

# CORURGAN

# COMMENT

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Cake was Yum!. Night was Special.

Welcome to the March 2025 Corurrgan Comment.

I would like to thank all Members who voted on the New Rules and Works Plan, with 76.2% of eligible voters casting a vote. The New rules and Works Plan have now been formally adopted and have come into effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

It was great to see so many Members attend the General meeting. It allowed us to have a good discussion about West Corurrgan's future direction. There were some great questions from the Members and over dinner there were many more.

Gordon Fox was awarded Honorary Life Membership for his ongoing 42 years service as a Board member. Peter Wallis was invited as a guest speaker to reflect on Gordon's time as a Board member, thank you Peter, it was very entertaining.

Irrigation demand continues to be high; the dry summer has certainly kept the Channel Attendants busy. The maintenance team has also been very busy this month, de-silting channels and repairing leaks around wheel boxes and regulators and preparing channels for the Autumn pre-watering season.

## Year to date Water Pumped

July	- 0ML
August	- 3445ML
September	- 9049ML
October	- 5552ML
November	- 4548ML
December	- 7350ML
January	- 9510ML
February	- 8058ML
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>- 47512ML</b>

## Allocation Announcement- (110%)

An Allocation increase of 4% was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

An Allocation increase of 48% received on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

All Carryover water is now forfeited.

## Carry Over Explanation

Shown below is the legislated rules, on the maximum amount of water that can be allocated to a water account each year.

### **Part 9 - Rules for Managing Access Licences**

#### **Division 1 - Water allocation account management rules**

*51 - Crediting rules for water allocation accounts (1) (2) The maximum volume of water allocation that may be credited to a regulated river (general security) access licence in the Murray Water Source from available water determinations during a water year is equal to 1.1 ML(110%) multiplied by the number of unit shares specified in the access licence share component **minus** the volume of water allocations carried over from the previous water year.*

*Note. Subclause (1) means that if a volume equivalent to say 0.3 ML/unit of share component (30%) is carried over in a licence account and the allocations for the water year totalled say 0.9 ML/unit of share component(90%), then the licence account would only be credited with a further 0.8 ML/unit of share component(80%). The balance of 0.1 ML/unit of share component(10%) would not be credited to that licence account.*

**How does this rule effect the Members of WCPID?**

If an average Member of WCPID holds 200WE then this rule means you can only ever have a maximum 110% of water allocated against your 200WE’s, (220ML) including any Carryover. So if you add up your allocation percentage (AWD%) plus your Carryover percentage (C/O%), AWD% + C/O% = 110% maximum allocation.

Every time the combined total goes above 110% you will forfeit Carryover to come back to 110%.

The table below shows the average Water Entitlement (200WE) in WCPID with a carryover of 50% (100ML) and how this years Allocation (AWD) was added to the account throughout the year. When the Allocation plus Carryover (AWD+C/O) went above 110% at the start of February (112%), the account forfeited 2% of carryover (4ML). When the next allocation on the 17<sup>th</sup> February (AWD + C/O) equalled 158%, 48% was forfeited (96ML) to bring it back to 110% of 200 WE, (220ML).

2024/2025 Allocation										
	WE	WaterNSW ALLOC (AWD)	Alloc increase ML	C/OVER % of AWD	Total Avail C/O ML	AWD% + C/O%	C/O Forfeit %	C/O Forfeit ML	Total Available Water ML	Total % of WE's
	200			50%	100					
JULY - 1st	100%	35%	70	50%	100	85%	FALSE	0	170	85%
15th		7%	14	50%	100	92%	FALSE	0	184	92%
AUGUST		0%	0	50%	100	92%	FALSE	0	184	92%
15th		2%	4	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
SEPTEMBER		0%	0	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
15th		0%	0	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
OCTOBER		0%	0	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
15th		0%	0	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
NOVEMBER		0%	0	50%	100	94%	FALSE	0	188	94%
15th		3%	6	50%	100	97%	FALSE	0	194	97%
DECEMBER		0%	0	50%	100	97%	FALSE	0	194	97%
15th		6%	12	50%	100	103%	FALSE	0	206	103%
JANUARY		0%	0	50%	100	103%	FALSE	0	206	103%
15th		5%	10	50%	100	108%	FALSE	0	216	108%
FEBRUARY		4%	8	50%	96	112%	2%	4	220	110%
15th		48%	96	48%	0	158%	48%	96	220	110%
MARCH		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
15th		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
APRIL		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
15th		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
MAY		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
15th		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
JUNE		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
15th		0%	0	0%	0	110%	FALSE	0	220	110%
Total		110%	220		0		50%	100	220	110%
		Total Alloc	Alloc ML of WE's		Avail C/O in ML		C/O Forfeited	ML Forfeited	Total Avail ML	% of WE's

If you have any questions on how this works please give me a call.

**Current Dam Levels**

Dartmouth Dam – 85%

Hume Dam – 32%

We have some Members looking to purchase temporary water, if you would like to make water available for other members to purchase, please give the office a call.

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

## Office Administration

Jasmeen is back!!

Yeah! 😊

And with great news. Keep reading.....

## Condolences

It is with a heavy heart we express our Sincere Condolences to Peter Hill and Family on the passing of his mother May Hill [Evelyn May].

May was lovely whenever she came into the office to pay her invoices by cheque or to advise about her leases.

May was totally switched on, pleasant to everyone and always happy to have a little chat.

Our thoughts are with her family.



## Talk about Life's Circle of Life....

### Welcome.

It is with a happy heart, we welcome our newest farmer and future Director of WCPID.

Welcome, OSCAR JIMMY SANDRAL.

Congratulations to Bridget and Cameron Sandral on the arrival of their second child.

James (Jimmy) Nixon is thinking what a great influence he has had on Cameron during his short time on the Board. 😊

Rather, 'Jimmy' is a nod to Cameron's Grandfather – James (Jim) Fardel Sandral.

Nice try JWN.

## And more joyous news

Congratulations to Jasmeen on her marriage to Guri whilst in India.

Sadly, Guri cannot join Jasmeen in Australia at this time, but will very shortly.

We wish them both all the happiness in the world for their future together.

## FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> MEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended this important meeting.

Member engagement is vital to the future of West Corugan and we are very fortunate to have Members who do care and do want to know what is going on and will take the time to attend meetings. Thank you.



- The New Rules have been adopted by Members: 204 For to 1 Against. Of the 269 eligible voters, 205 voted – 76.2%.
- Peter Hamilton explained to Members future works that need to be undertaken over the next 15-months and the anticipated costs. He explained funding options and a possible Project Levy that may be required. Peter stressed to Members that nothing was decided yet. But he did want Members to be aware that decisions will need to be made in the next few months. He thought this Meeting was a great opportunity to explain the necessary works required and the anticipated costs to Members.

Peter invited questions and was pleased this style of forum allowed Members to ask questions freely.

- A special part of the night was the presentation of Honorary Life Membership to Gordon Fox. Gordon has been a Board Member since 1982.

Peter Wallis, a previous long-standing General Manager was Guest Speaker, and he gave a lovely, witty speech, acknowledging Gordon's commitment to West Corurgan and thanking his wife, Barb, and family.

West Corurgan presented flowers to Barb Fox in recognition of her support of Gordon.

Prior to Gordon's responding words, Barb ushered into the room 13 members of Gordon's family and closest friends.

Gordon was totally surprised to see so many close family and friends and was 'chuffed' to have them attending his special occasion. [Barb knows how to keep a secret!]

A celebratory cake was cut by Gordon and Barb.



Members stayed behind to congratulate Gordon and to enjoy dinner.

### Water Transfers:

Things have been very busy concerning Allocation Water Trades

If you are thinking of buying, or selling, feel free to contact the office first.

Also, if you do buy or sell, **please sign and return the paperwork promptly.**

Confirmation of the payment is also requested.

### Strategic Business Planning.

Sadly, my brilliant business idea for Farm (225) was not well received. 😞

(225) didn't think much of growing **PURPLE SWEET POTATOES!**

But the good news is that the Son-of-a-Gun of (225), was more receptive.

Or at least he was smiling as he spoke to me. 😊

Do you think he was just humouring me?

I guess I'll just have to wait 20-years to see.

**The Wheels on the Bus go Round & Round, Round & Round, The Wheels on the Bus.....**

It's not a big shiny red bus, but it is a small white 12-seater bus, and your directors will be driving around in it on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March inspecting various aspects of your Scheme. The Board feels it is important they stay connected to the entire Scheme and it is a good opportunity for the new Directors to see areas they are not so familiar with and to speak to a couple of our members who are looking to expand and innovate.



The 'excursion' will finish at the pump site looking at exactly how & where the planned new meters and telemetrics would be installed.

So, if you see a little white bus with Jaffas flying around inside.... What....No. No Jaffas! Guys, this is serious business. Fruit cake & orange juice. Definitely No Jaffas!! 😂



Anyway, if you see a 12-seater white bus driving around on Friday, give them a wave.

**LET'S BE HAPPY.....**



**Baby jokes in honour of Oscar Jimmy Sandral.**

I heard that!

I said Baby Jokes, not Bad jokes.

What did Baby Corn say to Mother Corn?

Where's Pop Corn?



Tell me, does the stork deliver babies with their nappies on?

No, they're stork naked!



Why did the baby go to jail?

Because he was resisting a rest.



I like that... a good 'play' on words.

*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