

The meeting commenced at 10:00am

PRESENT

Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr J Piper, Cr G Sinclair, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr A White.

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) Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Miss A Burnett (Administration Officer).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that a leave of absence be granted for Crs R Callow and K Morris.

2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

Nill

3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they have taken under section 233A of the Act.

The governing body of a county council is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. Each Councillor as a member of the governing body has a responsibility to make considered and well-informed decisions to ensure that the exercise of the functions of Goldenfields Water are performed to benefit the whole of the area of operations of Goldenfields Water.

In addition Councillors are reminded of their obligations under council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

5. 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.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023,

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and McGlynn that the minutes of the meetings held on the 27 April 2023, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

15. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

15.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

15.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st May 2023 be received and noted.

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st May 2023 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 cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$3,945,406.07 from \$36,943,264.52 as at 31st March 2023 to \$32,997,858.45 as at 31st May 2023.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Southern Cross Credit Union	At Maturity	8/03/2023	26/06/2023	110	4.30	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	3/05/2023	2/08/2023	91	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	5/04/2023	3/04/2024	364	4.55	3.37	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				1.35	2.89	\$1,700,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	2.89	\$10,208
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$1,787,650
TOTAL:										\$32,997,858

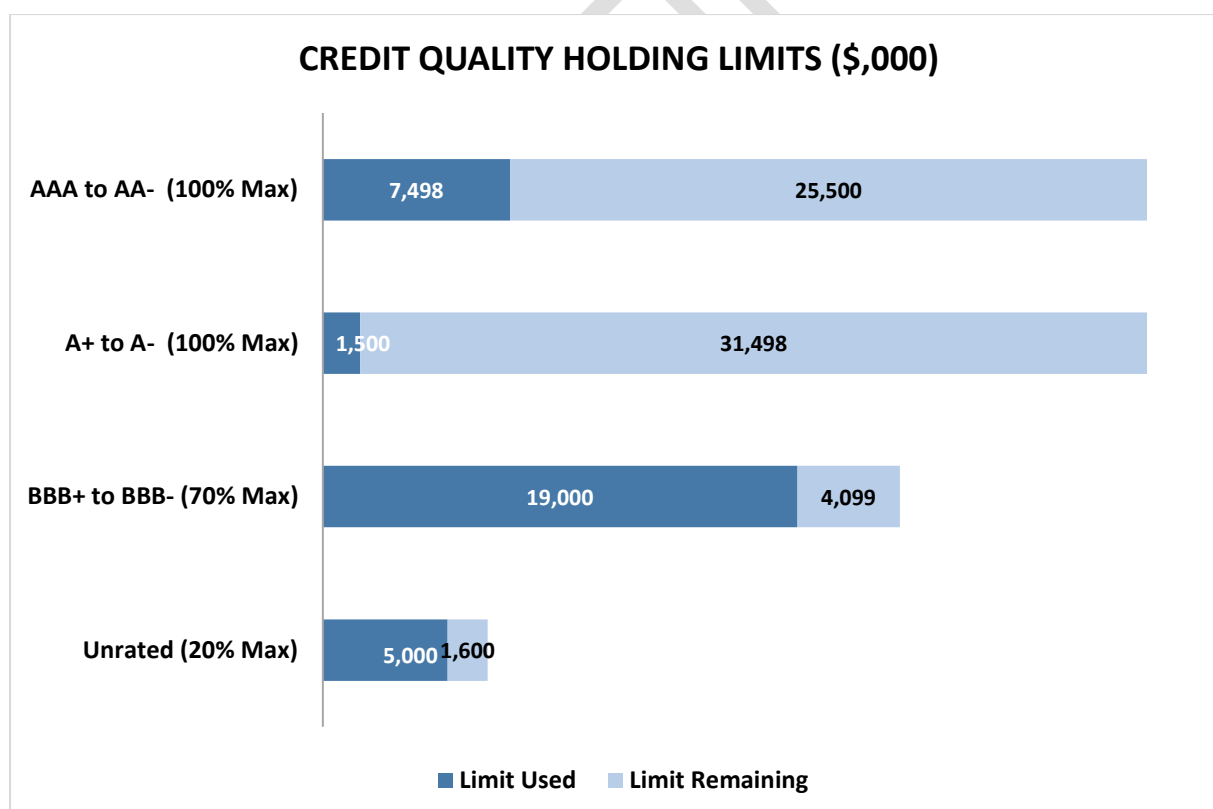
Portfolio Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio underperformed by 0.17% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for May was 3.79%.

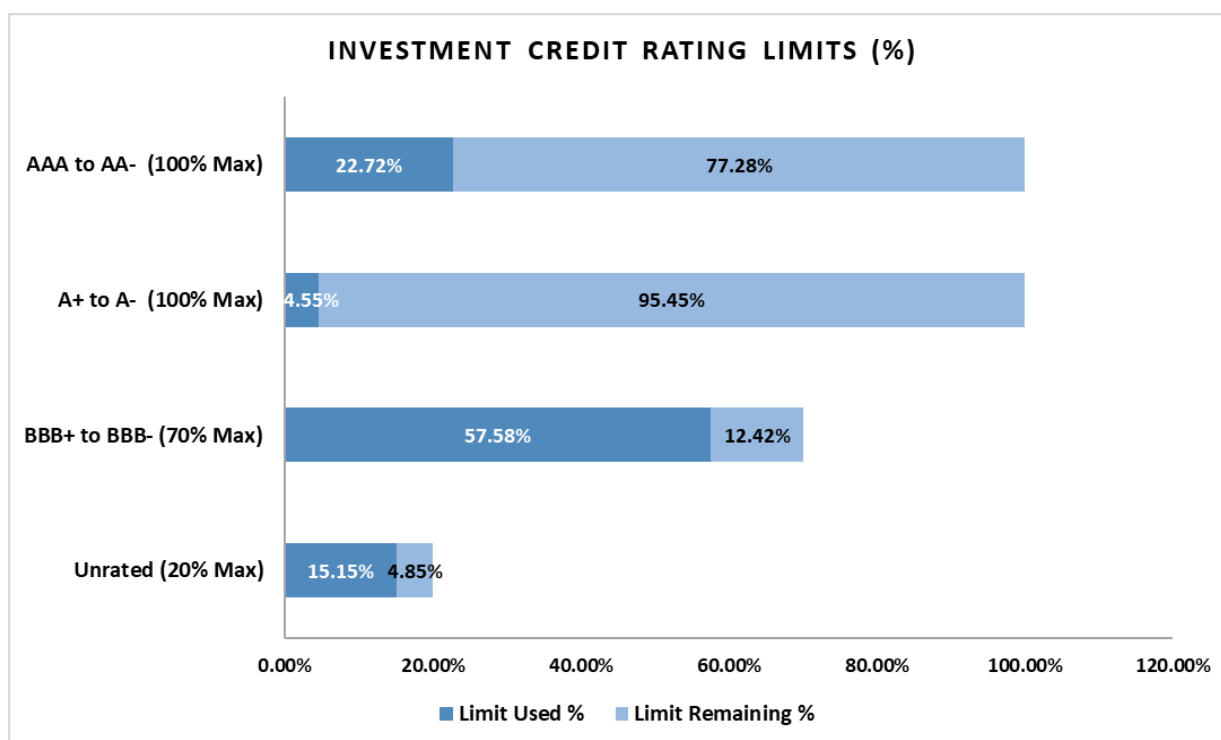
Total Cost 32,997,858	Yearly Interest Received 704,337	Weighted Average Term 290 days
Total Portfolio Value 33,324,809	Monthly Interest Received 149,488	Weighted Average Yield 3.79%

Credit Quality Compliance

Council's investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



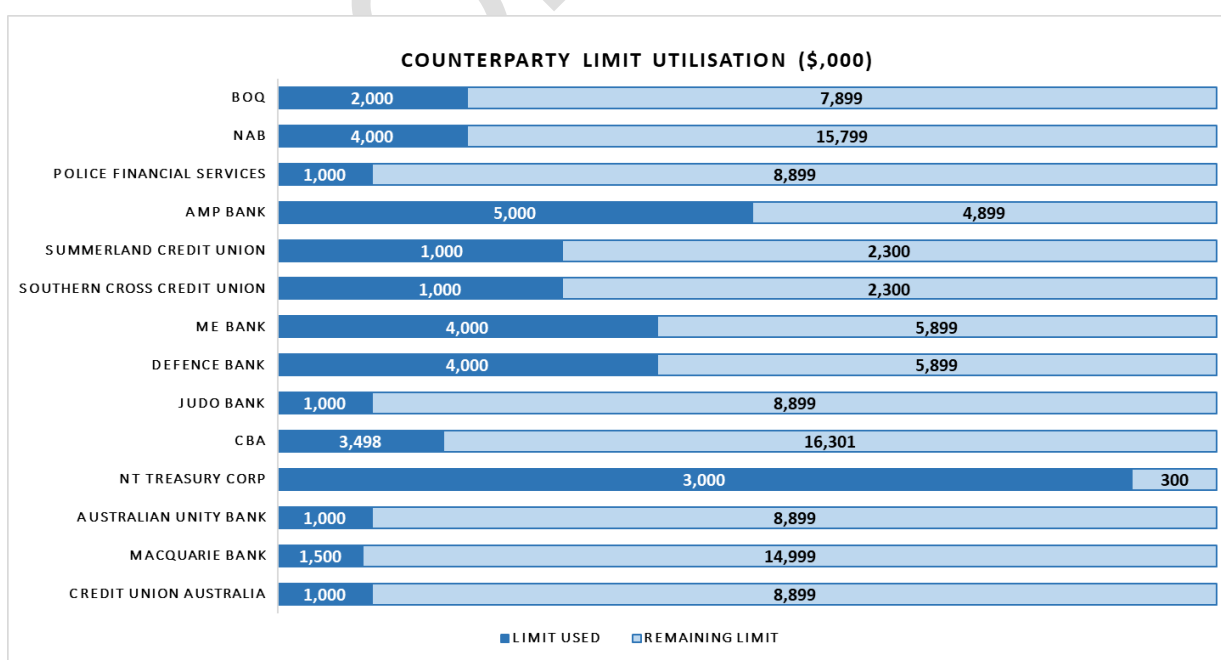
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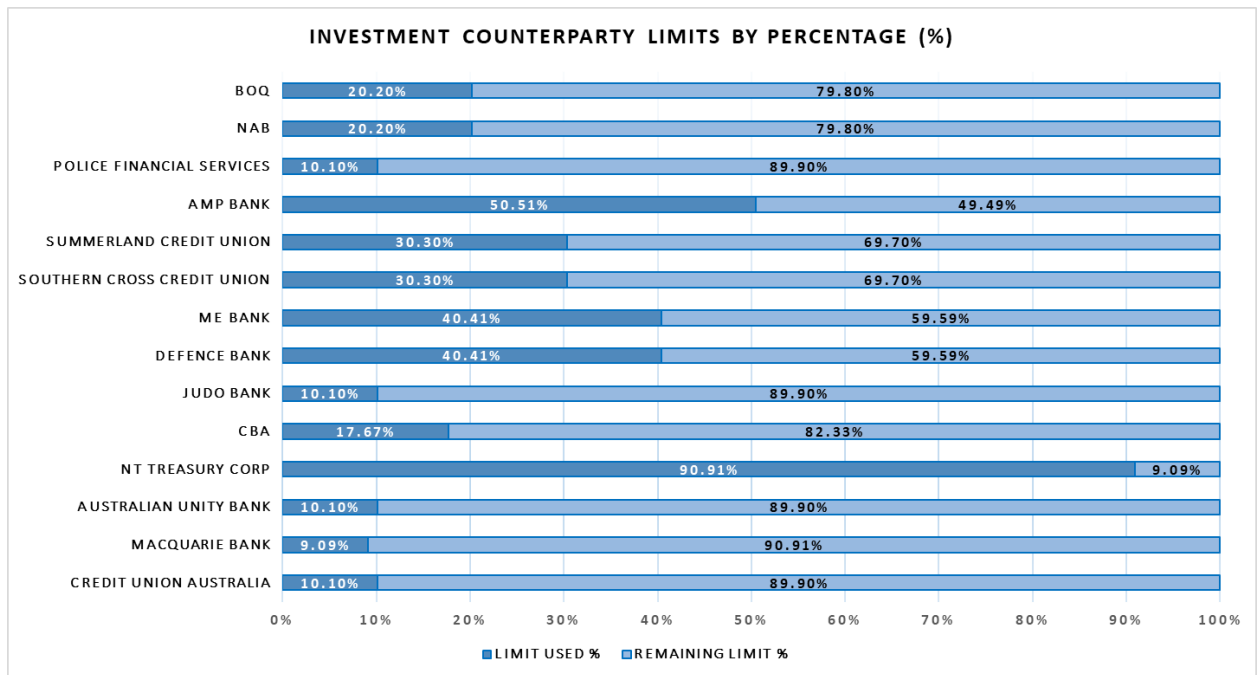
Counter Party Compliance

As at the end of May, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

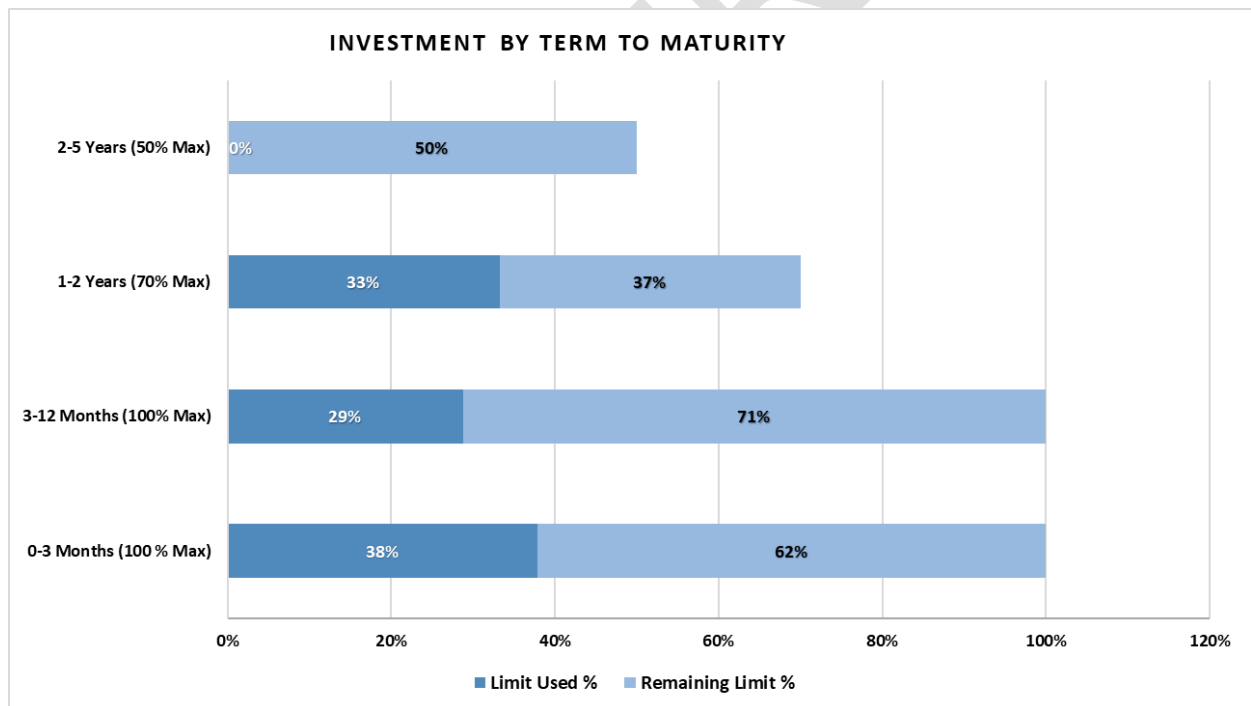
Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.



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Term to Maturity



Council's investment portfolio maturities shown graphically below were also compliant with policy requirements.

Application of Investment Funds

The table below details the allocation of cash balances in terms of restricted funds, noting restrictions are all internal rather than external.

Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,830,127
Infrastructure Replacement	16,363,217
Unrestricted Funds	11,312,021
TOTAL	32,997,858

Declaration

I hereby certify that investments listed in the report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy PP004.

Signed



John Chapman
Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st May 2023 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st May 2023 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 expenditure and progress for the year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31st May 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st May 2023.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

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Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS											
AS AT 31 May 2023	AS AT 31 May 2023	2021-22 Carryovers	QBR Sep 2022	QBR Dec 2022	QBR Mar 2023	Revised Budget 2022/23	Actual YTD	Committed YTD	Actual & Committed YTD	Variance YTD	% Actual & Committed to Rev Budget
CAPITAL INCOME											
Asset Sales	(738,000)	0	0	0	0	(738,000)	(431,290)	0	(431,290)	(306,710)	58%
Capital Contributions	(6,225,000)	0	0	0	0	(6,225,000)	(4,599,616)	0	(4,599,616)	(1,625,384)	74%
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(6,963,000)	0	0	0	0	(6,963,000)	(5,030,906)	0	(5,030,906)	(1,932,094)	72%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE											
NEW SYSTEM ASSETS											
Plant & Equipment	1,585,000	0	0	0	0	1,585,000	1,162,531	232,694	1,395,225	189,775	88%
Land & Buildings	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	49,715	0	49,715	50,285	50%
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	60,000	0	0	87,000	187,000	170,755	6,943	177,698	9,302	95%
Mains - Reticulation	0	5,000	0	0	36,700	41,700	57,008	5,335	62,343	(20,643)	150%
Mains - Trunk	0	66,000	0	0	0	66,000	0	65,540	65,540	460	99%
Mains - Rural	17,000	0	0	0	17,000	34,000	13,359	3,398	16,757	17,243	49%
Pump Stations	0	0	400,000	0	140,000	540,000	274,402	392,657	667,058	(127,058)	124%
Scada	250,000	430,000	0	0	430,000	1,110,000	227,474	528,834	756,309	353,691	68%
Reservoirs	1,560,000	0	2,920,750	60,000	(600,000)	3,940,750	3,624,182	255,050	3,879,233	61,517	98%
TOTALS NEW SYSTEM ASSETS	3,452,000	661,000	3,320,750	60,000	110,700	7,604,450	5,579,427	1,490,451	7,069,878	534,572	93%
RENEWALS											
Plant & Equipment	30,000	0	0	0	(15,000)	15,000	4,505	0	4,505	10,495	30%
Furniture and Office Equipment	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0%
Land & Buildings	50,000	0	0	0	22,000	72,000	0	5,100	5,100	66,900	7%
Mains - Reticulation	5,200,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	7,200,000	5,416,356	1,554,253	6,970,609	229,391	97%
Mains - Trunk	3,330,000	0	0	0	(1,300,000)	2,030,000	781,939	103,820	885,759	1,144,241	44%
Mains - Rural	1,415,000	180,000	0	0	0	1,595,000	412,788	241,721	654,509	940,491	41%
Pump Stations	1,342,000	269,000	0	63,000	(343,000)	1,331,000	826,391	1,889,789	2,716,179	(1,385,179)	204%
Bores	0	250,000	0	0	146,825	396,825	396,825	0	396,825	(0)	100%
Reservoirs	4,225,000	563,000	0	0	(3,100,000)	1,688,000	930,504	82,927	1,013,431	674,569	60%
Information Technology	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000	8,596	0	8,596	51,404	14%
Treatment Plant	4,192,000	980,000	0	0	(1,368,000)	3,804,000	4,542,779	(600,094)	3,942,685	(138,685)	104%
TOTALS RENEWAL ASSETS	8,477,000	1,793,000	-	-	(4,321,175)	5,948,825	5,878,705	(517,167)	5,361,538	587,287	90%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	23,301,000	2,903,000	3,320,750	123,000	(3,846,475)	25,801,275	18,900,110	4,767,968	23,668,078	2,133,197	92%

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Goldenfields Water County Council Major Project Commentary AS AT 31 May 2023

Project Ref	Project and description	Total project budget/ Start date	Total spent to Date/ Due date	Progress Comments
1232	Thanowring Road Pipeline Construction of 40km of trunk pipeline	\$7,000,000 Jan-22	\$1,763,319 Jun-24	Project tracking on budget. The first 10kms of 40km total has been completed and commissioned.
3137	Jugiong High Voltage Detailed designs for works, new HV building, purchase of HV equipment and electrical equipment install	\$6,500,000 Jan-21	\$5,038,731 Jun-23	Approx 6 months behind schedule. Currently tracking on budget.
3183	Oura Reservoirs and aerator Construction of 2 x 4ML reservoirs and aeration tower at Oura WTP plus ancilliary pipework and electricals	\$12,643,703 May-23	\$547,773 Dec-24	Contract awarded to Quay Civil. Kick off meeting with contractor is scheduled for 8 June 2023.
3226	Wyalong Standpipe Res Construction of 24m high 2.4ML concrete reservoir	\$4,420,728 Jun-23	\$3,576,411 Aug-23	Project is running on time and tracking under budget. The reservoir walls have been completed. Construction of the roof is due to start soon.
3241	Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction Cosntruction of 8km DN300 bypass trunk main and 7km DN200 retic main	\$7,357,394 Jun-23	\$4,756,701 Aug-23	Reticulation main approx 4.8km of 7km completed. Bypass main approx 7.8km of 8km completed. Project is tracking slightly ahead of schedule and under budget
3203	Wombat Reservoir Construction of 3ML reinforced Concrete reservoir	\$2,300,000 May-23	\$53,727 TBA	The proposal for contract has been cancelled. Council staff will progress with works to simplify the project with the intention to tender the contract again in a few years time
3218	Oura pump station and dosing rooms Construction of new pump station including 3 high voltage pumps and additional dosing systems	\$5,630,000 Oct-23	\$14,511 Oct-24	Pump investigations completed and new pumps ordered. Currently in scoping phase to release design and construct RFT for pump station building and dosing rooms. Currently progressing on track for time and budget
3242	Kingsvale to Young pipeline Upgrade of approx 12km of pipeline	\$8,300,000 Dec-22	\$69,627 Aug-26	Detailed design contract awarded to DGP Water in Dec 2022 and expected completion date is Sept 2023. Design timeframe and budget are on track. Approximate start of construction tentatively scheduled for beginning of calendar year 2025.

15.1.3. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Sinclair that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 May 2023.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 May 2023.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012.

The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 25 May 2023. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes of ARIC Meeting 25 May 2023.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.1.4. COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2023/2024

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McAlister that:

- 1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 3% for the 2023/2024 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 27 April 2023.**
- 2. The annual remuneration for 2023/2024 is: Councillor \$10,599.50 and Chairperson \$17,409.91.**

Cr Sinclair voted against.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 3% for the 2023/2024 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 27 April 2023.
2. The annual remuneration for 2023/2024 is: Councillor \$10,599.50 and Chairperson \$17,409.91

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that annual fees are to be paid to councillors and chairpersons in accordance with categories determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal), while the setting of the fees is contained within sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993.

REPORT

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 27 April 2023 determined an increase of 3% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2023/2024 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2023.

For **Table 4: County Councils – Water** the fees are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor	\$1,960	\$10,870
Chairperson – additional	\$4,200	\$17,850

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.1.5. DEBT RECOVERY

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Piper that the Board receives and notes the update on Debt Recovery.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the update on Debt Recovery.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

From March 2021, Goldenfields Water recommenced debt recovery processes to collect overdue monies owed for water accounts. Debt recovery processes include the restriction / disconnection of properties and referral to external debt recovery agents.

REPORT

Outstanding water debtors as at 8 June 2023:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Water Billing Debtors	\$1,167,986.03	\$71,885.92	\$866,497.14	\$2,106,369.09
Less:				
Bulk Councils				\$738,658.62
Developer Charges				\$342,607.00
Total Retail Customers				\$1,025,103.47

Debt recovery action figures for the period June 2022 to early June 2023:

NOTICES ISSUED	No. Customers	Outstanding Account (\$)
Final Notice (Bill period 2023 Q3)	2048	1,388,344.84
Debt Recovery Action:		
Pending Restriction Notice	96	\$198,946.59
Restriction Warning Card	22	\$59,263.25
Physical Restriction / Disconnection	21	\$26,196.14
Total Payments Received (Following Debt Recovery Action)		\$114,015.30
RESTRICTION DETAILS		
Properties paid prior to restriction	45	\$61,742.58
Properties Unrestricted	11	\$18,410.56
Properties Remaining Restricted	10	\$22,607.78
Properties Referred to Debt Recovery Agent	30	\$139,569.07

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

15.2.1. THANOWRING RD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply
07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Council is renewing its pipeline operating from Temora to Ariah Park, known as the Thanowring rd trunk main pipe. This pipeline is a critical bulk water supply asset of the Oura Water Supply Scheme. The pipeline currently supplies potable water to the towns of Ardlethan, Ariah Park, Mirrool, Beckom, Kamarah, Moombooldool and Barellan with the possible future extension of the supply area to the Hylands Bridge Scheme (West of Barellan).

The pipeline is at the end of its usable life and requires an estimated 40km of renewal which has been earmarked as a high priority. Renewal of this trunk main will require sections of the existing main to remain in service during construction.

REPORT

Construction commenced in January of 2022 and had to cease from March through to November of 2022 due to heavy rainfall and flooding which restricted access to the pipeline route.

Construction re-commenced in November of 2022 and is currently at the 18-kilometer marker and within budget. The month of April has been slow going due to rainfall, mechanical breakdowns, and liaising with landowners.

Photos depict different stages of construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil

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15.2.2. WATER MAINS FLUSHING

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

REPORT

Water Mains flushing – as per 2022 / 2023 operational plan 1.4.3.1.

The water mains flushing is undertaken in the months of April, July, and October

<u>Coolamon Township</u>	
<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
<i>Campbells Lane</i>	<i>1.8 klms</i>
<i>Moses Road</i>	<i>1.9 klms</i>
<i>Wallace Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Moses Road</i>	<i>1.9 klms</i>
<i>Mann Street, Kingdon drive and Iverach Streets</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Loughnan Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Methul Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Jacaranda and Waratah Streets</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Learys Lane</i>	<i>1.3 klms</i>
<i>Mc Craigs Lane</i>	<i>1.1 klm</i>
<i>Wattle Lane</i>	<i>1.6 klm</i>
<i>Coolamon Road</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>Dyces Lane</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Millwood Road to Garland Street and new subdivision</i>	<i>2.4 klm</i>
<i>Angel Street to Maloneys Lane</i>	<i>2 klm</i>
<i>Iverach Street to Canola Way</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Cowabbie Street</i>	<i>2 klms</i>
<i>Kindra Crescent</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Bruce Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
Total	22.8 klms

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Ganmain Township

<i>Ashbridge Road</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Cave Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Moore Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Grant Street, Last Street and Waterview Streets</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Waterview Street</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Short Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Hall Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Rocks Road</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ford Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Campbell Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Grave Street, Park Street and Grant Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Loch Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
Total	6.6 klms

Junee Township

<i>Regent Street to Cable Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>Loughnan Road</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>DeSallis Drive</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Taylor Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Walster Street to Smythe Road</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Olympic Way</i>	<i>1.2 klm</i>
<i>Percy Street to Arnold Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Beach Street to Clarence Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Cuttle Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Fitzroy Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Crown Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>William Street</i>	<i>300 mtrs</i>
<i>George Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>McAllister Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Gundagai Road to Kahmoo Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Kahmoo Lane to Pitt Street</i>	<i>1.6 klm</i>
<i>Cedric Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
Total	11.6 klms

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil

15.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

15.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White 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

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

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.

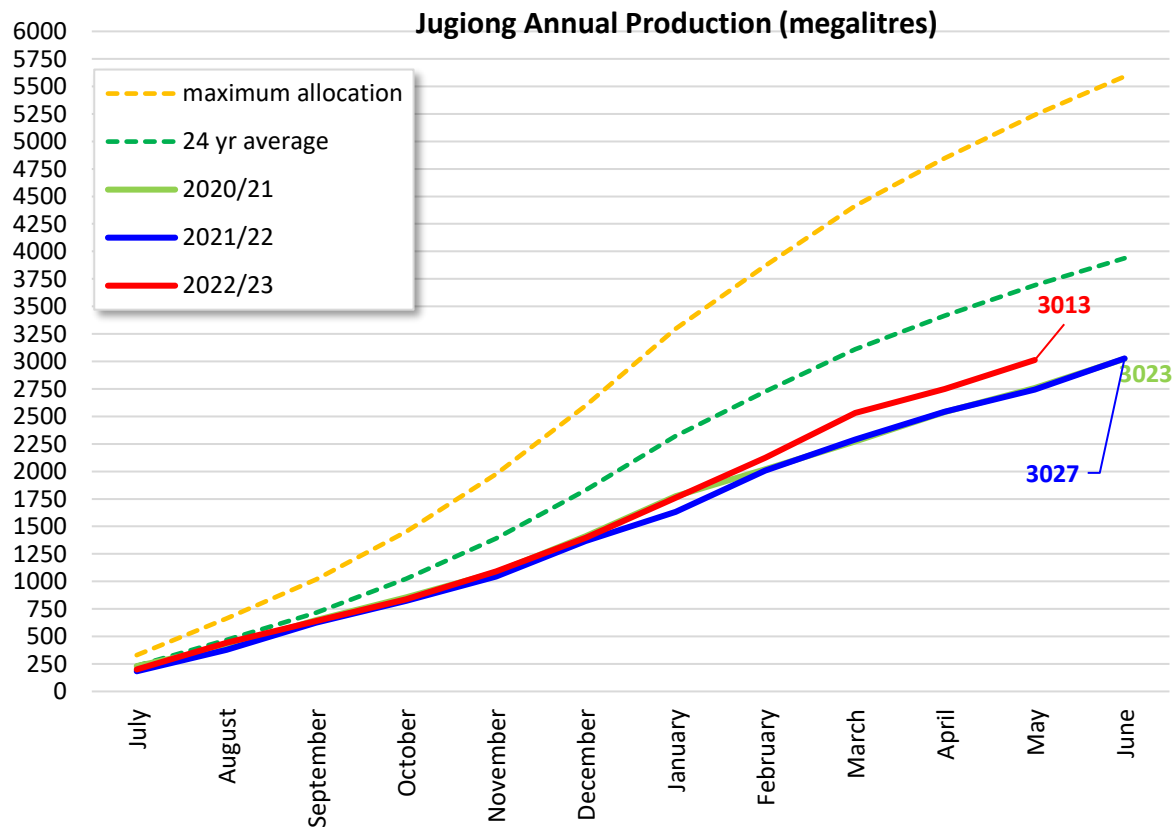
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to

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the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

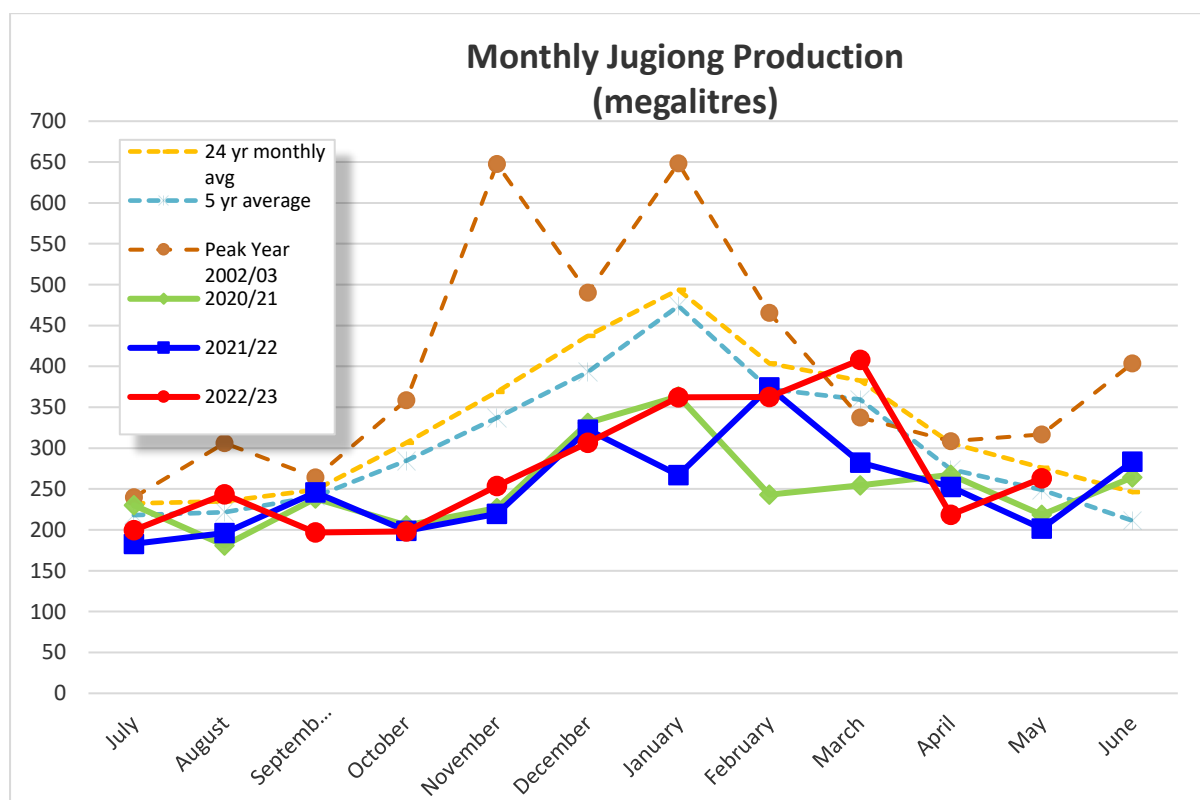
Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 3013ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the same period in the 2021/22 FY where 2743ML was extracted. An increase of 270ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 199ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September, where only 197ML was extracted and treated. October saw an extraction of 198ML. November through to January saw a gradual increase in production as we moved into the warmer months. November (254ML), December (307ML) and January (362ML). February had a similar production to January (362ML) before a slight increase in March (408ML) extracted. With the onset of cooler months production in April reduced to (219ML) and before a slight increase for May (263ML).

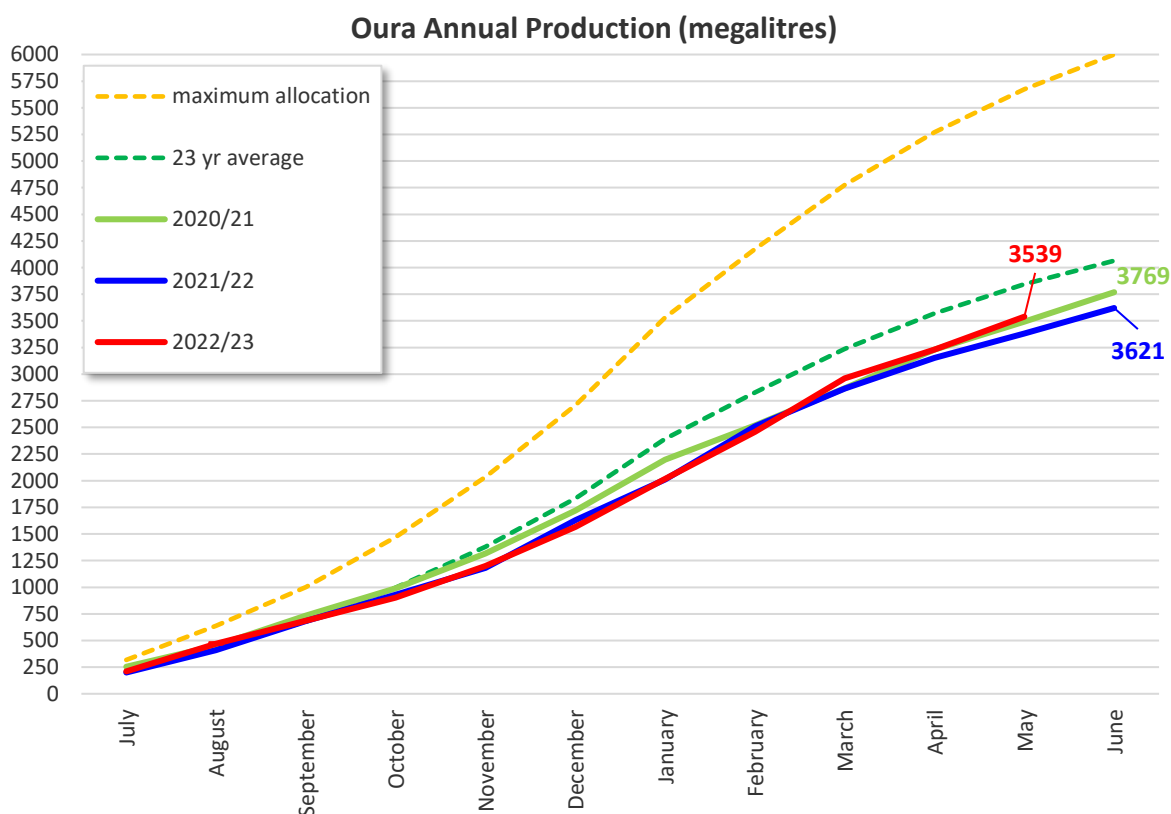


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 4 bores namely: Bores 2, 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.

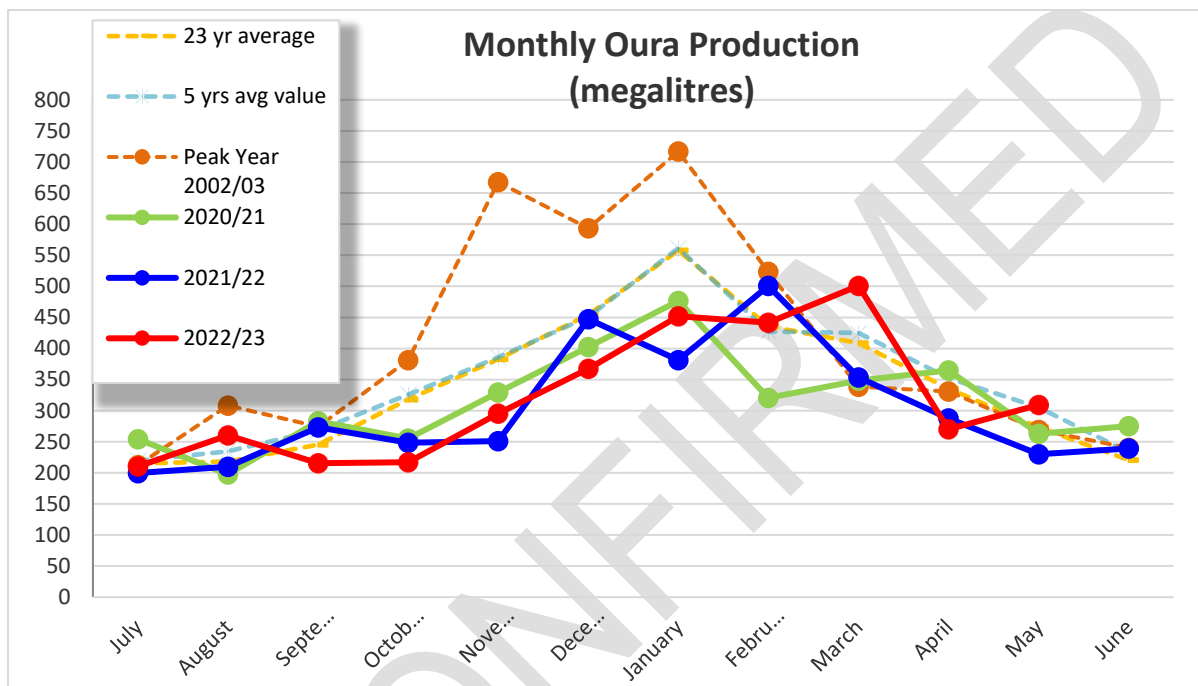
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 3539ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a slight increase in production compared to last FY where 3382ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 157ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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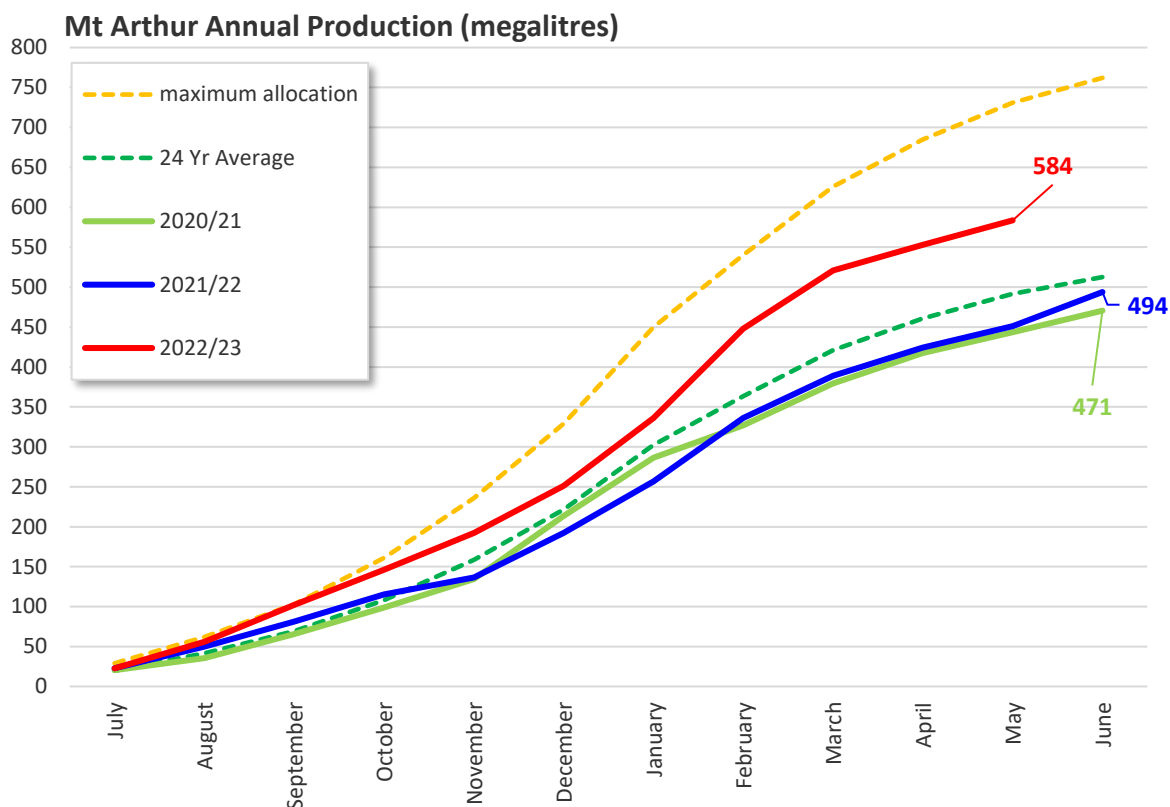
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September saw only 215ML extracted. October saw a further decrease where only 217ML was extracted. November through to January saw further production increases as we move into the warmer months. November (295ML), December (367ML) and January (452ML). February was slightly lower in production with (441ML) extracted before an increase in March saw (501ML) extracted from the Oura Bores. There was a large decrease in production for April (270ML) before a slight increase in Production in May (309ML).



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 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.

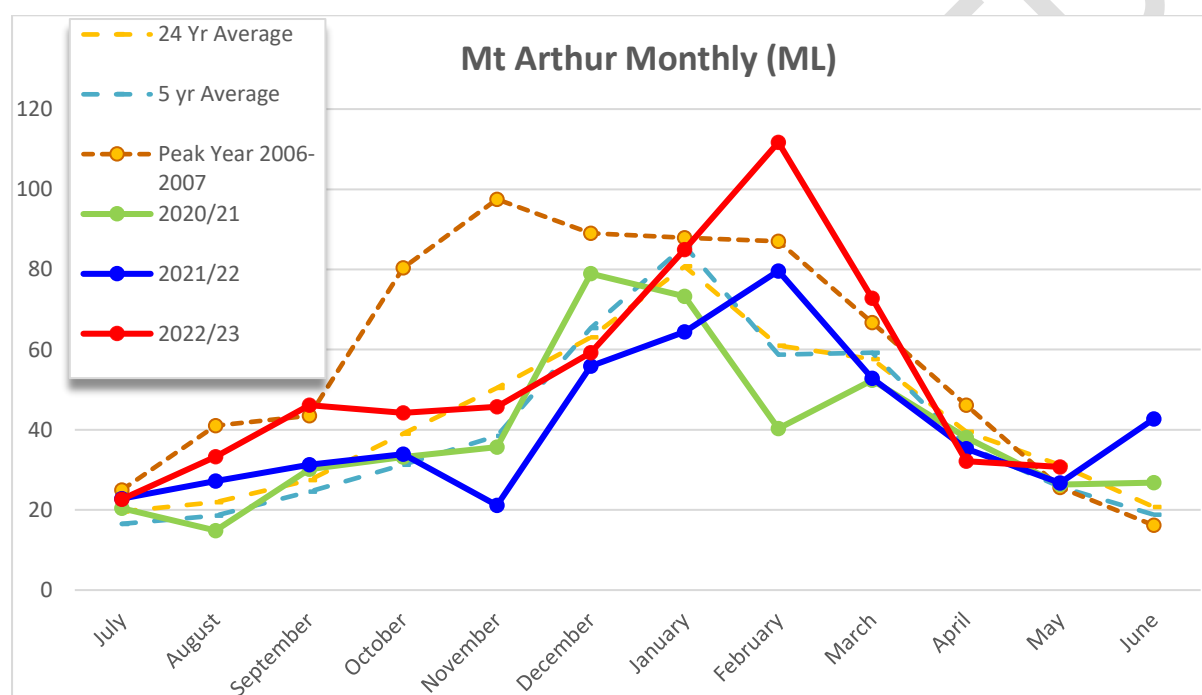
Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 584ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 451ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 133ML. This increase in Production over the year can be attributed to several bursts in Coolamon throughout the year, with a significant burst in February providing a significant loss of around 30ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending slightly higher to previous years. Whilst bursts have provided a loss of around 45ML for the year, production still appears to be above average, which indicates that either growth or non-residential usage is increasing.



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Mt Arthur monthly water production started very consistently to previous years with 23ML of water extracted from the bores in July before a significant increase in the following 2 months, August saw 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. This increase indicated a leak within the system, however finding was difficult with the wet catchment at the time.

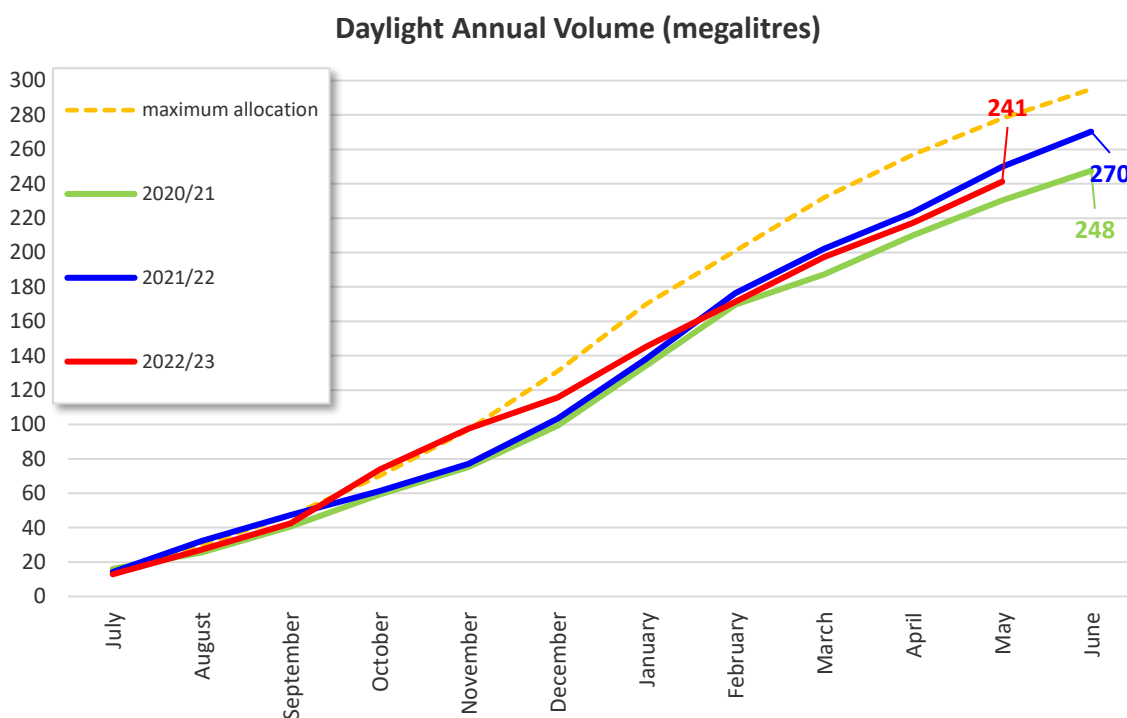
October saw a slight decrease with 44ML extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. November through to January saw a steady increase every month as we move into the warmer months. November (46ML), December (59ML) and January (85ML) extracted. February data indicates a large spike in production where (112ML) was extracted before a reduction in Production for March (73ML). This was a significant leak identified within the town retic, discharging within the rail corridor. April saw a further reduction in Production to (32ML) before a further slight reduction in May where (31ML) was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores.



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 which is located within the Bland Shire.

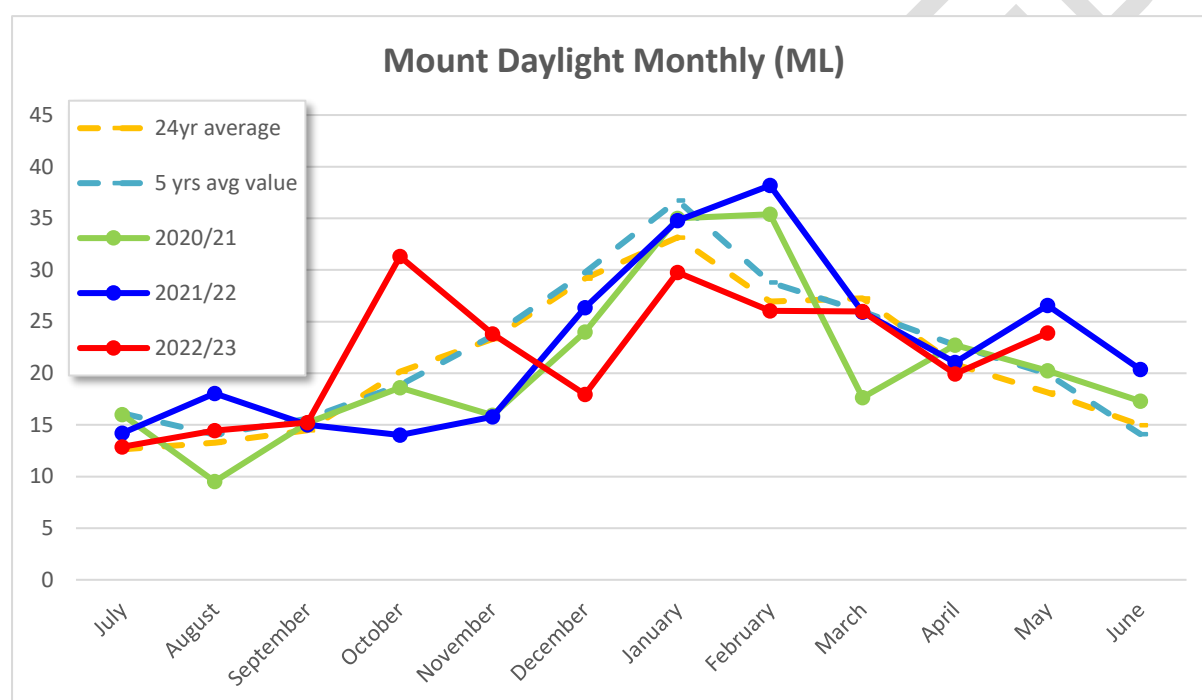
Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 241ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 9ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 250ML was produced over the same period. The steep increase in September/October indicates that a burst was evident in the scheme, interrogation of ClearSCADA pump run times indicates a pump had run for a long period of time also indicating a burst in the scheme. The burst was located on Harts Lane within the Mt Daylight scheme, again prolonged wet weather made it difficult to access and locate the burst.



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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores have started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML, September was steady with 15ML extracted before a dramatic increase for October where 31ML was extracted. As indicated this increase correlates to a burst in the system which has been located and fixed.

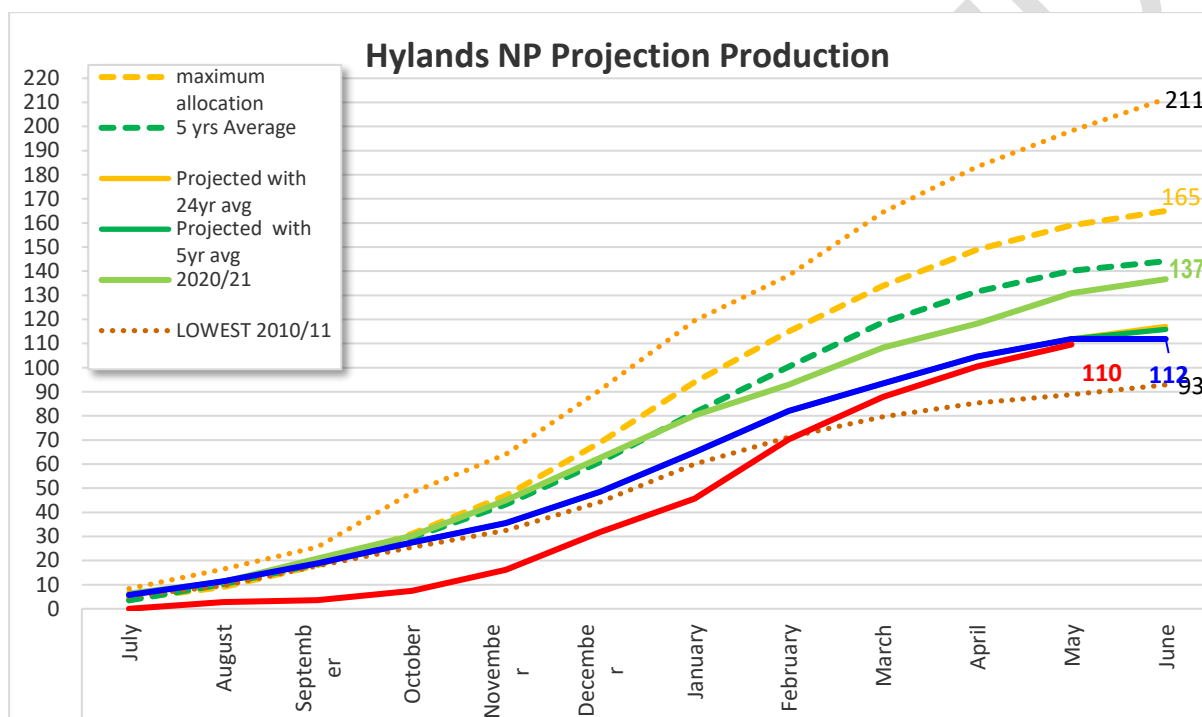
November through to January has seen some inconsistencies with production. These inconsistencies correlate to the prolonged period of flooding experienced at the bores. The period November and December saw a decrease in monthly extractions as both bores were under floodwater for up to 4-6 weeks. November saw 24ML produced with a further decrease in December where 18ML was produced. January saw an increase in production (30ML) as both bores were once again available for production as flood waters receded. February and March have been very consistent with (26ML) extracted for each of these months. April saw a decrease in Production (20ML) before a slight increase is evident in May (24ML).



Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non-Potable water to Barellan and Binya. The water is sourced through the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area where Goldenfields Water holds 165ML shareholding for water entitlement.

Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year only 110ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel maintenance and pump issues during August/September. The Hylands Bridge Scheme has the ability for cross connection of supply from the Oura scheme at Barellan. When maintenance is undertaken on the channels supply for Barellan is cut over to the Oura scheme to maintain supply.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

15.4.1. UPDATE ON ROSEHILL TO HARDEN PIPELINE EASEMENT

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Sinclair that the Board resolves to:

- 1. Note the updated information within the report**
- 2. Authorise the General Manager or his delegate to endorse the easement acquisitions and instruct surveyor to finalise and lodge the plans and documentation with NSW Land Registry Services.**

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Note the updated information within the report.
2. Authorise the General Manager or his delegate to endorse the easement acquisitions and instruct surveyor to finalise and lodge the plans and documentation with NSW Land Registry Services.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Policy NO. PP032, Goldenfields Water requires creation of easements for subsurface infrastructure such as pipelines, so they can easily access the relevant lands for construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of infrastructure. The easement gives Goldenfields Water an on-going legal right to have its infrastructure located on a property and to enter the property to maintain it even when that property changes ownership.

While there may exist statutory powers of entry under legislation such as the Local Government Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000, these statutory rights are not always sufficient for Goldenfields Water activities and purposes relating to infrastructure, and in these circumstances, easements will provide secure property rights to an Authority.

It is important to note that Goldenfields Water are not seeking to prohibit access or use of the land by creating an easement. Activities are still permitted within the easement area provided that they do not interfere with the rights and terms granted under the easement such as maintenance, replacement, repair or safe operation of the infrastructure.

REPORT

The Rosehill to Harden new pipeline construction has now been finalised, with the certificates of final completion shortly being released for both DN450 and DN500 sections. The new pipeline is running through a total of twenty-three (23) privately owned farming land parcels, which requires the creation of easements for water supply purpose.

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Prior to construction commencing, each property owners were contacted with an offer based on a valuation report and deed of agreement for the acquisition of an easement over their land under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW).

After negotiation process, all registered proprietors of the lands have signed the relevant deed and agreed to the creation of the easement and its terms, with the exception of one (1) owner of six (6) land parcels who were being leased and subsequently got sold after construction had been completed in those parcels. The new owners who purchased the six (6) affected lots were not made aware of the proposed easements over their land during the purchase process. Goldenfields Water are still in the process of seeking agreement for the lots listed as “pending” in the table below. The pipeline was constructed with the appropriate approvals in place and have the rights afforded to them through Local Government Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000 to access, operate and maintain the pipeline.

A registered surveyor has now finalised the preparation of deposited plan of proposed easement over the following affected privately owned land parcels:

Parcels with signed deed of agreement for acquisition of easement	Parcels with pending agreement for easement
Lot 1 DP121873	Lot 132 DP1089613
Lot 1 DP356768	Lot 135 DP753590
Lot 133 DP455123	Lot 1 DP722205
Lot 1 DP652888	Lot 221 DP753610 (need to be added in easement plan)
Lots 137, 188 & 262 DP753590	Lot 222 DP753610
Lot 65 DP753610	Lot 6 DP798666
Lots 347 & 545 DP753624	
Lots 1, 5 & 6 DP1085624	
Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP1079104	
Lot 1 DP340355	

Goldenfields Water’s staff and its solicitor are now reviewing the plan of proposed easement prior to the surveyor lodging the plan with NSW Land Registry Services (LRS) electronically.

Once the plan of proposed easement has been lodged with the LRS, a solicitor will organise for both parties to execute the Transfer Granting Easement documentation by both parties. Agreed compensation will then be paid to the affected proprietors of the land in accordance with agreed negotiated amount.

Goldenfields Water have two upcoming pipeline renewals projects in the area that will have subsequent landholder easement negotiations:

- Approximately 800m on DN500 pipeline between the Jugiong to Cowangs trunk main and the Rosehill pump station. This project has designs completed and are currently seeking easement agreements with the two affected landowners who have engaged a land valuation
- Kingsvale to Young pipeline upgrade approximately 12km of DN300 currently in design phase

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Easement costs were allowed for in project costs.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.5. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

15.5.1. ADOPTION OF 2023/2024 OPERATIONAL PLAN

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and McGlynn that:

- 1. Council adopts the 2023-2024 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display with the amendment to the Overdue Fees and Charges to 9% as detailed in the report.**
- 2. The fees and charges be made for the 2023-2024 year, as detailed in the adopted 2023-2024 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.**

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the 2023-2024 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display with the amendment to the Overdue Fees and Charges to 9% as detailed in the report.
2. The fees and charges be made for the 2023-2024 year, as detailed in the adopted 2023-2024 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an Operational Plan including an annual budget and annual fees and charges to be adopted before the beginning of each financial year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges has been on public exhibition for 28 days. No submissions have been received.

The Draft 2023-2024 Operational Plan, incorporating 2023-2024 Fees and Charges and 2023-2024 Budget Summaries is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

Adjustment of the Overdue Rates and Charges on page 87 has been increased from 6% to 9% in accordance with the OLG Circular 23-02 which was released on 8th May 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

16. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 10.00am.

17. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 10:36am