

CORURGAN

COMMENT

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Welcome to the November 2025 Corurgan Comment.

The spring irrigation season has now finished. We were kept very busy in October with the very dry conditions. The summer irrigation season will be down on recent years due to low allocation and high water price. If any members have water that they would like to sell on the temporary water market please give the office a call so that we can list it.

Water tanker deliveries have been constant and I remind members that three days notice is required when ordering a tanker load of water.

The office has previously sent an email to all members with a link to the proposed Billabong Creek Flood Management Plan Meetings. Following those meetings submissions are now being called.

I recommend that all West Corurgan members have a good look at the new mapping that NSW government has modelled and how it may impact on your property.

What's this about?

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking feedback on the draft Billabong Creek Flood Management Plan until November 16, 2025.

THE DRAFT: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2025-09/doc23-224775-draft-billabong-creek-fmp-legal-order.pdf>

Floodplain management plans set the rules for flood work development on floodplains in rural areas.

The rules include what type of flood works can be constructed and where.

This may impact you.

A 'flood work' is any construction and use of structures that affect the flow or distribution of water from a river, estuary or lake in times of flood.

Stage 2 public exhibition provides an opportunity for community feedback on the proposed management zones, and associated rules and assessment criteria for granting or amending **flood work approvals**.

<https://www.water.dcceew.nsw.gov.au/our-work/licensing-and-approvals/flood-work-approvals>

Key details and how to provide feedback

- **Public exhibition period:** September 29 to November 16, 2025.
- **What the plan includes:** The draft plan details proposed floodplain boundaries, management zones, and rules for flood work approvals.
- **How to provide feedback:**
 - Submit formal feedback online, via email, or by post using the provided submission form.
 - View the interactive spatial map to understand the proposed management zones.

SUBMISSION: https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/638164/fmp-draft-billabong-creek-floodplain-management-plan-stage-2-submission-form.pdf

Allocation Announcement – Year to Date – 20% @ 01.11.2025

July – 1%
August – 2%
September – 7%
October – 8%
November -2%

Water Pumped

August – 1382 ML
September – 4475 ML
October – 6447 ML

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 73%
Hume Dam – 49%

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

Peter Hamilton
General Manager

10-years' Service

Whilst Peter was on holiday during Sept/Oct he ticked over 10-years' service – commencing 07.09.2015. So, following the October Board Meeting, Max Arnold, our Chair, was very pleased to Congratulate Peter on his length of service and the fantastic work he did as a Water Bailiff and is doing as our General Manager. Max presented Peter with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and a Crystal Plaque in recognition of his service.

CONGRATULATIONS PETER.



Office Administration

October Invoicing

We are back on track.

Our ML Usage invoicing for October has been sent out, and the invoice will show the ML Usage for the GROUP and the Future Fund Levy fee based on that Total Monthly Usage for the Group.

Know your Available Water

Jasmeen has also sent out the Group Detail Statements on 03.11.2025, (The Group Detail Statement does include the additional 2% Allocation. YTD = 20%).

Trades in October

With the rain not arriving in a timely manner, we were busy with water trades.

In **October** we processed:

Internal Trades - 11

External IN Trades - 4

External OUT Trades - 1

Speaking of Trades.....

Please check the bank account details if we have raised an invoice on your behalf and then sign and return the Transfer Form. Please advise promptly if details are not correct.

I remind that all Internal Water Trades are 7-day terms.

So, please do the right thing by your fellow West Corugan member and pay any water transfers within 7-days.

We do not transfer the water on our Water Management system until we know the Seller has received their money.

Thank you to Jasmeen:

Whilst I was away Jasmeen started reviewing all our in-house Company & Staff Policies and writing the detailed cover letters for staff. So, Thank you Jasmeen. We will now review everything as soon as we can and another big job will be ticked off. Brilliant!



PERMANAENT 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.



FYI: Debbie has planned a holiday.

I have been away for two weeks. Not away on holiday, just away at home working non-stop on home projects and 'admin' jobs and other appointments.

The good news is that during this time I have managed to plan and book an overseas holiday for next year. Yeah!

We are splurging as it will be a milestone birthday for my husband and our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Any excuse!

We will be away October/November 2026 for approximately 5-6 weeks.

Where are we going?



LET'S BE HAPPY.....



A police recruit was asked during an exam,
“What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?”
He replied, “Call for back-up!”.



When I was little, I was scared of the dark.
Now that I receive an electricity bill, I am scared of the lights!



Existential Thinking

Your fingers have fingertips, but
Your toes don't have toetips.
Yet, you can tiptoe, but not tipfinger.



Deep! Very Deep!

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

Murray Valley floodplain plan

The draft Billabong and NSW Murray Valley Floodplain Management Plans are now on public exhibition.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Environment is inviting residents in the Billabong Creek and NSW Murray Valley area to provide feedback on the draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan and NSW Murray Valley Floodplain Management Plan.

Floodplain management plans set the rules for flood work development on floodplains in rural areas. The rules include what type of flood works can be constructed and where.

The floodplain management plan will replace the five historical FMPs that were originally developed throughout the central

NSW Murray Valley under the Water Act 1912.

In May 2024, the department held Stage 1 public consultation to seek feedback on key elements that would inform the development of the draft Floodplain Management Plan for the NSW Murray Valley Floodplain (the draft FMP).

A summary of the feedback received and the refinements that were made in response can be read in the 'What we heard' report published on the department's website.

The draft FMP sets the rules for flood work approvals and criteria that will be used to assess applications. Flood works are structures that alter the flow of water to/from a river or alter the movement of floodwater during a flood.

Examples of flood works are levees, earthworks used to protect houses or infrastructure, and roads. In NSW, all flood works require a flood work approval.

To learn more and have your say, visit the **Billabong Creek floodplain** and **NSW Murray Valley floodplain** pages on the department's website, where you can:

- read the report to assist public exhibition;
- watch a pre-recorded presentation;
- register for an individual online appointment
- submit your feedback; and
- read a summary of what was heard in Stage 1 public consultation.

Consultation closes at 11.59pm, Sunday, November 16.