

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY  
COUNCIL held at TEMORA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS on  
THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2006 AT 1.15pm.**

**PRESENT**

Cr. D. Bolte (Chair), Cr. C. Manchester, Cr. J. Macaulay, Cr. D. Palmer, Cr. J. McGregor, Cr. J O'Brien 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**

06/047 An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr. P. Speirs and a leave of absence was granted on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Manchester.

**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
27 APRIL 2006**

06/048 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2006 having been circulated and read by the Members, were confirmed on the motions of Crs. Manchester and O'Brien.

**C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**NIL**

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

**NIL**

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT (P. Dwyer)**

**1. CHEQUE WARRANTS – APRIL 2006 AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

**Warrant**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Voucher Numbers</b>	<b>\$</b>
Water	15404 – 15609 Autopays 600208-209	\$1,629,589.45

**Bank Reconciliation**

Opening Balance	\$ 84,149.51
Deposits	\$2,209,012.11
	<u>\$2,293,161.62</u>
Withdrawals	\$1,629,589.45
Balance as at 30 April 2006	<u><u>\$663,572.17</u></u>

**2. CHEQUE WARRANTS – MAY 2006 AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

**Warrant**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Voucher Numbers</b>	<b>\$</b>
Water	15610 – 15832 Autopays 600210-211	\$2,099,232.97

**Bank Reconciliation**

Opening Balance	\$663,572.17
Deposits	\$1,500,402.09
	<u>\$2,163,974.26</u>
Withdrawals	\$2,099,232.97
Balance as at 31 May 2006	<u><u>\$ 64,741.29</u></u>

**3. REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS**

Listed below are Council's Investments as at 30 April 2006

<b>Financial Institution</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Annualised Interest Rate %</b>
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$13,819,002.29	5.43
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$13,542,677.45	5.25
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$1,391,207.71	5.45
LGFS Term Deposit due 1.06.06-189105	\$515,018.08	5.63
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.8.06-188980	\$521,309.99	5.65
CBA Term Deposit due 07.12.06	\$500,000.00	5.80
LGFS Term Deposit due 8.12.06-188203	\$500,000.00	5.86
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.3.07-189365	\$500,000.00	5.75
LGFS Term Deposit due 26.4.07-189657	\$700,000.00	6.02
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$31,989,215.52</b>	

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

<b>Financial Institution</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Annualised Interest Rate %</b>
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$7,061,159.08	5.60
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$13,606,222.11	5.52
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$141,207.71	5.70
LGFS Term Deposit due 1.06.06-189105	\$515,018.08	5.63
CBA Term Deposit due 03.07.06	\$500,000.00	5.87
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.8.06-188980	\$521,309.99	5.65
CBA Term Deposit due 01.09.06	\$500,000.00	5.89
CBA Term Deposit due 03.10.06	\$500,000.00	5.92
CBA Term Deposit due 07.12.06	\$500,000.00	5.80
LGFS Term Deposit due 8.12.06-188203	\$500,000.00	5.86
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.3.07-189365	\$500,000.00	5.75
LGFS Term Deposit due 26.4.07-189657	\$700,000.00	6.02
LGFS Term Deposit due 04.5.07-189919	\$500,000.00	6.20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,044,916.97</b>	

The reduction in the NSW Treasury cash facility resulted from the payout of the loan outstanding with this facility (\$6,388,784) on 1 May 2006.

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 E3 be noted.

06/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and McGregor that the recommendation be adopted.

**4. OUTSTANDING DEBTORS**

The balances outstanding as at 9 June 2006 were:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Access Charges	61,117	7,867	132,954	201,938
Consumption Charges	149,046	38,534	236,891	424,471
Deferred headworks			94,000	94,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>210,163</b>	<b>46,401</b>	<b>463,845</b>	<b>720,409</b>
Overpayments				<b>57,886</b>

The balances outstanding as at 10 May 2006 were:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Access Charges	75,092	8,137	129,163	212,392
Consumption Charges	165,357	39,987	451,456	656,800
Deferred headworks			92,000	92,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>240,449</b>	<b>48,124</b>	<b>672,619</b>	<b>961,192</b>
Overpayments				<b>57,704</b>

As indicated in the report to the last meeting of Council follow up of outstanding accounts is continuing. In relation to the accounts issued for the West Wyalong and western villages the results for this have been:

No. of notices issued	75
Paid in full	24
Arrangements made	28
Arrangements made (restrictor)	5
Disconnected	9
Balance outstanding reduced by	\$43,927

Staff are following up those who have failed to respond. A further 310 final notices were issued in late May with action now underway in preparing pending notice of disconnection or fitting of flow restrictor notices. The initial focus will be on Junee, Coolamon and Cootamundra areas.

**Recommendation**

That the report on outstanding debtors be received and noted

06/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

**5. STORES STOCK-TAKE**

The half-yearly stock-take of Council's stores and materials was conducted on 2 and 3 May 2006.

As a result of the stock-take 19 items with discrepancies require following adjustments:

Write-ons	\$409.13
Write-offs	\$411.44

Net adjustment (write-off)	\$2.31
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All discrepancies are considered reasonable given the volume of stores movements.

**Recommendation**

That the report of the stores and materials stock-take be noted and the required adjustment of a net write-off of \$2.31 be approved.

- 06/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O’Brien and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

**6. DEBT WRITE OFF**

Council raised a debt in April 2005 for \$1,461.61 for repairs to a water main in Barellan following damage by a drilling contractor in March 2005. Not long after this Council was advised that the company was in liquidation and a proof of debt was lodged in response to this notification. Subsequent notices and advice from the liquidator reveal that Council will not recover any of this debt via the liquidation distribution.

**Recommendation**

That the outstanding debt for \$1,461.61 on Debtor Account No.91-00000-0 be written off Council’s books.

- 06/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and McGregor that the recommendation be adopted.

**7. PROPOSED DEBT WRITE OFF**

Water account 76954

In an effort to finalise a long outstanding debt in October 2004 an offer was made that provided all other charges were paid in full then a request would be made for Council to waive the interest charges. This was again offered during recent debt recovery action and with the owner having now paid all the other charges, interest is now required to be written off.

**Recommendation**

That interest raised on water account 76954 since January 2001 totalling \$472.63 be written off.

- 06/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O’Brien and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

**8. PROPOSED DEBT WRITE OFF**

**Outstanding Vacant Land Charges**

Councillors would recall outstanding vacant land charges reported and subsequently written off at the February 2006 meeting.

Three accounts have since been found that should have been included with all three containing no property descriptions that the charges would relate.

**Recommendation**

The amounts of \$2165.41 individually detailed below be written off as uneconomic to recover.

ACCOUNT NO.	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
73311	\$391.60
73312	\$1677.83
71463	\$95.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2165.41</b>

06/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

**9.PENSION REBATES**

Council is required to write-off concessions granted to eligible pensioners for water supplied. Eighteen hundred and fifty six concession claims are current and require the writing-off for the period: 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 (Subsidy claimed \$22568.00 – Claim 130)

**Recommendation**

That Council hereby write-off, as mandatory concessions, the amount of \$41,032.72 in pensioner concession rebates for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006.

06/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

**F. WORKS REPORT  
APRIL 2006**

**1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS**

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	AFFECTEDCONS.	DIA/TYPE (mm)	EST. LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
2/4/06	-	-	Gubbata Road, Naradhan	-	100	55	Cracked pipe
3/4/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	35	Hole in pipe
5/4/06	-	-	Oura – Bore main	-	450	1	Split pipe
5/4/06	-	-	Garoolgan	-	100	2	Split pipe
5/4/06	2.00	4.00	Wagga Road, Coolamon	20	100	20	Cracked pipe
5/4/06	-	-	Main Street, Matong	-	100	10	Split pipe
6/4/06	-	-	Malebo	-	200	50	Split pipe

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6/4/06	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Illabo	-	150	22	Split pipe
6/4/06	-	-	Olympic Way Old Junee	-	200	50	Split pipe
6/4/06	-	-	Trunk main, Barmedman	-	300	15	Joint failure
6/4/06	-	-	Merringreen Lane, Ungarie	-	100	20	Cracked pipe
7/4/06	-	-	Gubbata Road, Naradhan	-	150	15	Cracked pipe
7/4/06	-	-	Garoolgan – Binya	-	100	-	Pipe failure
7/4/06	-	-	Temora Town	1	100	20	Pipe failure
8/4/06	11.30	6.30	Gardner Street, Temora	-	100	20	Hole in pipe
11/4/06	-	-	Wyalong Road, Ungarie	-	150	10	Cracked pipe
11/4/06	-	-	Garoolgan	-	100	5	Split pipe
12/4/06	-	-	Ganmain	1	100	-	Split pipe
12/4/06	-	-	Barellan	1	20	-	Hole in pipe
12/4/06	-	-	Trunk Main, Barmedman	-	300	6.5	Joint failure
12/4/06	7.30	4.30	Rannock – Coolamon	-	200	100	Split pipe
12/4/06	1.30	3.30	Devlin Street, Ganmain	22	100	200	Split pipe
15/4/06	12.00	3.00	Malebo Range	-	200	500	Split pipe
18/4/06	-	-	Merringreen Lane, Ungarie	-	100	10	Cracked pipe
21/4/06	-	-	Combaning	-	375	10	Leaking joint
23/4/06	-	-	Tallimba	-	150	5	Split pipe
24/4/06	6.30	9.30	Grong Grong Bore line	4	100	50	Cracked pipe
26/4/06	-	-	Combaning	-	-	1	Split pipe
27/4/06	-	-	Garoolgan	-	100	2	Split pipe
27/4/06	-	-	Barmedman	-	-	5	Joint failure
27/4/06	-	-	Bootoowa Road, Daylight	-	80	10	Hole in pipe
27/4/06	-	-	Trunk main, Barmedman	-	300	10	Joint failure
30/4/06	-	-	Barmedman road	-	300	40	Hole in pipe
30/4/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	40	Hole in pipe

**2. COMPLAINTS**

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

Dirty Water – Other

3/4/06 Pine Street, Wyalong  
 3/4/06 Garland Street, Coolamon  
 5/4/06 Wattle Lane, Coolamon

Other Problems:

A total of 60 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of April.

**3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE**

The following significant Works were undertaken in April 2006:-

- Cut in new main – Calleen Street, West Wyalong
- Complete Ganmain reticulation upgrade and cut in new work
- Lay new pipework at Marina Reservoirs for upgrade of electrics and operation.
- Swab Oura – Junee 525mm main.
- Commence swabbing Junee Town reticulation.
- Flush Ganmain, Coolamon, Matong and Grong Grong reticulation systems.
- Continue with valve maintenance across scheme.

**G. WORKS REPORT  
 MAY 2006**

**1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS**

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	AFFECTED CONNS.	DIA/ TYPE (mm)	EST. LOSS (KI)	REASON	
	Off	On						
1/5/06	-	-	Springdale	-	375	20	Joint failure	
1/5/06	-	-	Cootamundra line	375	-	375	20	Leaking joint
1/5/06	-	-	Yiddah	-	300	20	Hole in pipe	
1/5/06	-	-	Barmedman Road	-	300	30	Hole in pipe	
1/5/06	-	-	Murphy's lane, Coolamon	-	100	2	Leaking clamp	
1/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	15	Hole in pipe	
2/5/06	-	-	Barmedman Road	-	300	30	Hole in pipe	
2/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	1	Hole in pipe	

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2/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	1	Hole in pipe
3/5/06	12.00	4.00	Ethel Street, Ungarie	25	100	10	Cracked pipe
7/5/06	-	-	Cootamundra to Bauloora	-	375	80	Joint failure
8/5/06	-	-	Ungarie Road, Wyalong	-	100	15	Leaking joint
9/5/06	-	-	Matong Forest	-	250	100	Split pipe
9/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Barmedman	-	300	15	Joint failure
9/5/06	9.30	12.30	Kentucky Lane, Malebo Range	3	50	20	Leaking fitting
10/5/06	-	-	Cootamundra – Bauloora	-	375	5	Leaking joint
11/5/06	-	-	Springdale to Temora	-	375	20	Joint failure
15/5/06	-	-	Springdale	-	375	10	Hole in pipe
15/5/06	10.00	12.00	Lonsdale Lane Trunk main	-	150	20	Cracked pipe
15/5/06	-	-	Cootamundra – Bauloora	-	375	20	Hole in pipe
19/5/06	6.00	7.00	Last Street, Ganmain	20	100	50	Leaking joint
22/5/06	-	-	Ramp Road	-	100	10	Leaking clamp
22/5/06	-	-	Springdale line	-	375	10	Hole in pipe
25/5/06	2.00	6.00	Wood Street, Marrar	30	100	50	Split pipe
26/5/06	5.30	7.30	Mangelsdorfs Lane	10	150	5	Gibault rubber fail
26/5/06	-	-	Garoolgan	-	100	20	Cracked pipe
26/5/06	-	-	Weethalle	-	100	10	Hole in pipe
27/5/06	8.00	12.00	Marrar	20	100	20	Split pipe
27/5/06	-	-	Illabo	-	150	10	Split pipe
29/5/06	3.30	5.30	Lewis Street, Coolamon	10	100	20	Cracked pipe
29/5/06	-	-	Teal Street, Temora	2	100	15	Leaking pipe
31/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	300	15	Joint failure
31/5/06	-	-	Trunk main, Barmedman	-	300	4.5	Joint Failure
31/5/06	9.00	3.30	Calleen Street, West Wyalong	50	100	20	Replace section damaged by

							contractor
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## **2.COMPLAINTS**

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

2/5/06 Marquis Street

Dirty Water – Other

8/5/06 Marrar North Road, Marrar  
11/5/06 Douglas Street, Coolamon  
15/5/06 Booth Street, Coolamon  
15/5/06 Binya Street, Grong Grong  
16/5/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
19/5/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
26/5/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
29/5/06 Brown Street, West Wyalong  
30/5/06 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong

Other Problems:

A total of 59 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of May 2006.

## **3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE**

The following significant Works were undertaken in May 2006:-

- Layed 7.5kms of 150mm main from Mirrool to Ardlethan. Cut ins to be carried out in June.
- Completed swabbing Junee reticulation.
- Construct main extension in Marrar.
- Continue with Rannock scheme maintenance.
- Removed No. 1 pump motor at Aria Park pump station. Pump vibrating.
- Continue with control valve maintenance across the scheme.

### **Recommendation**

That the information be noted

06/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and O'Brien that the recommendation be adopted.

**H. OTHER REPORTS**

**1.CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT**

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

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

06/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

**2.DRAFT DEVELOPER SERVICING PLANS**

Pursuant to Minute 06/027 from Council's March Meeting the Draft Developer Servicing Plans have been circulated and advertised for comment with submissions closing on 26 May 2006. Submissions (copies attached) have been received from the following:

- Cootamundra Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Young Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council (received 29 May)
- Temora Shire Council (received 1 June)
- Harden Shire Council (received 1 June)

The content of the submissions is obviously varied however the one common theme is (in the opinion of the authors) that the increases are excessive and will hinder development within their respective council areas.

**Recommendation**

That the Draft Developer Servicing Plans recently exhibited be adopted.

06/058 RESOLVED on the motions of Crs. Manchester and McGregor that the Draft Developer Servicing Plans recently exhibited be adopted subject to the amendment of the phase in period being extended from 3 years to the life of the Plans (5 years) and that the contribution amounts not be subject to consumer price indexation.

**3.2006/07 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to Minute 06/041 from Council's April Meeting, the Draft Management Plan for 2006/07 has been circulated and advertised for comment following amendment of the pricing for water.

The closing date for comments was 2 June 2006 with submissions (copies attached) being received from the following:

- Cootamundra Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Young Shire Council

- Junee Shire Council
- Temora Shire Council
- Harden Shire Council

As per the previous item, the submissions received put forward varied views in regard to the proposed pricing structure with each having some degree of validity. All other aspects of the Draft Management Plan did not receive any comment.

### **Recommendation**

That the Draft 2006/07 Management Plan recently exhibited be adopted.

It was MOVED on the motions of Crs. O'Brien and Edwards that the Draft Management Plan 2006/07 be amended to include the water pricing structure detailed in the Preliminary Draft Managements Plan considered at the April 2006 meeting.

On being put, the motion was LOST

06/059 RESOLVED on the motions of Crs. Edwards and McGregor that the recommendation be adopted.

### **4.MANDAMAH SCHEME**

Preliminary investigation of the Mandamah Scheme has continued. Following a meeting between members of the committee and the General Manager in May of 2005, a further public meeting was held in Aria Park on 3 April 2006 at which the Chairman, General Manager and approximately thirty (30) interested people attended.

The General Manager tabled a plan of the proposed scheme based on information previously received. This can be summarised as follows:-

<i>Scheme Description</i>	From Reefton via Buggajool Hill across the Newell Highway to the Kildary – Beckom Road then down to Beckom with five major spurs.
<i>Total Pipe Length:</i>	134 kilometres
<i>Potential Customers:</i>	69
<i>Estimate Cost (2003 \$'s):</i>	\$7,371,000
<i>Contribution per connection:</i>	\$106,826

Both the Chairman and General Manager reiterated to the meeting that to date no firm decision has been made by Council as to whether the scheme would go ahead and what (if any) contribution would be made by Goldenfields. The General Manager went on to say that in his opinion the scheme at present was not

economically viable but obviously would become more so if additional connections were made. It was agreed members of the Committee would canvas properties in the area concerned again to ascertain whether interest in the scheme had altered. This resulted in 89 property owners expressing an interest for 106 connections by marking on the maps provided the location of their properties with this information being provided on 10/05/06. A copy of the maps will be tabled at the meeting for the information of Councillors. It should be noted that the original area of supply has been expanded. At first glance this would require approximately 100km of additional pipe at an additional cost of \$5.5M bringing the total cost of the project to approximately \$13M (or \$122,000 plus per connection).

The matter for consideration now is whether Council wishes to proceed with the investigation process and prepare a more detailed design and concept plan? \$20,000 has been set aside in the current budget for this purpose however staff have reservations that, even if the project was fully funded by grant funding the anticipated annual revenue would not meet the operating costs involved.

#### **For Council's Determination**

- 06/060 RESOLVED on the motions of Crs. McGregor and Edwards that the information be noted.
- 06/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Manchester that the General Manager write to the Mandamah Water Committee advising of the reasons for Council's decision.

#### **5.SETTING OF HEADWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS**

Within the Closed Session of the April 2006 Council considered a report on the proposed development of an area and the setting of Headworks Contributions (refer Minute 06/045). As a result it would appear appropriate that Council now adopt a policy in relation to this matter. Attached is a Draft Policy for Council's consideration.

#### **Recommendation**

That Draft Policy 2004020 be adopted.

- 06/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Manchester that the recommendation be adopted.

#### **6.JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL – WALLACETOWN REST AREA**

Council has received an application from Junee Shire Council for a water connection to a proposed Rest Area to be located at Wallacetown. The closest water main is approximately 1.5km (via road) from the site and is 80mm and 50mm diameter. Junee Shire Council was advised of Council's policy in relation to additional connections to mains of less than 100mm diameter and the request was denied in accordance with that policy.

Junee Shire Council has now requested (copy attached) that Goldenfields reconsider the matter based on the following:

- Significance of the project to improve road safety.
- The average daily consumption is anticipated to be less than 1 kilolitre
- RTA Grant Funding for the project is dependent on the provision of water to the site.

As previously states the closest available point for connection is approximately 1.5 kilometres by road from the proposed site. Low pressure concerns have been raised by customers in the area in the past particularly during peak demand periods. Whilst it is acknowledged that the daily requirements for the proposed development is less than GWCC's agreed levels of service (4 kilolitres per day) staff have reservations that were this connection to be approved, it would impact on the levels of service provided to existing customers in the area.

### **Recommendation**

That in accordance with Council's existing policy the application from Junee Shire Council be denied.

06/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Manchester that the General Manager endeavour to negotiate a suitable agreement with Junee Shire Council for provision of water to the site for sanitary purposes only and subject to satisfactory protection of this Council's interests.

### **7. NEW OFFICE COMPLEX**

The construction of the new office complex is continuing generally on schedule. Practical completion of the building is still scheduled for 17 June however an extension of time has been granted until 7 July for the completion of the car park area and the landscaping. This has become necessary due to difficulties in obtaining the services of mechanised kerb making equipment after the original sub contractor was not able to meet his commitments. As the relocation to the new complex is not time critical, this will not impact greatly on the organisation.

To date there has been no discussion as to whether Council wish to have a formal opening of the building and if so, when and who would Council envisaged being invited to the event.

### **For Council's Determination**

06/064 RESOLVED on the motions of Crs. McGregor and O'Brien that an official opening of the new complex is held and that the General Manager in consultation with the Chairman prepare a report for the next meeting.

### **8. OURA BORE 2 REPLACEMENT**

Council may recall a report to the Closed Session of the December 2005 Meeting regarding the protracted negotiations concerning the acquisition of land for the proposed replacement of Bore 2 at the Oura bore fields. As negotiations with the landholder have reached a stalemate, it has become necessary to proceed with

compulsory acquisition of the required land. To enable this process to continue a formal resolution of Council is now required.

**Recommendation**

That Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land required to undertake the replacement of Bore #2 at Oura.

06/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and O'Brien that the recommendation be adopted.

**9. TEMORA AND COOTAMUNDRA DEPOT UPGRADE.**

It has been recognised for some time that certain buildings at the above depots were in need of repair or replacement and that the layout of these depots was less than satisfactory to accommodate Councils current needs.

Funds for these upgrades have been identified in Capital Works budgets over the past 2 years, during which time design concepts have been prepared in consultation with staff.

Attached are the overall concepts for each depot. The buildings coloured red are those which are considered to be beyond repair or their useful life and are to be demolished. The buildings coloured green are the proposed new structures and those coloured black are to remain in their current state.

With the Cootamundra upgrade it is proposed to operate out of the existing store until the new store and office area are complete then demolish the old store/office along with any other buildings that are to be removed. This should cause virtually no disruption to operations.

During the upgrade of the Temora depot it is proposed to operate from the existing store building and workshop building, but to demolish the existing office area to make way for the new office building.

During this period staff will be relocated to the Temora Pumping station amenity until the new office is complete. It is not anticipated that this would be for any length of time as it is proposed to utilise transportable buildings for the new office building (Lloyds Homes etc.).

The budget amounts for Cootamundra is \$345,000 and Temora \$150,000.

**Recommendation**

That Council appoint a consultant to design, document and call tenders for these projects for Council's further consideration.

06/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Palmer that the recommendation be adopted.

**10. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council would normally be held in August and applying the rotational method of meeting venues would be held within Bland Shire.

**Recommendation**

That the next Council Meeting will held on Thursday 24 August 2006 at Bland Shire Council Chambers.

06/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and McGregor that the recommendation be adopted.

**QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Cr. Macaulay sought and obtained information relating to the condition of mains in the Percy Street area of Junee.

Cr. Palmer sought and obtained information relating to the Governor's Proclamation of Goldenfields Water County Council.

**CLOSED SESSION** (*Pink pages*)

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There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 4.05pm.

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