Scheme update

We are thrilled to advise that the North Esk Irrigation Scheme is now operational. The scheme commenced delivery of general availability water on 18 January, 2019. Tasmanian Irrigation harvested 2,400ML of water to the new dam at White Hills, known as Rocklands Dam (completed in October 2018), ready for delivery in the latter half of summer. There are ten irrigators taking advantage of the new water.

Construction of the pipelines and pump stations was, apart from some minor exceptions, completed by Shaw Contracting with the last pieces of the scheme installed in early December. Commissioning of the scheme took place through late December and early January.

Rocklands (Dalness) Dam

With the completion of construction, the name of the new dam at White Hills will become the “Rocklands Dam”. This reflects the name of the old homestead which is located at the dam site. Construction of the dam was completed in October 2018 by construction contractor Gradco. The dam is a clay core earth filled dam with vertical and horizontal filters. It is 21.4m high with a crest length of 980m and used over 250,000m$^3$ of earth to complete. The dam has a storage capacity of 5,600ML and is expected to have its first full fill in 2019.

Pumps and Pipelines

Shaw Contracting (Aust) completed construction and commissioning of the pump stations and pipelines on 11 January 2019. The scheme includes two pump stations, 63km of pipelines and 65 property outlets. The North Esk Pump Station at Watery Plains is capable of transferring 45ML/day, with an optimal running of 35ML/day.

Dalness Dam, December 2018, final road rehabilitation and property outlet (lower right)

Scheme Operator

Tasmanian Irrigation is pleased to introduce Troy Wells to the community. Troy has commenced working with Tasmanian Irrigation as a relief operator with duties state-wide. We are fortunate however that during his training and induction Troy will have a role in supporting Scott, the NEIS Operator in this first season.
North Esk Pump Station

Evandale and Clarendon DN400 pressure reduction valves at Ridgeside Lane

Completed landholder connection point

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