



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO AND WHAT YOU SHOULD BE
THINKING ABOUT



Summer water delivery

Summer is well and truly here, with the hot dry weather kicking in and water restrictions now in place. Pools have been a steady source of work but now restrictions are in place and the tanks are starting to run dry. Fire remains a real risk and in rural areas so we need to ensure we have sufficient water for fire fighting on hand.



Property management

The dry weather makes it difficult to do much with the pasture and the growth rates are limited now meaning supplementary feed for stock may be necessary. With the risk of fire high, extreme caution needs to be exercised before work such as mowing is carried out. Spraying and fertilising works better when plants are actively growing which they are not in the height of summer.



Roma's Segment

As an integral part of the team she always has the last say and a quote or a quip, so check out what our youngest (and don't tell Nige but the cutest member of the team) has to say below

Hi all

Welcome to the Summer edition of Hardyards water delivery and lifestyle property services newsletter – aka Hardyards Nelson. The idea of the newsletter is to help you with what you should be thinking of doing with your lifestyle block or water supply for the current season.

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With the dry weather settling in and no significant rain forecast we anticipate being busy for the next few weeks

We would love your feedback on the newsletter and any ideas on topics you want to know a bit more about so feel free to send us an email.

Water and sufficient supply

The dry weather has seen the phone starting to ring more often and people are finding they are running out of water. This is about a month later than last year predominately due to the good rainfall we had early December through to just before Christmas. Here in the Redwood Valley we got around 135ml for the month which certainly kept the grass growing for the stock and the tanks full. Since the dry has kicked in and the restrictions started we are limited in where we can take water from, this affects our delivery ability due to extra time driving to re-fill. Its great to see people are generally calling us well before they run out this year and we have not had many emergency calls where the tank is empty and usually its been because of stock breaking a water line or some other random act.

Apart from running out of household supply, the biggest risk is fire-fighting capacity. Even without a major fire burning on our doorsteps we need to be mindful of our fire-fighting capability. As we live rurally we need to be mindful that should our houses catch fire, the fire appliances that attend will not have sufficient water on board to extinguish a fully involved house fire and they rely on the householder to supply the rest. If you have a dedicated fire-fighting tank, ensure it is full. If like a lot of people, you have multiple tanks that are self leveling tanks, across them all, be aware particularly if you only have two tanks that two half full tanks is only the equivalent of the one dedicated tank that the fire crew will require.

Pastures and weeds

Once the dry weather takes hold, most plants go into preservation mode and do not actively grow and limit the amount of transpiration they do to prevent water loss. It also means they do not take up fertiliser or weed killer for an effective kill or growth. If there is some reasonable rain forecast the application of a growth enhancing fertiliser can give it a mid-season boost and sustain some growth for the remainder of the summer. We have a couple of products we use and recommend so give us a call to discuss. I can confidently report we have applied liquid fertiliser through the summer which has seen good response once the rain came.

Dont forget we are also here to keep the stock water supplies full and even the goldfish when they need it - we have our favourite goldfish who get regular visits from us.

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Roma's segment



Today Roma wants to talk about smart water wireless tank level systems

While Roma has been out and about with her dad, filling tanks, pools and ponds, she has noticed an increasing number of people have remote water level readers installed. These clever little devices record the level of the water in your tanks and blue tooth it to a device such as your home PC/laptop or mobile phone. It saves you climbing a ladder to check the level or guesstimating by tapping the side and is less intrusive to look at than the extremely reliable floating ball. One we are seeing a bit of is the TankMate device, priced at \$389. The pictured version is an older one and the newer ones are smaller at about the size and shape of the average cell phone. There is also a monitored option called Sentilert. It is reasonably priced at between \$200-300 depending on the package 1, 2 or 3 year + \$60 per year subscription cost. Drop us a line or email info@sentilert.com if you would like to know more.

Roma's thought provoking anecdote:

A cardiac surgeon takes his V8 Mustang in for a service only to be asked a question from the highly experienced motor mechanic. "Hey doc. We both work on engines and pipework. We both have had years of training and many years' experience, yet you get paid about 10 times what I do....what's the difference between you and I that can justify the big pay gap?" The surgeon looked him in the eye and said, "Try fixing my Mustang with the engine going!"

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