

CORURGAN

COMMENT

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Let's grow cotton! Farm (58) does.

Welcome to the May 2025 Corurgan Comment.

Dry conditions have kept demand for irrigation water going into early May. I will have to turn off the pumps at Corowa by the 9th May so I can drain the O'Dwyer Main canal and Laterals for the Winter maintenance program.

Unfortunately the project I was working on with Blackwatch Consulting to bring Environmental Water into WCPID, will not proceed. The Commonwealth and NSW state Environmental Water Holders chose not to support the project, despite full support from the Basin Official Committee (BOC) State representatives. We may try again in the future.

Water Tanker deliveries will again be busy this month, please give the office a call to order a Water Tanker delivery.

Minimum 3 days notice is required, and deliveries are between Monday and Friday.

Year to date Water Pumped

July	- 0ML
August	- 3445ML
September	- 9049ML
October	- 5552ML
November	- 4548ML
December	- 7350ML
January	- 9510ML
February	- 8058ML
March	- 8408ML
<u>April</u>	- 4688ML
YTD Total	- 60608ML

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 77%
Hume Dam – 20%

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 – Ph: 03 5885 2392.

I will be away on leave from Monday 5th May until Monday 19th May.

Please call the office if you have any questions about water trading.

Any operational/maintenance requests can be directed to Ben Kerr – 0407 152 051.

Peter Hamilton
General Manager

Office Administration

Stock & Domestic invoicing

The annual invoicing for our Stock & Domestic licences - Member, Intervening and Unlicensed, have been raised and emailed and/or posted out.

Please pay this invoice promptly.

The fee is charged based on the number of extraction points per landholding and is charged whether supply is used or not.



General Policy Booklet

It is a detailed process to review and update our Delivery & Water Entitlement Policy Booklet (soon to be called General Policy Booklet).

It is taking time, (longer than I had hoped) but Peter & I continue on.

We still hope to have it updated by August. Fingers crossed.



Irrigation Drainage Policy

Members are reminded that you cannot drain excess water into the channel system.

Full stop!

Although the current General Policy Booklet is in the process of being updated, the following Clause has always been in place:

Irrigation Drainage Policy

All irrigators are advised of three basic general conditions relating to the discharge of irrigation water run-off or drainage:

- a. No discharge onto roadways
- b. No discharge onto neighbour's property
- c. No discharge into WCPID channel system

Permanent Water for Sale

A WCPID Member has advised that he has 650 Permanent Water Entitlements for sale.

Dry, no allocation.

He may consider splitting his parcel from 100WE up to 650WE.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

WATER ORDERS:

Orders for water delivery were closed on Monday 5th May.

Pumps will be turned off Thursday night 8th May.

Orders already placed prior to Monday 5th May will be supplied to the best of our ability.

Water supply is not guaranteed.



Water Transfers:

If you are thinking of buying Carryover Water, 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.

I like cotton!

Peter took me for a drive to show off the cotton crops.

A field of white looks so pretty.

Farm (58) – Sorry, but I took a little ‘puff’ of cotton. I wanted to show Jasmeen back in the office.



What surprised me, is that it feels just like cotton wool. It was so soft. I was not expecting that straight off the bush.

Hey, guys, this could be another great Business Strategy idea!!

Farm (58) and others are already in on the act, maybe you should think about it too.

Imagine how pretty the entire West Corugan Scheme would look covered in white.

We could become a tourist attraction! yet another great business strategy idea!

And if Farm (110) painted his four big shiny silos with farm related art, we could add a Silo Art Trail into the Scheme.

WOW! The ideas just keep on flowing.



The cotton bales are huge!



Another job ticked off.

We have been wanting to update the O'Dwyer Main Channel sign along the Oaklands Road for quite some time.

Now it is done.

Thank you to Shane Moar for allowing us to install the sign on, what is technically, the edge of his property.

I don't mean to push my luck..... but Shane, do you think you could spray for weeds around the sign as part of your maintenance program. 😊

What! No harm in asking. He might say, yes! We want the sign to be seen and to look good.



LET'S BE HAPPY.....



Whilst the West Corurgan 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