

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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AGM is almost here.

Welcome to the August 2023 Corurgan Comment.

This month we will have our Annual General Meeting, (22<sup>nd</sup> August), at the Oaklands RSL beginning at 5pm. We will be presenting a resolution to reduce the current zones from 5 to 4, this will be your opportunity to comment and vote for or against the resolution, details of the proposed changes have been sent to all Members. Our guest speaker this year will be Michael McBurnie (Project Manager). Michael will present a report on all the areas that were investigated as part of the Feasibility Study. I strongly encourage as many Members as possible to attend, it will be a very interesting evening with a wonderful 2 course meal and drinks provided. **I would like as many Members as possible to RSVP the office if you plan on attending the AGM for catering purposes.** Apologies for being unable to attend AGM will also be recorded if you contact the office prior to the meeting.

We start this irrigation season with a maximum 110% allocation reached on the 15 July 2023, all carry-over water is forfeited when 110% AWD is reached. There is a lot of interest in growing summer crops this year, hopefully the weather remains favorable. If Members would like to sell Allocation water within West Corurgan, please contact the office so that it can be listed.

## Water

Allocation – 110% AWD

We have filled the O'Dwyer Main and some Laterals, ready for the up-coming season. Supplementary water has been used for filling the channels.

**July pumping** – 1012 ML (Supplementary Water)

I look forward to seeing as many Members as possible at the AGM. Please remember to RSVP.

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

## Office Administration

### Half-Yearly Fee Invoices

The July half-yearly fees invoices have been raised and were emailed or posted on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Thank-you to those who paid so promptly. Much appreciated.

## Auditors

Visited on 11.07.2023 - only needed the one day. Yay!

Draft Report has been provided and reviewed.

Expecting the Final 2022-2023 Financial Reports very shortly, so, we can prepare for the AGM.

### Wanting to Sell Allocation (temporary) Water?

If you have allocation water you are thinking of selling, let the office know and we can place it on our website, or we may already know of a Member wishing to buy water.

WE ARE NOT WATER BROKERS but are happy to connect both parties.

The cost of an internal temporary transfer is \$55.00, charged to the Purchaser.

### Reminder - AGM

AGM is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 5.00pm. Oaklands Bowling Club.

Agenda on last page.

### AGM - Resolution to be Voted Upon - 5 zones to 4.

I have emailed, posted, advertised, and provided a detail explanation as to why the Board is proposing this change, so everyone has had ample opportunity digest and to ask questions in advance.

All Members were firsts advised of the proposal in September 2022.

So, now the vote is upon us, and we want **everyone to attend** so the meeting reflects a true representation of our Members and their thoughts.

**Resolution:** *To Accept and Adopt the West Corugan Board of Directors' proposal to reduce the number of zones within West Corugan Private Irrigation District from five to four. The existing boundary between zone four and zone five is to be removed, combining the two zones into one zone, hereafter referred to as Zone 4. Each remaining zone will continue to have equal representation of two Directors on the West Corugan Board. A maximum of eight Directors to be elected.*

### AGM - Feasibility Study

Apart from the change to out zones, the other very important reason to attend the AGM is the Feasibility Study. [No, (58), not the second helping of roast beef!] 😊

Michael McBurnie will present the various outcomes of the detailed Feasibility Study and will be available to answer questions both during and after the meeting.

The Feasibility Study has been a huge undertaking and your engagement and interest is vital to the future decision-making of the West Corugan Board.

**SO, PLEASE MAKE A GENUINE ATTEMPT TO ATTEND THE AGM.**

Remember..... great Pavlova!

[Yes, (58) you can have my serve of Pavlova, seeing as I won't be there] 😊



### Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study

#### 'Keeping you in the loop'

As at 31.07.2023, the Feasibility money has paid invoices to the value of \$ \$57,760.



## Feasibility Study Monthly Report from Adrian Smith, Project Management Team.

Hello to all West Corurgan members.

As we enter August, you may be interested to know the Feasibility Study, into potential modernisation of your Scheme, is drawing to a conclusion.

After what has been an exciting, very involved, and comprehensive series of investigations undertaken by a range of skilled people (internal to West Corurgan, the Board and external consultants), a final report is due in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the month.

To remind members of the range of things that have been considered or completed as part of the study:

1. A full EM31 survey of the entire 565 km of Scheme channels, including geotechnical analysis.
2. A full review of the existing irrigation pump station – including hydraulic and electrical.
3. A review of the pipeline crossing under the Corowa Road which discharges into the O’Dwyer Main – investigating the leakage losses and potential solutions.
4. A full topographic survey of the O’Dwyer Main and a number of lateral channels to inform a hydraulic model and civil designs of the Scheme.
5. Establishment of survey control points and benchmarks across the Scheme channel network.
6. Potential piping of a number of lateral channels.
7. Potential lining of some of the high-water loss areas.
8. A stand-alone 24/7, 365 day/year pressurised Stock and Domestic system, with the potential to serve all existing members, and a number (including villages) outside of the existing West Corurgan footprint.
9. A stand-alone low volume irrigation pipeline.
10. Modernisation of the channel delivery network – including automation, new farm outlets, upgrading of infrastructure etc.
11. Potential rationalisation, replacement and/or realignment of infrastructure across the footprint – to make it ‘fit for purpose’, reduce costs and improve water delivery in the long term.
12. Improved understanding of the various components of water losses from the Scheme – including seepage, evaporation, leakage, wetting up of the channels, unmetered take, etc.
13. Identification of issues relating to stormwater runoff and the impacts West Corurgan infrastructure has on this.
14. A cost: benefit analysis of the major modernisation options.
15. Discussions with a range of Government agencies (Federal, State, and Local) and industry groups.
16. Identification (and addressing) the range of legal, licensing, regulatory and approvals which may result from/be needed for potential modernisation.

For those who want to know a little more, the Project Team will be providing a brief overview of the study and its findings at your upcoming Annual General Meeting. (22.08.2023). We encourage members to attend.

And after that, there will be a series of smaller ‘woolshed’ type meetings where we encourage (and invite) members to come along and here a lot more detail on the outcomes of the study. The Board and the Project Team are keen to hear your thoughts, and what you think West Corurgan should consider/implement, or change (if anything), following on from this work.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the invite – the meetings will be held in late August and into September. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend and welcome your feedback and advice.

As the project draws to an end, on behalf of the Project Team, I'd like to thank you as members for your involvement and interest to date, the Australian Government for their on-going commitment to, and funding of, this project, and Water Infrastructure NSW for their continued support and high-level management of the project.

Finally, as always, if individual members have any questions, comments, or concerns over the Feasibility Study, please feel free to contact myself in the first instance on 0447 778 515."

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

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



Remember last year Tony was happy because he got a new Excavator, well now he is happy because his 2013 Ute has finally been upgraded. 2013 Utes start to become too expensive to fix, so a new one was in order.



*Although, I do worry about the snorkel exhaust.  
Does he know something I don't?*



Look at our nice sharp edges and clean path.  
Amazing what a Whipper Snipper and Blower can do!  
Even the inspection circle is sharp!  
Thank you, Brett.



And now for something NASTY.....

Barcelona!... Here I come!

See you mid-September.

Debbie





# Agenda

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Oaklands RSL Bowling Club**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**  
**5:00pm**

Welcome

Apologies

Introduction of Board Members and Ex-Officio

Confirmation of previous 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Minutes  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

Business arising from previous 2022 AGM Minutes

Chairman's Report

General Manager's Report

Presentation of Audited Financial Reports  
(Including Brief Summary of Feasibility Study spending)

Board recommendation to appoint auditors for 2023-2024  
Mogg Accounting & Advisory Pty Ltd, Cobram

- **Motion to reduce WCPID Zones from 5 to 4**

General questions from the floor

**Guest Speaker**

Michael McBurnie – Project Manager – Modernisation Feasibility Study  
Questions from the floor

Meeting Close

Dinner Provided



*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