasmania. The Early Insights for More Resilient Dashboard was developed last year for New South Wales. A new and improved dashboard has an inbuilt set of indicators to track resilience, such as school attendance, community wellbeing and access to trades. The triggers enable service providers and government to take action to meet the needs of communities. The dashboard will be refined for Tasmania and is expected to be operational in our State by mid-2026.

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Meet the Team - Angus Borrell

The level of public and private investment into irrigation schemes in Tasmania was one of the key factors that lured New Zealand Hydrologist Angus Borrell to our State. Angus shares why he decided to cross the Tasman to join TI and how his global experience is helping to ensure we operate an efficient and effective hydrometric network across 19 operational schemes.

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Safety First - Are you ready for the bushfire season?

Whether you live in a city or a regional area, there are many things you can do to prepare for the bushfire season. There are also a number of apps you can download to assist emergency services to locate you, and to ensure you are aware of the latest news in the event of an emergency...

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Property Management Planning Program for Southern Landowners

NRM South is inviting Coal Valley, Tasman and Sorell landowners to apply for its 2026 Property Management Planning Program, a practical, hands-on workshop series designed to help small property owners plan for a sustainable future. The six-part weekend workshop guides participants in developing a roadmap for managing their land's natural assets improving productivity and protecting environmental values. Applications close on 8 December. Application forms and additional information can be accessed here:

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