

IrrigationNZ Charter

Promoting Excellence in Irrigation

VISION

- To be recognised as New Zealand's leader in sustainable irrigation
- To be the primary contact and support vehicle for addressing irrigation challenges and opportunities at both a national and local level

PRINCIPLES

1. **Ownership:** Nobody 'owns' water it is a common resource for all.
2. **Water Allocation:** Water is plentiful. With sound planning, investment and management it can be made available to all that require it.
3. **Water Quality:** Water quality must not be unacceptably altered as a direct result of irrigation.
4. **Water Management:** Auditable community self-management systems are the optimal approach to water management.
5. **Science and Knowledge:** Decision making must be informed through transparent and sound science.
6. **Community Water Infrastructure:** There is both public and private benefit from irrigation – the development and funding of community irrigation infrastructure must reflect this.
7. **Water Charges:** Irrigators already pay for the private benefit they receive from the use of the water.

GOVERNANCE

Irrigation New Zealand is governed by a board of eight member elected directors. These come from a diverse membership base - Irrigators, Schemes and the Service Industry. Formal Board meetings are held every second month and teleconference calls every other. The board regularly reviews its strategies to ensure appropriate policies are in place to provide management with clear goals and a framework to work within.

ADVISORY

Irrigation New Zealand recognises the Board also has an "Advisory" capacity. The "Advisory" function of the board has been extended to membership through regular structured Forums (Irrigator & Industry) with the objective of providing an environment for two way communication.

STAFF

Irrigation New Zealand has a valued team of skilled staff. It is important to INZ that we provide a safe, stable working environment where people are valued.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Irrigation New Zealand takes our Health & Safety responsibility seriously and has a comprehensive Health & Safety Policy in place and is committed to ensuring a "culture" of awareness.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Advocacy and leadership	To proactively represent member interests whilst lead the irrigation sector forward in sustainable irrigation and water resource management.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with central government to ensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a detailed understanding of the benefits and opportunities for irrigation in New Zealand Current and future policy development is practical and pragmatic. Engage with local authorities to ensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a detailed understanding of the benefits and opportunities for irrigation within each region Current and future policy development and interpretation is practical and pragmatic. Engage with local authorities to demonstrate the benefits and encourage the development and implementation of User Groups and Audited Self Management programmes. Actively encourage adoption of Irrigation GMP.
Relationships and linkages	Develop strategic partnerships with key stakeholders to enable INZ to better realise its key goals and objectives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and maintain partnerships with other primary sectors to increase INZ's reach and effectiveness in achieving its goals and objectives. Develop relationships with the wider community to foster a better factual understanding of the benefits and opportunities of irrigation. Develop and maintain partnerships with like-minded international organisations to increase INZ's effectiveness in achieving its goals and objectives.
Membership, marketing and communication	To grow and diversify membership to represent the majority of the New Zealand irrigation community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure existing and potential members understand INZ's purpose, role and achievements. Develop and diversify the added value component of INZ membership. Develop feedback pathways to ensure membership satisfaction and stability.
	To ensure the wider community develops a broad understanding of the benefits and importance of irrigation for resilient communities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide help and support to irrigation communities in the promotion of irrigation. Develop pathways to better inform the urban and peri-urban community of irrigation.
Education and training	To be the recognised facilitator of and repository for the development, upkeep, promotion and implementation of Irrigation Good Management Practice (GMP) training and knowledge resources in New Zealand.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, maintain and promote a suite of Codes of Practice, Standards and Guidelines for Irrigation GMP Develop, implement and promote quality assurance schemes to support Irrigation GMP Develop, deliver, partner and promote training to support Irrigation GMP Develop and maintain a web based knowledge and training resource to support Irrigation GMP.
Innovation and knowledge	To be the recognised facilitator of and repository for, Irrigation Good Management Practice (GMP) innovation and knowledge in New Zealand.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate and support irrigators, irrigation schemes and commercial irrigation interests in the continued innovation of Irrigation GMP. Provide leadership in the future direction of Irrigation GMP.