CORURGAN COMMENT



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Welcome to the November 2026 Corurgan Comment Newsletter.

Harvest has started !! It seems too early.
Canola and Barley is looking very good within our district. The headers are into it, lets hope the yields are as good as the crops look.
Summer cropping season is just starting, I've seen some Corn being planted, potatoes are up and growing and we have one rice grower.
The latest allocation announcement released on Monday 2nd November, has not delivered any increase in allocation unfortunately. We remain on 30% AWD.
Attached is the latest Water Allocation Statement.

The installation of the new meters on the pumps at Corowa is now officially complete. The LID's (Local Identification Devices) have been fitted and are transmitting the pumping data to WaterNSW successfully. The fitting of AS4747 metering equipment, was a compliance requirement under the NSW Non-Urban metering rules. We are now fully compliant with these rules.

Pumped Water – YTD – 11488 ML
August – 1747 ML – Supplementary Water
September – 2279 ML – Supplementary Water
September – 4103 ML – General Security Water
October – 3359 ML - General Security

Current Allocation - 30% AWD (01/11/2026) No increase

Current Dam Levels
Dartmouth Dam – 79%
Hume Dam – 85%

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.

Peter Hamilton

Sincere Condolences

On behalf of West Corurgan Private Irrigation District, I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the O'Dwyer family upon the passing of Marie O'Dwyer.
The O'Dwyer family have a long association with West Corurgan, having been deeply involved with the initial creation of our irrigation district.
Our thoughts and best wishes are with David and family during this difficult time.



Marie Therese O'Dwyer

19 March 1937 – 22 October 2026

Introducing West Corurgan' s New Elected Board Officers:



Congratulations to the newly elected team:

- **Chairman:** Sam Nixon
- **Deputy Chair:** Tim Farr
- **Company Secretary:** Cameron Sandral

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Max Arnold (former Chair) for his outstanding service as Chairman from 2022 to 2026. We greatly appreciate his dedication, leadership, and contribution during his term.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Gordon Fox (former Company Secretary), who served in the role of Company Secretary for a significant period. We sincerely appreciate his service and are grateful that he has kindly offered to continue providing assistance and support whenever needed.



Celebrating 10 Years of Service – Congratulations, Debbie!



While enjoying her holiday in October/November, Debbie reached an exciting milestone – **10 years of dedicated service with West Corurgan!**

Since commencing on 24 October 2016, Debbie has been an invaluable part of our team, providing fantastic support and dedication in her role as Office Administrator.

We would like to congratulate Debbie on this wonderful achievement and sincerely thank her for her hard work, commitment and contribution over the past 10 years.

Congratulations, Debbie, and thank you for everything you do!

FYI: Debbie is on holidays.

She is currently enjoying a well-deserved holiday and will be away for approximately 5–6 weeks, returning on 18 November 2026. We hope she has a wonderful time away, making special memories and enjoying a lovely break. We look forward to welcoming her back soon!

Office Administration

October Invoicing

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

Administrator has also sent out the Group Detail Statements on 03.11.2026, (The Group Detail Statement does include the YTD 30% Allocation).

Please check your water account balance. If your account has a negative balance, please purchase more water to top it up or contact the office on 03 5885 2392 for any enquiries.

Water Tanker Deliveries



As we head toward summer and perhaps a hot summer, now is a good time to check your water tanks.

Note: Please be advised minimum 3 days' notice is required for Tanker deliveries.

Water Trades and the Paperwork!

As we head further into the season, here's a friendly reminder about keeping our water trades running smoothly.

We're always happy to do as much of the legwork as possible to make the process easy for everyone. However, we do need your help with two important things:

- **Paperwork:** Please ensure all documents are signed and returned promptly.
- **Payments:** Water purchased must be paid for within **7 days**.

Please remember that **water will not be transferred until the Seller has confirmed receipt of payment.**

We know everyone is busy, but prompt paperwork and payment help keep everything moving smoothly and avoid unnecessary delays.

A big thank you to everyone who gets their paperwork and payments sorted promptly. It really is appreciated!

😄 LET'S BE HAPPY.....! 😂

A LITTLE LAUGHTER GOES A LONG WAY!

🩺 THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE

My doctor told me, "You really need to watch what you eat!"

So now, I eat in front of a mirror! 😄

💡 THE ELECTRICITY BILL

I decided to save money by turning off all the lights in the house.

Now I walk around in the dark like I'm starring in my very own mystery movie! 😂

✨ **REMEMBER:** A smile costs nothing, but it can brighten someone's entire day! 😊

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*

2 November 2026

NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers

No change to general security allocations

General security	2026–27 allocation	Account balance*
NSW Murray	30%	53% (880 GL)
Lower Darling	30%	-

* The account balance as of 30 September 2026 plus available water determinations to 2 November 2026.

Key information

- NSW Murray resources have continued to improve following recent events, contributing 79 gigalitres (GL) to repay the Barmah-Millewa Allowance (B-MA). All outstanding B-MA commitments have now been met.
- This assessment is based on NSW's share of storage volumes as of 30 September and observed inflows to 26 October, then tapering towards minimum inflows to 31 October. The assessment budgets for minimum inflows arriving at headwater storages from November 2026 to May 2027.
- There is no change to Lower Darling GS allocations. The Lower Darling Regulated River remains in **Drought Stage 2** (emerging drought).
- The Menindee Lakes System (MLS) fell below 480 GL on 4 October 2026. This means the remaining water stored in the Lower Darling is no longer available to support Murray River system operations.

Next statement

The next water allocation statement for these water sources will be published on **Monday 16 November 2026 at 2:30 pm.**

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NSW Murray resource assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 1 November 2026)	Volume (GL)
Available resource for allocation	1,619
Storage volumes NSW share [1]	2,645
Future resources [2]	807
less overheads and commitments [3]	(1,833)
less	
Planned environmental water [4]	235
Domestic and stock, local water utility balance [5]	54
High security balance [5]	174
Conveyance balance [5]	160
General security balance [6]	880
Wakool allowance [7]	51
Critical human water needs [8]	61
Higher-priority reserve (2027–28) [9]	0
equals	
Surplus (or deficit) [10]	4

Notes:

(1) The NSW share of active storage volume in Hume, Dartmouth, Menindee and Lake Victoria as of 30/9/2026.

(2) Budgeted minimum inflows (11/2002 to 05/2003); plus inflow to date (1 to 26/10/2026); plus conservative estimates of inflow recessions (27 to 31/10/2026); minus any unregulated flows, plus any usable flows in transit; plus water from inter valley trade; plus expected regulated inflow from Snowy Hydro till 30/4/2027; plus drought reserve held in Snowy.

(3) Budgeted evaporation and transmission loss; plus **SA's entitlements & dilution flow; plus** MDB agreement reserves; plus Menindee commitments; plus NS Active Environmental Water (0 GL, as of 30/9/2026).

(4) The volume includes 6 GL of Murray Additional Allowance (MAA), 207 GL of Barmah-Millewa Allowance (B-MA), 22 GL of River Murray Increased Flows (RMIF). The total commitments to MAA, B-MA and RMIF will decrease over the water year as they are released from Hume. B-MA account has been fully repaid in this assessment.

(5) Account balance remaining in higher-priorities and conveyance licence categories as of 30/09/2026.

(6) General security accounts balance. This includes carried over volume from last water year, plus any new allocation to date, plus any trade adjustments, minus usage until 30/9/2026. For information, about 383 GL (23%) was carried over on 1/7/2026.

(7) Wakool allowance – a conveyance volume necessary for NSW to deliver to the users on the Edward-Wakool system. The annual budget to deliver the potential maximum allocation to the water users in the system is 70 GL.

(8) The volume to be stored by NSW for critical human water needs as per Clause 11.03 of the Basin Plan.

(9) Volume set aside for opening allocation to higher-priority needs on 1/7/2027. The reserve will be built from 12/2026.

(10) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small surplus which will be rolled over to the next assessment.

Useful links

Allocation statements for all water sources are available at: Water allocation statements | Water

A series of guides that describe the water allocation methods for most NSW regulated river systems are available at: Resource assessment process | Water

The dashboard on water availability and allocations for all water sources is available at: Allocations dashboard | Water

Water sharing plan for these water sources is available at: NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016

Updates on operations and river conditions are available at: River Murray weekly reports | Murray–Darling Basin Authority

Contact

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