

MINUTES of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at THE TEMORA SHIRE COUNCIL on THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2006 at 10.02am.

PRESENT

Cr. D. Bolte (Chair), Cr. C. Manchester, Cr. J. Macaulay, Cr. P. Speirs, Cr. D. Palmer, Cr. J. McGregor and Cr. D. Edwards.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. P. Wearne, General Manager, Mr. P. Dwyer, Group Leader - Administration, Mr. N. Nasser, Group Leader - Production and Distribution and Mr. B. West - Group Leader – Engineering.

A. APOLOGIES

06/001 An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr. J. O'Brien and a leave of absence was granted on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Palmer.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2005

06/002 The Minutes of the Meeting held on December 16, 2005 having been circulated and read by the Members, were confirmed on the motions of Crs. McGregor and Palmer.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NIL

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Temora Shire Council (received 22/12/05)

A request from Temora Shire Council for the Headworks Contribution applicable to the connection of the Ariaah Park Cemetery be waived in this instance as the community committee is trying to beautify Ariaah Park

General Manager's comment: In accordance with Policy 2004002 – Community Service and Support, this connection is not subject to Access charges as Council makes an annual donation equivalent to that amount. Clause 9.4.4 of Council's current Management Plan states (in part) "except in special cases determined by Council that warrant the application of reduced charges, no variation to Council's Charges will apply as a result of the size of the allotment served, or the number of connection to any allotment, or any other situations."

Recommendation

That in accordance with Council's Policy and Management Plan the request be denied.

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06/003 RESOLVED on the motions of Crs. McGregor and Manchester that the Headworks Contribution in this instance be set at the equivalent of the Reticulation Headworks Charge.

2. Tony Stewart MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Utilities (received 16/01/06)

A response received from Tony Stewart MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Utilities to Council's submission regarding the Country Town Water Supply and Sewerage Program

Recommendation

That the information be noted

06/004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT *(P. Dwyer)*

1. CHEQUE WARRANTS – DECEMBER 2005 AND BANK RECONCILIATION

Warrant

Fund	Voucher Numbers	\$
Goldenfields Water County Council	14750 – 14944 Autopays 201 – 202	\$1,702,160.90

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance.....	\$ 139,825.57
Deposits.....	\$1,573,136.68
	\$1,712,962.25
Withdrawals.....	\$1,702,160.90

Balance as at 31 December 2005 \$ 10,801.35

2. CHEQUE WARRANTS – JANUARY 2006 AND BANK RECONCILIATION

Warrant

Fund	Voucher Numbers	\$
Goldenfields Water County Council	14945 – 15118 Autopays 203,204 & 258	\$1,130,782.54

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance.....	\$ 10,801.35
Deposits.....	\$1,455,154.14
	\$1,465,955.49
Withdrawals.....	\$1,130,782.54

Balance as at 31 January 2006 \$ 335,172.95

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

Listed below are Council's Investments as at 31 December 2005

Financial Institution	Face Value	Annualised Interest Rate %
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$14,169,642.46	5.53
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$13,290,734.70	5.39
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$175,634.42	5.45
Commonwealth Bank Bill due 07.12.06	\$500,000.00	5.80
LGFS Term Deposit due 25.1.06 -186533	\$700,000.00	5.73
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.2.06 -186925	\$507,105.48	5.68
LGFS Term Deposit due 2.3.06 - 186878	\$500,000.00	5.71
LGFS Term Deposit due 24.3.06 -188035	\$500,000.00	5.68
LGFS Term Deposit due 08.12.06 -188203	\$500,000.00	5.86
TOTAL:	\$30,843,117.06	

Listed below are Council's Investments as at 31 January 2006

Financial Institution	Face Value	Annualised Interest Rate %
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$13,635,619.91	5.28
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$13,360,697.87	6.20
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$83,058.80	5.45
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.2.06 -186925	\$507,105.48	5.68
LGFS Term Deposit due 2.3.06 -186878	\$500,000.00	5.71
LGFS Term Deposit due 24.3.06 -188035	\$500,000.00	5.68
LGFS Term Deposit due 26.4.06 -188696	\$720,219.84	5.67
CBA Term Deposit due 07.12.06	\$500,000.00	5.80
LGFS Term Deposit due 08.12.06-188203	\$500,000.00	5.86
TOTAL:	\$30,306,701.90	

I hereby certify that the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's investment policy.

Recommendation

That the information in respect of items E1 to 3 be noted.

06/005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and McGregor that the recommendation be adopted

4. OUTSTANDING DEBTORS

The balances outstanding as at 6 February 2006 were:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	84,200	8,311	235,450	327,961
Consumption Charges	191,493	78,969	612,502	882,964
Deferred headworks			84,000	84,000
TOTAL:	275,693	87,280	931,952	1,294,925
Overpayments				67,500

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Compared to previous month's balances below an increase of \$51,939 has occurred in the arrears and interest.

The balances outstanding as at 5 January 2006 were:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	60,376	7,791	37,192	105,359
Consumption Charges	165,644	77,223	134,018	376,885
Deferred headworks			88,000	88,000
TOTAL:	226,020	85,014	259,210	570,244
Overpayments				61,890

Compared to previous month's balances below a decrease of \$36,337 has occurred in the arrears and interest.

The balances outstanding as at 2 December 2005 were:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	69,584	6,885	103,942	180,411
Consumption Charges	196,136	74,766	330,400	601,302
Deferred headworks			92,000	92,000
TOTAL:	265,720	81,651	526,342	873,713
Overpayments				50,715

Recommendation

That the report on outstanding debtors be received and noted

06/006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

5. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 DECEMBER 2005

The Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 December 2005 is attached (yellow pages) for the consideration of Council.

Details of the main variations are as follows:

Revenue

- Interest on investments – increased by \$55,000 due to extra funds being invested with the anticipated drawn down for capital works not being as great as originally planned.
- Tapping fees – increased by \$5,000 due to higher than anticipated connections
- Other contributions – increased by \$20,000 due to funding received for training subsidies.

Operating revenue increased by \$80,000.

Expenditure

- Workers Compensation Insurance – increased by \$13,000 as net premium was higher than original estimate as a result of the adjustment to the 2004/05 premium.

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- Consultant fees – vote of \$35,500 required for balance due to JWP for preparation of Developer Service Plan

Operating expenditure increased by \$48,500.

Capital

It was reported to the October meeting that an additional vote of \$44,600 was required for reservoir relining and is included in the table below. The last review of the capital works program has resulted in the following variations being required:

New Assets			
5013119	Naradhan Res S & D	\$20,000	Land acquisition costs
5013121	Naradhan Res Cncl Costs	-\$20,000	T'fr to above
5013604	Ganmain Add'n Storage	-\$50,000	Separate Amenities Bldg.
5013609	Ganmain Amenities Bldg.	\$50,000	T'fr from above
5013520	Wooten St WW Main Xtn	-\$15,000	Deferred due to resid dev.
	Total for new assets:	-\$15,000	
Renewals			
5013128,501 & 502	Jugiong to Cowangs Mains Replacement	\$79,728	Adjustment to votes – overall increase of \$20K
5013105	June Reef's upgrade electrics	-\$10,000	Completed under budget
5013580	Oura PS upgrade telemetry	\$10,000	Quotes received higher than original. Estimate
5013532	Cowangs Reservoir Lining	\$92,480	Scope of work extended after detailed inspection
5013656	Barmedman Res. lining	-\$34,354	Revised final cost
5013657	Tower St Res. Lining	-\$19,926	Revised final cost
5013658	Naradhan Res. lining	\$48,916	Revised final cost
5013600	Matong – replace bore pump & electrics	\$76,500	Scope of works extended after pump failure
5013662	Stockinbingal Res lining	\$32,566	Urgent repairs needed whilst contractor in area
	Total for renewals:	\$275,910	
	Total Capital Budget Variation:	\$260,910	

The following changes are proposed to the budget:

Adopted operating budget (surplus)	\$88,710
Revision at 30 September 2005 – surplus	\$46,000
Revision at 31 December 2005 - surplus	\$31,500
Revised result – 30 June 2006 – anticipated surplus	\$166,210

No variation has been made to user charges in this review. This may need to be revised downward depending on the summer billing period. At this stage there

are no major areas of concern and the review indicates that Council's financial position is satisfactory.

Recommendation

That the quarterly budget review report as at 31 December 2005 be noted and that Council adopt the variations as listed.

06/007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Macaulay that the recommendation be adopted.

6.PENSION REBATES

Council is required to write-off concessions granted to eligible pensioners for water supplied. Nineteen hundred concession claims are current and require the writing-off of two periods:

1 July 2005 to 30 September 2005
(Subsidy claimed \$22,939.98 – Claim 128) and

1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005
(Subsidy claimed \$23,077.55 – Claim 129)

Recommendations

That Council hereby write-off, as mandatory concessions, the amount of \$41,709.04 in pensioner concession rebates for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 September 2005.

That Council hereby write-off, as mandatory concessions, the amount of \$41,959.18 in pensioner concession rebates for the period 1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005.

06/008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

7.PROPOSED DEBT WRITE-OFFS

Water accounts 77603, 77611 and 77606 are all under the same ownership.

Water Account 77603

An account discrepancy has remained unresolved since early 1999 concerns consumption charges of 2488 Kilolitres billed in March 1998 that was later found to be the result of a mis read.

Ex RWCC print-outs show the account balance as at February 1, 1999 was \$1236.10 and this balance was the basis of correspondence to the account holder (03/2/1999) that stated \$71.63 would be outstanding after the adjustment for the mis-read. It is also possible to calculate the likely charges from the meter records that suggests the February 1,1999 account balance was \$1,236.10 after the account adjustment. However which balance is correct cannot be substantiated. The financial records delivered July 1,1999 ex RWCC provide only some of the account balances and no detail transactions of the original charges, or of the misread correction.

While this has been in dispute, interest currently at \$578.76 continued to accrue.

Recommendation

That an amount of \$1,139.00 be written off water account 77603 as unrecoverable, and that a further \$578.76 in interest charges raised in error be also written off.

06/009 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water Account 77611

A dispute has remained unresolved since early 1999 following a second water connection in late 1997 for this account.

In March 1998 a water account was issued with consumption charges totalling \$3,772.35 (3,735 Kilolitres). The original connection's meter share was 406 Kilolitres for the period, the new second connection's meter had 3303 Kilolitres billed to it. (A 0000 install reading (no date recorded), and 3303 12/03/1998).

It is the second meter's consumption that this dispute concerns. The second connection's meter was a repaired meter, so the billed consumption was not correct. There are no records, either connection application, work order, or any other GWCC/RWCC records concerning the installation of the second meter.

In his letter of October 1998, the account holder, stated the meter was installed in February 1998 and had a reading of 3303. The meter then being turned off from 15/07/1998. The owner self estimated that period and paid for 360 Kilolitres.

Hand written notations state the second connection's meter was MF34882 and was installed 30/12/1997 and had a reading 1581. On 18/11/1998 this meter was checked, and was found not to be registering and having a reading of 3303 and (the service) turned off.

Consumption on the new meter 9/11/1998 until 04/12/2002 totalled 211 kilolitres (0.1430 Kilolitres per day).

Apart from the handwritten notation, no evidence exists to verify the actual installation meter reading that was the basis of the original charges in March 1998.

While this has been in dispute, interest currently at \$788.46 continued to accrue.

Recommendation

That an amount of \$1,470.46 be written off water account 77611 as unrecoverable, and that a further \$578.76 in interest charges raised in error be also written off.

06/010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water Account 77606

A dispute has remained unresolved since early 1999 concerning 1,050 kilolitres billed in October 1998. There appears to be no issue with this debt as subsequent meter readings were carried out confirming the meter continued to record and the issued account was not the result of any meter mis read.

In February 1999 the account holder was forwarded advice that included "*Unless found to be defective, a meter is deemed to correctly register the amount of water passing through it. A meter test can be undertaken upon the payment of a meter test deposit of \$30.00. Such deposit is refundable if...*".

There is no record of a request for a meter test and while the water meter was replaced 30/09/1999, this was as a result of frost damage. A further meter replacement, again for frost damage occurred in June 2003. (new meter, zero reading)

This new water meter's initial consumption of 2130 kilolitres also remains unpaid.

While these consumptions are valid and can be substantiated, this account was included with other account disputes. Therefore, it is suggested that consideration be given to waiving interest totalling \$ 896.33 in an effort to see this matter resolved.

Recommendation

That interest charges totaling \$896.33 be written off water account 77606.

06/011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water Account 73011

This water account previously supplied a small village bowling club that was located on leased railway lands. In January 2001 the club secretary advised that the members had resolved to cease operations with the club then closing. Formal advice from NSW Rail Estate states the lease was terminated November 30, 2000.

While no charges have been raised on this account since July 2003 and the property is now disconnected, the account balance of \$509.58 made up of access charges after the lease terminated and interest charges remain.

Recommendation

That \$395.70 of access charges incorrectly raised, be written off water account 73011 and interest of \$ 113.88 raised in error be also written off.

06/012 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water Account 77522

While this account discrepancy concerns a water consumption charge of \$2,399.28 in March 1998, a write off of \$2,020.00 was made in February 1999. The account holder then objected stating that the estimation for the period was

too high, and no refund of meter test fee had been made. He further stated he would not pay this or any further charges on this account until it was resolved.

This customer file was found with two water connection applications in the same name in July 2003. While those water applications matters were successfully resolved in August 2003, this account discrepancy was again set aside.

Interest has continued to accrue, totalling \$2,188.68.

A review of the original consumption for the period 11/12/1997 to 13/03/1998 had been made in 2001 with it recommended that a further \$95.50 to be written off and the refund of the \$30.00 meter test be made.

Recommendation

That \$95.50 be written off water account 77522, the amount of \$30.00 meter test deposited be refunded to the water account, and in order to see this matter resolved that interest of \$2,554.34 be also written off.

06/013 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water account 77603

A discrepancy has remained unresolved since late 1997. This centres on consumption of 708 Kilolitres for the period 30 May 1997 to 1 September 1997. The tenants disputed the consumption as they could not satisfy themselves to the excessive consumption and at the time paid a nominal \$100.00. While the meter was removed for testing, no record of that test is available, nor are there any electronic records of payments or charges available for 1997.

In order to resolve this matter it was proposed that an estimation be carried out for the disputed period based upon consumption immediately prior to and after the disputed period. This estimation of 212 kilolitres (at the 1997 rate of \$1.01) was \$214.12 and this was accepted by the tenants. As \$100.00 had already been paid, the remaining \$114.12 was also received.

Recommendation

That an estimation of 212 kilolitres be made for account 72983 for water consumption for the period 30 May 1997 to 1 September 1997, and that an amount of \$544.65 being the remaining balance be written off.

06/014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

Water Account 75305 and 75304

Two accounts under the same ownership supply two adjoining properties. One account shows typical urban water consumption, while the other showed nil water consumption since electronic records commenced in 1996. There was no water meter physically located on the property with the connection treated as a temporary disconnection.

The properties transferred together in July 2002 with the new owners of the view that as only one water connection supplied the properties, then, the second water

account's access charge should not apply. No payments have been made in this regard.

There is no information available showing that the previous owners intended the second water connection be either temporarily or permanently disconnected. To see this matter resolved, it is proposed to treat this second connection as permanently disconnected as from the date of transfer and amend the remaining water account to show it supplies both parcels of land. Any future second water connection will require the full payment of any headworks/infrastructure and connection charges that may then apply.

Recommendation

1. That the date of transfer, 1 July 2002 be the effective date for permanent disconnection for the water service that was previously considered temporarily disconnected.
2. The amount of \$570.84 being access charges and interest to 30 June 2005 be written off water account 75305.
3. Access charges and interest from 1 July 2005 to 12 January 2006 be reversed from water account 75305.
4. Water account 75304 be amended to show it supplies both Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP 189011.
5. Should the owners, or subsequent owner(s), at some future time wish to have a second connection, then that connection will require the full payment of any headworks /infrastructure and connection charges that may then apply.

06/015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Speirs and McGregor that the recommendations within the report be adopted.

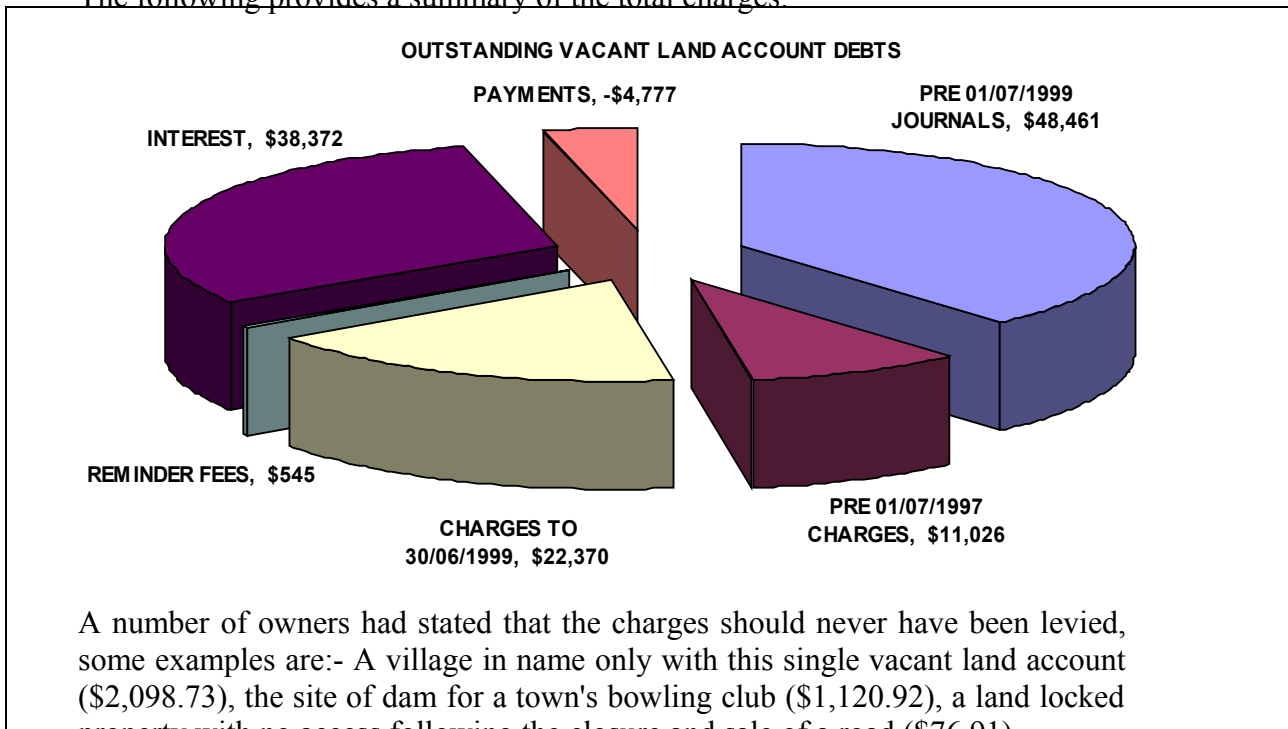
8.OUTSTANDING VACANT LAND CHARGES

Council's predecessor, Northern Riverina Water County Council levied a charge on properties as now permitted under Section 552 1 (b) of the Local Government Act. While not connected to the water supply, land situated within 225 metres of a council water main can be levied a charge. These charges continued to be levied at \$21.00 per quarter on approximately 1000 water accounts from proclamation (1 July 1997) to 30 June 1999.

Some 140 vacant land water accounts have outstanding balances ranging from \$1.27 to \$5,092.82, having an average of \$821.17 and a combined total of \$114,963.20.

110 of these accounts have amounts brought forward in most cases dated 01/07/1995. There are no records providing any details as to what these amounts refer. The next transactions are then generally dated April 1996. Charges up to 01 July 1997 are typically listed as \$104.25 per account, while charges from then, to cessation of levying of the charges (July 1999) generally sees a further \$168.00 added. Riverina Water charged a \$5.00 reminder fee to 109 of these accounts however the local government Act makes no provision for such charges and this was reported to Council in early 1999. Some 29 accounts have seen some payments. Interest charges have been raised on all of these accounts since 1 January 2001.

The following provides a summary of the total charges:



It also appears that the NRCC may have billed vacant land charges on properties already connected. Others appear to be contiguously owned with connected properties and may be difficult to substantiate. Several have incorrect property description while one is identified as being in Narrandera. A number have changed owners.

With 42% of the debts lacking any detail as to their origin a significant portion of the interest raised would then also be unrecoverable. Certainly there are legitimate charges on some of these accounts that may be substantiated and without interest would be \$272.25 per account, however extensive case by case review would be required. It is also understood customers were last contacted in either 2000 or 2001 concerning their outstanding debts.

Recommendation

The amount of \$114,963.20 on 140 water accounts as individually detailed below be written off as uneconomic to recover.

06/016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

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ACCOUNT NO.	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	ACCOUNT NO.	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	ACCOUNT NO.	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
72174	\$ 625.82	73306	\$ 415.95	79626	\$ 1,117.19
72175	\$ 282.27	73308	\$ 63.10	79631	\$ 1,282.96
72176	\$ 188.18	73315	\$ 414.10	79640	\$ 1,639.94
72181	\$ 341.57	73318	\$ 94.09	79642	\$ 1,141.11
72184	\$ 414.10	73338	\$ 746.78	79662	\$ 732.58
72270	\$ 561.97	73345	\$ 474.56	79664	\$ 686.31
72527	\$ 1,181.34	73366	\$ 2,098.73	79665	\$ 730.72
72567	\$ 352.49	73651	\$ 76.91	79676	\$ 5.66
72568	\$ 352.49	73658	\$ 887.48	79691	\$ 282.65
72595	\$ 251.25	73667	\$ 383.87	79697	\$ 62.68
72606	\$ 352.49	73669	\$ 125.46	79698	\$ 1,174.46
72608	\$ 352.49	73670	\$ 219.55	79699	\$ 2,161.35
72610	\$ 1,622.89	73675	\$ 258.38	79701	\$ 1,838.72
72611	\$ 1,622.89	73676	\$ 383.87	79854	\$ 469.83
72903	\$ 535.09	73682	\$ 352.49	79869	\$ 1,120.92
72904	\$ 535.09	73684	\$ 125.46	79871	\$ 63.10
72905	\$ 746.78	73685	\$ 430.14	79880	\$ 1,535.28
72906	\$ 535.09	73689	\$ 1,255.55	79886	\$ 267.70
72922	\$ 188.55	73715	\$ 125.46	79892	\$ 535.09
72923	\$ 746.78	73718	\$ 2,036.02	79896	\$ 95.18
72924	\$ 1,181.63	73785	\$ 125.46	79909	\$ 157.59
72928	\$ 746.78	73787	\$ 321.09	79910	\$ 686.31
72929	\$ 941.69	73794	\$ 368.55	80138	\$ 257.10
72931	\$ 94.09	73798	\$ 2,198.89	80139	\$ 266.08
72933	\$ 414.10	73803	\$ 746.78	80147	\$ 1,076.13
72943	\$ 746.78	73804	\$ 1,980.31	80153	\$ 444.31
72944	\$ 1,971.74	74148	\$ 686.31	80157	\$ 793.15
72946	\$ 986.48	74149	\$ 1,244.83	80161	\$ 1,076.13
72950	\$ 1,120.92	74179	\$ 444.31	80162	\$ 1,093.67
72955	\$ 1,244.48	74190	\$ 352.49	80163	\$ 555.21
72956	\$ 1.61	74192	\$ 908.11	80357	\$ 1,120.92
72960	\$ 941.69	74193	\$ 282.27	80368	\$ 2,676.65
72961	\$ 1,971.74	74202	\$ 63.48	80369	\$ 219.91
72963	\$ 746.78	74228	\$ 4,064.03	80373	\$ 1,528.89
72964	\$ 656.04	74238	\$ 1.27	80374	\$ 377.14
72974	\$ 250.91	74239	\$ 352.49	80450	\$ 1,031.29
73015	\$ 2,074.68	74249	\$ 322.25	80451	\$ 352.49
73016	\$ 2,121.36	74921	\$ 383.87	80458	\$ 41.78
73017	\$ 1,971.74	74962	\$ 686.31	80462	\$ 126.56
73018	\$ 1,971.74	75139	\$ 5,092.82	80525	\$ 941.69
73023	\$ 1,911.33	75770	\$ 1.84	80734	\$ 1,228.31
73024	\$ 2,053.80	76245	\$ 1,921.93	80750	\$ 716.52
73025	\$ 2,113.23	76896	\$ 219.55	80755	\$ 62.68
73026	\$ 1,683.27	77198	\$ 874.48	80758	\$ 282.27
73029	\$ 746.78	77868	\$ 352.49	80760	\$ 219.55
73072	\$ 1,181.34	79285	\$ 156.84	80761	\$ 8.53
73305	\$ 1,858.88	79290	\$ 62.68	TOTAL	\$ 114,963.20

**F. WORKS REPORT
DECEMBER 2005**

1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	AFFECTEDCONS.	DIA/TYPE (mm)	EST. LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
1/12/05	-	-	Illabo Rural	-	150	1	Split pipe
1/12/05	1.00	7.00	Percy Street, Junee	40	100	20	Split pipe
2/12/05	-	-	Ardlethan	-	100	50	Split pipe
3/12/05	1.15	4.15	Marrar Village	15	100	30	Joint failure
5/12/05	-	-	Sydney Road, Berthong	-	150	10	Split pipe
6/12/05	1.00	11.00	Ganmain Retic	10	100	20	Split pipe
8/12/05	10.00	12.30	Ariah Park to Ardlethan main	10	150	15	Cracked pipe
9/12/05	-	-	Malebo	-	200	10	Split pipe
12/12/05	12.30	7.30	Waterview Street, Ganmain	20	100	50	Split pipe
12/12/05	11.30	2.00	Black Gate Road, Frampton	2	100	20	Split pipe
13/12/05	5.00	7.00	Methul Street, Coolamon	20	100	80	Split pipe
13/12/05	-	-	Junee Town	-	100	5	Split pipe
13/12/05	-	-	Slee Street, Wyalong	-	100	10	Cracked pipe
13/12/05	-	-	Harefield Road, Junee	-	100	10	Hole in pipe
14/12/05	-	-	Bygoo Street, Ardlethan	-	100	20	Cracked pipe
14/12/05	-	-	Malebo Range	-	200	10	Split pipe
14/12/05	-	-	Cootamundra – Bauloora	-	375	6	Joint failure
14/12/05	-	-	Temora Road, Cootamundra	-	-	15	Hole in pipe
18/12/05	-	-	Binya system	-	100	10	Split pipe
19/12/05	-	-	Trunk main Barmedman	-	300	50	Hole in pipe
20/12/05	-	-	Lonsdale Lane, Coolamon	-	200	100	Cracked fitting
20/12/05	-	-	Waterview Street, Ganmain	-	100	50	Cracked pipe
21/12/05	-	-	Barmedman	-	120	5	Joint failure
22/12/05	-	-	Leeton Road, Binya	-	100	50	Split pipe

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22/12/05	-	-	Malebo Range	50	150	10	Split pipe
22/12/05	-	-	Barellan Town	-	100	10	Split pipe
22/12/05	-	-	Garoolgan – Binya	-	100	50	Cracked pipe
30/12/05	3.00	12.00	Ganmain	-	100	30	Split pipe
31/12/05	2.00	6.30	Temora	4	100	50	Split pipe

2. COMPLAINTS

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

Dirty Water – Other

2/12/05 Jacaranda Avenue, Coolamon
2/12/05 Langham Street, Ganmain
8/12/05 Bolaro Street, Grong Grong
20/12/05 Neeld Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Golden Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Conway Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Neeld Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Queen Street, Barmedman
20/12/05 Golden Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Neeld Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Main Street, West Wyalong
20/12/05 DeBoos Street, Barmedman
20/12/05 Watson Street, Barmedman
20/12/05 Railway Road, West Wyalong
20/12/05 Neeld Street, West Wyalong
21/12/05 Wallace Street, Coolamon
21/12/05 Perseverance Street, West Wyalong
21/12/05 Mallee Street, West Wyalong
21/12/05 Gorman Street, West Wyalong
22/12/05 Conway Street, West Wyalong
22/12/05 Victory Street, West Wyalong
22/12/05 Fleece Street, West Wyalong
22/12/05 Sherwood Road, Temora
22/12/05 Haig Street, Temora
23/12/05 Clearidge Road, Temora

Other Problems:

A total of 70 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of December.

3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE

The following significant Works were undertaken in December 2005:-

- Overhaul No. 3 high lift pump at Jugiong
- Repairs to No. 1 Bore Matong discharge head and connection box.
- Replace faulty relays No. 1 Bore Matong
- Install new transducer – Ungarie Town Reservoir
- Continue with Ganmain pipeline upgrade
- Commenced meter reading
- Flushed Western section of Coolamon Town Retic.
- Installed inlet pipework for new Naradhan Reservoir

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- Completed Stinson Street, Coolamon pipe relocation for Coolamon Shire
- Commenced Construction of Pump Building and pipework for new Barellan Reservoir

**G. WORKS REPORT
JANUARY 2006**

1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	AFFECTED CONS.	DIA/TYPE (mm)	EST. LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
3/1/06	-	-	Gladstone Lane, West Wyalong	-	100	20	Cracked pipe
5/1/06	-	-	Hadrills Lane, Naradhan	-	80	10	Split pipe
6/1/06	6.00	11.00	Wade Street, Coolamon	40	100	20	Split pipe
8/1/06	-	-	Narrandera Road, Barellan	-	100	5	Cracked pipe
8/1/06	12.00	1.00	Old Sydney Road, Illabo	-	150	10	Cracked pipe
8/1/06	-	-	Garoolgan Pump Station	-	100	20	Fitting failure
12/1/06	12.00	4.00	Malebo Range	15	80	30	Split pipe
14/1/06	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Combaning	-	375	5	Hole in pipe
14/1/06	-	-	Garoolgan	-	100	5	Split pipe
14/1/06	-	-	Springdale – Temora	-	375	50	Hole in pipe
17/1/06	-	-	Neeld Street, Wyalong	-	100	3	Cracked pipe
17/1/06	-	-	Cootamundra – Bauloora	-	375	10	Hole in pipe
17/1/06	-	-	Pine Street, Wyalong	-	100	10	Cracked pipe
18/1/06	6.00	9.00	Ford Street, Ganmain	25	100	50	Split pipe
19/1/06	2.00	3.30	Spring Street, Ganmain	15	250	50	Joint failure
19/1/06	6.00	10.00	Camp Street, Ganmain	-	100	20	Cracked pipe
19/1/06	-	-	Cowangs – Bauloora	-	375	10	Joint failure
20/1/06	-	-	Malebo Range	3	80	50	Split pipe
23/1/06	8.00	9.00	Conways Lane,	7	100	10	Cracked

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			Wyalong				pipe	
23/1/06	12.30	8.30	Cowangs Bauloora	-	-	300	50	Hole in pipe
23/1/06	-	-	Ethel & Mackrell Street, Ungarie	1	100	4	Cracked pipe	
25/1/06	-	-	Cootamundra Bauloora	-	-	375	20	Hole in pipe
27/1/06	6.30	8.30	Junee	-	100	10	Split pipe	
28/1/06	11.30	1.30	Junee	20	100	20	Split pipe	
28/1/06	5.00	7.00	Malebo Range	-	200	20	Split pipe	

2.COMPLAINTS

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

Dirty Water – Other

9/1/06 Main Street, West Wyalong
12/1/06 Wallace Street, Coolamon
16/1/06 Victoria Street, Temora
23/1/06 Millwood Road, Coolamon
31/1/06 Loftus Street, Temora

Other Problems:

A total of 82 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of January.

3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE

The following significant Works were undertaken in January 2006:-

- Replace bearings in No. 6 pump motor – Ganmain
- Installed new chlorine alum sensor at Reefton Chlorinator
- Continue with Ganmain pipeline upgrade
- Completed meter reading
- Installed 80mm fire service for Allawah Lodge – Coolamon
- Cleaned Cowangs No. 3 Reservoir
- Continue with pump building and pipework for new Barellan Reservoir
- Commission pipe upgrade for new operating system at Marina pumping station and silo's booster - Junee

Recommendation

That the information be noted

06/017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

H. OTHER REPORTS

1.CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

The Capital Work Progress Report to the end of January 2006 is attached for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

06/018 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Speirs and Edwards that the recommendation be adopted.

2.STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPORT

Attached for the information of Councillors is a copy of the Training & Development Progress Report for the period 1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005. The report reaffirms Council's commitment to staff training.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

06/019 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

3.DEMAND MANAGEMENT, WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER RESTRICTIONS

Councillors will be aware that at present Goldenfields Water has imposed some minor restrictions on the use of fixed hoses/sprinkler systems and water carting. These restrictions effectively ban the use of these watering devices during the heat of the day and whilst it assists with demand management of our system, it also supports the "water wise" philosophy.

The NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) have adopted, as part of its Drought Management Plan Guidelines 2002, a matrix of restrictions that should be imposed. This Matrix is attached as Appendix 1 for the information of Councillors. In looking at these restrictions it is not unreasonable to say that with Goldenfields present water allocation and our demand management regime, the times at which Level 1 or greater of these restrictions would be needed is only when a major incident or disaster occurs.

Appendix 2 is a Draft Water Restrictions matrix that has been developed by staff. This is perceived as more in line with the level of restriction needed by this organisation in times of minor supply disruptions (whether planned or unplanned). They also support the "water wise" philosophy of responsible water use. These Draft Water Restrictions are targeted predominately at residential and public passive recreation areas (ie parks and gardens both public and private) which is where the majority of our consumption occurs during the peak demand periods particularly during the summer months. Appendix 3 depicts the restriction of fixed hoses and/or sprinklers systems from Level A to Level D in a

time line format that is relatively easy for customers to understand and it is intended, subject to Council approval, that this form part of a customer awareness and education program

It is suggested that Council consider adopting both Level A to Level D Restrictions and Level 1 to Level 6 Restrictions as policy with the intent that Level A restrictions be invoked each year from mid Spring to early Autumn each year (i.e. during the duration of Eastern Daylight Saving) as part of our demand management strategy. It is also suggested that the General Manager in consultation with the Chairman be given the delegated authority to impose any of the above restrictions levels as deemed necessary dependant on specific operational circumstances that may arise from time to time.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt as policy the levels of restriction as identified in Appendices 1 and 2 referred to above.
2. That Level A restrictions be invoked each year from mid Spring to early Autumn each year (i.e. during the duration of Eastern Daylight Saving) as part of our demand management strategy.
3. That the General Manager in consultation with the Chairman be given the delegated authority to impose any of the above restrictions levels as deemed necessary dependant on specific operational circumstances that may arise from time to time.
4. That a public awareness campaign be undertaken to advise our customers of the various restriction levels

06/020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Speirs that the recommendation be adopted.

4.FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council would normally be held in April. As today's meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Young, it is suggested that the April meeting now be at that venue.

Recommendation

That the next Council Meeting will held on Thursday 27 April 2006 at Young Shire Council Chambers.

06/021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Edwards that the recommendation be adopted.

LATE ITEM

5. RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION – BOLTES ROAD, WEST WYALONG

The General Manager advised Council of a 5 lot Residential Subdivision in West Wyalong. The mains extension to service the subdivision was nearing completion and commissioning. The Developer has not yet indicated whether he would be making application for the deferment of headworks contributions in accordance

with Council policy and the General Manager sought approval from Council to enter into such an agreement should the matter arise before the next Council Meeting.

06/022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and Speirs that the General Manager be authorised to enter into a Deferred Payment of Headworks Agreement should the need arise.

I. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr. Speirs sought and was provided with information relating to Councils Website.

Cr. Speirs, as a member of the Mandamah Water Scheme Steering Committee gave Council an update of recent and future events.

Cr. Macaulay sought and was provided with information on Isolation valves on the customer's side of the meter.

Cr. Macaulay sought and was provided with information on the possibility of additional storage facilities at Junee.

Cr. Edwards sought and was provided with information on the Barellan Raw Water scheme.

Cr. Palmer sought and was provided with information on the mailing out of Councils Water Accounts.

J. CLOSED SESSION (*Pink pages*)

In accordance with Clause 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 the following item is to be considered in Closed Session as it relates to:

“...(c) Information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business,”

CLOSED SESSION – 11.15am.

06/023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and McGregor that the Council meet in Closed Session.

06/024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

OPEN SESSION – 11.35am.

06/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Speirs that the Council revert to Open Session and that the resolutions made in closed session be made public.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 11.50am.
