

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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July 2023



World Chocolate Day - 07.07.23

Welcome to the July 2023 Corurgan Comment.

I would like to wish Russell Sullivan all the best in his retirement. Russell started his employment with West Corurgan Private Irrigation District on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 as a Channel Attendant and retired on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 after nearly 12 years of service. Russell has always endeavoured to provide the best possible level of customer service he could, and has built many lasting friendships with the members of WCPID. Russell's quick wit and banter will surely be missed by all that know him.

**Good luck and enjoy your retirement Russell.**

## **Operations**

Winter Maintenance season is keeping us busy, Tony Jolley and Ben Kerr have been in the O'Dwyer Main desilting and removing dead Cumbungi, it has been a while since Ben has operated a big excavator, much to the amusement of Tony.

Russell, Peter Bolt and Brett Molnar have been servicing offtake doors and repairing offtakes where necessary.

We have more works planned down Laterals but to date we have been prioritizing works along the O'Dwyer Main.

If you know of any channel banks or structures that need work done, please contact me so that I can assess it and program it in.

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

## **Office Administration**

### **2023-2024 Budget & Schedule of Fees & Charges**

You should have already received the 2023-2024 Schedule of Fees & Charges.

It is available on the West Corurgan website, but if you haven't received a copy for some reason, please feel free to contact the office.

### **Half-Yearly Fee Invoices**

The July half-yearly fees invoices have been raised and emailed or posted on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

A reminder that those holding a Stock & Domestic Licence also receive an invoice.

**This is a pass-through charge back to Water NSW.**

It is not a WCPID charge.

The WCPID Stock & Domestic Charge is invoiced in May.

I remind that outstanding invoices more than 90-days outstanding will not receive irrigation water at the start of next season until the debt is cleared.

## Our Sincere Condolences

The Board of West Corugan would also like to extend their Sincere Condolences and Deepest Sympathy to the family of Brian Chisholm on his passing. Brian died 31<sup>st</sup> May.



Brian was a long-standing employee of West Corugan, having worked for West Corugan from 29<sup>th</sup> May 1989 to 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006 - 17 years!

Brian is remembered as an excellent excavator operator, meticulous in everything he did and an extremely pleasant person to deal with.



Some memories from WCPID



## Auditors

I think I will have to stop offering Tim Tams to my Auditor..... she's coming back!! 11<sup>th</sup> July and she has booked two days! (Although, she did say she expects to only need the one day). Thank goodness for small mercies.

I might switch to plain ol' Marie biscuits. 😊

No-one likes them; you only crush them or make faces with icing & lollies.



## Reminder - AGM

Don't forget the AGM is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 5.00pm

I remind that Members will be voting on the proposal to reduce the number of Zones from 5 to 4 by simply removing the boundary between the two zones.

A map of the existing Zones and the proposed changed map are on display in the Office and is attached again to this Corugan Comment.

We want **everyone to attend** so the meeting reflects a true representation of our members and their thoughts.

Remember how last year we had trouble with some Members not being able to hear clearly depending on who was presenting.

But not this year..... problem solved!



## Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study

### 'Keeping you in the loop'.

Our Milestone 4 invoice - \$160,000 excl GST, has been paid. This represents the Submission of the Draft Feasibility Study Report.

The date for the **Final Report** submission is now 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

As at 30.06.2023, the Feasibility money has paid invoices to the value of \$ **\$1,152,448.98**.



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## Feasibility Study Monthly Report

Adrian Smith is away on a well-earned holiday this month, so I'll provide a brief outline of progress during June.

During June we received draft final reports from most of the Consultants that we have engaged throughout the project. The Board met on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June to hear those reports presented by the Consultants.

- Michael McBurnie - Monthly project update.
- Peter Oste – Premise - Engineering update.
- Shane Hampton – GTS – Geotechnical investigation (Seepage, leakage report).
- Michael Allen – Pinion Advisory – Piped irrigation options.
- Edvin Cesnik – Total Electrical Control Solutions – Pump station electrical review and upgrade.
- Chris Charles – Water Technology Pty Ltd – Stormwater relief pathways.
- Michael McBurnie – Rationalisation options.

Work continues to finalise all these individual reports and we expect a final report to be delivered by 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Smith via [Email: aksadvisory@outlook.com](mailto:aksadvisory@outlook.com)

## WHAT A GREAT DAY

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - World Chocolate Day!*

*Enough said.*

*Hey Farm (246). I know you didn't buy those flowers, so how about some chocolates?!*



## Russell Sullivan

Farewell Russell.

Russell Sullivan retired on Friday 30.06.2023, but prior to this the Directors and Staff had a nice Farewell Dinner in Finley.

Max Arnold presented Russell and his wife with gifts of appreciation and thanked him for his 12-years' service.



*Retirement Dinner*



*Last Day! We couldn't afford the Gold Watch - settled for Pink!*

And now for something a bit lighter .....



*Q: What do you call a person who is happy on Monday?*

*A: RETIRED*

*Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living!*

*Until you're retired.... You'll never really know what you can achieve in your pyjamas!* 😊

*Retirement is wonderful,*

*It is doing nothing without worrying about getting caught at it!*



**And now for something GRUMPY!**



**Naming & Shaming**

You all know that Laura Hamilton loves to bake, and we love to be recipients of that great baking! On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June we were the lucky beneficiaries of a big YUM OH Banana Cake with thick frosting on top.

Did I mention YUM OH!

Anyway, it was a particularly busy week and for some reason the cake did not get eaten all in one day. Miracles do happen.

So, what did I find a day later..... the top half of the cake missing from several slices of banana cake. Certain guys had broken the cake horizontally in half so they could just have the top-half of the cake with the nice thick frosting, but worst of all, they left the bottom-half leftovers still in the cake tin!

So, I am 'naming and shaming' my guys! [PS. Ben was on holidays, so he's off the hook]



**Guys, when we get given a YUM OH Banana Cake with thick frosting on top, YOU EAT IT ALL!**



Sorry Laura!



*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

## Expression of Interest to Irrigate - Season 2023/2024

Contact Name:

- Phone Number:
- Email Address:
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Spring				Summer			Autumn		
Laterals	Farm No.	Area (Ha)	Crop Type	Farm No.	Area (Ha)	Crop Type	Farm No.	Area (Ha)	Crop Type
Lateral 1									
Lateral 2									
Lateral 3									
Lateral 4									
Lateral 5									
Lateral 6									
Lateral 7									
Lateral 8									
Lateral 9									
O'Dwyer Main									

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