

CORURGAN COMMENT



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September 2026

AGM - HUGE!
FANTASTIC TURNOUT
THANK YOU!

Welcome to the September 2026 Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

It was good to see so many interested Members attend the AGM. Thank you to the Oaklands RSL Bowling club for providing a great venue, the meals were delicious, there was just enough for everyone.

Supplementary water has continued to be available. This has allowed me to fill the O'Dwyer Main Canal and Laterals 5, 3, 2 and 1. Some Members have been able to take advantage of the Supplementary water and either store it in on farm storage channels or dams and others have actually watered crops. Lets hope the Spring weather is good and all the magnificent crops get to reach their full potential.

Nicholas Spicer has been employed as our new Channel Attendant. We welcome him and hope he settles in well. Nicholas will be running the North section and will have the same phone number that Peter Bolt had **0438 758 568**. The biggest initial challenge for Nicholas will be finding his way around and learning where everything is.

Maintenance Works

Lateral 8 Offtake has been replaced.
Spraying of access will continue.

Current Allocation - 18% AWD (01/09/2026)

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 76%
Hume Dam – 81%

I will be on leave from Monday September 14th and will return to work on Monday September 28th. I will be going fishing in Darwin with two of my brothers. In my absence please call your Channel Attendants for any operational enquiries, or the Office.

As always, if you notice any maintenance works that need to be taken care of, please contact your Channel Attendant.

Peter Hamilton

Office Administration

Office: Email to Members:

On a positive note, Members would have received the following email sent out on 27.08.2026:

Following the August Board Meeting, the Board is pleased to advise that due to the current allocation and increased inflows, the Board believes West Corurgan is now in a position to supply irrigation water this season, as well as stock & domestic supply.

If you are planning to plant a summer crop, can you please advise the office of your intended crop and area of planting.

This will assist in determining likely irrigation demand on each lateral.

Fees: As the season is about to begin, I remind, that those who have outstanding invoices will be thirsty!

We are always fair and continually send reminders and additional copies of outstanding invoices where required, so please check your records.

Audit:

2025-2026 Financial Report finalised, signed and sent to Members and presented at the AGM.

AGM:

WOW, WOW, WOW.

Thank you, Thank You, Thank You.

What a fantastic night.

Talk about THE social place to be!



We had everyone from an elder statesman to a brand-new baby; big farmers and little farmers, and multi-generations, all in the same room. Brilliant.

The actual AGM went very well. Max Arnold (Chair) and Peter Hamilton (General Manager) presented their annual reports. Peter also provided a number of photos to better highlight and explain the work he and his team have been undertaking. He also provided an insight into the remote Pump Meter Control and Customer Portal systems he is currently investigating. He also showed a video and explained the metering system he is looking to add to all our existing dethridge wheels.

All members were interested and appreciated knowing the progress of projects and the future direction of the Scheme.

The financials were presented and accepted by those present.

Moggs Audit & Assurance, Cobram, were recommended by the Board to continue to be West Corurgan's Auditors for 2026-2027. Members accepted the Board's recommendation and voted accordingly.

David Farley, Member for Farrer, was our invited guest.

David spoke very well and Members were thoroughly engaged.

He highlighted the steep learning curve as a new Member of Parliament and provided an insight into the procedures to try and have your voice heard and your concerns raised.

So far, he seems to have been quite successful at achieving both, not always via conventional methods.

Dinner was enjoyable, as always.

Poor ol' Carly, the chef, required some 'fancy footwork'.

I had asked her to cater for 50, but our attendance was so fantastic, she ended up catering for 56!

Carly handled it like a pro! Thank you, Carly.

No Sticky Date Pudding for Farm (86), but he didn't go hungry. 😊

The Chocolate Cake was a winner on my table.

One of the lovely moments of the evening was realising we had one of the youngest West Corurgan Members and perhaps the oldest West Corurgan Member (no disrespect) at the meeting.

Chantelle Gorman's 5-week-old daughter, **Harriette June** and **Leon Sandral**, elder statesman, made for a delightful synergy. Chantelle provided this lovely photo of the two taken a few days earlier.

With such an early introduction to West Corurgan, I feel sure little Harriette is destined for the Boardroom.



Water Trades in August 2026

Members were skittish of the approx. \$210-\$220 price range per ML.
Most thought the price may drop, so trades were few and far between.
In August we only had one Member External Out transfer and nil Internal Trades.

The last remaining 'parked' water trade was paid and so the water was returned.
The Board purchased temporary water to ensure supply.

Lateral 8 Regulator

Oh. Poor Peter.

The rain beat him.

Peter has had to pause the work on the Lateral 8 Regulator.

He had lovely footings all done, but with supplementary water announced and the rain still coming, he needed to unblock the channel and start pumping to put water into the system.

The good news is that the channels are full and we used supplementary water to do it. The bad news is that Peter still needs a 2-3 week 'window' to complete the Lateral 8 Regulator. Grrrr....

Whether or not we get that 2-3 weeks opportunity remains to be seen.

Ongoing demand for irrigation water may stop the entire thing until May 2027.
More Grrrr.....



PERMANENT WATER FOR SALE

Two WCPID Members have permanent water to sell.

They are supportive of West Corurgan and are looking to sell within the Scheme.

650 Water Entitlements.

200 Water Entitlements.

Will sell in smaller parcels.

If genuinely interested, please contact the Office.



Advanced Notice:

Administrative Officer on leave:

Just letting you know I will be away on leave from early-October to mid-November.

Jasmeen will steer the ship perfectly whilst I am away.

I will kiss the Blaney Stone, relax on a Cruise, toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain and marvel at the Uffizi Art Gallery.

Debbie

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHANNEL ATTENDANT

Following the resignation of Peter Bolt, West Corugan has appointed a new Channel Attendant. Welcome, Nicholas Spicer.

Nicholas commenced on Monday 31 August and will be working the Northern run.

[Laterals 1, 2, 3 and ODM from Daysdale]

Please say hello to Nick if you see him out and about.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHANNEL ATTENDANT:



Nicholas (Nick) Spicer

Town born in:

Wangaratta, VIC



First Pet as a Child:

Rottweiler named Rogue

Sport played as a Junior:

Football for Tocumwal



Favourite Meal:

Tacos



AFL Football Team:

Essendon



Dream Holiday Destination:

China



Do you have a Hobby now?

Swimming/Jet Skiing



Do you have a Pet now?

Bundy – Staffordshire Terrier



LET'S BE HAPPY.....



In honour of little Harriette, let's think..... baby jokes.

What is a baby's motto?

If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again!



Not Harriette! Harriette is an Angel!

Why was the baby computer cold?

It left its Windows open!



Why did the baby cookie cry?

Because its mother was a wafer so long!

(That was a good play on words)



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

Water Order Procedure & Emergency Contact

2026-2027 Season



Amended September 2026

Northern Run 0438 758 568 – Nick Spicer

Lateral 1, 2, 3 and ODM from Daysdale

Southern Run 0409 079 894 – Craig Bonat

Lateral 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and Daysdale EXT and ODM from Corowa to Daysdale

Ben Kerr - Alternating

Calls will be forwarded to the Channel Attendant on duty.

Contact with Channel Attendants

Channel Attendants are the first point of contact for any matters dealing with channel operation and water delivery.

Please **do not use text** messaging as texts can't be forwarded and therefore, may not be received.

All calls to Channel Attendants should be made between 7am and 6pm.

Channel Attendants will normally answer calls, unless they are temporarily away from their phone or on another call. You may leave a message/water order *outside these hours* on the understanding that the message will not be retrieved until the next morning, as per 'The Right to Disconnect' legislation.

Placing Water Orders

Orders must be lodged directly with the Channel Attendant on the above phone numbers.

- ✓ 4-days' notice is required.
 - Orders need to be placed **before 1:00pm**
For example, an order lodged before 1:00pm on a Friday should be available on Tuesday.

Every attempt will be made to deliver water in accordance with the order, but variations may occur to fit in with other deliveries in the system.

- ✓ Orders will be confirmed by Channel Attendants when notifying a member of start time.
- ✓ 24-hours' notice is required for cut-off.

Irrigation drainage water must be retained on the farm.

Unauthorised use of water or structure interference will not be tolerated.

Check the website www.corugan.com.au for allocation and supplementary updates.

Emergency Contact

In emergency situations out of hours, members should ring:

0448 852 392 – Peter Hamilton (General Manager)

We thank you for your cooperation.

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Find: G drive > Corugan Documents > Policies > 2026 > Water Ordering Procedure Amended

Conversion

Revs/min to ML/day x 1.25
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4 Revs	5ML/day
6 Revs	7.5ML/day
8 Revs	10ML/day
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