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Water Order Number **07 4977 5840**

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Announced Allocation

With the 1st April 2022 being the start of the new water year, Sunwater has set the Announced Allocation which is dependent on the current level of Kinchant Dam which is only 69.5% of capacity.

The Announced Allocation is 57% of your water allocation. The Announced Allocation is reviewed at the beginning of each month by Sunwater and depending on the current level of Kinchant Dam they will determine if they can increase the Allocation. Last water year we did receive the 100% Announced Allocation in the later part of year.

Annual Shutdown

Once again EICL will be having a shutdown to complete necessary works which require the closure of the system to completion. By having one longer shutdown reduces the necessity for more shorter shutdowns and also improves efficiencies by being able to group works together and complete as a block. EICL has listened to our customers about 4 weeks being too long last year and we have reduced it to only 3 weeks this year. We have also selected a period when demand has been historically low, so hopefully this will minimize the impact on customers. The Shutdown will be: -

Shutdown 30th May 2022 to 18th June 2022

This year we are planning to complete more desilting of the channel to return it to its design profile and also remove silt in which the weed is growing which will hopefully reduce some of the weed growth in the channel. Sunwater will also be installing a bulk billing meter for EICL at the start of OMC which is used to calculate accurately the volume of water supplied to EICL. There are a number of smaller projects of the replacement of problematic isolation valves and gates which are not operating effectively.

Slashing – Mid May

Prior to the Shutdown, EICL will be completing a full slash of the area. This will be starting in mid-May and usually goes for 2 weeks depending on the weather. Please be aware, if you are near our channels or storages that you may encounter our contractor completing this work.

Maintain Clear Access around Water Meters

Landholders are responsible for maintaining clear access to their water meters. This includes weed control (spraying, slashing) and keeping access free from clutter (chemical drums, machinery, rubbish, etc).

Fixed and Variable Charge Increase from 1st July 2002

In the LMA Offer Document which was sent to all customers prior to the transition, the increase in charges was projected until 2023/24. In line with the offer document the board has resolved to increase the Fixed and Variable Charges as per the listed increase for 2022/23. The new charges will be:

- Fixed Charges (Part C) \$45.23 per ML
- Variable Charges (Part D) \$15.51 per ML

This increase in the charges will come into effect from 1st July 2022.

There will be no other increase in EICL Fees & Charges as per the schedule which is located on our website.

EICL Website

Just a reminder that a wealth of information is available at www.etonirrigation.com.au

- The Co-op Constitution, Scheme Distribution Rules and Standard Customer Distribution Contract
- EICL fees and charges
- Trading forms
- The buy & sell water For Sale Register
- Past Newsletters
- Director's Biographies
- History and Scheme information
- Contact details

Acrolein Injection Program

As stated in a recent notification, EICL has had difficulty sourcing Acrolein from the overseas manufacturer. We have been notified that it is on route, and we may expect delivery in May, but we are still uncertain of the exact date.

Once we have received that delivery, we will make a decision on the timing of the next injection and notify EICL customers as soon as possible.

Depending on the continued supply of the product, EICL is planning to complete treatment of the system on following dates:

- 19 - 24 Sept 2022
- 31 Oct – 5 Nov 2022
- 5 – 10 Dec 2022
- 9 – 14 Jan 2023
- 13 – 18 Feb 2023
- 27 Mar – 1 Apr 2023

These treatments will depend on the weed growth, weather conditions and water demand.

Prior notification of these events will be sent to customers closer to them occurring.

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