

# CORURGAN

# COMMENT

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Welcome to the October 2025 Corurgan Comment.

I am back from our holiday to the Northern Territory. Laura, Byron and I had a great time travelling and exploring this amazing country we live in. There is so much to see out there, Laura has decided that we need to do more of these trips in our van and she is already planning the next one! My highlight was catching a big 92cm Barramundi with Byron and my brother during our stay at Dundee Beach.



Looking around our irrigation district I have noticed a few crops being cut for hay and silage. Obviously this is a sign of the continued dry conditions. With a relatively low Allocation (18%), Temporary water prices are quite high when compared to recent years. I expect the high price of Temporary water will negatively impact on the amount of Summer crop grown this year.

I remind members, if planning to irrigate, that you need to make sure you have water in your water account. I also ask members that if you are not planning on irrigating to consider trading your available water to members within West Corurgan.

We still haven't received any response from the Australian Government regarding our funding application. This is very frustrating but I do hope to have a response very soon one way or another.

### **Allocation Announcement – Year to Date – 18% @ 01.10.2025**

July – 1%

August – 2%

September – 7%

October – 8%

### **Water Pumped**

August – 1382.2 ML

September – 4475 ML

### **Current Dam Levels**

Dartmouth Dam – 72%

Hume Dam – 55%

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

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

## Office Administration

### Schedule of Fees & Charges 2025-2026

IPART published the Water Administration Managerial Corporation (WAMC) prices for 2025-2026 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, (effective from 01.10.2025!).

We have now been able to provide all the 2025-2026 pass-through charges for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters of this financial year and show the total fees to be charged for Fixed Gov't Fees and ML Usage fees. The new Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters was emailed and posted to all Members on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

### Second Quarter (Sept to Dec) Fixed Gov't Fees and First Quarter Adjustment.

The Second Quarter only invoicing was emailed and posted on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

You will have noted an adjustment line for the Water NSW & MDBA figures which were previously charged at the 2024-2025 prices for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

Refer to my email to all Members dated 02.10.2025.

We do not need to do an adjustment for WAMC 1<sup>st</sup> quarter figures, because their 2025-2026 prices are only going to be charged as from 01.10.2025.

Invoicing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Fixed Charges has been sent out.

For those that irrigated during August and September, I apologise that you have received a lot of invoices. This was deliberate. I wanted to be able to clearly show:

- the Fixed Gov't fees for the Second Quarter and the required adjustment from the First Quarter
- the ML Usage fees for August & September and the required adjustment
- the Future Fund Levy payable on ML usage for both August and September (separately)

We will be 'back on track' for the January 2026 Half-yearly Fixed Fees.

Monthly ML usage fees will in future show the ML used and the Future Fund Levy on the same invoice.

### IPART

I did send an email to IPART pointing out the difficulties of this year's disjointed pricing.

I raised the point that this Determination period is only for three years, so all stakeholders involved in determining the prices already know they need to have their pricing submissions in by 2028. Therefore, IPART should set a date and tell them there is no negotiation. That is the date, and all information must be received by that date.

Will my email do any good? Probably not.

Although, I did receive a telephone call from a lovely man from IPART. He was responding to my email. He thanked me for by email, agreed with my comments and apologised that this year was not ideal. Understatement!

He explained that receiving the data from the stakeholders and then deciphering and organising that data to make it easier for the Tribunal to digest and base pricing decisions upon, takes considerable time, especially if they require additional information from stakeholders.

I pointed out that IPART is the regulatory body, and they have considerable powers.

They should use those powers.

They should set a date (earlier enough to give IPART time to do the review) and then stick to it.

Make the stakeholders meet IPART's timeframes and those timeframes need to be much earlier, so the prices can be published in May, not 29<sup>th</sup> June!

I told him it is not good enough that organisations like WCPID must provide the new financial year Schedule of Fees & Charges within a certain timeframe, as per ACCC rules, but that we don't get the pricing information until one day before the start date!

I told him it reflects poorly upon IPART.

I don't think my lovely man will ever ring again! 😊

## **General Policy Booklet**

The General Policy Booklet was posted, emailed and published on our website Tuesday 23.09.2025, so everyone should have a copy or access to a copy.  
Between the new RULES and the General Policy Booklet it has been a busy 18-months, but it is great to have those two big jobs out of the way.

Now we tackle the review of our own in-house Staff Policies.

## **Dates of Board Meetings:**

I thought it might be helpful if you knew the dates of the upcoming Board Meetings, particularly if you are planning your farm infrastructure or water needs that may require Board approval.

October – 15<sup>th</sup>

November – 19<sup>th</sup>

December – 17<sup>th</sup>

January – No Meeting Held.

## **PERMANENT WATER FOR SALE**

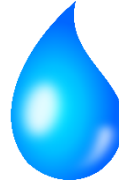
A WCPID Member has permanent water to sell.

He is looking to sell within the Scheme.

650 Water Entitlements.

Will sell in smaller parcels.

If genuinely interested, please contact the Office.



## **SYPHON**

The major Syphon we have been working on over the winter period is complete and the finishing touches added this week.

Nice shiny new Pit Covers. The railing across to the edges is to be installed.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Remember last month we had an archival feature of Noel Baxter from 2019 and September 2025 – Well, CONGRATULATIONS NOEL.

Noel has just won the Berrigan FC Reserve's Best & Fairest.



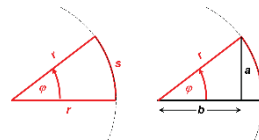
## LET'S BE HAPPY.....



Never laugh at your Partner's choices.  
You are one of them!



What's the best way to flirt with a Mathematician?  
Use acute angle.



What do Cannibals like on their toast?  
Middle-aged spread!



*Oh, that just conjures up a disgusting picture in my head!*

*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