

# CORURGAN COMMENT



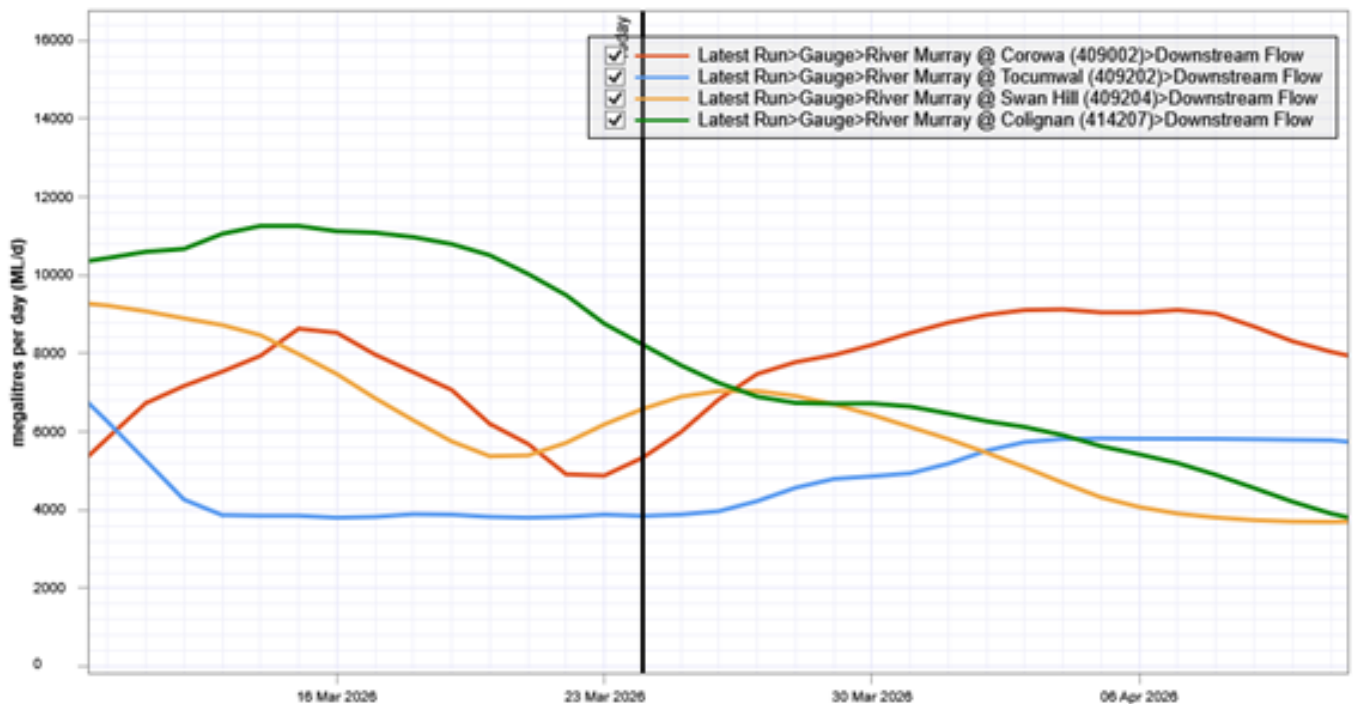
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Did you watch those calories!?  
Read on..... To the very end.

Welcome to the April 2026 Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

After a long hot dry Summer, we have been fortunate to receive some decent Autumn rain across the West Corurgan district during March. The Corowa Pump site measured 130mm for the month of March and the Berrigan Office measured 80mm. Let's hope this great weather continues.

Below is a forecast of river flows provided to me from the MDBA river operations team. The Red line shows the forecast flow at the Corowa river gauge. This information will be provided to me on a weekly basis to help predict the river height at our pump site. I get lots of enquiries from West Corurgan members about how long we will be pumping water for at this time of year. In most years the river height drops too low to pump between Anzac day (April 25<sup>th</sup>) and the end of April. However downstream demand through MIL or GMW, or an environmental water flush, can keep the river higher for longer in some years. I am in constant weekly contact with the MDBA River Operations Team to inform them of West Corurgan's irrigation demand and the need to maintain a minimum height of 2 metres at our pump site. I will keep you all informed as I receive more information.



**Allocation Announcement – Year to Date – 20% @ 01.04.2026**

July – 1%  
August – 2%  
September – 7%  
October – 8%  
November -2%  
December – 0%  
January – 0%  
February – 0%  
March - 0%  
April - 0%

**Water Pumped**

August – 1382 ML  
September – 4475 ML  
October – 6447 ML  
November – 2602ML  
December – 4721ML  
January – 6390ML  
February – 4426ML  
March – 3223ML

**Current Dam Levels**

Dartmouth Dam – 65%  
Hume Dam – 26%

As always, if you notice any maintenance works that need to be taken care of, please contact your Channel Attendant.

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

**Office Administration**

**Congratulations Jasmeen!**

It is lovely to have Jasmeen back from India.....AND.... Congratulations are in order!  
Jasmeen sat her Citizenship exam on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and passed with flying colours.  
[I read some of the questions.... I would have failed!]

She now awaits the official letter (approx. 2-months) and then she can hopefully join the next Citizenship Ceremony through the Berrigan Shire. Fantastic!



**Sincere Condolences**

From one happy note to a sad note.

Sadly, Andrew Kelly, former General Manager of West Corugan, passed away on 20 March after a short illness.

Andrew was General Manager with West Corugan from 26 April 2016 to 30 August 2021.

Our Deepest Condolences to Andrew’s wife Carmel and two children, James and Grace.



**Office**

I will be on leave for a week 20 to 28 April.

### **Farrer By-Election**

West Corurrgan is A-Political.

We do not support any one political party or any one Candidate.

However, the up-coming Farrer by-election is an opportunity for West Corurrgan to invite all Candidates to visit the area; Invite them to see our farms, see our channels, and visit our pump site and perhaps, gain a better appreciation of the needs of the rural sector and especially our critical need for water.

We may even remind them that we are not in a 'suburb' of Albury!

Sorry! That was a bit cheeky. But the Candidates do seem to be Albury-focused.

So, if you see a Candidate in our area, say hello (no matter which party) and explain the importance of water.....Respectfully.

Remember, No rudeness.

Of course, this is all assuming that they have even heard of West Corurrgan Private Irrigation District or care about what we do or even want to visit Berrigan and/or Collendina.

We can only ask.

### **Meeting with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)**

The BOM has been tasked with collating all data pertaining to water trades in Australia.

The ACCC is then tasked with reviewing that data.

The objective is to monitor for individuals, groups, or trends that are impacting the trading of water, which may directly or indirectly impact the price of water.

Peter & I met with two BOM representatives on 17 March in the West Corurrgan Office.

It was great that they came to us and offered a face-to-face meeting.

It was an extremely helpful meeting. We were both pleased with the outcome.

We have a big job ahead of us, but we think it will not be as bad as we first thought.

Under the Water Market Reform Regulations, West Corurrgan needs to provide specific information from our Member Database to the BOM. That exact information required is not yet known but should be available by the end of April. We do know they require ABN's and the ACN and Registered Address for companies.

We do not hold this information currently but will need to get it.

We do have some ABN's, but once we know the final format of the information required, we will contact all Members requesting you provide any data that we currently do not hold.

Within the database, Members will be assigned a Unique Identifier.

That Unique Identifier will identify all parties involved in the trades.

So, when we have an internal trade, the information we provide to the BOM is not: AA Smith sold 100ML to BB Jones @ \$80.

It will be something like: SMI123, 100ML, \$80, JON456.

The reason for the trade, volume and price is information which must be submitted.

Whilst we wait for the BOM's final information requirements, we have contacted our IT Software Designer for our Water Management System advising her of the new fields we will need to incorporate and the change to our format presentation.

Hopefully, she can accommodate our needs, so the task of providing the database to the BOM will only be huge, as opposed to gigantic! 😊

**Your support in providing the information required will be the key.**

### **Know your Available Water**

Final readings to 31 March have been read, totals processed and March ML usage invoices emailed out. So, everyone will know how they are travelling for available water.

But, depending on what you are doing to finish off this year or to start the next irrigation year, you may need more water.

We do have a small volume of temporary water for sale.

Not much, and it is always subject to price. (of course!)

But please ring the office to check.

### **Water Trades in March 2026**

Things eased in March, after the two 'drops' of rain and especially after the rain on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

In **March 2026**, the office processed (ie: finalised):

Internal Trades - 9

External IN Trades - 3

External OUT Trades – 1

### **PERMANENT WATER FOR SALE**

Two WCPID Members have permanent water to sell.

Both are supportive of West Corurgan and are looking to sell within the Scheme.

650 Water Entitlements.

200 Water Entitlements.

Will sell in smaller parcels.

If genuinely interested, please contact the Office.



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



In keeping with the by-election.....



What do you get when you ask a politician for 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'?  
Three different answers.

Politics is the art of looking for a problem, causing another problem, and claiming credit for fixing the problem.

*That will do; I am being most unfair.*

**I know you hate it when I do this, but I must.  
It is for your own good.  
Although, this year, I fear I am far too late to do any good!**

### LINDT GOLDEN EASTER BUNNY — 100g

X1 only



He is pretty cute, but the 100g Lindt Gold Bunny will have you walking for hours to burn off those kilojoules.



The average woman would need to walk on the treadmill for around 2hr 16min to burn off the **2272kJ**, while men would need 1hr 46min at the same pace.

If you do not quite have the time, opt for a run instead — which will bring the workout time down to 58 minutes for women, and 45 minutes for men.

The Milk Chocolate Golden Bunny has **33g of fat, 49g of sugar** and exceeds the daily intake of saturated fat by almost 20 per cent.

### CADBURY HOLLOW CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG – 105g



Only x1!  
Not 5 or 6.... x1 only.



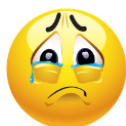
The Cadbury's 105g Hollow Easter Egg contains **2355kJ, 31.1g of fat and almost 60g of sugar**.

Burning the kilojoules will take 65 minutes of cycling, more than 60 minutes in a HIIT class or at least an hour and a half of Pilates.

Oh, the despair.

If only you had known 4-days ago!

I will say no more!



*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