

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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Welcome to the May 2024 Corurgan Comment.

Congratulations to the newly elected West Corurgan Board of Management.  
Your representatives for the next 3 years are:

## Zone 1

- Max Arnold
- Lawry Simpson

## Zone 2

- Peter Day
- James Nixon

## Zone 3

- Gordon Fox
- Tim Farr

## Zone 4

- Sam Nixon
- Cameron Sandral

On behalf of the West Corurgan Private Irrigation District and employees, I would like to thank both Geoff Moar and Michael Hawkins for their individual dedication, commitment and contribution as Directors and past Chairs of the West Corurgan Board of Management. Geoff Moar has served on the Board for 24 years and Michael for 12 years. I wish them well and know that they will both continue to be active members of WCPID.

Demand for Water Tanker deliveries is high due to the planting of winter crops, and dry autumn conditions. Water Tanker deliveries will be between Monday and Friday, **please ring the Berrigan Office** to place an order with a minimum 3 of days notice for delivery.

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> May, due to not being able to guarantee the supply of irrigation water, we will not take any more orders for water. We will endeavour to supply, in full, any orders that have been placed before 1<sup>st</sup> May. The river height at Corowa will determine how long we can continue to pump water. Once the river gets below a level of 2metres, I can no longer pump water without the risk of damage to our pumps. From the date that the pumps are turned off we will continue to supply water as “**ordered water**” for 4 days, after 4 days, where possible and if we can maintain supply level, water will be delivered as “**Internal Off Allocation water**”, until the irrigation system is drained.

As we get closer to the end of the irrigation season we start to plan our winter works, if you notice any works that need doing, please contact your Channel Attendant or the office so that we can assess and prioritise the works.

## Water

**Total General Security water pumped in April – 4331 ML**

**Year to Date – 56990 ML (Including 4779ML of Supplementary Water)**

## Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 94%

Hume Dam - 61%

## Maintenance

Brett continues to spray Cumbungi.

Tony has been busy repairing leaks and repairing stock damage.

Water Tanker deliveries.

I will be on leave between May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> May.

I am participating in a nostalgia style hot rod beach race called **Rattletrap**, to be held at Crowdy Head, near Taree. I'll be racing my old hotrod, a 1938 Chevrolet roadster that my Grandfather built in 1975. There will be no trophies to be won, only bragging rights. I will be lining up against my twin brother Bill in his 1932 coupe. I have a cheeky sticker on my rear bumper bar saying, "See you at the finish line brother!"

I hope he doesn't have something like, "Eat my Dust!"

I think the loser will be buying the first round.

Please contact the Office or your Channel Attendant, if you need any assistance with any water related matters.

**Peter Hamilton**

**General Manager**

## Office Administration

### BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Tim Farr and Cameron Sandral on being elected to the Board.

I look forward to working with you both.

And don't listen when the other Directors say I am a Dragon. It is not true. I just like things organised!!

[Hopefully I can provide a little spiel about the two new Directors in the next Corurgan Comment.

Important facts like which football team they barrack for and what's their favourite food?] 😊

The last I heard of our two retiring Directors was that Micheal Hawkins was enjoying the footy as his beloved Cats continue to do well and Geoff Moar was just nodding his head as Leslie planned their next overseas holiday. 😊



### 2027 Elections.

We have learnt a few things from this election and will implement a couple of changes for the 2027 election, but overall, everything went very smoothly.

I think for 2027 we will ask all Candidates to provide a little comment about themselves. This will assist other Members who may not know everyone in the Scheme.

Thank you to Members who provided this feedback and other helpful comments.

### Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study

Our request and invoice for additional funding (\$55,000 + GST = \$60,500) was emailed to the Government on 19.03.2024.

**And they PAID!! Yeah!**



We received the money on 24.04.2024, so as at 30.04.2024 the Modernisation Bank account had a balance of \$61,886.95. But we already had invoices required to be paid specifically with this money, so not much left after we paid those invoices on 03.05.2024.

Now that the request for additional funding has been finalised, **the Final Milestone #5 invoice has also been forwarded to the NSW Government!! YAY. \$81,567.60 incl GST.**

And more good news.

The Application for Funding for the big projects has been endorsed by the Board.

This will be submitted to the NSW Department by 13.05.2024.

They will check it over, probably want changes, so send it back.

The Project Management Team will make the necessary changes and then send it back to the State.

When the NSW State Gov't is happy they will forward to the C'wealth Gov't.

The C'wealth will review and discussions will then commence.

Watch this space!



### Selling Allocation Water

#### **REMEMBER:**

**\*\*If you buy temp water, please pay the seller promptly – 7-days.**

**We do not appreciate 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\*\***



#### **BE HAPPY** 😊

Again, the Corurgan Comment is a little bit 'light-on' in content this month.

We continue to be very busy!

But like last month, I couldn't leave you without a smile on your face.

My choice of cartoon is tied in with Mother's Day, which is this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Every Mother everywhere will relate to this cartoon.

I am calling it – **MOTHER'S DESPAIR.**



*The cartoon is out of the Border Mail*



***I think I hate Hector - whoever he is!***



*This Mother's Day is Special.*

*I am going to Melbourne to share a Mother's Day Luncheon with my daughter.  
Because she has been overseas for so long, this is the first Mother's Day we have had together in 13-years!*

*And I don't care if it is a vegemite sandwich!!*



*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