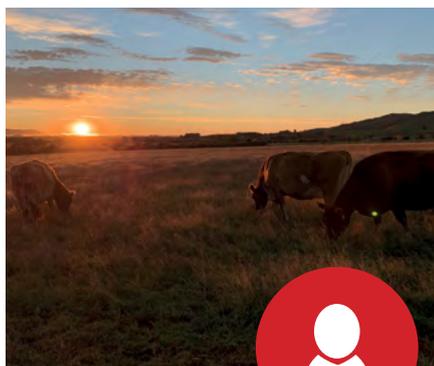


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MEMBERSHIP

IrrigationNZ has **3000 members.**

These members range from individual farmers to schemes, industry and local government.

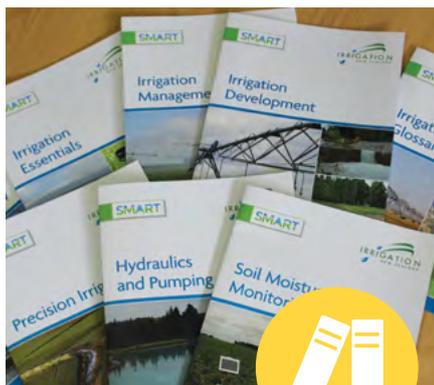
Without membership support, IrrigationNZ would not be able to do the great work it does.



ADVOCACY

One of IrrigationNZ's key strengths is providing advocacy work for our sector and water users. Our priority is to engage with central Government to influence policy development, and educate New Zealanders and decision-makers about the value and importance of irrigation in their communities. We want to encourage robust and resilient decisions about water whether that be quantity, quality, allocation or infrastructure for a thriving and sustainable Aotearoa.

- IrrigationNZ submitted on the National Freshwater Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in October 2019 and hosted meetings to gain member input.
- We also submitted on the Proposed Dam Safety Regulations and the Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.
- In 2020 we will be active in the election campaign, encouraging best water use decisions.



KNOWLEDGE

We continue to update our knowledge resources to inform people of the correct facts about irrigation. We have a suite of 30 printed resources, as well as numerous online resources and a new e-learning platform.



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PROJECTS

Adoption of Good Practice Fish Screening

Starting in 2019, this project will review and as appropriate make recommendations to update the NIWA 2007 Fish Screening guidelines.

SMART Tools & Tips for Irrigators

Recent work for SMART Tools & Tips has involved progression of our e-learning management site, specifically new content to support and increase irrigator operator knowledge and performance measures. Focus also remains on measures of Good Farming Practice and how industry can better assist water users in this evolving space, whilst recognising challenges for the service industry.

Fertigation – A New Tool for Nutrient Management?

Fertigation is the application of fertiliser through an irrigation system. The project outcomes will provide irrigators with clear information for successful fertigation. These include understanding its viability for different farming and irrigation system types in New Zealand, alongside a guide for its successful adoption in each.

Building Trust

The 'Building Trust – Telling the Farming Story' project will aim to develop a visual and engaging interface, under-pinned by a secure data management and analytics system, to showcase the work towards maintaining and improving water quality.



TRAINING 2019

815 people

attended **41 training courses** held around New Zealand.

31 workshops

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

10 workshops were held to upskill industry professionals.

We hosted our **fourth intake** of Irrigation Design Qualification students.



LOOKING AHEAD

We will continue to support development of multi-faceted water infrastructure, storage, and use in New Zealand and promote good practice by upskilling irrigator operators and encouraging environmental stewardship. Our biennial Conference in April 2020 is a highlight of the year – especially considering it is during the election build up period.