



Tasmanian Irrigation

Pre-Season announcement 2021-22

Snapshot:

Irrigation scheme:	Great Forestor Irrigation Scheme
Season opening date:	1 November 2021
Allocation percentage:	100%
Nominal Delivery Period:	150 days

Welcome to your 2021-22 Newsletter.

Thankfully another great start to spring. TI would like to provide some relevant information and as the season proceeds, we will update you further.

Trading

If you require more water or a higher flow rate per day than your current entitlement or delivery right, you will need to trade volume or flow rate with another irrigator on the Scheme. Application forms are located on the TI website under the 'Forms' section in the 'Quick links' menu on the Homepage. TI's preference is that trades are completed prior to the delivery of the water and not at the end of the season. If you need assistance with trading please contact Troy Bowen, GFIS Scheme Operator.

Why do we have a nominated Season length?

It comes down to ensuring 95% reliability based on the original design, the water source and the operation of the scheme. We have designed a large majority of our schemes to a 95 per cent average annual reliability on the basis of the conditions applying at the time reliability was assessed and that the scheme continues to operate as it was originally designed.

Annual Charges

Please find attached the annual charge rates for the 2021-22 season which have been set and agreed in consultation with your Irrigator Representative Committee. Annual charges are also published on the TI website for your reference.

The Operations and Maintenance charges have increased by only \$1.12 per megalitre. The main contributors to this increase is the smoothing of long term dam surveillance costs.

Highlights

The asset Renewal Levy (ARL) has halved due to input from Scottsdale now sharing the costs of Headquarters Road dam.



The scheme has a healthy working capital balance so TI is able to offer a discount to irrigators this year. These discounts may not be available in future years.

The determination of the working capital is 12 months of expenses to be retained to cover operating costs as the revenue is not received until Feb through to July each year and the working capital is required to cover the schemes costs from July to Feb every year.

An evaporative pan and dam sensor levels are required to be installed as TI and the GFIS need to demonstrate compliance with E-Flows before any dispensations are requested from DPIPWE. The scheme will be required to complete upgrades to automate the monitoring system.

These works are not budgeted from the ARL. The costs for this work will be funded from the scheme working capital and is a mandatory requirement for the water licence.

Dam Notes

Dam deformation survey monitors the movement of the dam and must be done every 2 years. Headquarters Dam has had movement in the past, and requires regular monitoring.

Dam costs have been budgeted until 2025. The 5-year dam surveillance report - investigates the dam and performance to date and any changes downstream of the dam.

A flood inundation study is required to be completed over the next few years and is a 2018 regulated requirement which will look at the effects of a dam failure.

Currently Headquarters Rd Dam has a High B consequence rating – this could potentially be reduced once the study is completed. Any changes to the rating would be done in consultation with the IRC.

Working Capital

It has been identified through our new modelling program and an extensive audit on all our schemes, that many scheme's working capital balances are below what is required to be self-sufficient and meet the monthly expenditure profile.

It is pleasing to convey that GFIS is not one of those schemes

As you can appreciate, the scheme revenues are not received for 8 to 9 months (Feb/Mar) after the beginning of the financial year in July. TI have a policy that all schemes are required to maintain a working capital balance equivalent to 12 months of expenses to meet the expenditure commitments.

As you are aware, all schemes are "ring fenced" and must be self-funding and they must not rely on TI's group finances. TI

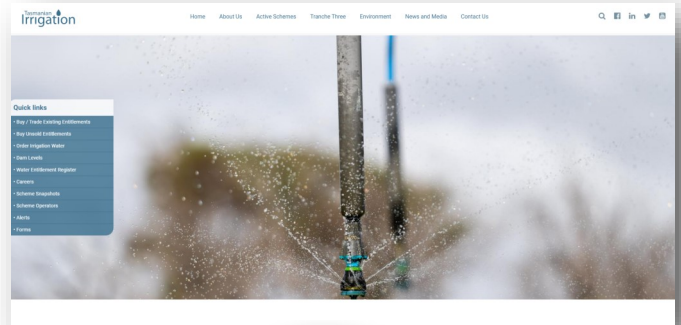


is prohibited to use other external sources of funds to finance and fund the scheme's operational activity.

Have your contact details changed?

If any of your contact details have changed, please advise us as soon as possible at enquiries@tasirrigation.com.au.

Have you seen the new updated website? It is now your first point of reference. Check it out at; www.tasirrigation.com.au



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Great Forester Irrigation District

Charge rates: 2021-22



In-season annual charges for water entitlements

	2020-21 (\$/ML)	2021-22 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Fixed charges*				
Operation & maintenance charge	\$ 28.50	\$ 32.01	\$ 3.50	12.3%
Asset renewal levy	\$ 4.87	\$ 2.48	\$ (2.38)	(49.0%)
Total	\$ 33.37	\$ 34.49	\$ 1.12	3.4%
Fixed charge once-off discount	\$ (10.00)	\$ (10.00)	\$ -	0.0%
Total Fixed Charge after once off discount	\$ 23.37	\$ 24.49	\$ 1.12	4.8%

* Fixed charges: payable on current entitlement holdings on the opening day of the irrigation season.

Excess water charges - for unauthorised use of additional volume

Excess Water Charges*	2021-22 (\$/ML)		
Great Forester (all areas)	\$ 150.00		

* Excess water charges: payable for each additional megalitre (or part of a megalitre) of water taken, in addition to your authorised volume under your water entitlement, during the irrigation season. These rates have been set within the By-Laws for your scheme.

Interest for late payments

In accordance with the by-laws for the district, Tasmanian Irrigation may issue interest charges when payment is not received within the standard terms of each invoice (30 days). **This will be charged at the rate two per cent (2%) per annum above the 3 month Australian Bank Bill Swap Bid Rate (BBSY).**

You will be unable to trade your water entitlements if your account is in arrears.

Tasmanian Irrigation understands that on some occasions our customers may experience times of financial hardship due to circumstances outside of their control. As such, you may choose to apply for a payment plan under our Financial Hardship Policy.

Other charges

Permanent transfer application fee	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Limited term transfer application fee	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Short term transfer application fee	\$	-	Including GST	
Registration, transfer, variation, or discharge of security interest	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Copy of water entitlement extract	\$	33.00	Including GST	

Further information:

Water charges are levied by Tasmanian Irrigation to recover the costs of operating, maintaining and administering irrigation districts.

In all irrigation districts, a **Fixed Charge** is levied on the volume of your irrigation right holdings on the first day of the irrigation season and is payable regardless of whether water has been consumed.

The Fixed Charge can have up to three components:

- > **Operation & Maintenance** charge recovers the costs for running the scheme which don't normally change materially with the volume of water supplied during a season. This includes costs relating to employment of scheme operators, motor vehicle costs, maintenance, telemetry, compliance, administration, finance and insurance.
- > **Asset Renewal Levy** makes provision for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the district.
- > **Storage Charge** (some districts): recovers costs of pumping any evaporation or seepage losses into the main water storage.

Most irrigation districts also include a **Variable Charge** which is levied on the volume of water ordered or consumed by each irrigator, to recover electricity costs for pumping and water purchase costs incurred by Tasmanian Irrigation. The variable charge is based on the cost to deliver water to the various charge zones. Variable Charges are invoiced following the end of the irrigation season or delivery period.

Excess Water Charges can be avoided entirely by ensuring you have sufficient allocation:

- > Monitor your usage (contact your Scheme Operator if you require assistance).
- > Contact us if you have any questions about your allocation, trading or usage.
- > Trade any required additional allocation. We are unable to accept retrospective trades.

To assist buyers and sellers of water entitlements with establishing trading connections, Tasmanian Irrigation provides a free **Water Trading Notice Board** on our website. This allows parties to advertise their interest in buying, selling or leasing water entitlements. You can access the Notice Board via Tasmanian Irrigation's website: www.tasirrigation.com.au.

All annual water charges are retained within the separate irrigation schemes to be used for the benefit of the irrigators.

If you have any questions, please contact our office on 03 6398 8433 or enquiries@tasirrigation.com.au.