

CORURGAN COMMENT

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Optical Illusion. No! Read on.

Welcome to the July 2024 Corurgan Comment.

We have been very busy during June with lots of water trades and balancing of water accounts. Most Members will go into this new irrigation season with carryover water. The maximum you can carryover on your water account is 50% of your Water Entitlements. As allocation water becomes available in the new irrigation season your available water increases until you reach the maximum allowable allocation of 110% of water entitlement. This is a simple equation of, Carryover plus Allocation water, until you reach the maximum 110%. Below is an example showing a Member with a standard 200ML Water Entitlement, that carried over 50% of 200WE.

- If a Member has **200 Water Entitlements (WE)**, maximum carryover allowed is 50% of WE = 100ML
- Carryover water is treated as Allocation water once the new irrigation season begins
- So, this Member will start with 100ML allocation water on the 1st July
- Each month West Corurgan Board of Management must make an Available Water Determination(AWD) commonly known as an Allocation announcement, until it reaches the maximum allowable AWD of 110%. For example, if there is an AWD announcement of 50%, that would give this Member another 100ML
- **Carryover 50% of 200WE** = 100ML (50% of 200 WE)
Allocation announcement(AWD)50% of 200 WE = 100ML (50% of 200 WE)
Total Allocation water Available = 200ML (100% of 200 WE)

The maximum Allocation water a Member can receive on their account is 110% of WE

Using the above example

- **Carryover 50% of 200WE** = 100ML (50% of 200 WE)
Allocation announcement(AWD) 60% of 200WE = 120ML (60% of 200 WE)
Maximum Total Allocation water Available = 220ML (110% of 200 WE)

For each percentile increase in the AWD the corresponding percentage of Carryover will be forfeited

- **Carryover 50% of 200WE** = 100ML (50% of 200 WE)
Allocation announcement (AWD) 61% = 122ML (61% of 200 WE)
Forfeit 1% Carryover of 200WE = -2ML (1% of 200 WE)
Maximum Total Allocation water Available = 220ML(110% of 200 WE)

This can be a bit confusing, if you have any questions please give me a call or come in and see me.

Thank you to all the Members that have paid their accounts on time, and to those that have paid outstanding accounts before June 30th.

If you have not paid your fees/charges by June 30th 2024, irrigation water will not be supplied until all outstanding fees have been paid.

Opening Water Allocation Announcement 2024-25 Irrigation Season - 1st July 2024 – 35%

Next announcement will be 15th July

I have a Member of West Corugan currently wishing to purchase up to 200ML of Permanent Water Entitlement. If any Members would like to sell Permanent Water please contact the office and we can put you in touch.

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 94%

Hume Dam - 66%

Maintenance

Winter works program

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

Peter Hamilton
General Manager

Office Administration

AUDIT

Our annual Audit process has commenced. The Auditor visited the office on 27th June for her Interim Audit visit. This was a bit later than normal, but all is well with the world.

At least I hope so,

I know Jasmeen scanned through a ‘truck load’ of documents, so someone is going to have fun going through it all.

INVOICING

Our July half-yearly fees – using the new fee structure – have been reconciled and will be raised in the next two days and will be emailed and posted out by Friday 12 July.

Prompt payment is always appreciated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget – Tuesday 27th August, 5:00pm

I've already booked the Oaklands RSL and organised dinner, so write the date in your diary, phone, or computer, and be there!

WCPID's NEW MODEL RULES will need to be discussed by Members at the AGM.

The NEW RULES will be forward to all Members for your review and comment as soon as our Solicitor has reviewed.

We anticipate having a Guest Speaker, but this has not been 100% confirmed.

A 2-course dinner will be provided.

BUDGET



The Board met on 12th June and set our Budget for 2024-2025 and determined our 2024-2025 Fees & Charges Schedule. Although the Schedule was emailed and posted out to Members on 14th June, I have attached it again at the back of the Corugan Comment.

The rising interest rate over the past 12-months have not helped our Berrigan Water Sales Business Loan interest repayments, but the ability to sell some temporary water eases the pain.

When setting the Budget we are realistic in our income and expenses and the likely cost increases. It is no good saying we will only spend \$5,000 on weed control just to make the bottom-line look good, when we know the cost of chemical has increased and we have lots of weeds to control.

I remind that West Corurgan is a Not-for-Profit organisation, so we first and foremost ensure all our expenses are covered when preparing the budget, but increasingly this will involve higher expenses to upgrade aging infrastructure.

We cannot upgrade what needs to be upgraded on the current fee structure alone.

This is why the Board has investigated Modernisation options and is also pursuing other Strategic Business options and reviewing the possible need for additional Fee Levies.

One of our New Directors

Cameron Sandral – You Media Star!

Did everyone read the article in the WEEKLY TIMES (19.06.2024)?

Not just a little article, but a 3-PAGE SPREAD!

OK, I will admit that one photo takes up most of the page, but still, I was impressed.

Well done, Cam.

Although, I do have a bone to pick with Cam.

When I was doing my in-depth, deep dive journalistic interview (favourite food: Spaghetti Bolognese), Cam said No children.

And what do I see on the front page of the WEEKLY TIMES – a gorgeous photo of Harvey.

Not 3-day old Harvey, but 18-months old Harvey!

Cam, what the heck. That was one doozy of a brain-fade!

Anyway, nice article and great to see one of our young farmers, (and a Director of WCPID), shouting from the roof tops.

Copy attached.

NEW MODEL RULES

The NEW MODEL RULES are still with Gerard McCarthy, Solicitor, for his expert opinion, but as soon as he has completed his review, I will forward to all Members.

DON'T FORGET - TANKER WATER DELIVERIES

As we move into our very busy Maintenance season and the Water Bailiffs start to take some annual leave we will need to manage the delivery of our tanker water.

As explained previously, we try to group together a few deliveries, so we have a full 'delivery day'.

Therefore, we request three-days' notice if you require a tanker load of water.

If we can provide sooner, we will, but the guys plan their work the previous day, so they may already be committed on the day you ring.



Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study

The Auditor visited again on 27th June for her Interim Audit visit.

In conjunction with the annual West Corurgan and Berrigan Water Sales audit process, the Auditor will also finalise the Feasibility Study Audit.

The Final Audit report will then be forwarded to the DEECCW.

Still no news on our Application for Funding.

BE HAPPY 😊

This is unbelievable!!

Brett loves chocolate and strawberry donuts. Just the basic round choc donut. He loves them so much he frequents Berrigan Bakehouse and buys one of each, everyday! The girls all know him and know his order. So, when Brett's Birthday rolled around in June, Tammy (owner) couldn't resist.

There are donuts, and then there are DONUTS! But Tammy made Brett **DONUTS!**
Brett was tickled pink (& choc).



They have not been photo shopped; they were huge! And delicious. Think dinner plate size!



Brett is looking a bit chuffed in this photo, and why wouldn't he.



Even Peter Hamilton's eyes glazed over in anticipation.

***Well done Tammy at the Berrigan Bakery.
What a nice gesture and very well received.***



Phew!

Big 'Corurgan Comment' this month.

So big, I needed to split into three parts before I could upload onto the website.

I hope you enjoyed reading the diverse topics.



END PART A

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**