

ANNUAL REPORT – 2010

This last year has again been a very active year for the Association.

Water revenues were up by 25% reflecting increased demand and a very dry summer. However, operating costs increased by 56%. \$36,000 of this was “Extraordinary” Repairs and Maintenance that is not expected to be repeated. With overhead expenses less than last year, the Committee believes the trading result is very satisfactory.

The Waikato District Council, as our maintenance contactor, has operated the scheme efficiently and the water has flowed for the most part without major disruption. During May/June the network was completely scoured to remove accumulated sediments. Issues with the Hampton Downs Line are now resolved. However, the matter of the security of power supply from WEL remains of concern in spite of discussions and undertakings received.

As an additional risk mitigation measure, spares are now on hand to enable the Rising Main to be rapidly repaired. As from 1 July our new electricity contract came into effect. This fixes costs for 3 years on very favourable terms.

Our executive officer has spent a lot of time overseeing the extensive capital works and extraordinary maintenance. We also welcome the new members to the Association.

Capital Works Undertaken:

Head Works:

- A new log boom has been installed at the river intake.
- Pumps #2 and #3 have been renovated substantially extending their expected life.
- The Meinecke Chamber at the top of the Rising Main now has a proper waste water drain eliminating flooding.

Reticulation:

- The 1km temporary 110mm MDPE pipe running along the edge of Hall Road for the Hampton Downs Line (HDL) has been replaced with a properly laid 200mm PVC line. This materially increases the potential capacity of the HDL line.
- A new 1km 110mm spur line off the HDL at the intersection with Corrections has been completed. This services the new motor sport facility with a high pressure high capacity line that is expected to cater for future needs.
- Extensive discussions are continuing with Corrections to increase their usage.

Legal Matters:

Work continues to ensure all easements are in place.

Your Committee has met regularly to make decisions for the ongoing operation of the scheme. I would like to thank each one for their time and effort expended. In particular I acknowledge the contribution from Alistair Smith. Following his resignation, the Committee has sought interest from potential new members.

I want to especially thank our executive officer for the professional and pro-active way he has conducted the Association's affairs. This management contract has been extended for a further 2 years.

We thank all members for their continued support and trust the Association can continue to provide your water needs for the future.

I look forward to meeting you at our Annual General Meeting.

Ross Goodin
Chairman