

About IrrigationNZ

“Sustainable irrigated agriculture is New Zealand’s future. When you become a member of IrrigationNZ, you get access to people and resources that will help you improve your capability, grow your bottom line and support efficiency, environmental compliance and sustainability.”

– IrrigationNZ Chairwoman Nicky Hyslop

Who we are

IrrigationNZ is a national membership organisation looking after the interests of farmers and growers, irrigation schemes and industry professionals. We actively engage with our members to promote economic growth, environmental sustainability and social and cultural stewardship.

What we do

TRAINING & KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

IrrigationNZ is a world-leader in the delivery of training and knowledge resources designed to improve capability, grow your bottom line and support efficiency and sustainability. Our training is targeted, practical and tailored to meet the needs of our very diverse sector.

ADVOCACY

One of IrrigationNZ’s key strengths is providing advocacy for our sector. We work tirelessly to promote the interests and address the concerns of our members. Our priorities are to engage with regional and central government to influence policy development and to educate New Zealanders about the value and importance of irrigation to their communities.

EVENTS & FORUMS

IrrigationNZ hosts a range of national and regional events providing learning, advocacy and engagement opportunities for our sector.

COMMUNICATIONS

IrrigationNZ provides a suite of communication resources for members, sponsors, partners and the wider public. We strive to provide messages, stories and case studies which highlight the value of irrigation as public-good infrastructure; that just like road networks, rail and port infrastructure, irrigation is a vital contributor to our economy and society.

Become an IrrigationNZ member

Our commitment to our members is that we will help you to grow your business and increase your knowledge, capability and environmental compliance through education, accreditation, training and resources. Find out what being an IrrigationNZ member can do for you: www.irrigationnz.co.nz



IrrigationNZ’s preferred risk advice partners

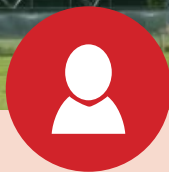


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IrrigationNZ achievements 2016–2017



MEMBERSHIP

3500 members.

Quarterly forums

hosted for irrigation schemes, user groups and industry. Forums help us understand and act upon our members' concerns and needs.



TRAINING

560 people

attended 40 training courses held around New Zealand.

28 workshops

were held to upskill farmers, farm managers and staff about irrigation, good management practice, and risk advice.

6 workshops were held to upskill industry professionals.

Establishing a Profession

We hosted a second intake of Irrigation Design Qualification students and we got the 'go-ahead' from NZQA to develop an Irrigation Apprenticeship.

"The design course is helping to create an industry standard. We're part of a process that will upskill people and set a higher standard for our industry."

– Feedback from 2016 Design Qualification student



ADVOCACY

IrrigationNZ regularly meets with Ministers and their advisors, opposition party reps, environmental lobby groups and primary sector member organisations to raise issues and seek collaborative action and solutions.

Our current key issues include:

- Continual changing of the regulatory environment and how this impacts our sector.
- Taxing abstractive water use and the unintended consequences this will bring.
- Implementation of Good Farming Practices and Farm Environment Plans.
- Getting new infrastructure projects over the line.
- How do we engage with New Zealanders – 'we're all part of the solution'.

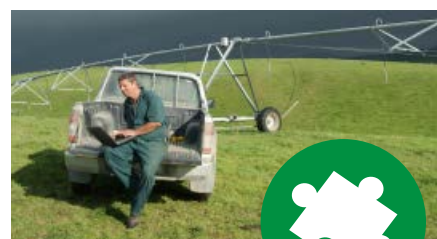
"Regular meetings with Ministers and politicians gives IrrigationNZ the opportunity to engage at the highest political level on behalf of our members. Whoever is in charge after the September election, I'm confident they'll have a better understanding of the value of irrigation to the New Zealand economy and an awareness of the huge investment our sector makes towards sustainability."

– IrrigationNZ Chairwoman
Nicky Hyslop



KNOWLEDGE

Added new guides on commissioning and constructing on-farm storage ponds. This adds to our suite of 30 knowledge resources produced to support our members.



PROJECTS

Sustainable Farming Fund:

Our SMART Tips & Tools for Irrigators project attracted funding of \$590,000 over the next three years.

Attracted \$40,000 funding to develop the 'Check It – Bucket Test' app, which was successfully launched in February 2017.

"It is estimated that \$1.5bn in farm gate value could be created from the successful implementation of Irrigation Good Management Practice (GMP). The 'SMART Tips & Tools' project has a significant role in helping to achieve this."

– IrrigationNZ CEO, Andrew Curtis.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Increase the value from irrigated agriculture – 'more crop per drop'.
- Grow the well-being of provincial New Zealand.
- Realise the irrigated potential of Maori land.
- Improve the environmental performance of irrigated agriculture.
- Grow awareness of the value of irrigation to New Zealand communities.