

# CORURGAN COMMENT

Circ. No 03 – 2024  
March 2024



Call for Nominations to Board

Welcome to the March 2024 Corurgan Comment.

Demand for irrigation water has continued to be very high during February, averaging 353.6ML per day. With the summer crops finishing off and extra demand for irrigation water that will be used for pre-watering, I remind Members to give your Channel Attendant plenty of notice of your intention to water. Some Laterals may experience rationing if demand exceeds the channel capacity.

## Water

**Total General Security water pumped in February – 10254 ML**

**Year to Date – 43659 ML (Including 4779ML of Supplementary Water)**

**In the table below, you can see the allocation for each year and then the water pumped for each season.**

Blue – Allocation

Green – Spring (July - Oct)

Yellow – Summer (Nov – Feb)

Orange – Autumn (Mar – June)

2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
100%	100%	100%	61%	23%	100%	51%
8876	14190	9677	13501	7369	37.5	13017
28172	34810	28304	15120	5704	18515	23300
1693	16091	9408	12570	8031	11752	15659
<b>38741</b>	<b>65091</b>	<b>47389</b>	<b>41191</b>	<b>21104</b>	<b>30304.5</b>	<b>51976</b>

2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
0%	3%	50%	110%	110%	110%
13052	0	4140	9999	2102	12847
9037	3000	18381	14289	13401	30812
3900	0	10666	5893	9951	
<b>25989</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>33187</b>	<b>30181</b>	<b>25454</b>	<b>43659</b>

## Daysdale Pump

We have reinstalled Pump 2 at Daysdale with a brand new wet end and internals. A1 Electrics have wired in a new Variable Speed Drive and soft start, it runs extremely quiet and gives the Channel Attendants the ability to vary the flow to match the demand, this will be a much more efficient way to deliver water.

## Drone Spray Trial

In late February we engaged a contractor to use a Drone to conduct a trial spraying some aquatic weeds in our channel system. I was very impressed with the technology. The drone sprayed 2kms (1ha) of channel in under an hour, this same section of channel would usually take our maintenance team at least a day to spray due to rough terrain and having to walk the entire bank.

The Drone can be operated a kilometre away from the operator, reducing the need to drive along banks. The spray application width is very well suited to our channels (5m – 9m). I see many advantages of this style of channel spraying.

Nominations for the new Board open tomorrow, 12.03.2024. If you need a nomination form please contact the office, or use the forms supplied in this Corurgan Comment.

If you have any questions regarding water or maintenance issues, please come into see me or give me a call.

**Peter Hamilton**  
**General Manager**

**Office Administration**  
**Landholder Details Forms**  
I have given up!



### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

The displaying of the Preliminary Electoral Roll finished, 23.02.2024.

No-one specifically visited the office to view the roll.

There were no objections or new applications for inclusion based on the Preliminary Roll. After receiving correspondence pertaining to two farms, these records were amended.

The Returning Officer has now Declared the amended Preliminary Roll closed.

**The FINAL ELECTORAL ROLL is on display in the office from 12.03.2024 to 26.03.2024.**



At this point we are also **Calling for Nominations.**  
**Nominations will close on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.00pm**

The Call for Nominations Notice to Members is included at the end of the Newsletter, as too are the Individual Candidate and Corporation Nomination Forms.

**Put it in your Diary.... AGM**  
The 2024 AGM  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – 5.00pm**



### **Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study**

The Auditor visited on 14.02.2024.

Visited for 4.5 hours but is happy with our processes and totals.

(I think the fruit cake helped) 😊

During February we incurred expenses totalling \$78,791.69 (excl GST) related to the Feasibility Study.

As at 29.02.2024, the Feasibility money had paid invoices to the value of **\$1,472,176.11 (excl GST).**

As at 29.02.2024 the balance of the Gov't Feasibility Funding Bank Account = \$1,382.78.

21.02.2024: The FINAL Feasibility Study Report was discussed and endorsed by all Directors at the February Board Meeting.

The Final Funding Milestone invoice was raised after receipt of the Auditor's Report. The sending of our February Milestone invoice has been delayed as we seek to have additional funding approved. An expanded Cost Benefit Analysis Report and new sections and criteria added to the requirements of the actual Application for Funding documents, resulted in higher costs, more work, more time and hence the request for additional funding. Still waiting for approval.

Adrain Smith from our Project Management Team expects to have a DRAFT Application for Funding to the Board for the March Board Meeting.

A huge **Thank you** to Michael McBurnie and Adrian Smith for steering us through this process.



Although not finalised, at this point we can take a deep breath after completing a huge task and say **Thank you** to our West Corugan Members for their overwhelming support of the Board in pursuing this process.

We have gained invaluable data/maps and insights that will benefit West Corugan regardless of the Government's (or the Board's) decision.

Now we Wait!

We wait to see if the Government is willing to pay a realistic price for our water. As always, as soon as we know, you will know.



### Selling Allocation Water

We currently have Members interested in buying allocation water.

We also have Members who are not using all their water.

So, if you haven't used your allocation water this season, have you thought about selling it?

Think about it. We may be able to put two parties together.



**\*\*But if you do buy, please pay the seller promptly – 7-days.**

**We do not like being put in the position of needing to chase payment on behalf of the Seller.**

**Transactions will not be processed unless we know the payment has been made\*\***



### Daysdale Pump #2

As you may be aware, the Daysdale Pump #2 stopped working before Christmas!

We have been using a hired pump for all this time. It has involved a lot of work for Peter, Tony, and staff to ensure the pump is continually fuelled up, even over the weekends and public holidays.

Yes, including Christmas Day! **Thank you, Tony.**



Then, even the hire pump sprung an oil leak and caused Peter all sorts of grief!

It has been a constant worry for 11-weeks!

So, to have the Daysdale pump back and operational is a huge relief for Peter.

And doesn't it look pretty. All shiny and new looking.



Peter sent me installation photos, but I think he 'called it' a bit too soon.  
That does not look installed to me.  
No amount of 'gaffer' tape is going to fix that gap!!



**Now that looks better.  
Beautiful gushing water  
The Daysdale #2 pump working at its finest!**

This is using the Variable Speed Drive at 45hz.



Peter loves the control options that the VSD offers.



This is when the Variable Speed Drive is 30hz.

### **Peter's new favourite toy!**

On 22.02.2024 we engaged in a trial for the use of drones to spray our channels as part of our weed control program. It is fair to say Peter was excited. Remember how Peter and Tony went to Henty, and they almost came home with a drone then. Well now they are super excited. Watch this space!



WOW.  
Imagine what Peter could do with a FLEET of Drones.  
A weed never to be seen!

### **GREAT NEWS.**

*We have new babies in the WCPID Family.  
Fraser Simpson and his lovely wife Georgie have had a baby boy, Jock.  
This is John Simpson's (Farm 193) first Grandchild, and he is rather 'chuffed'.*

AND

*Shannan Day and Jess have also recently had a baby boy, named Patrick.  
I love the historical lineage of Patrick's name.  
Best Wishes to All.*



*Must be our good water! 😊*

### **More Good News.**

*The Wedding is over.  
Our beloved Chairman was dealing with a wedding in his backyard.... Literally.  
Max & Gill Arnold's daughter got married home on the farm and Max has been doing .....  
whatever he was told!  
Never has a tractor or header been used as an escape vehicle before, but Max was starting  
to see both as great options!  
Sincerely hoping everyone had a lovely day.  
[Max really was excited and thrilled. He was just trying to be macho. But I saw straight through him!]*



**Spreading the Word!**

I was also rather chuffed to have a WCPID Member come into the office and ask if we had any spare WCPID logo bucket hats.

He saw one of our guys wearing one and thought he could, 'spruke the word', as he put it.

Our hats are part of the uniform, but hey, if he wants to advertise, I am happy to give him a hat.

Farm (181) will look very smart in his new WCPID bucket hat!

Those less charitable said, 'he simply wanted a freebie!!'  
Now, now, that's not nice.


Although, I have given a lot of strategic farming advice to (F181) over the years; including growing carrots, spinach, and beetroot, but as yet he hasn't seen the light.

So, maybe that's why he needed a 'freebie'! 🙄🙄🙄

He should have listened.

I did try to tell him Spinach would be huge, HUGE!

Perhaps I should also tell him about the benefits of growing PULSES.

Hmmm. 

I wonder how you grow CHICKPEAS??!



*You thought Blow Grass was bad – UTAH, TX, is in real trouble.*



*Whilst the West Corugan Newsletter is primarily provided to keep Members informed of all water matters relating to the WCPID Scheme, you will note it also has a lighter side. It is this lighter side that should be read in the spirit for which it is intended and with 'tongue firmly planted in one's cheek'!* 😊 Debbie



## **Notice of Election Call for Nominations**

### **MEMO TO ALL WEST CORURGAN MEMBERS**

Dear WCPID Member

Notice is hereby given on 12 March 2024, that in accordance with the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, an Election is to be held for the Board of Management of West Corurgan Private Irrigation District (WCPID).

Nominations of candidates are hereby called for the Four Zones within the District; those nominations are to be lodged on the prescribed form with The Returning Officer at Kilara Partners, PO Box 115, Corowa NSW 2646 or by email to [jguest@kilara.com.au](mailto:jguest@kilara.com.au) by 4pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (the Nomination Day).

Nomination forms are available from the WCPID office, 152 Oaklands Road, Berrigan, or by email at [info@corurgan.com.au](mailto:info@corurgan.com.au).

The final roll is available for inspection at the WCPID office, 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday from 12 March 2024 until 26 March 2024.

Enquiries regarding election procedures or the provision of additional information should be directed to the Returning Officer at Kilara Partners on (02) 6033 1133.

J Guest  
Returning Officer

# Form 4 - Nomination of Candidate

(Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, Division 8, Clause 76 (1))



We nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(name in full)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(postal address)

as a candidate for the following election:

## WEST CORURGAN PRIVATE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ELECTION 2024

ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations close: **4:00pm, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

We declare that we are each entitled to vote in the election.

	Name	Address	Signature
1			
2			

Note: This nomination must be **completed by two (2) persons (other than the candidate)**, each of whom is qualified to vote under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, Clause 76* in respect of the election.

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name in full)

consent to being a candidate at the election to which this nomination relates.

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations may be returned to:

The Returning Officer, J Guest at email: [jguest@kilara.com.au](mailto:jguest@kilara.com.au)

Or

The Returning Officer, J Guest, Kilara Partners, P.O. Box 115, COROWA NSW 2646

*West Corugan Private Irrigation District, PO Box 156, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 E: [info@corugan.com.au](mailto:info@corugan.com.au) T: 03 5885 2392*

# CORPORATION NOMINATION FORM 2024



under Rule 16 (2) of Private Irrigation Districts and Water (Amendment) Act  
(To be signed under seal)

WE, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the Corporation)

A.C.N. \_\_\_\_\_

are the owner of land on which enrolment is based at

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WE nominate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person nominated)

of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

on: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

as our representative to nominate for the Board of West Corugan Private Irrigation District  
under Rule 16 (2) of Private Irrigation Districts and Water (Amendment) Act  
(To be signed under seal)

Executed by \_\_\_\_\_ }  
\_\_\_\_\_ }  
\_\_\_\_\_ }  
\_\_\_\_\_ } Affix  
\_\_\_\_\_ } Seal  
Pty Ltd }  
by its authorised officers }  
pursuant to section 127 of }  
the Corporations Act 2001 }

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director or Secretary

This nomination will remain in place until revoked in writing

**2024 - Corporate Nomination Form to be included with the signed Candidate's Nomination Form**

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