

CORURGAN COMMENT



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Check your water tanks

Welcome to the October 2026 Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

I am back from my trip to Darwin. I had a great time catching up with two of my brothers. We caught plenty of fish and some huge Mudcrabs, delicious!!

I was straight back into it when I got back on Monday the 28th September, plenty to catch up on. Supplementary water finished on the 15th September and was supplied until the 19th September. We pumped a total of **4026ML** of Supp water whilst it was available during August and September. We delivered **3052ML** of Supp water to members during this time.

Expressions of Interest – Enviromental Water

I have been approached by an environmental group called the Murray Darling Working Wetlands Group (MDWWG). The MDWWG have supplied environmental water within our irrigation district in the past, and are looking for willing Landholders to work with to deliver environmental water into our district again.

If you are interested or know of any potential sites, or would like more details, please get in contact with me at the office.

The MDWWG flyer is attached as a separate document.

Pumped Water – YTD – 8129ML

August – 1747ML – Supplementary Water

September – 2279ML – Supplementary Water

September – 4103ML – General Security Water

Maintenance Works

Lateral 8 Offtake has been replaced.

Spraying of access will continue.

Pump 4 Corowa - re-aligned and balanced

Current Allocation - 30% AWD (01/10/2026)

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 78%

Hume Dam – 88%

Peter Hamilton

Office Administration

Office

Our illustrious leader is back from Darwin and straight into it. Flat out!
He is already looking for his next Darwin trip. He does love his fishing!



I only have a few more sleeps until I brave an Emirates flight (via Dubai) to Dublin.
Let's hope the Middle East region stays stable enough for me to get there
and back, five weeks later!
Debbie



New Water Bailiff.

Nicholas has settled in nicely and is enjoying the role, but it is a steep learning curve, so be nice!

Water Tanker Deliveries

As we head toward summer and perhaps a hot summer, now is a good time to check your water tanks.
Does it leak? Fix it.
Do you need a bigger tank?



Our Water Tanker holds approx. 26-27,000 litres, but filling our tanker to then only be able to deliver half a tanker load is not ideal. So, please check your tank before ordering.

Water Trades and the Paperwork!

We try to make water trades as smooth as possible for everyone, and we are happy to do most of the work to make that happen.

But as the season ramps up, this is a friendly reminder that the paperwork needs to be signed and returned in a timely manner and water purchased must be paid within 7-days.

We will not transfer any water purchased until the Seller has confirmed payment.

P.S: We HATE having to chase payments.

You know you bought the water, so please do the right thing and pay promptly.

So, the Dragon is back!

Just a little Dragon at the moment. Still cute, but a Dragon, nonetheless. Let's make sure the Dragon doesn't grow.



Water Trades in September 2026

Members have started to get organised, and a better-than-expected allocation announcement helped the decision making. 28% @ 15.09.2026 and an increase of 2% to 30% on 01.10.2026.

From around \$210-220 in August the price stabilised to around \$200 to \$205 for all of September.

In September we processed:

x11 Internal Allocation Trades

x1 External IN Allocation Transfer

NIL External OUT Allocation Trades.

The Board had sold some allocation water Below the Choke for a good price. But with an uncertain allocation and the words 'Super El Nino' ringing in everyone's ears, the Board decided to purchased allocation water Above the Choke for a lower price, which enabled a greater volume of water to be purchased. The aim was not to make money, but rather to gain more water for the same amount of money.

PERMANENT WATER FOR SALE

Three 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.
130 Water Entitlements (perhaps 80WE & 50WE)
All three will consider selling in smaller parcels.
If genuinely interested, please contact the Office.



THANK YOU

We had weeds and grasses growing out of the office building gutters.
Not good!
Thank you, Brett.
Brett drew the short straw to clean our gutters. And just in time for the rain.



BUT.....

Not so happy with a certain Maintenance Man.
I have worked hard to establish our little patch of green grass at the front of the office.
Now, I know you farmers only care whether or not something is green if it will turn a profit.
But greenery is good for you, and it makes the place look more inviting.
(Remember, you are all most welcome to pop in and say hello).



So,
I have been trying to get the grass to grow with a nice coverage in the front area after the last maintenance man decided to smooth out the lawn with a 22-tonne excavator!!
Don't ask!
As part of my efforts, I want the lawn to grow into the very corner of where the path and the edging meet, so I have a nice sharp edge. I even put up with the guys having a 'go' at me when the water goes all over the driveway. Remember, it's on a corner; it is very hard to contain the water.

Anyway, my Maintenance Man decided to spray for weeds around the Depot Yard and the Office Building.

He included the weeds that are growing on the other side of my skinny concrete edging.
Does he use a small backpack to spray and to spray with a nozzle down near his ankles for better control?

No.

He sprays using the 205-litre spray unit on the back of the ute!

You are all very smart people. I don't need to tell you what has happened to my green grass. 😞



I am away for five-weeks.

Our Maintenance Man has got five-weeks 😊

LET'S BE HAPPY.....



Irelandhere I come.....

One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend, Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband? He went with you to the beer factory"

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness stout and drowned"

Mrs McMillen starts crying. "Oh, don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"

Paddy shakes his head. "Not really - he got out 3 times to pee!"



Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy says, "In the car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."



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