

# Branch Out

## SHARING TASMANIA'S IRRIGATION STORIES

### Message from the CEO

By Andrew Kneebone

**Tasmanian farmers have celebrated this year's Federal and State Budgets after the Business Cases for two important irrigation projects were approved.**

Tasmanian Irrigation welcomes the recent funding announcements from the Australian and Tasmanian Governments that will enable the construction of two more irrigation schemes in the State.

Federal Treasurer, the Hon. Jim Chalmers, announced \$109 million for the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme and \$62.1 million for the Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation.

The Tasmanian Government increased its overall contribution to Tranche Three projects by \$9.37 million to \$118.07 million.

This will enable both projects to progress toward construction.

The construction tender for the 25,500 ML Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme is now open. This project has been designed to service the areas around Macquarie, Barton, Conara, Campbell Town, Ross and the

Lower Isis Valley.

Landowner Access Agreements are being finalised and Tasmanian Irrigation is continuing to hold community meetings with stakeholders to discuss the scheme's water source and construction effects.

Farmers will benefit from a 9,200 megalitre augmentation of the existing Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme, increasing the scheme's total water delivery capacity to 14,860 ML.

The project is continuing through detailed design and approvals, and the construction tender is expected to be awarded next year.

The State Budget also confirmed funding of \$2 million to continue investigating other irrigation schemes in Tasmania.

Tasmanian Irrigation is very appreciative of the Tasmanian and Australian Government's support in approving these two Business Cases and for committing the funds to ensure the projects can be designed and built to last at least 100 years and deliver water at an average annual reliability of more than 95 per cent.



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*Message from the CEO continued...*

With all operational schemes now closed for the winter, it's a great time to reflect on the 2022/23 season.

Tasmanian Irrigation delivered a total of 52,356 megalitres last season.

This compares to 60,952 megalitres in 2021/22 and 56,473 ML in 2020/21.

The largest water delivery season was in 2019/20 when farmers utilised 87,510 ML of Tasmanian Irrigation water.

Strong late winter rain last year, followed by floods in October, reduced demand for irrigation water prior to Christmas. However, the drier months in early 2023 caused demand to spike.

The graph below shows the quantity of water delivered by month since 2017/18, as well as a comparison to the 2022/23 budget.

The Water Delivery team will continue to work hard during the coming winter months, with a range of repairs and maintenance projects scheduled across the schemes. The current focus includes pump overhauls, property outlet and water meter improvements, critical valve servicing and an upgrade of our communications network across the schemes due to the phase out of the 3G network, as well as the installation of solar arrays on Tasmanian Irrigation pump stations.

These electricity cost savings will be passed direct to irrigators.

Meetings with our Irrigator Representative Committees will also be scheduled over the coming months to discuss pricing for the upcoming season and other scheme specific matters, such as asset renewal programs.

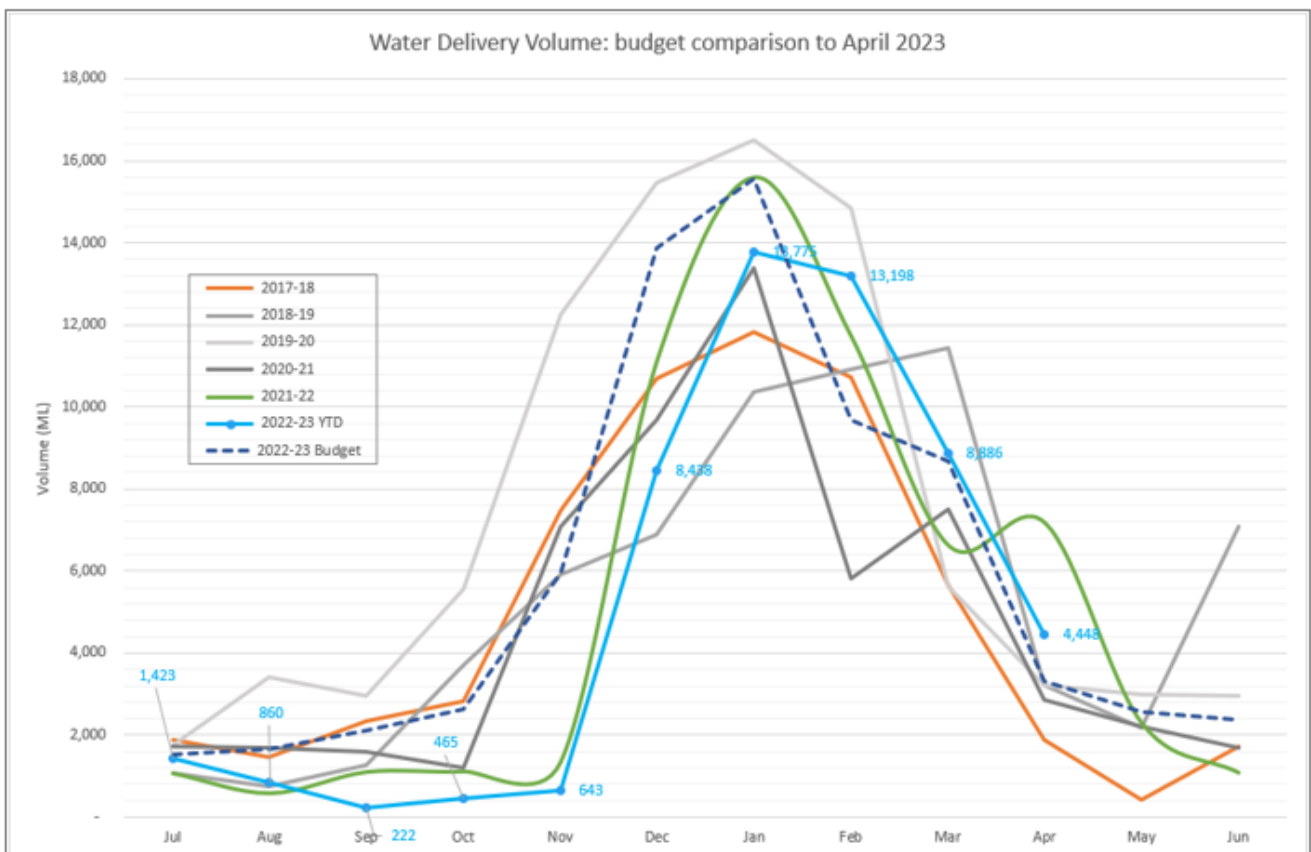
To all irrigators who volunteer on these Committees, Tasmanian Irrigation extends its upmost thanks and appreciation. Your role is pivotal in providing feedback to us, as well as communicating the latest information to landowners in your region.

And just a reminder, if you see any of your federal or state politicians, please reiterate your thanks to them for the ongoing investment in existing and new irrigation infrastructure in Tasmania. Their commitment to this public / private funding model, as well as landowners, allow us to continue to deliver water as efficiently and cost effectively as possible, and build new irrigation schemes.

We are looking forward to another great irrigation season ahead and as always, please reach out to one of our friendly Tasmanian Irrigation team members if you require any additional information about our existing or planned irrigation schemes.

Cheers,

*Andrew*





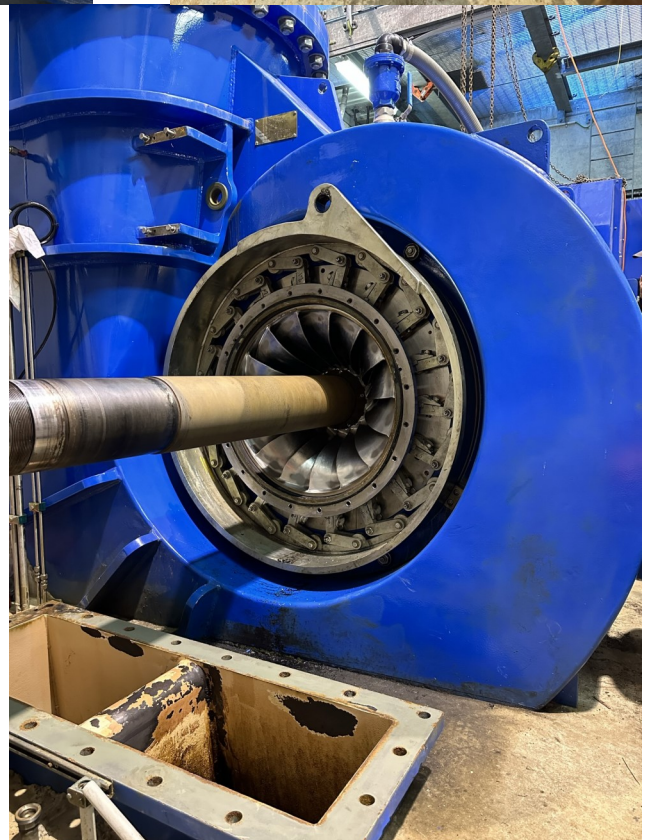
# Meander Mini Hydro Refurbishment

**A \$2.4 million upgrade of the Meander Mini Hydro Station, as part of a Tasmanian Government Energy On Farms Grant, is well underway.**

Approximately 50 per cent of the work is now complete — the generator has been replaced and the turbine has been dismantled and repaired.

The vast majority of the upgrade is being completed by local contractors Haywards and Crisp Bros, and is expected to be finished by the end of this month.

This project will improve efficiencies and prolong the life of the plant for at least a further 15 years.





Meet the Irrigator

## Bejo Australia

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**A world leading organic vegetable seed business is one of many new enterprises to be launched once the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme comes on line.**

Bejo Australia is part of the Dutch family-owned Bejo company, which is recognised as one of the top 10 seed breeding, production, processing and marketing businesses in the world.

Bejo now has 2,200 employees across more than 100 countries growing 1,000 varieties of 50 different crops, including brassicas, carrots, asparagus, radish, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons and many more.

And Tasmania is regarded as one of their most important growing regions for cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, carrot, beet and onion seed — all exported to Europe and distributed world wide.

Bejo Australia Production Manager Rob Salmon is straight to the point when asked why the company has and continues to invest in our State.

"Climate, people and water are the key ingredients that Bejo is seeking, whether to purchase, lease or contract land for seed production," Rob shared.

"Bejo started growing crops in Tasmania in the mid 1980s, through a relationship with Derwent Seeds. We made our first investments in Tasmania in the late 1990's when we purchased Derwent Seeds and we then bought a farm at Richmond.

"Access to the Tasmanian Irrigation South East Stage One scheme was pivotal in this decision making.

"Having reliable irrigation water available on tap is a wonderful thing."

Plans for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme (GSEIS), which will amalgamate the operational South East Stages One, Two and Three schemes as well as provide additional high-surety irrigation water to existing and new landowners, have underpinned further expansion opportunities for Bejo.

The first priority has been to lease land with access to quality piped GSEIS irrigation water to develop a new organic vegetable seed enterprise.

"There are not many large scale organic seed production businesses, but GSEIS will allow us to do this," Rob said.





*Meet the Irrigator continued...*

"The South East Stage One water can be quite salty for our sensitive species of seed crops, so we have applied to convert 30 megalitres of river water into the scheme and purchase an additional 25 megalitres of new water. Along with our existing Stage Three license, this will give us 120 megalitres of piped water."

"We have plans to spend a couple of times our annual revenue in capital infrastructure in the next three to five years, and our focus will be where existing and planned irrigation schemes are — the Greater South East, the Northern Midlands, the Southern Midlands and Sassafras Wesley Vale.

"We will also tap in to the South East Schemes at a number of other sites that we lease throughout the south east region.

*"With intense production crops, we have to go where the climate is right and where there has been significant investment in irrigation infrastructure."*

**-Rob Salmon, Bejo Australia**

"The climate and water availability enables us to produce vegetable seed out of Tasmania that is comparable with the world's best."

Bejo currently employs 45 people in its Tasmanian business, which includes three farms and two seed cleaning facilities.

In total, the company has 400 hectares of land under seed production, producing 15 container loads, with each container containing about 15 tonnes of seed.

Rob said Tasmanian Irrigation water had made a profound and rippling effect on the State's agricultural industries, as well as many regional towns.

"This water has had a positive impact on schools, shops, service companies and the whole area," he said. "There are more people living in the valleys and more farmers asking questions about sustainability and diversification opportunities.

"At the end of the day, if you have land and you have water, there are many organisations like ours interested in talking to you."





# Water Delivery

By David Skipper, General Manager Water Delivery



**Tasmanian Irrigation's Water Delivery Team is responsible for the operation of 18 irrigation schemes around Tasmania, and the delivery of irrigation water in an efficient, economically viable and environmentally sustainable manner to almost 1,000 irrigators.**

Tasmanian Irrigation employs 14 skilled and dedicated Scheme Operators to manage and administer each scheme.

The team also manages a range of inherited infrastructure, including Lake Leake, Rileys Creek Dam, Togari Water Scheme and the Montagu and Welcome River Improvement Schemes.

Regular routine maintenance, compliance and ensuring the schemes are delivering water at the most efficient curve is paramount to a successful scheme and ensuring water costs to irrigators are controlled and appropriate.

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**Tasmanian Irrigation has delivered 52,356 megalitres of irrigation water so far this financial year, compared to 60,952 ML last year.**

Weather conditions leading up to the start of the 2022-23 irrigation season were varied, with a drier than usual winter followed by good rains in August and flooding in October.

Spring rainfall was above average across the north and the wettest on record for much of the East Coast.

Floods in northern Tasmania in October were the most significant in the region since June 2016.

In contrast, rainfall was below average for the south-west of the State.

Daytime and night time temperatures were warmer than average across the State and the 2022-23 summer was among the driest 10 per cent of all summers since 1900 for the western half of Tasmania. Given the climatic conditions at the start of the season there was low demand

for water up until mid January on nearly all schemes.

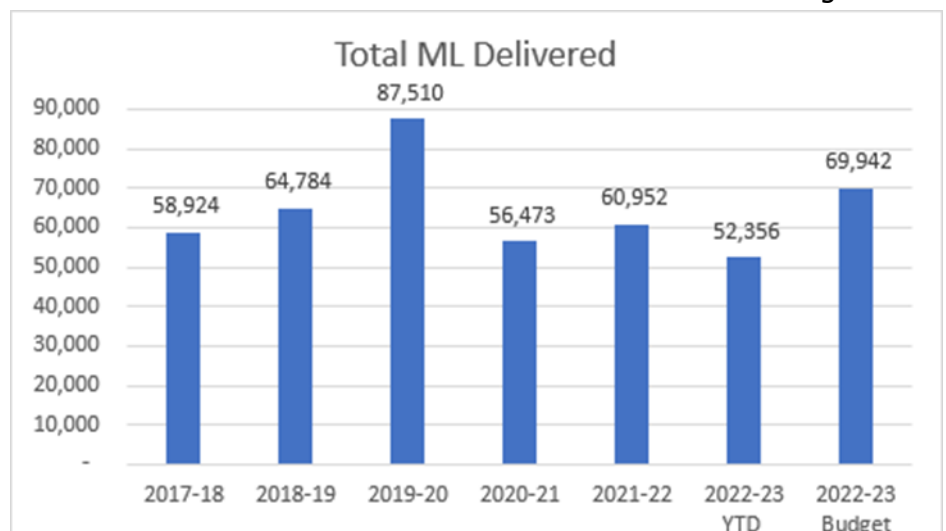
There were no major outages or issues experienced this season on any schemes, apart from a few intermittent power outages.

Tasmanian Irrigation is now executing the planned maintenance and asset renewal activities in the off season.

A good autumn break in most parts of the country have provided an ideal start for planting this year's winter crops. Good soil moisture means early planted crops have germinated well and are off to a good start.

Livestock markets were mixed in the past month with lamb prices languishing below average levels while mutton prices showed some much-needed improvement. Cattle prices are set to remain stable for the time being as supply and demand find some balance.

Dairy farmers will be eager for opening farmgate milk prices to be announced in coming weeks.





## IRC Meetings

Tasmanian Irrigation's operations and commercial teams are in the process of scheduling the annual Irrigator Representative Committees (IRC) pre-season meetings.

These face-to-face meetings will be conducted from late May through to September for all 18 schemes at various locations throughout the State.

TI will be grouping two or three IRC's per day in the one hub location.

Each IRC will be allocated a set period of time to meet with the TI team separately and privately to discuss the new season pricing, asset renewal program and the planned maintenance program for each scheme.

Committees are encouraged to provide constructive feedback on their respective schemes, provide strategic advice on any unsold water and provide an update on local operational matters such as supply issues, metering, water quality and guidance on demand profiles.

Commonly, these meetings are very positive and constructive and all parties come away with renewed focus and appreciation of the past and a positive look to the future understanding the lessons learnt and a desire to keep improving each season from the last.

We look forward to meeting with the IRC representatives and again thank them for their time, communication and commitment.

## Dam Report

All dams are in a favourable position at this point in the year.

Tasmanian Irrigation is now in the midst of the dam fill program phase and it is TI's intention, provided the climatic and seasonal rainfall are consistent with historical patterns, to return the dams to full or near full capacity before the start of next season.

The table to the right details the total capacity of Tasmanian Irrigation's dams, the current volume and the current volume as a percentage of total capacity.

Tasmanian Irrigation provides daily updates on its water storages on the website each day — [www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au](http://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au)

Dam Name	Total Volume (ML)	Current Volume (ML)	% Fill
<b>Frome Dam</b>	2,136	2,072	97%
<b>Headquarters Rd Dam</b>	2,330	2,171	93%
<b>Cascade Dam</b>	3,450	3,152	91%
<b>Craigbourne Dam</b>	12,600	11,143	88%
<b>Daisy Bank Dam</b>	186	154	83%
<b>Rekuna Dam</b>	207	168	81%
<b>Dunns Creek Dam</b>	6,680	5,258	79%
<b>Upper Galeford Dam</b>	109	86	79%
<b>Melrose Dam</b>	3,440	2,618	76%
<b>Upper Floods Creek Dam</b>	500	379	76%
<b>Sprent Dam</b>	259	188	72%
<b>South Riana Dam</b>	4,069	2,911	72%
<b>Lake Leake Dam</b>	22,076	15,390	70%
<b>Camden Rivulet Dam</b>	9,780	6,323	65%
<b>Meander Dam</b>	43,000	26,652	62%
<b>Milford Dam</b>	5,996	3,515	59%
<b>Liffey Holding Dam</b>	97	55	56%
<b>Rocklands Dam</b>	5,580	3,039	54%
<b>Mill Creek Dam</b>	6,275	3,258	52%
<b>Southernfield Dam</b>	8,162	2,728	33%



## Energy on Farms Solar Project

The installation of solar arrays on Tasmanian Irrigation pump sites is underway as part of Tasmanian Irrigation's renewable energy initiative – the Energy on Farms Solar Project.

Tasmanian company I Want Energy has commenced work at Liffey on the Whitemore Irrigation Scheme, as per the photographs below.

Tasmanian Irrigation has been working closely with landowners for an additional seven sites around the State.

The solar arrays will enable TI to offer more economical water for irrigators on schemes where the solar arrays are installed.

The Energy on Farms Solar Project, funded by the Tasmanian Government, is a positive step towards strengthening the sustainability credentials of Tasmania's farming sector, reducing annual on-farm costs for irrigators and supporting a Tasmanian renewable energy business.

It is expected that farmers could save up to \$5 per megalitre due to the utilisation of the sun's rays to power irrigation pump stations.



# Kate Gofton

**Springfield dairy farmer Kate Gofton wears many hats — accountant, board director, third-generation farmer and farm safety advocate.**

She is also passionate about ensuring the long-term viability of the State’s agricultural industries, attracting the next generation of on-farm employees and farmers being able to access high-surety irrigation water.

Kate believes Tasmanian Irrigation water is a game changer for farmers, their families and regional areas.

Kate and her husband Rodney milk 650 cows on their north-east property. They have four pivot irrigators currently in operation, and are investing in a further two pivots this year.

“The biggest change we have seen on our farm is enhanced pasture growth due to the reliable and consistent application of water,” Kate said.

“There has been a huge difference in pasture growth and that’s why we are putting in another two pivots.

“We are just one of many farm businesses making a large investment into water and infrastructure, and we are seeing this right across the region.”

The Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in 2020/21, servicing the Scottsdale, Bridport, Springfield, Nabowla and Waterhouse areas.

The 9,300 megalitre Camden Dam is filled from winter flows from the Camden Rivulet and a pipeline from the St Patricks River enables supplementary filling of the dam. Water is then piped via a mini-hydro station to the Headquarters Road Dam.

Kate said this \$57 million investment into the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme had enabled farmers to diversify, intensify and farm with confidence.

“This has been a massive game changer for the north east.

“This water gives us the security to invest, expand and change our business to suit our stage of life and our business strategies.



*“In the longer term, water is going to be just as valuable as land and farmers should treat it as an investment as part of their business.”*

**-Kate Gofton, Springfield**

“We have stopped growing potatoes because there was too much risk and dairy prices have been too good for the past few years to give up ground for spuds.

“For us, it’s all about consolidation and making life easier, as well as farming smarter and more sustainably.”

Kate encouraged any person considering investing in Tasmanian Irrigation water to “not miss the opportunity”.

## Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme

<b>Pipeline</b>	92kms
<b>Dam</b>	1
<b>Pump Station</b>	1
<b>Power Station</b>	1



# Program Development and Delivery

By Jacob Gerke

**Tasmanian Irrigation's Program Development and Delivery Team is proud to deliver irrigation projects from concept to water delivery, ensuring schemes are designed to be in operation for the next generation of farmers and beyond.**

There are a number of important steps incorporated into developing a new irrigation scheme, including:

- Community consultation;
- Expressions of interest;
- Launch of Preferred Option Design;
- Water Sales;
- Contracts with landowners;
- Business case;
- Detailed design;
- Permits and approvals;
- Construction; and
- Commissioning.

Along the way, risks are continually evaluated as the design progresses in terms of environment, social acceptability, cost and economic outcomes.

As these schemes rely on a unique public / private partnership and funding model, all stakeholders are engaged and consulted to ensure key needs are met.

**All Tasmanian Irrigation schemes are designed to last at least 100 years and deliver water at an annual average reliability of more than 95 per cent.**

**Tasmanian Irrigation is currently advancing work on five new irrigation projects, as well as two existing scheme augmentations and a dam upgrade.**

Here is an update on some of the current projects:

## Don Irrigation Scheme

**Capacity:** 4,750 ML.

**Area serviced:** Don, Forth, Barrington and Sheffield areas.

- Don pipework installation is complete;
- Valve fit-off nearing completion;
- Testing and flushing has commenced;
- Pump stations are nearing completion; and
- Rehabilitation and reinstatement works underway.

## Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme

**Capacity:** 25,500 megalitres

**Area serviced:** Macquarie, Barton, Conara, Campbell Town, Ross and the Lower Isis Valley

- Tender released for the construction distribution Pipelines, pump stations and balance tanks;
- Development Application submitted to the Northern Midlands Council;

- Ongoing communications with the Federal Environmental Department (DCCEEW) regarding the schemes *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* (EPBC) referral;

- Continued development of the Landowner Access Agreements with the 43 of 60 completed; and

- Community meetings held with stakeholders in the scheme, discussing the scheme's water source and construction effects.

## Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation

**Augmentation:** 9,200 ML

**Total scheme capacity:** 14,860 ML

**Area serviced:** Sassafras, Harford, Thirlstane, Moriarty, Wesley Vale, Northdown, Pardoe and East Devonport

- Detailed design is in full swing, and we expect to review the 30 per cent milestone in the coming weeks;
- The scope of work of the Geotechnical investigation was tendered mid May;
- Several tenders will be let over the coming weeks to assess the structure and constructability constraints at Great Bend Pump Station; and
- Environmental and heritage field assessments commenced in May.



### Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme Augmentation

**Augmentation:** 11,000 ML

**Total scheme capacity:** 39,800 ML

**Area serviced:** Carrick, Caveside, Chudleigh, Dairy Plains, Deloraine, Dunorlan, Elizabeth Town, Exton, Hagley, Meander, Montanta, Osmaston and Westbury

- Majority of applications for new water entitlements have now been formally accepted;
- Quamby and Hagley pump station Inlet upgrade contracts been let;
- Pipeline tenders for the installation or upsizing of some 20km of pipeline across six sites are now being evaluated;
- Farm WAP for new water entitlements are progressing with most commencing stage consultants engagement; and
- Project team has been in the field developing Landholder Access Agreement.

### Greater South East Irrigation Scheme

**Capacity:** Under redesign

**Area serviced:** Gretna, Jordan River Valley, Kempton, Brighton, Richmond, Dulcot, Cambridge, Colebrook, Campania, Tea Tree, Orielton, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Forcett, Elderslie and Broadmarsh areas.

- A strong response from water sales with more than 370 applications received;
- The minimum threshold for a 38,000 ML scheme was not achieved;
- Redesign for a smaller scaled scheme is complete; and
- Business case development continues, targeting submission mid-year.

### Tamar Irrigation Scheme

**Capacity:** Under redesign

**Area serviced:** Under redesign

- Matt Lowe has commenced as Project Manager;

- Industrial Expressions of Interest underway for supply needs to Bell Bay; and
- Irrigation communication relaunched to seek additional Water Sales.

### Southern Midlands Irrigation Scheme

**EOIs:** 31,500-megalitre summer irrigation season

**Area serviced:** Land across the Central Highlands and Southern Midlands Council regions, with potential to support irrigation activities in the Brighton Council area

- Scheme concept completed as gravity fed design from Lake Binney;
- Scheme mitigation of drought and climate change impacts study ongoing; and
- Stakeholder communications strategy under review.





# Planting Trees with NRM North

By Jesse Lewis, Tasmanian Irrigation Environmental Scientist



## Frost blankets the roadside hills and hollows that wind their way to Winnaleah.

Despite the chill, it's forecast to be a bluebird day and soon the sun is thawing out the land, and our fingers, as we gather above a rivulet meandering across a grassy farm field.

An assortment of all kinds of people have joined us. There are old timers and young families with kids, multi-generational Tassie farmers and treechange newcomers to the island. All here to do the same thing - to plant trees.

As part of a collaboration with NRM North this landowner, a TI irrigator, is investing in their land and the environment through habitat restoration.

Today we're aiming to plant 2,000 native trees along the banks of this rivulet, which flows into the Boobyalla River, a key refuge for threatened giant freshwater crayfish. Together with fencing to exclude stock, planting these trees will have numerous benefits.

As they mature the trees will provide shade and wind breaks, stabilise soil against erosion, control riverbank weeds, filter and clean the water. All while improving habitat for a variety of wildlife ranging from passerine birds to aquatic species.

NRM North is providing these native seedlings and organising this habitat planting day with the support of the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and community volunteers. Through the program habitat for giant freshwater crayfish is improved, watershed health is safeguarded, and eligible landowners gain value added trees and farm improvements. Win-wins.

Initiatives like this align with Tasmanian Irrigation's own mission to sustainably deliver irrigation water through Farm Water Access Plans, while looking after the interests of both landowners and the environment.

It's been a satisfying and fun day out in the field. I'm looking forward to seeing these seedlings grow into a healthy riparian forest that will add to the beautiful mosaic of farms and forests that make this part of Tasmania so special.

Aside from getting these seedlings in the ground, I've learned a lot and met so many interesting

people too.

After a full day we've managed to plant almost 900 seedlings, but still fall short of our goal of getting all 2,000 in the ground. Maybe it's just another excuse to get out tree planting again.

Volunteers are always needed so consider joining a habitat planting day with NRM North and learn more about future events.

If you're a landowner interested in ways to improve your land and benefit from grants for habitat restoration, stock fencing and more in your area please check out NRM North's current projects.

Landowners in parts of northern Tasmania may be eligible for Tamar Action Grants continuing through to December 2024 for streamside fencing, alternative stock water sources and revegetation.

Get involved and find out more here: [www.nrmnorth.org.au/water/tamar-action-grants](http://www.nrmnorth.org.au/water/tamar-action-grants)



# Corporate Services Unveiled

By James Hipwood, Tasmanian Irrigation Chief Financial Officer



## Many Tasmanian farmers have regular interactions with Tasmanian Irrigation's Project Managers and Scheme Operators.

However, some may not be as familiar with Tasmanian Irrigation's Corporate Services team.

We are a small and focused group of people that provide a wide range of essential services in the background to ensure the organisation provides its Water Delivery and Project Development and Delivery services as efficiently, professionally and cost effectively as possible.

The key areas of focus for the Corporate Services team include:

- People and culture;
- Financial (accounts payable and receivable, payroll, debtor management, financial reporting and budgeting);
- Information technology (management of information technology systems, hardware, system development, data collection and management, and cyber security);
- Commercial (oversee business performance, water sales, contract management, scheme pricing, procurement, tender development, data analysis and Key Performance Indicators); and
- Administrative support (reception, office management, database management and fleet management).

Our commitment is to achieve continuous process improvement while reducing unnecessary activities across the organisation.

At one stage, Tasmanian Irrigation had three new irrigation projects out for Water Sales at the same time.

This required a large degree of organisation to manage and assess all the submitted Water Sales contracts.

At the end of each irrigation season, our team works closely with the Scheme Operators to manage outlet reading data and to invoice each landowner for water used that season.

A small working group recently formed to map out the billing process, which resulted in improvements in both timeliness and accuracy of end of season billing.

Tasmanian Irrigation has also created a Cyber Security Committee to oversee the continual improvement of cyber security.

We have also worked to achieve greater transparency and tailoring of reports so we can provide additional detail to stakeholders about our financial outcomes.

The Corporate Services team will continue to improve processes and efficiencies at Tasmanian Irrigation in a bid to reduce overhead costs and ensure these savings are passed directly to irrigators.







TASMANIAN IRRIGATION — MEET THE TEAM

## Lorrienne Lyte

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**Tasmanian Irrigation title:** Project Manager, Greater South East Irrigation Scheme.

**Snapshot of your work and study history:** I started as a mechanical engineer in the oil and gas industry, first high pressure gas facilities in NSW/ACT then oil production in the red centre. More recently I spent time in Antarctica managing a multidisciplinary construction team supporting the scientific research program. Living in Antarctica was an amazing experience, it's a very special place.

**Brief description of your current role:** I am the project manager for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme. We are developing the business case to request funding to build the scheme.

**What do you enjoy most about working at Tasmanian Irrigation:** Being part of an organisation that is facilitating the growth of agriculture in the State.

**What has been your most memorable moment since joining TI:** That would have to be the last week of Water Sales. We received more than a hundred applications that week alone and the phones were going off the hook!

**Favourite book:** I'm currently reading The Unlikely Voyage of Jack de Crow, which is entertaining.

**Favourite food:** I have a sweet tooth and could live on dessert.

**Favourite movie:** I watch whatever my daughter watches at the moment, we are hanging out for Bluey the movie.

**Favourite holiday location:** New Zealand South Island.

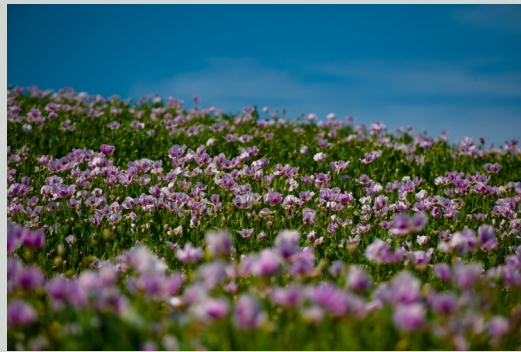
**Best piece of advice for the next generation:** Sort out your superannuation. I wish I had known about low-cost indexed funds 20 years ago.

**If I was Prime Minister for a day, I would:** It would have to be giving the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme the tick of approval to go ahead!

**The three people you would invite to share dinner with you:** Nigella Lawson, Leigh Sales, Annabelle Crabb and a bottle or two of Tassie's finest Pinots!

# Upcoming Events

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Please visit Tasmanian Irrigation's website at [www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au](http://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au) to ensure you stay up to date with the latest information about existing operational irrigation schemes and Tranche Three projects.

And don't forget to follow Tasmanian Irrigation on Facebook.

## **Forecast upcoming events include:**

### **Mid 2023**

Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme Tenders Open

### **Mid to Late 2023**

Northern Midlands Construction Tender Awarded

### **Late 2023**

Northern Midlands Construction Commences

### **Early 2024**

Sassafras Wesley Vale Augmentation Tenders Open





**Picture:** Construction work continues on the Don Irrigation Scheme

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