

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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We are nearly there....

Welcome to the October 2024 Corurgan Comment.

The New Rules and Works Plan for our Corporation are nearly finalised. We will be making them available for you to view as soon as possible. **A General Meeting to adopt the New Rules and Works Plan will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Oaklands RSL Bowling Club, 5pm.** We have received confirmation that Members can vote via post or return email, prior to the February General meeting. **We need all eligible Members to vote on adopting the Rules and the Works Plan. If we do not get two thirds of eligible Members to endorse our Rules, then the government rules will become our Rules on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**

There has been very high demand for irrigation water in early Spring, predominately being used to water annual winter crops and pastures. Summer crops are already being planted with an increase in demand for irrigation water to flush Rice plantings this week.

## Year to date Water Pumped

August – 3445ML  
September – 9049ML  
Total - 12494ML

## Allocation Announcement- (44%)

Allocation remains at 44% with no increase received on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 94%  
Hume Dam - 64%

## Maintenance

We are now into general maintenance season, fixing leaks, de-silting and removing weeds.  
Spraying of access and around wheels

**There is currently high demand for irrigation water, and most Laterals have water in them. Now is a good time to fill your Stock and Domestic dams, rather than waiting until later in the year and having to re-fill Laterals, lets try and be as efficient as we can with the water we have. Please ring your Channel Attendant or the Office to let us know if you are filling a dam.**

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

The Office has been very busy.

New Rules take time!!

Jasmeen is in India at the moment attending her brother's engagement.

So, no rest for the wicked. That's me!

## Invoicing – HAVE YOU PAID YOUR JULY HALF-YEARLY FEES!!



Grumpy. That's also me.

## Update: Accounts - Feasibility Study

Still no news on our Application for Funding. Grrrrr.

It turns out that the official Application has not been submitted. What the Government, both State & Federal, have been doing is making sure that the 'draft' Application ticks all the boxes BEFORE you submit the official Application. So, if the government is not inclined to fund, they can just keep picking at the 'draft', so they don't have to decide on the official Application.

We are fast thinking of submitting the official Application regardless, forcing a decision to be made.

Watch this space!

Although, to be honest, we have been 'watching' for a while now!

## NEW MODEL RULES

Good News!

The NEW MODEL RULES are close. Very close!

They were presented to the Board at their September 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The Board accepted as presented, but did query two points. We took these two points back to Gerard McCarthy, Solicitor, who is reviewing again.

Peter Hamilton is currently preparing the New Works Plan.

This is a very involved and time consuming task.

The original 1976 gazetted West Coruragan map is being updated and will be included in the new Works Plan, plus a list of Farm Numbers and Landholder Names, plus our Works Approval Details must all be included in the New Works Plan. Phew!

## What happens now?

Once Gerard confirms the wording of the two points under review, Peter and I will read the Rules again (and probably again!!).

The Board will need to approve the New Works Plan at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and then we will be in a position to send out.

I hope to have the New Rules, Works Plan, Explanation Memorandum and Voting Paper to all Members by the end of October, but this will depend on a few 'stars aligning'.



The GREAT NEWS is that the NSW Dep't of CCEEW **has approved early voting and voting via email!**

Because this has been approved, it allows us to send out the Rules and offer early voting at the same time, as the voting will not close until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

In this way Members will have plenty of time to review the Rules and to vote via email – hopefully, all before harvest really kicks off.

If you do not have email, do not panic. Those that I usually post correspondence to, will still receive a hardcopy of the Rules, Works Plan and Voting Paper. You will need to post back your Voting Paper.

## What are you voting for:

*I vote to accept the West Coruragan Board's recommendation to adopt the New West Coruragan Board of Management Rules.*

*Rules to come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.*



### Voting Rules:

- One voting paper per landholding
  - One vote per landholding
  - Voting is required for each landholding
  - An eligible voter may be required to vote more than once, subject to the number of landholdings they are listed as the nominated voter.
- A voting paper will be provided for each landholding.

I remind that we must receive 2/3 of full-Member base voting to accept & adopt the New Rules in order for them to be passed.

If they are not adopted by 2/3 of the full-Member base, then the New Model Rules, **as provided by the Government**, without any of our own changes and without Gerard's recommendations, will be deemed to have been adopted. This is not a good thing.

**In short: If we don't receive 2/3 acceptance, then the Government rules become our rules!**

It is for this reason we are keen to make voting as simple as possible for everyone.

All will be explained when we send out the Rules, Works Plan, Explanatory Memorandum and Voting Paper at the end of October..... hopefully.

***A GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS WILL STILL NEED TO BE HELD.***

***DATE: WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025, 5.00PM.***

All Members are invited to attend this General Meeting where the Resolution will be discussed and formally presented to Members.

Those eligible voters who have not already voted early may still vote 'on the night'.

**Early votes, must be received by 12 noon, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

Early votes, plus those cast on the night will constitute the total votes.

### In the meantime:

If you are not sure if you are the Eligible Voter for your Landholding(s)

OR

If you wish to change the Nominated Voter of your Landholdings, please feel free to contact the Office.

If you have more than one Landholding within your Group, the Nominated Voter MAY not be the same person for all Landholdings.



### **DON'T FORGET - TANKER WATER DELIVERIES**

As we move into the start of the irrigation season, we will lose the ability to call on our three Water Bailiffs to help deliver tanker water if required.

That only leaves Brett and Tony.

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.



**Our Illustrious Leader went to Henty Field Day again this year.**

Talk about a kid in a 'lolly shop'.

Below is his new favourite 'lolly'.

He did the right thing and sent me a photo of the Telehandler's specifications and the PRICE sheet.....

Funny how it was only the Price Sheet that was all blurry and I couldn't read it. 😊

Peter must have talked to the Manitou Man for a very long time because Mr. Manitou was last seen tailgating Peter as he drove out of the Henty site!



**How good is our Irrigation System .....**

Remember last month I provided photos of an irrigation system from Egypt.

Well, our travelling Consultant has sent through a few more photos of early irrigation systems.

Gee, I hope he is enjoying his holiday. Sounds like a bit of a 'busman's holiday' to me.

This time it is the irrigation system from the Lost City of Petra.

They were built by the people of Nabataean's from 3,000 years ago.

They created two irrigation systems of 6km and 8km from natural springs to deliver water to the city.

Cut and crafted into the cliff walls and then covered over with plaster and rocks to ensure purity from debris, birds and dust.... and no evaporation.

They even created a sewage system with enormous septic caves.

How clever.



## **BE HAPPY** 😊

*In light of our fickle Spring weather and everyone hoping for a drop of rain... or two, I thought RAIN might be a good topic to lighten our mood. [or not, depending if your corn has dried up and your canola has flopped over].*

*Q: What did one raindrop say to the other?*

*A: Two's company; Three's a Cloud.*

*Q: What do you call it when it rains ducks and geese?*

*A: Foul (fowl) weather.*

*Q: When does it rain money?*

*A: When there is a 'change' in the weather.*



*Oh, come on Farm (118), they're not that bad. I bet you had a little chuckle, or at least a wry smile.*

*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*