

CORURGAN COMMENT



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We have more wheels! And Santa is coming!

Welcome to the December 2025 Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

Merry Christmas to all the members of West Corurgan. I hope you all enjoy quality time with family and friends over the festive season.

We have finally received notice from the Australian Government on the outcome of our application to Modernise West Corurgan Private Irrigation District and build a Stand-alone Piped Stock and Domestic water supply system. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in securing a funding agreement with the Australian Government for either of these projects. The West Corurgan Board of Management has discussed the outcome and although we were not successful with this application, the Board will continue to investigate other opportunities for funding, as they become available. In the short term the Board has formed a strategy to undertake priority modernisation/improvement works to create operational efficiencies and meet compliance requirements.

The first priority project is to install meters on the five pumps at Corowa, this is a compliance issue that needs to be resolved by the end of June 2026. The Board has also approved the replacement of Lateral 8 regulator(Check) in the O'Dwyer Main Canal. This regulator is not repairable and requires full replacement. It will be replaced with a completely new concrete structure and fitted with automatic flume gates to replace the old drop boards. This project will also need to be completed before the start of next years irrigation season.

Attached to this Corurgan Comment is a letter from the West Corurgan Chairman with more detail about the Government decision and the list of priority projects. Please take the time to read his letter and if you have any questions give me a call.

We have had some enquiries around a stock and domestic run of water down some laterals, the Channel Attendants do have water in most laterals so if you need to fill a dam please get in contact with your Channel Attendant as soon as possible.

The office will be closed from the 24th December and will re-open on the 5th January 2026. If you need tanker water please get your order in, 3 days notice is needed for delivery. We will not be delivering tanker water between the 24th December and 5th January.

Allocation Announcement – Year to Date – 20% @ 01.12.2025

July – 1%

August – 2%

September – 7%

October – 8%

November -2%

December – 0%

Water Pumped

August – 1382 ML
September – 4475 ML
October – 6447 ML
November – 2602ML

Current Dam Levels

Dartmouth Dam – 74%
Hume Dam – 42%

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

October Invoicing

Last month I said, 'We are back on track' with our invoicing.
Famous last words.
We were 'back on track' for about 5-minutes!!
So, sorry.



As you are aware from the email forwarded to all Members on 21.11.2025, a category of invoicing was not invoiced when the other Second Quarter charges were invoiced.
This has now been corrected and the invoicing for the Second Quarter (Oct to Dec) Network Access (DE) fees was sent out on 28 November.

Application for Funding to Modernise the West Corugan Scheme

Sadly, after an awful lot of time and work, our application for government funding to modernise the Scheme and build a separate piped Stock & Domestic Scheme was not successful. More tears!
Members were advised early 05.12.2025.
A copy of that Memo to all Members is provided again with this Corugan Comment Newsletter.



Office Christmas Hours

Jasmeen is going back to India to visit her family from Wednesday 23rd December and returning on Monday 19th January.

The Office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December until Monday 5th January 2026.

Water Bailiffs will continue to monitor your water over Christmas, and Peter Hamilton is available in an emergency.



Water – Tanker Deliveries

Water Tanker Deliveries will finish on Tuesday 23rd December

Orders for Water Tanker Deliveries will resume on Monday 5th January 2026.
Delivery may not be until Wednesday 8th January 2026.

Know your Available Water

Jasmeen has also sent out the Group Detail Statements on 01.12.2025, you will note the AWD Allocation has not increased. Stayed at YTD = 20% (as of 30.11.2025).

Depot Yard – ‘Neat as a Pin’

Peter purchased some second-hand wheels from Jemalong Irrigation, so we needed to put them somewhere.

Tony has been busy cleaning the depot yard; scraping the ground level, laying down gravel and moving pipes and dead trees and generally making the place look, ‘as neat as a pin’.

Good thing we own the block of land next door.

Tony has used that to create space for pipes, dead trees, and our new wheels and somewhere to create a bonfire pile of rubbish. [The bonfire will now have to wait until May next year.]

He also scraped and gravelled an area in the depot for the trucks and plant. Not so muddy!

HHhmm. Now if we can just get approval for a carport for visitor’s cars (and mine!) 😊 that would be great. Sadly, it’s not on the priority list, so it’s not going to happen anytime soon.

Never mind.

Actually, it’s not on any list! There is no list!



Water Trades in November

In **November** we processed:

Internal Trades - 7

External IN Trades - 4

External OUT Trades - 1

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.



SUMMER – POTENTIAL FOR FIRES

The property fire near Oaklands yesterday – 04.12.2025, is a reminder of how quickly a fire can start and spread, especially when the wind picks up.

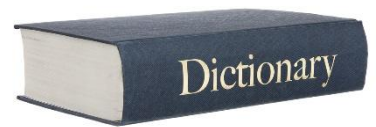
Please be mindful, prepared and safe!

Losing a header or some crop is one thing; we definitely don't want to lose anything more precious.



WORD OF THE MONTH

Whilst Jasmeen and I have been reviewing and updating our Policies and Procedures, I came across a word used that I have never heard of before. You may be all over it, but whilst I have heard and understand the meaning of MISOGYNIST (someone who hates, dislikes, or is prejudiced against women), I did not know MISANDRIST.



misandrist

/mi'sandrɪst/

noun

1. a person who [dislikes](#), [despises](#), or is strongly [prejudiced](#) against men.
"the counterpart to a misogynist is a misandrist"

adjective

1. relating to or characteristic of a misandrist.
"the university is teaching misandrist lies"

Not surprisingly, this was used within our Sexual Harassment Policy we are updating.

AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING.....

When did Not Surprisingly become Unsurprisingly?

They convey the same meaning.

'Not surprisingly' is used more frequently in everyday language (well, it used to), unless you work for the ABC!

AND.....

Hung himself is now hanged himself

Learnt is learned.

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Well, here's the answer:

*In Australian English, use **hung** for objects and **hanged** for people being executed by hanging.*

This rule applies to other English-speaking countries as well.

*For all other situations involving suspending something, even a person in a non-lethal way, **hung** is the correct word.*



Both "learnt" and "learned" are correct past tense forms of the verb "to learn," but "**learnt**" is more common in **Australian (and British) English**, while "**learned**" is more common in **American English**.

Right..... 'Learnt' it is. We are not American!

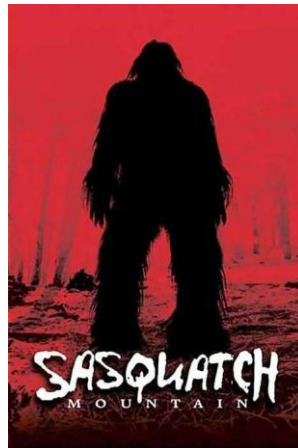
LET'S BE HAPPY.....



Why do we tell actors to 'break a leg'?
Because every play has a cast.



You know that Bigfoot frequently gets confused with Sasquatch.
Yeti never complains.



LET'S BE EVEN HAPPIER.....



***Wishing Everyone a
Happy & Safe Christmas***



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

4th December 2025



MEMO TO: All West Corurgan Members

RE: Funding Application for:

- **WCPID Modernisation upgrades and**
- **A new piped Stock & Domestic Scheme**

Dear WCPID Members

After a protracted wait, West Corurgan has received notification from the Commonwealth Government, via the NSW Government, that our Application for Funding to modernise the Irrigation Scheme and to build a separate piped Stock & Domestic Scheme has NOT been successful.

The primary reason given is that it does not provide 'value for money' for the Australian government.

Whilst disappointed, the West Corurgan Board is still keen to pursue the piped Stock & Domestic Scheme. However, at this point, there is no avenue to submit a new application under the current funding arrangements.

The Board is pursuing other funding options and will submit another application for the piped Stock & Domestic project when further Government funding options become available.

Although our Funding Application was not successful, the Board recognises the need to move forward with our necessary efficiency upgrades and modernisation work.

The Board is in the process of developing a strategic plan to upgrade and modernise our irrigation scheme on a priority basis, with the goal to improve operational efficiencies.

To this end, we are currently upgrading the pump site with new Aquamonix meters, including a telemetric system which will allow remote operation of the pumps. There is currently no working meter, therefore we are not NRAR compliant and must install these meters. The cost to have the five new Aquamonix meters supplied and installed will be \$300,000 plus electrical connections and alterations to the existing walkway to maintain access to the new meters for future maintenance and servicing.

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New pump motors and variable speed drives (VSD) are also being investigated as part of this pump site upgrade. Our initial investigation into the cost of fitting four Variable Speed Drives is estimated to be \$200,000. The new motors for four pumps would be another \$152,000 plus additional costs for modifications to the pump motor stands and necessary electrical work.

Pump 1 has already had a new motor and VSD fitted. We are still waiting for precise quotes on the supply of four VSD drives.

The Board has also approved the replacement of the Lateral 8 Regulator in the O'Dwyer Main with a completely new structure, which will incorporate automatic flume gates for remote control operation. The Lateral 8 Regulator is extremely degraded and beyond repair, it will need to be replaced with a completely new structure. The estimated cost of this will be \$150,000. An engineer's design is still to be determined, which will provide a more accurate costing.

This will be the first step toward modernising our O'Dwyer Main Canal.

Members will continue to be informed of developments via direct email or post and the monthly Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

As always, Peter Hamilton and the Board welcome Member engagement and feedback, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Peter - 0438 852 392.

Regards



Max Arnold

Chair

WEST CORURGAN PRIVATE IRRIGATION DISTRICT