



Tasmanian Irrigation

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Construction nearing completion

With construction of the scheme expected to be completed in July and scheme commissioning about to commence, it is timely to introduce the Tasmanian Irrigation Operations team who will be managing the scheme during the upcoming irrigation season.

Scott Williams—Scheme Operator

Scott joined Tasmanian Irrigation from TasWater to take up the position of Scheme Operator for the Swan Valley and Lower South Esk Irrigation schemes for the 2017-18 irrigation season. Scott brings with him significant experience in water infrastructure both from his time with TasWater and experiences working as superintendent for the Bicheno Golf Club. In addition to this Scott has his own small vineyard outside of Bicheno. Scott will be the first point of contact for landholders once the scheme is in operation.

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Swan River Pump station

Following completion of construction all eyes will be on the sky in the hope for adequate winter rainfall and river levels to ensure the dam can be pump filled in time for the coming summer irrigation season.

Of key interest to many landholders at present is land rehabilitation following construction. TI attended a meeting with landholders in May and it was agreed that a process of joint walk-throughs of each property with the landowner, TI and contractor would be conducted to confirm all works required to be addressed prior to the contractor seeking final sign-off from the landowner.

Among other recent activities, Tasmanian Irrigation installed a fire hydrant at Cranbrook at the request of the Cranbrook Fire Brigade, which will operate off the scheme. This hydrant should prove a valuable asset during the fire season when local natural water sources are scarce.



Melrose Dam

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