



# Goldenfields Water

## **FEES & CHARGES**

2017 - 2018



# Statement of Revenue Policy

Council obtains its income from the following sources:

## **Water Access and User Charges**

Council has adopted a two-part water charge for each of its customer categories, consisting of an access charge based on service connection sizing and a user charge based on the water consumed. As part of its Delivery Program, Council has set its access and usage charges for the 2017/2018 year.

Council levies interest on overdue charges. The interest rate is the maximum allowable (8.0% for 2016/17) and is yet to be confirmed for 2017/18.

## **Interest on Investments**

Council invests surplus funds in accordance with its Investment Policy.

## **Fees**

Council charges appropriate fees for service. These fees are based on actual costs and ensure that those who benefit from the service pay for it

## **Private Works**

Occasionally Council carries out private works. Any such works are undertaken at a cost to the applicant.

## **Grants and Subsidies**

Council will receive the Pensioner Rebate Subsidy provided by the State Government in 2017/18. This subsidy offsets 55% of the total rebate provided.

## **Developer Contributions**

Developers are required to pay the cost of providing the assets that they require. These costs usually fall into two categories:

The reticulated pipes which a developer is required to pay in full; and

A contribution towards the provision of infrastructure (headworks- eg. treatment plants, major pipelines etc).

## **Loan Borrowings**

New capital infrastructure projects can be funded from borrowings. Council would normally expect that such borrowing approvals to be granted.

Council has not provided for any specific borrowings for 2017/18.

## **Access and Usage Charges Statement**

The following is a brief explanation of how Council categorises its customer base.

### **Residential**

Customers are categorised as residential if:

The connection is within this Council's urbanised areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for residential accommodation (but not as a hotel, motel, guest-house, boarding house, lodging house or nursing home).

It is vacant land within this Council's urbanised areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network.



### **Non-Residential Rural**

Customers are categorised as non-residential rural if:

The connection is located outside this Council' urbanised areas, is serviced directly from a main and the main use is for stock and domestic.

A Special Rate applies to a limited number of Non-Residential-Rural customers who will be levied additional Annual and Usage Charges.

### **Non-Residential Other**

Customers are categorised as non-residential other if:

The connection is within this Council's urbanised areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional.

Other remote and direct connections to mains outside of this Council's urbanised areas where there is no commercial rural activity.

### **Non-Residential High Volume Monthly**

Customers are categorised as non-residential high volume monthly if:

The main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional and the customer uses over 50,000kl pa.

### **Non-Residential Bulk Councils**

Hilltop Council and Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council together with water supplied to Riverina Water customers are categorised as non-residential Bulk Councils.

Council's Annual Access and Usage charges, Interest, Fees, Private Works, and/or Developer Contributions are levied and or charged under various sections on the NSW Local Government Act including but not limited to sections 501, 502, 552, 566, section 64 and its cross reference to Water Management Act sections 305-307 and NSW Local Government Act Chapter 15, Part 10 Division 3.



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In 2017/18 water charges are proposed under the following categories, with the total forecast yield and percentage of total projected yield to be raised from each category as follows:

Customer Categories	\$000's	% Within Category	% Category of Total
<b>Residential</b>	<b>5,343</b>		<b>28.45%</b>
Access Charges	1,226	23.70%	
Usage Charges	4,077	76.30%	
<b>Non-Residential Rural</b>	<b>3,891</b>		<b>20.72%</b>
Access Charges	1,330	34.19%	
Usage Charges	2,560	65.81%	
<b>Non-Residential Other</b>	<b>2,366</b>		<b>12.60%</b>
Access Charges	864	36.53%	
Usage Charges	1,502	63.47%	
<b>Non-Residential High Volume Monthly</b>	<b>1,684</b>		<b>8.97%</b>
Access Charges	42	2.51%	
Usage Charges	1,642	97.49%	
<b>Non-Residential Bulk Councils</b>	<b>5,495</b>		<b>29.26%</b>
Access Charges	1,309	23.82%	
Usage Charges	4,186	76.18%	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED YIELD</b>	<b>18,779</b>		<b>100%</b>



# Fees & Charges

Service	Fee (\$)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Quarterly Charge
<b>Access Charges (Annual)</b>			
<b>Residential</b>			
20mm Connection	183.40	188.80	47.20
25mm Connection	286.40	295.00	73.75
32mm Connection	469.40	483.40	120.85
40mm Connection	733.60	755.60	188.90
50mm Connection	1,146.20	1,180.60	295.15
80mm Connection	2,934.60	3,022.40	755.60
<b>Non-Residential-Rural</b>			
20mm Connection	582.40	599.80	149.95
25mm Connection	910.00	937.20	234.30
32mm Connection	1,491.20	1,535.60	383.90
40mm Connection	2,330.00	2,399.40	599.85
50mm Connection	3,640.60	3,749.20	937.30
80mm Connection	9,320.20	9,597.80	2,399.45



Service	Fee (\$)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Quarterly Charge
<b>Non-Residential-Other (Includes:- Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Community, Direct and Remote)</b>			
20mm Connection	321.40	331.00	82.75
25mm Connection	502.40	517.20	129.30
32mm Connection	823.20	847.40	211.85
40mm Connection	1,286.20	1,324.00	331.00
50mm Connection	2,009.80	2,069.00	517.25
80mm Connection	5,145.40	5,296.60	1,324.15
100mm Connection	8,039.60	8,276.00	2,069.00
<b>Non-Residential-High Volume Monthly</b>			
20mm Connection	272.40	280.20	70.05
25mm Connection	426.00	438.00	109.50
32mm Connection	697.80	718.20	179.55
40mm Connection	1,090.56	1,122.00	280.50
50mm Connection	1,704.00	1,753.20	438.30
80mm Connection	4,362.00	4,488.60	1,122.15
100mm Connection	6,816.00	7,014.00	1,753.50
150mm Connection	15,336.60	15,781.80	3,945.45



Service	Fee (\$)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Quarterly Charge
<b>Non-Residential Bulk Councils</b>			
68% of 20mm Res charge ( X equivalent no. of 20mm connections)	124.20	128.40	
<b>Vacant Unconnected Properties</b>			
20mm Connection (applicable to new subdivisions after 1/07/11)	183.40	188.80	
<b>Consumption Charges (per kilolitre)</b>			
Residential Charge all consumption	2.24	2.31	
Non-Residential Rural all consumption	1.54	1.59	
Non-Residential Other all consumption	1.86	1.92	
Non-Residential High Volume Monthly all consumption	2.02	2.08	
Non-Residential Bulk Council all consumption	1.52	1.57	
Standpipe Water Sales (Commercial, Portable, & Temporary)	4.48	4.61	
Maximum Retail Charge for Standpipe Water Sales	5.95	6.10	
<b>Temporary Portable Metered Hydrant Charges</b>			
Deposit for Non Local Customer	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Short Term Hire - each week or part thereof	71.00	73.00	
Annual Hire per annum of part thereof (nil consumption allow)	300.00	310.00	
All Portable Standpipe Water Sales per kilolitre	4.48	4.61	



Service	Fee (\$)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Quarterly Charge
<b>Water Connection Application (New or reconnection)</b>			
Water Connection Application Fee (including Site Inspection)	265.00	270.00	
<b>Development Proposals</b>			
Assess development proposals (incl subdivision, strata & community/neighbourhood plans - per connection):			
Up to 5 connections	214.00	220.00	
6 to 15 connections	188.00	193.00	
16 to 30 connections	160.00	164.00	
> 30 connections	POA	POA	
<b>Infrastructure Charges</b>			
Retail DSP areas - per equivalent tenement	7,800.00	8,190.00	
Bulk Council DSP areas - per equivalent tenement	7,134.00	7,191.00	
Equivalent Tenement (ET) = 250 Kilotres per annum			
<b>Tapping, Service and Meter Charges</b>			
20mm Connection	1,610.00	1,660.00	
25mm Connection	1,775.00	1,825.00	
32mm Connection	2,250.00	2,315.00	





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40mm Connection	2,685.00	2,765.00	
50mm Connection	3,170.00	3,265.00	
> 50mm Connection	At Cost	At Cost	
20mm Connection where service pipe has already been laid	325.00	335.00	
Downsizing a Connection: half the regular cost of the resultant connection size			
<b>Pipe Locations</b>			
Locate Only (Minimum 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$133/hr)	At Cost (min \$137/hr)	
Locate & Expose (Minimum 3 days notice) (Minimum 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$133/hr)	At Cost (min \$137/hr)	
<b>Backflow Prevention</b>			
Installation of RPZD device (plus cost of device)	610.00	628.00	
Inspection & Testing of Backflow Prevention Device (per device)	\$166 + \$133/hr	\$170 + \$137/hr	
Installation of Double Check Valve	245.00	252.00	
Yearly Servicing of Double Check Valve	60.00	61.50	
<b>Engineering Services</b>			
Site Inspections (per visit)	265.00	272.00	
Pressure Testing of New Mains	665.00	685.00	



Service	Fee (\$)		
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Chlorination/Disinfection of New Mains	665.00	685.00	
Cutting in of New Mains:-			
100mm Mains	At Cost	At Cost	
> 100mm Mains	At Cost	At Cost	
Site Survey (per day)	800.00	825.00	
Design and Drafting including Plans (per day)	905.00	930.00	
Private Works Admin Fee	10% (Max \$500)	10% (Max \$500)	
Hire rates for Labour, Plant & Equipment	POA	POA	
<b>Administrative Fees</b>			
Search Inquiry Certificate Fee - s603 (per property)	\$75.00	State Govt Fee	**
Urgent Certificates - fee for provision of s603 certificate required in less than three working days after receipt of both a properly completed application form and the necessary payment (includes statutory State Govt fee)	\$150.00	State Govt Fee (x2)	**
Disconnection Attendance Fee - Permanent or Temporary (Non-payment of account or at Customer Request)	133.00	137.00	
Reconnection Fee after Temporary Disconnection	133.00	137.00	
Debt Recovery Attendance Fee	133.00	137.00	
Meter Test Deposit (non-refundable if meter registers less than 3% more than the correct quantity):-			
20 or 25mm meter	133.00	137.00	
32 or 40mm meter	200.00	206.00	
50 or 80mm meter	265.00	273.00	



Service	Fee (\$)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Quarterly Charge
> 80mm meter	At Cost	At Cost	
Special Meter Reading (refundable if routine reading by Council proven to be in error):			
Routine service - minimum 48 hours notice	80.00	82.00	
Same day service	133.00	137.00	
Special Inquiry/Certificate/Attendance Fee per hour (min 1hr)	133.00	137.00	
Installation of Remote Meter Reading Device	At Cost	At Cost	
Interest on Overdue accounts (unpaid > 28 days from posting)	8%	Max % Allowable	**
Processing of Dishonoured Cheques	55.00	55.00	
Copy of documents (per copy) freely available from website	33.00	33.00	
<b>Request for information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009:-</b>			
Access to records concerning personal affairs:-			
Application Fee	30.00	30.00	
Processing Charge (/hr after first 20hrs)	30.00	30.00	
Internal review	40.00	40.00	
Amendment of records	No Cost	No Cost	
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