

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 22 August 2019**

The meeting commenced at 10.11am

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Ms M Curran (Corporate Services Manager) Mr P Goesch (Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Greg Armstrong has requested a leave of absence for the October meeting.

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Morris that Cr G Armstrong be granted a leave of absence from the October Council meeting.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27 June 2019

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 June 2019, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairperson acknowledged staff, in particular Emma McAuley on the successful Mandamah Opening. The Chairperson commended the General Manager and staff for a professional and well run event.

12. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

12.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

12.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

A report on Council's Investments is required to be presented for Council's consideration in accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REPORT

Council's investment portfolio decreased by \$1,000,000 from \$51,250,000 as at 31st May 2019 to \$50,250,000 as at 31st July 2019.

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Investment Portfolio:

Type	Rating	Issuer	Allocation	Frequency	Principal	Purchase	Maturity	Rate
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$1,000,000	20/03/2019	16/09/2019	2.75
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	At Maturity	\$1,000,000	16/05/2019	12/11/2019	2.60
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	At Maturity	\$2,000,000	16/05/2019	12/11/2019	2.60
TD	A	ING Direct	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	11/12/2017	9/12/2019	2.91
TD	A	ING Direct	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	20/12/2017	23/12/2019	2.87
TD	BBB+	Rural Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	14/02/2018	14/02/2020	2.86
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	At Maturity	\$1,000,000	26/02/2019	26/02/2020	2.75
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	At Maturity	\$1,000,000	20/03/2019	19/03/2020	2.75
TD	NR	Police Credit Union SA	GENERAL	Annual	\$1,000,000	21/03/2018	23/03/2020	3.02
TD	A-	AMP Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$1,000,000	16/05/2019	15/05/2020	2.35
FRTD	BBB	Newcastle Permanent	GENERAL	Quarterly	\$2,000,000	8/06/2017	9/06/2020	3.21
TD	BBB	Auswide Bank	GENERAL	At Maturity	\$1,000,000	20/06/2018	22/06/2020	3.00
TD	AA-	Westpac	GENERAL	Annual	\$2,000,000	12/07/2017	13/07/2020	3.01
TD	AA-	Westpac	GENERAL	Quarterly	\$1,000,000	25/09/2017	28/09/2020	3.06
TD	BBB+	BOQ	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	7/11/2017	9/11/2020	3.00
TD	BBB+	Rural Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	6/12/2017	7/12/2020	2.95
TD	BBB+	Rural Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	9/01/2018	11/01/2021	3.10
TD	NR	Police Credit Union SA	GENERAL	Annual	\$2,000,000	21/03/2018	22/03/2021	3.15
TD	NR	Australian Military Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$1,000,000	29/03/2018	29/03/2021	3.20
TD	AA-	Westpac	GENERAL	Quarterly	\$3,000,000	24/04/2018	27/04/2021	3.13
TD	BBB	P&N Bank	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	27/06/2018	28/06/2021	3.15
TD	BOQ	BOQ	GENERAL	Annual	\$2,000,000	12/07/2017	12/07/2021	3.45
TD	BBB+	BOQ	GENERAL	Annual	\$3,000,000	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	3.00
TD	BBB+	BOQ	GENERAL	Annual	\$1,000,000	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	3.50
CASH	AA-	CBA	GENERAL	Monthly	\$3,250,000	30/06/2016		0.95
TOTAL:					\$50,250,000			

For the month of July, the deposit portfolio provided a solid return of +0.25% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return by +0.13% (actual). The strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3% p.a. However, some of these deposits are fast maturing and may be reinvested at lower prevailing rates unless a longer duration is maintained.

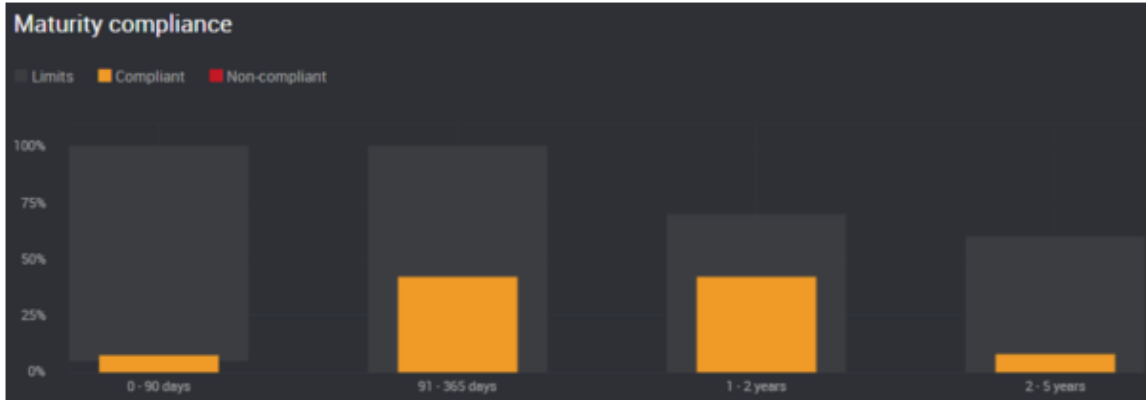
Over the past year, the deposit portfolio returned +3.03% p.a., strongly outperforming bank bills by 1.13% p.a., and triple the official cash rate. This is considered very strong given deposit rates reached their all-time lows and margins have generally contracted over the past 3 years.

As at the end of July 2019, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 2.97% p.a. (up 1bp from the previous month), with an average duration of around 427 days (~1.2 years).

Term To Maturity

The percentage of investments maturing over the next ten (10) years is detailed below:

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Counter Party Compliance

As at the end of July, Council did not have an overweight position to any single ADI although BoQ (BBB+) and Bendigo (BBB+) remain close to capacity. The capacity limits are also dependent on the balances in the overnight cash accounts.

Overall, the portfolio is mainly diversified across the entire credit spectrum, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	CBA	AA-	\$3,250,000	6.47%	45%	\$19,362,500
✓	WBC (St George)	AA-	\$6,000,000	11.94%	45%	\$16,612,500
✓	ING Bank	A	\$6,000,000	11.94%	40%	\$14,100,000
✓	AMP	A-	\$7,000,000	13.93%	40%	\$13,100,000
✓	BOQ	BBB+	\$9,000,000	17.91%	20%	\$1,050,000
✓	Bendigo	BBB+	\$9,000,000	17.91%	20%	\$1,050,000
✓	Auswide	BBB	\$1,000,000	1.99%	20%	\$9,050,000
✓	Newcastle PBS	BBB	\$2,000,000	3.98%	20%	\$8,050,000
✓	P&N Bank	BBB	\$3,000,000	5.97%	20%	\$7,050,000
✓	Australian Military	Unrated	\$1,000,000	1.99%	10%	\$4,025,000
✓	Police CU SA	Unrated	\$3,000,000	5.97%	10%	\$2,025,000
			\$50,250,000	100.00%		

Credit Quality Compliance

The portfolio remains well diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is predominately invested amongst the investment grade ADIs (rated BBB- or higher), with a smaller allocation to the unrated ADIs (~8.04%).

Council’s adopted investment policy does not impose aggregate limits across the various ratings spectrum.

The table below is based on typical investment diversification by NSW local councils, as adopted as part of their policy limits:

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Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AA Category	\$9,250,000	18.41%	100%	\$41,000,000
✓	A Category	\$13,000,000	25.87%	80%	\$27,200,000
✓	BBB Category	\$24,000,000	47.76%	60%	\$6,150,000
✓	Unrated ADIs	\$4,000,000	7.96%	10%	\$1,025,000
		\$50,250,000	100.00%		

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's investment portfolio decreased by \$1,000,000 from \$51,250,000 as at 31st May 2019 to \$50,250,000 as at 31st July 2019.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 30th June 2019 and 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 30th June 2019 and 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents an important part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the Capital Works Program full year progress as at 30th June 2019 and year to date progress as at 31st July 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th June 2019; Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st July 2019.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.3. PROJECT BUDGET CARRY-OVERS - 2018/19

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Morris that the Board notes and endorses Management's recommendation that nil budget allocations be carried forward from 2018/19 to 2019/20.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board notes and endorses Management's recommendation that nil budget allocations be carried forward from 2018/19 to 2019/20.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Project budget carry-overs are amounts from the previous financial year carried forward to the current year's budget.

REPORT

Annual approval is generally sought from the Board in relation to carrying forward budget allocations from the prior year into the current year. 2018/19 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that projects have either been completed in 2018/19, or 2019/20 budget allocations are adequate for undertaking this year's works program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.4. 2018/19 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2019 be referred to Council's Auditor, Audit Office of New South Wales,

2. Council make a resolution in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

i. the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended) and the Regulations made there under

ii. the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements

- iii. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
 - iv. presents fairly the Council's operating results and financial position for the year
 - v. accords with Council's accounting and other records
 - vi. that Council is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way
3. That Council adopt the abovementioned Statement and that the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the 'Statement by Councillors and Management' in relation to Council's 2018/19 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto.
4. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports, subject to their being no material changes or audit issues.
5. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at its ordinary meeting to be held on 24th October 2019.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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BACKGROUND

Under Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to prepare financial reports and must refer them for audit.

REPORT

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2019 have been completed and are ready to be forwarded to Council's Auditors.

Under the provisions of Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements shall be accompanied by a statement made in accordance with a resolution by Council, signed by two Councillors, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer.

Following receipt of the Auditor's Report, it will be necessary to give public notice for a period of at least seven (7) days prior to the adoption of the Financial Statements.

It is anticipated that the complete set of Financial Statements, including the Auditor's Report will be submitted to Council's Ordinary Meeting on 24 October 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: 2018/19 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

10.25am - Cr Sinclair joined the meeting.

12.1.5. CONCEALED LEAK POLICY APPLICATIONS

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow.

- 1. Rebate water account 44077221 \$2,046.83 for water charges incurred due to a concealed leak**
- 2. Rebate water account 44087394 \$2,099.80 for water charges incurred due to a concealed leak**

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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2. Rebate water account 44087394 \$2,099.80 for water charges incurred due to a concealed leak

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Policy PP009 – Concealed Leak Detection was adopted 27 October 2016 and revised 27 June 2019. The policy was adopted to guide Council's decision making in relation to reducing customer water accounts, where property owners have received a high water account as a result of a concealed leak.

REPORT

Council received two applications in the last quarter under Policy PP009 – Concealed Leak Detection. Both customers are seeking relief from their water accounts due to an undetectable leak. Both customers have had a certified plumber inspect and repair their leaks as required under the policy.

In accordance with the policy, actual water usage for the period has been determined utilising Taggle Meter data. Average 12 month usage has been calculated for corresponding prior periods during which a leak was not occurring. The recommended compensation is the difference between these two amounts. This in effect results in the customer being charged for their anticipated average usage, had the leak not occurred.

Details of each claim are outlined below:

Account: 44077221 (Junee Residential Property)

Application Date: 23 May 2019

Actual water charges: \$3,479.70

Average water charges based on previous water usage: \$1,432.87

Recommended compensation: \$2,046.83 (862KL reduction over 12 months)

Account: 44087394 (Stockinbingal Residential Property)

Application Date: 11 August 2019

Actual water charges: \$2,330.59

Average water charges based on previous water usage: \$230.79

Recommended compensation: \$2,099.80 (874KL reduction over 6 months)

* this claim was made after Council updated its policy, limiting water reduction to 6 months

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation reduces Council's water sales income by \$4,146.63.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

12.2.1. BOOTOOWA ROAD NARADHAN WATER MAINS REPLACEMENT

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that the progress report on Bootoowa Road Naradhan water mains renewal be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the progress report on Bootoowa Road Naradhan water mains renewal be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in Service Provision
07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Bootoowa Road Naradhan pipeline renewal has been high on Councils priority list due to poor condition and age. This section of pipeline is also one of the highest problematic pipelines within our system.

The pipeline consists of approximately 4 kilometers of 80mm white PVC (poly vinyl chloride) and 4 kilometres of 50mm PVC and traverses private property, mainly crop land. The frequent pipeline breaks are a constant problem for the landholders, who suffer inconvenience and loss of revenue, especially during cropping season.

REPORT

Resources were allocated in March 2019 to replace this pipeline whilst not disrupting the landholders sowing season.

The new section of pipeline consists of 4 kilometres of 100mm OPVC and 4 Kilometres of 63mm PE.

Construction commenced Monday 15th July and was successfully completed on Tuesday 30th July. All works were undertaken by Councils construction team.

Taking into consideration the NSW Reference Rates provided by the Department of Primary Industries, the initial estimated budget was \$450,000. Further consideration and detailed costing, taking into account Goldenfields internal history of construction reduced this budget to \$220,000 including 10% contingency. The project was delivered significantly under this budget with a total cost of \$115,129, which equates to \$15 per metre.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Total cost for the project was \$115,129, which equates to \$15 per metre, whereas the NSW Reference Rate is \$95 per metre.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Strategic Water Management

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water provides the essential water requirements of about 40,000 people spread over an area in excess of 20,000 square kilometres between the Lachlan & Murrumbidgee Rivers in the South West of NSW.

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge. Goldenfields Water carries out water supply functions within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Hilltops, Junee, Temora, and parts of Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

Hilltops Shire Council, Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and Riverina Water County Council are retailers, who purchase bulk water from Goldenfields and supply the water to retail customers in their respective local government areas.

REPORT

Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

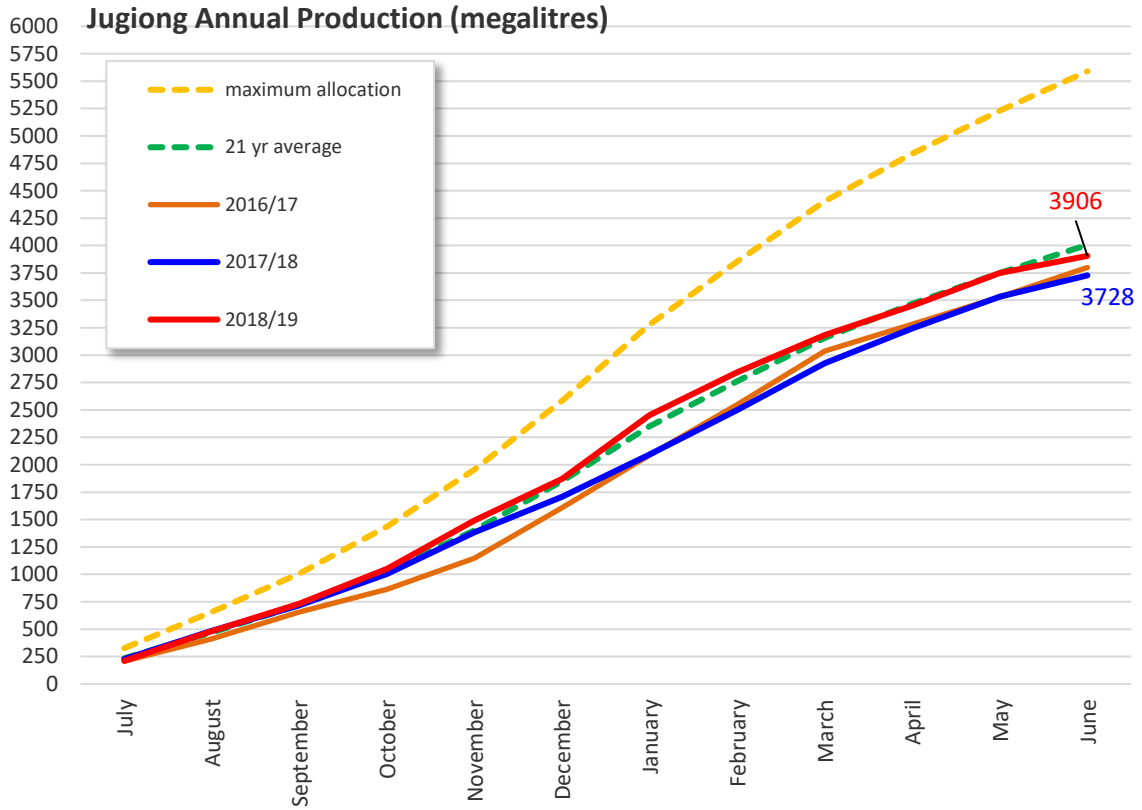
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

Jugiong annual water production is trending in a similar fashion to previous years.

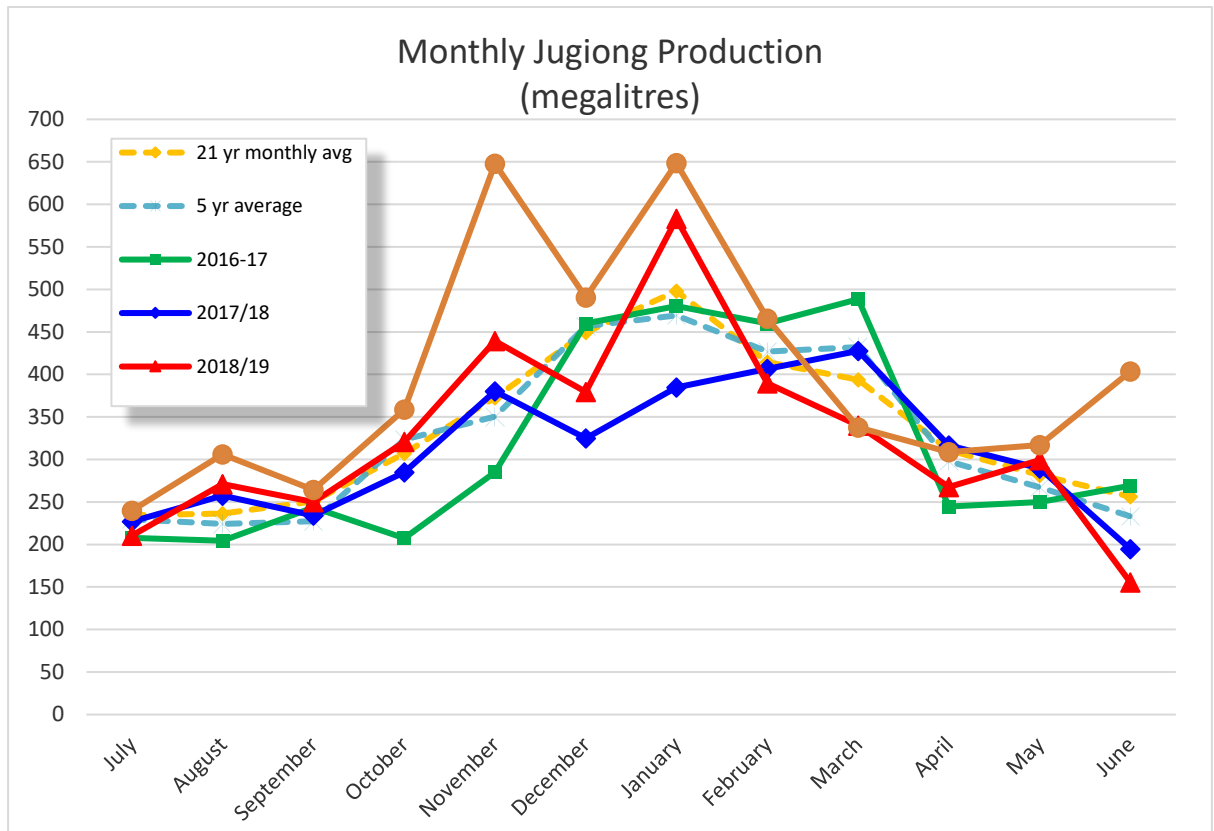
Up until June 28th 2019, Water production was 3906 ML, this is 178 ML higher than the same period last year which was 3728ML. An increase of 4.77%.

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Jugiong monthly water production for June was 155.35ML. This indicates a decrease of 39.35 ML compared to the same Month last year (194.7ML).

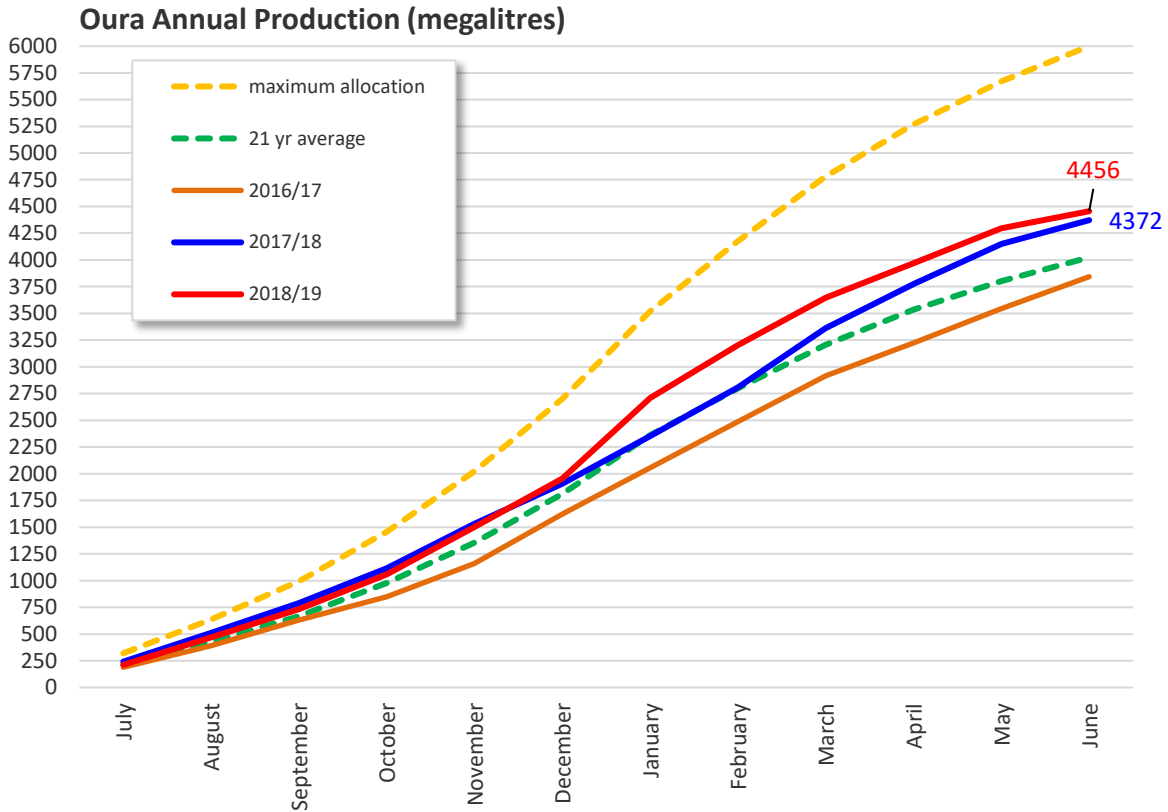


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 3 bores namely: Bores 3, 4 and 6. The raw water then goes through a treatment process at the Oura Water Treatment Plant that includes Aeration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

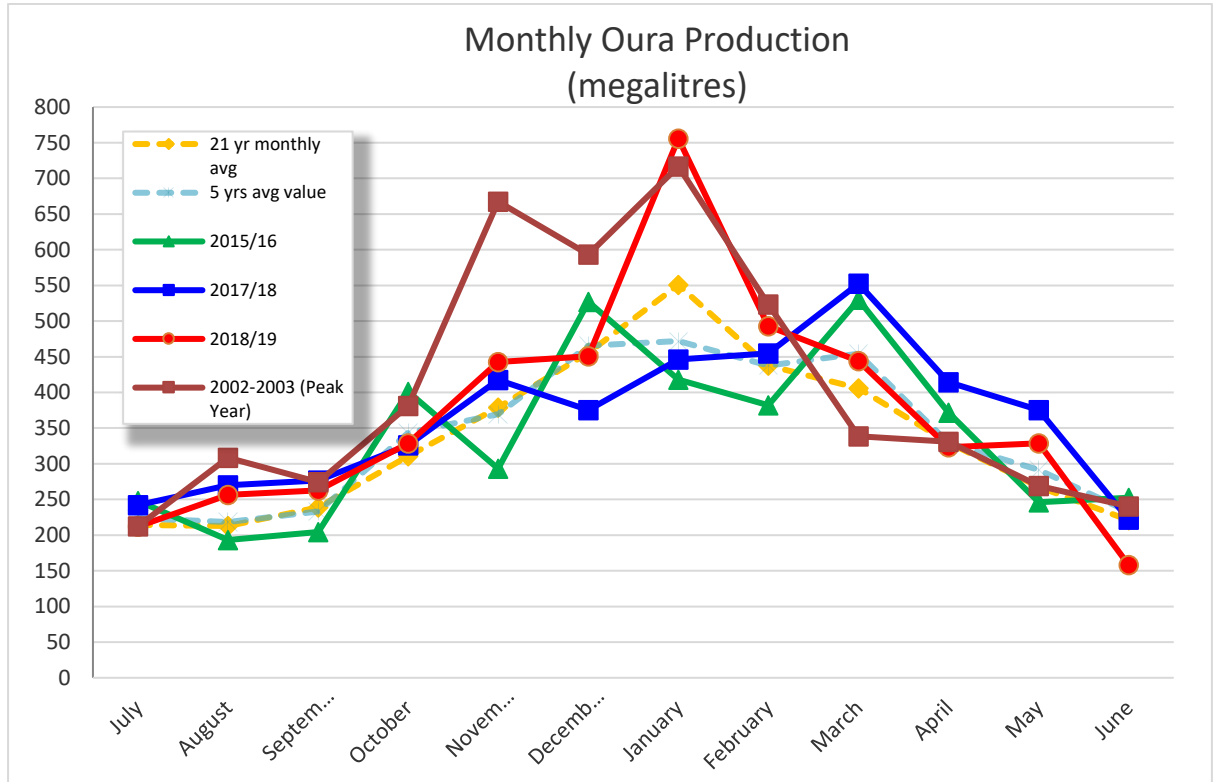
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

Up until the 28th June 2019. Water production from the Oura bores was 4456 ML, this is 84ML more, than for the same period last year (2017/18) which was 4372ML. An increase of 1.91%.



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Oura production for June 2019 was 154ML a decrease of 68ML as compared to the period June in 2018, where production was 222ML.

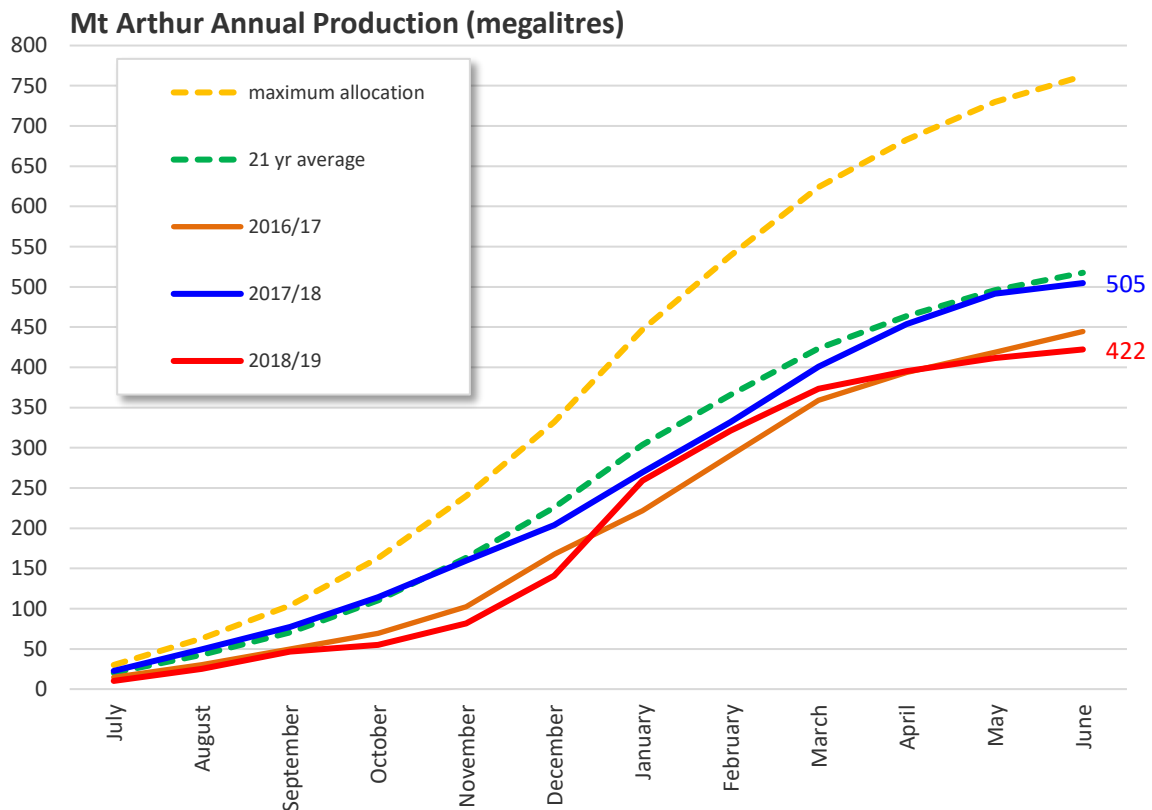


Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores. Bores 1 and 2 are located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with water in the Coolamon shire.

It should be noted that Staff have recognised that Bore 2 flow meter appears to be reading lower than expected. Initial investigations have identified that there is a potential decrease of 9l/s when compared to a portable ultrasonic meter that was utilised to validate flows. This means that there is an estimated 15% potential variation of production in Bore 2. The replacement of a new production meter and new pipeline arrangement will commence in the 2019/20 financial year.

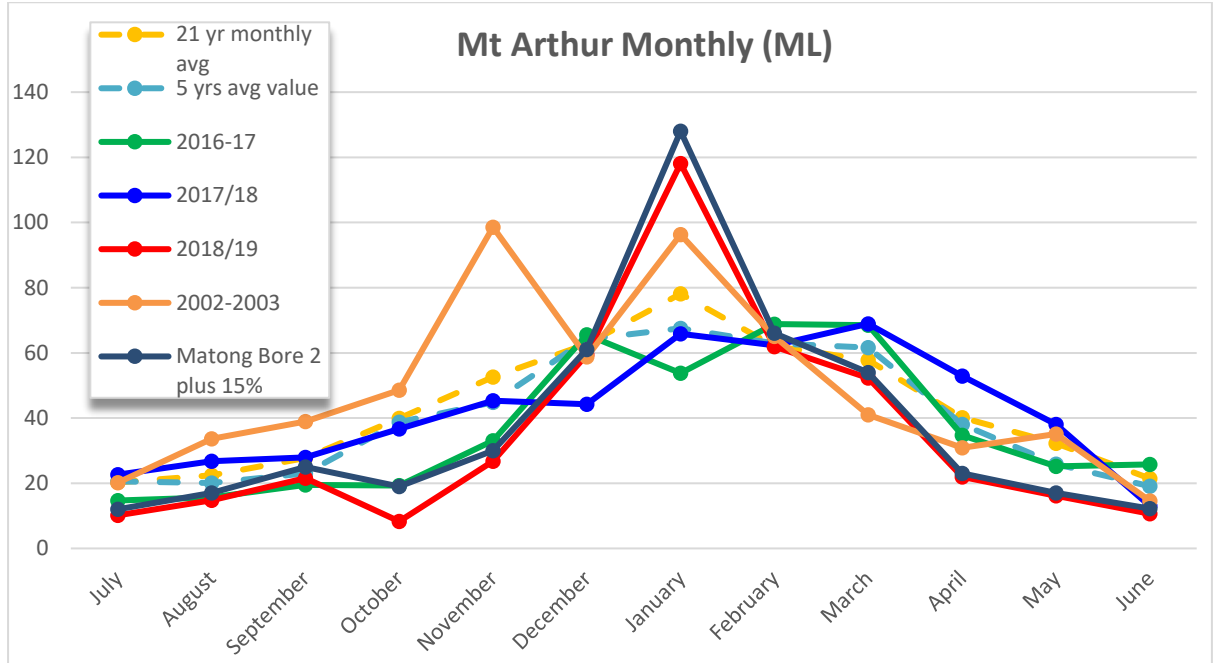
To the end of June 2019, 422ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores this is fractionally lower than for the same period in 2017/18 (505ML). A decrease of 83ML for the year 2018/19.



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Mount Arthur monthly water production for June was 10.66ML compared to the same period June in 2018 where production was 13.05ML. A decrease of 2.39ML.

With the 15% variation Mount Arthur monthly water production for June 2019 was 12.26ML.

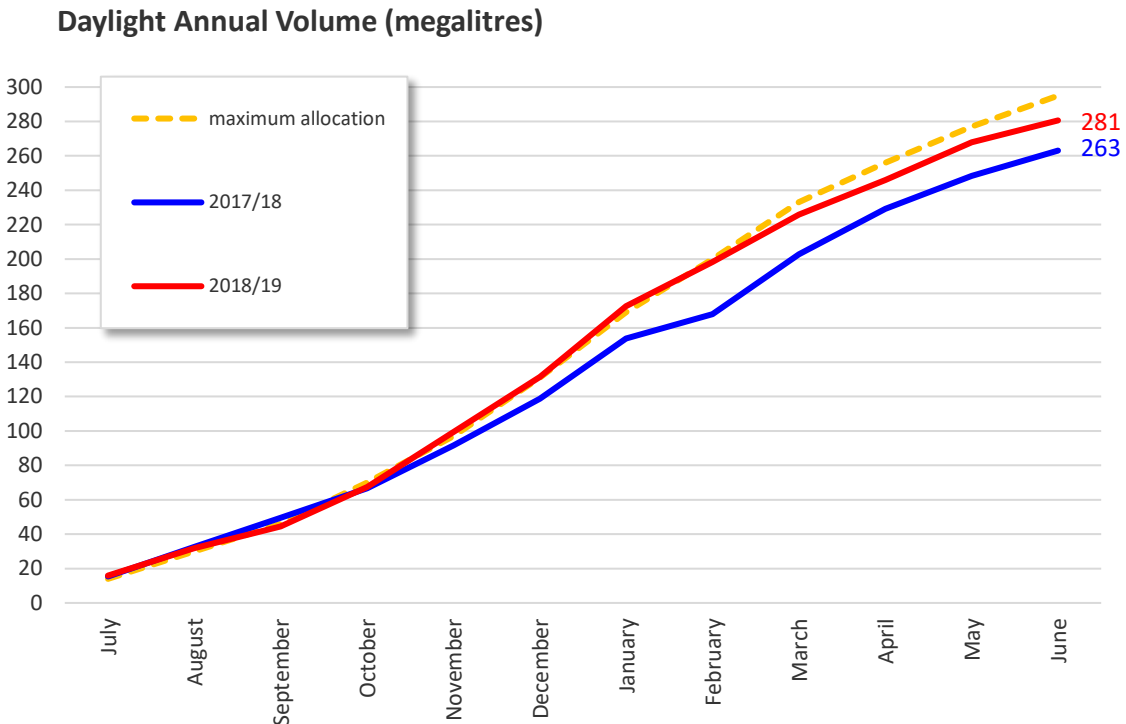


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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

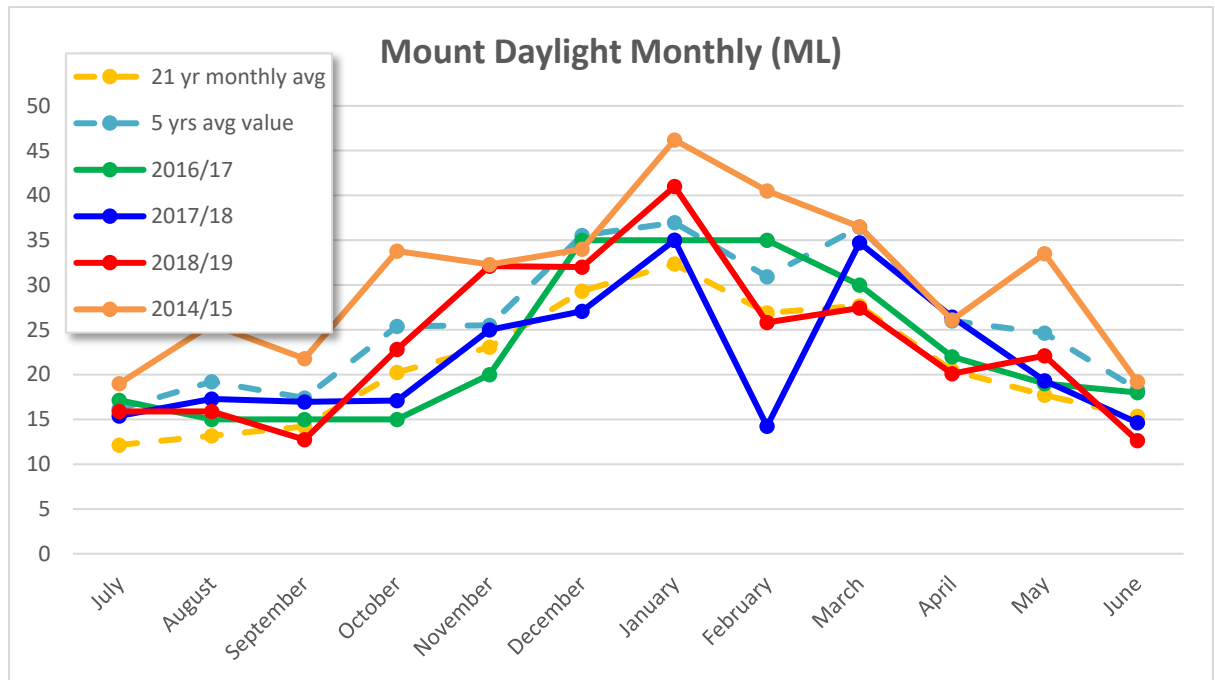
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately 125 people in the villages of Naradhan Weethalle and Tallimba in the Bland Shire Council

To the end of June 2019, 281ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores. This is higher than the same period in 2017/18 (263ML). Indicating an increase of 18ML for the 2018/19 year.



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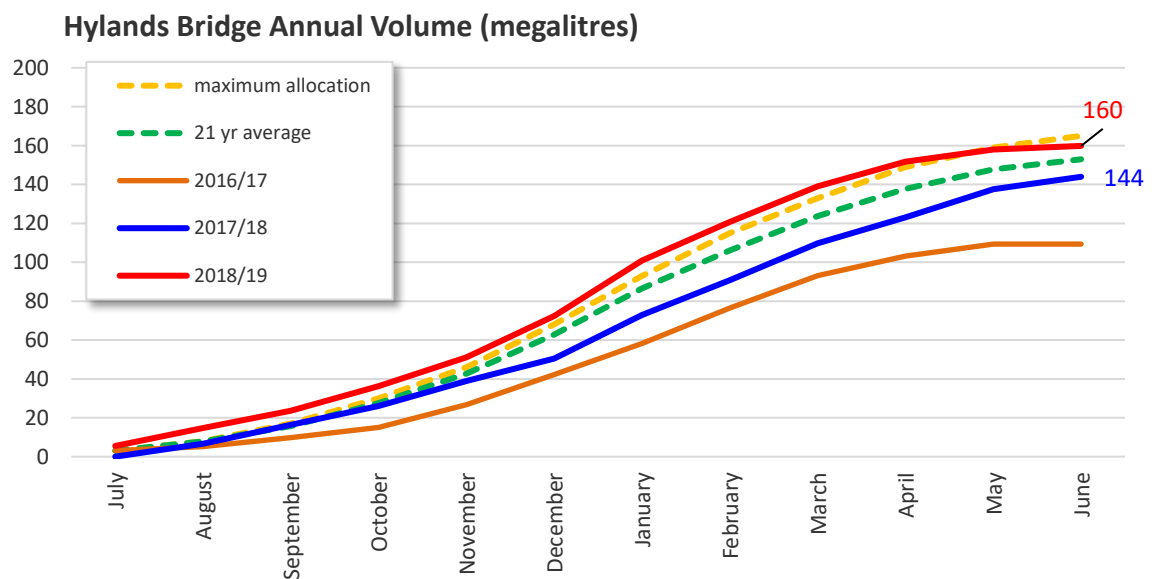
Mount Daylight monthly water production for June 2019 was 12.64ML. Production for June 2018 was 14.63ML, a decrease of 2ML.



Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non Potable water to Barellan and Binya.

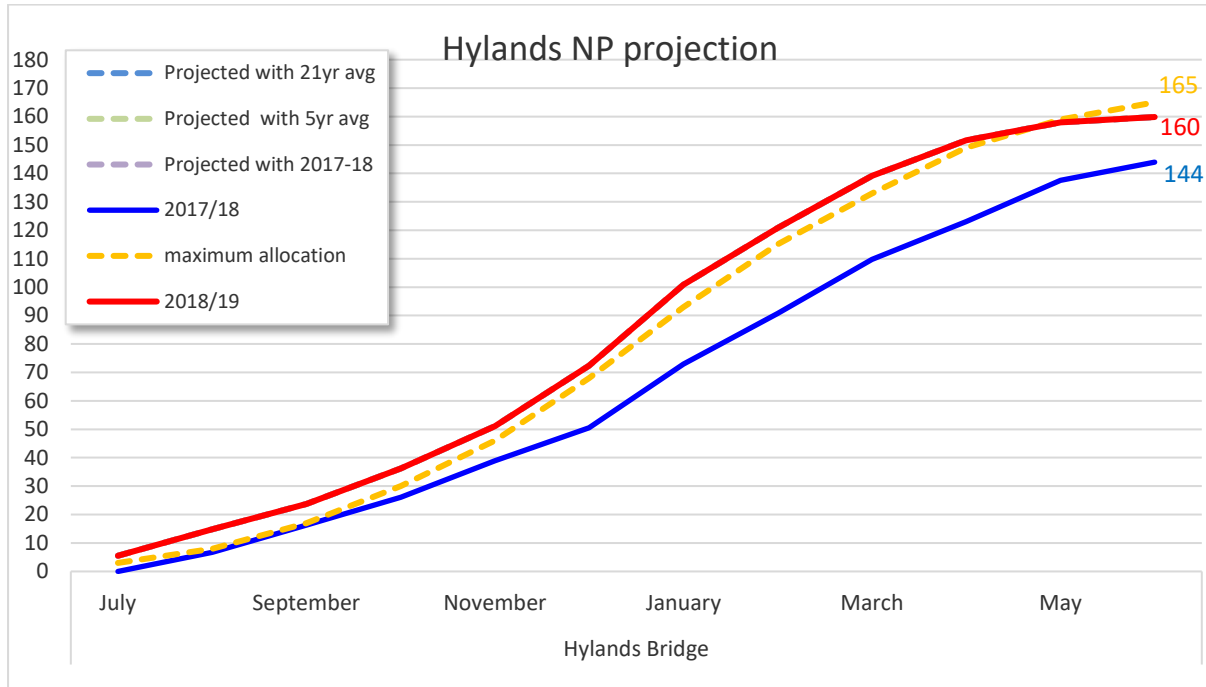
Up until June 28th 2019, 160ML of water has been extracted from Hylands Bridge scheme, this is higher than for the same period in 2017/18 (144ML). An increase in production of 16ML compared to the same period last year.



Hylands Bridge Projections are as per the graph below.

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As the water production was trending towards exceeding our extraction limit for 2018/19 the scheme was turned off at the end of May utilising the storage available for the remaining period.



12.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

12.4.1. DRAFT EASEMENT AND ACQUISITION POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and McCann that the policy be brought to the next meeting and suggested changes accommodated.

Report prepared by Acting Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the draft Easement and Acquisition Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Council owns and operates a significant amount of assets within private property. Historically not all assets are within an easement or on land owned by Goldenfields Water.

This purpose of this policy is to provide a definitive solution, ensuring all easements are dealt with consistently.

REPORT

In order to maintain access to infrastructure new and existing, staff have developed an Easement and Acquisition policy. The policy outlines requirements for acquiring land and/or easements for infrastructure.

Goldenfields Water do have right to access infrastructure under the Local Government Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000. An easement gives further protection where conditions are put on the property title and outline what can and can't be done within the limits of the easement. The draft policy outlines easement conditions, of significance is the limitations on building within the easement which is not clearly defined in the above mentioned Acts.

Acquisition of land for reservoir and pump station assets, mitigates potential issues surrounding changes of ownership. Agreed access conditions and locations as well as operating procedures don't always transfer well with ownership. Land acquisition and access easements with their conditions, eliminate future problems.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's current financial position. Once adopted staff will include the associated costs in budget forecasts

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Easement and Acquisition Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.5. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

12.5.1. PROCUREMENT OF GOODS SERVICES AND MATERIALS POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that Council adopt the updated PP001 Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Policy.

Report prepared by WHS & Procurement Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the updated PP001 Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

The PP001 Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Policy, was last adopted by Council at the meeting held on 21 December 2018 (Resolution 18/117) when amendments were made to remove the Credit Card details to create a standalone policy. The Local Government Amendment Act 2019 was passed by both houses on 19 June 2019 with assent on 25 June 2019. This act is to amend the Local Government Act 1993 with respect

to rates, tendering requirements, election planning, mutual recognition of approvals and other regulatory matters, and for other purposes. Of which, tendering requirements relate directly to this policy.

The Local Government Act 1993 (including Local Government Amendment Act 2019), Section 55, Requirements for tendering, states:

(3) This section does not apply to the following contracts:

(n) A contract involving an estimated expenditure or receipt of an amount of:

- (i) Less than \$250,000 or another amount as may be prescribed by the regulations, or
- (ii) Less than \$150,000 or another amount as may be prescribed by the regulations for a contract involving the provision of services where those services are, at the time of entering the contract, being provided by employees of the council.

REPORT

Following the aforementioned changes to legislation, the quotation thresholds contained within PP001 Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Policy have been amended to align with the Local Government Act 1993 Section 55, increasing the minimum threshold for tendering from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: PP001 Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.5.2. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Morris that the Code of Meeting Practice be adopted.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Code of Meeting Practice be adopted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Amendments made to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provide for a Model Code of Meeting Practice (the Model Code) to be prescribed by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulation).

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Council is required to adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation. Councils adopted meeting code must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

Councils adopted meeting code may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Code and any other supplementary provisions adopted by Council.

Council and committees of council of which all the members are councillors must conduct their meetings in accordance with the code of meeting practice adopted by the council.

Councils draft Code of Meeting Practice was prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act requirements and presented at the June 2019 Council Meeting, where it was endorsed to be placed on Public Display.

REPORT

Council has met the requirements of section 361 of the act in relation to preparation, public notice and exhibition. The draft Code of Meeting Practice has been on Public Display for 28 days. The opportunity for comment on the draft code has been provided to members of the community for the required 42 day period.

No submissions have been received during this time.

The Draft Code of Meeting Practice is now re-presented to Council in its final format for endorsement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Code of Meeting Practice

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.5.3. MANDAMAH STAGE 1 OFFICIAL OPENING

BOARD RESOLUTION

19/074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that the Mandamah stage 1 official opening report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Community Education and Engagement Officer

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Mandamah stage 1 official opening report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

05 Proactive Customer Relations

BACKGROUND

In early July 2019, farmers located in Stage 1 of the Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme were able to access their water supply.

To celebrate this historical event, Goldenfields Water hosted an official opening on Wednesday 14th August at the Mandamah Reservoirs.

Stage 1 was officially opened by Minister for Water, Property and Housing, The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP and Member for Cootamundra and Parliamentary Secretary for the Deputy Premier Steph Cooke.

REPORT

The official opening was attended by over 100 local Mandamah farmers, Goldenfields Water Board Members, Temora Shire and Bland Shire Councillors and Goldenfields Water Staff. Commencing at 2.30pm in the afternoon, the formalities included addresses by the following; Goldenfields Water Deputy Chairperson David McCann, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke, Temora Shire Deputy Mayor and Goldenfields Water Councillor Graham Sinclair, Bland Shire Mayor Brian Monaghan, Goldenfields Operations Manager Tony Goodyer, and President of the Mandamah Water Association Geoff Tidd.

Other special guests acknowledged for the attendance at the event were Clover Pipelines representatives, Mr Mark Laws and Mr Ian Thrift and Hornicks Constructions representatives, Mr Paul Fowler and Mr Brendon Dionysius.

Cr McCann acknowledged in this speech that *“we celebrate the opening of Stage 1 Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme, the first of four stages that will help the region flourish, not only now, but for generations to come.*

No longer does the Mandamah community have to rely on the skies or cart water to run their farms efficiently and to provide for their families livelihood. They can now turn on a tap and be greeted with a quality and reliable water source.

I commend the hard work of all those involved in the Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme. What started as a proposal at a Council meeting in 2002 has resulted in Goldenfields Water being able to deliver one of biggest undertakings in their recent history.

The collaboration and dedication displayed across all departments of Council, the Mandamah Water Association and Mandamah Farmers is what has brought us here today, to celebrate the Stage 1 opening of this \$10.9 million dollar project, solely funded by Goldenfields Water County Council and the Mandamah Farmers.

I also acknowledge and sincerely thank past Goldenfields Water Chairperson’s, Mr Peter Spiers and Mr Chris Manchester and past General Managers Mr Andrew Grant and Mr Phillip Rudd for their contribution towards the development of the scheme.”

Minister Pavey was very impressed with the delivery of the project, *commenting “it’s about managing water, it’s about understanding it, it’s about getting it when you need it*

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and where you need it.” Minister Pavey spent some time after the formalities discussing the operations and delivery of the project with Operations Manager Tony Goodyer.

Steph Cooke MP, Member for Cootamundra commended all of those involved *“I’d like to congratulate Goldenfields Water County Council for investing in infrastructure which will be of great benefit to the Mandamah community, and thank Minister for Water Melinda Pavey for officially turning on the tap for this fantastic project.”*

Guests were invited to a delicious afternoon tea spread, provided by local catering company ‘Red Hen Hospitality.’ The afternoon was very much enjoyed by all as they mingled in the afternoon sun discussing the future stages of the scheme.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council’s financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Opening Photos

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is due to be held Thursday 24 October 2019 at 10.00am.

14. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 10.48am
