

**MINUTES for the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE on FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2006 at 10.17am.**

**PRESENT**

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

06/154 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 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

06/155 The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2006 having been circulated and read by the Members, were confirmed on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien.

**C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**NIL**

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

**NIL**

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

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

**Warrant**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Voucher Numbers</b>	<b>\$</b>
Water	16691 – 16909 Autopays 600223-600224 70732 – 70773	\$1,876,748.00

**Bank Reconciliation**

Opening Balance	\$ 187,282.68
Deposits	\$1,359,884.27
	<u>\$1,547,166.95</u>
Withdrawals	\$1,876,748.00
Balance as at 30 November 2006	<u><u>-\$329,581.05</u></u>

**2. REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS**

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

<b>Financial Institution</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Annualised Interest Rate %</b>
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$6,559,518.89	6.27
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$14,012,803.65	6.39
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$220,308.87	6.20
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
CBA Term Deposit due 04.01.07	\$500,000.00	6.06
LGFS Term Deposit due 8.02.07-190260	\$500,000.00	6.08
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
CBA Term Deposit due 01.06.07	\$500,000.00	6.32
LGFS Term Deposit due 20.8.07-191269	\$500,000.00	6.48
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$25,492,631.41</b>	

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 & E2 be noted.

06/156 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the information in respect of items E1 & E2 be noted.

**3. OUTSTANDING DEBTORS**

The balances outstanding as at 4 December 2006 were:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Access Charges	41,845	6,409	139,100	187,354
Consumption Charges	125,495	34,620	329,788	489,903
Deferred headworks			65,100	65,100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>167,340</b>	<b>41,029</b>	<b>533,988</b>	<b>742,357</b>
Overpayments				<b>98,629</b>

The balances outstanding as at 8 November 2006 were:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Access Charges	52,401	6,755	175,043	234,199
Consumption Charges	145,724	35,984	340,082	521,790
Deferred headworks			66,000	66,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>198,125</b>	<b>42,739</b>	<b>581,125</b>	<b>821,989</b>
Overpayments				<b>88,028</b>

**Recommendation**

That the report on outstanding debtors be received and noted

06/157 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O’Brien that the report on outstanding debtors be received and noted.

**4. STORES STOCK-TAKE**

The half-yearly stock-take of Council’s stores and materials was conducted on 22 November 2006. As a result of the stock-take 19 items with discrepancies require the following adjustments:

Write-ons	\$369.18
Write-offs	\$296.68
Net adjustment (write-on)	\$72.50

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-on of \$72.50 be approved.

06/158 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O’Brien and Palmer that the report of the stores and materials stock-take be noted and the required adjustment of a net write-on of \$72.50 be approved.

**5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As reported last meeting the statutory advertisement summarising Council's financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2006 was placed and called for public submissions on these and the auditor's report until the 24 November 2006.

No submissions were received from the public.

**Recommendation:**

That Council note that no submissions were received from the public on the 2006 Financial Statements and Auditor's report.

06/159 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that Council note that no submissions were received from the public on the 2006 Financial Statements and Auditor's report.

**F. WORKS REPORT (Nick Nasser)  
NOVEMBER 2006**

**1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS**

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	AFFECTED CONS.	DIA/TYPE (mm)	EST. LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
2/11/06	-	-	Griffith Road, Garoolgan	-	100	5	Split pipe
3/11/06	11.30	6.30	Short Street, Ganmain	15	100	20	Split pipe
7/11/06	-	-	Tallimba Tip Road	-	150	10	Cracked pipe
8/11/06	-	-	Jugiong Road	-	375	20	Split pipe
9/11/06	-	-	Hadrills Lane, Naradhan	-	80	10	Hole in pipe
9/11/06	-	-	Cowangs – Bauloora	-	375	1	Hole in pipe
9/11/06	1.30	4.30	Park Lane, Ardlethan	-	100	5	Split pipe
9/11/06	2.00	4.00	Ardlethan	10	100	5	Cracked pipe
11/11/06	-	-	Church Lane, West Wyalong	-	100	5	Cracked pipe
15/11/06	3.00	6.30	Barmedman – Wyalong	10	300	50	Hole in pipe
15/11/06	-	-	Garoolgan	30	100	10	Cracked pipe
15/11/06	2.00	6.00	Marrar	-	100	50	Split pipe
15/11/06	-	-	Garoolgan	1	100	10	Split pipe
16/11/06	2.00	6.00	Marrar	15	100	40	Split pipe
16/11/06	-	-	Stockinbingal – Temora	-	375	10	Hole in pipe
16/11/06	-	-	Bauloora – Temora	-	-	5	Hole in pipe
19/11/06	9.00	12.00	Marrarvale Lane	10	80	20	Split pipe
20/11/06	-	-	Cootamundra – Temora	-	375	10	Leaking joint
20/11/06	-	-	Trunk Main	-	300	35	Joint failure
21/11/06	-	-	Springdale – Temora	-	375	10	Joint failure
22/11/06	3.00	5.00	Britannia Street, Temora	20	100	10	Split pipe
22/11/06	-	-	Trunk main, Barmedman	-	300	35	Joint failure

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22/11/06	-	-	Springdale – Temora	-	375	5	Joint failure
23/11/06	2.30	4.00	Kikiora Road, Naradhan	1	150	20	Split pipe
24/11/06	-	-	Loftus Street, Barmedman	-	100	30	Hole in pipe
27/11/06	-	-	Frampton Line	-	100	5	Hole in pipe
27/11/06	-	-	Trunk Main, Barmedman – Wyalong	-	300	15	Joint failure
28/11/06	-	-	Trunk Main, Barmedman	-	300		Joint failure
29/11/06	1.00	3.00	Matong	-	100	20	Split pipe
29/11/06	-	-	Frampton Line	-	100	2	Hole in pipe
30/11/06	7.30	8.30	Gloucester Street, Temora	2	100	5	Cracked pipe

### 2. COMPLAINTS

#### Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

Dirty Water – Other

3/11/06 Young Road, Temora  
10/11/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
10/11/06 Wattle Lane, Coolamon  
10/11/06 Wade Street, Coolamon  
10/11/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
13/11/06 Wallace Street, Coolamon  
13/11/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
16/11/06 Maitland Street, West Wyalong  
23/11/06 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon

Other Problems:

A total of 87 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of November.

### 3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE

The following significant Works were undertaken in November 2006:-

- Completed new connections to Temora Hospital
- Completed changing of a cross section of town consumers meters for analysis of accuracy
- Completed new fire hydrants in Junee Shire
- Swabbed 525mm main Junee to Junee Reefs
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- Replaced drive gear No. 2 sludge rake at Jugiong
- Replaced bearings in No. 2 motor at No. 5 pump station
- Continue routine servicing of ACV's and PRV's
- Fabricate pit lids

- Construct new plinth for No.2 pump at Ganmain
- Complete pipework at Lonsdales Lane

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted

06/160 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Edwards that the information be noted.

**G. OTHER REPORTS**

**1. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT** (*Paul Wearne*)

Attached for the information of Councillors is the Capital Works Progress Reports for the period ending 30 November 2006.

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

06/161 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Macaulay and O'Brien that the information be noted.

**2. WATER PRODUCTION AND BULK SALES** (*Paul Wearne*)

Further to the report on this matter to last month's meeting, a Media Release was issued on Tuesday 28 November 2006 requesting customers to conserve water and forewarning of the possibility of further restrictions being implemented in the near future.

Cumulative figures for the period 1/7/06 to 30/11/06 and production figures for the month of November are shown below.

**Cumulative - Year to Date**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Production (Megalitres)</b>	<b>9 Yr Average (Megalitres)</b>	<b>Maximum Pro Rata Allocation (Megalitres)</b>	<b>% of 9 Yr Av</b>	<b>% of Max Alloc</b>
Jugiong	1,842	1,388	1,853	1.33	0.99
Oura	1,918	1,307	1,898	1.47	1.01
Mt Arthur	318	158	224	2.01	1.42
Mt Daylight	108	72	82	1.50	1.32
Hylands Bridge	72	44	43	1.64	1.67
Cootamundra	358	325	504	1.10	0.71
Harden	244	223	381	1.09	0.64
Young	641	494	696	1.30	0.92
<b>Total 5 Sources</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>1.04</b>

**For the Month of November**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Production (Megalitres)</b>	<b>9 Yr Average (Megalitres)</b>	<b>Maximum Pro Rata Allocation (Megalitres)</b>	<b>% of 9 Yr Av</b>	<b>% of Max Alloc</b>
	49	38			
Jugiong	1	6	515	1.27	0.95
	61	37			
Oura	1	0	537	1.65	1.14
	12				
Mt Arthur	0	52	74	2.31	1.62
	3				
Mt Daylight	6	22	25	1.62	1.42
	2				
Hylands Bridge	8	16	16	1.78	1.78
	11				
Cootamundra	0	86	134	1.27	0.82
	8				
Harden	4	62	106	1.36	0.80
	19	13			
Young	7	1	185	1.50	1.06
	1,286	846	1,167	1.52	1.10

In consultation with the Chairman, the revision of water restrictions was undertaken with the following becoming effective 1 December 2006:-

- Jugiong Supply Systems – Level C
- Oura Supply System – Level C
- Mount Arthur Supply System – Level D
- Mount Daylight Supply System – Level D
- Hylands Bridge/ Brobenah Supply System – Level D

A Media Release was distributed on that day and followed up by numerous interviews to help disseminate the information. Letter drops to customers of the Mount Arthur, Mount Daylight and Hylands Bridge supply systems were also undertaken commencing on 4 December. Close monitoring of consumption figures is occurring with the possibility of further restrictions as the summer progresses not being ruled out.

Copies of the media releases have been forwarded to the general managers of the eight councils within the Goldenfields area for their information. Goldenfields adopted Restriction Levels have been forwarded to Cootamundra, Harden and Young Councils with Cootamundra General Manager verbally advising that they would/have implemented the same level of restriction as Goldenfields on the Jugiong Supply System.

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

06/162 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O’Brien and Manchester that Staff be commended on the actions to date.

**4. REPORT TO MINISTER – REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES** *(Paul Wearne)*

In accordance with Minute 06/146 of the November Meeting, letters were written (and faxed) to Cootamundra, Harden and Young Shire Councils and the Minister for Water Utilities on 24 November 2006. A supplementary report will be tabled at the meeting.

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**5. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS** *(Paul Wearne)*

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council would normally be held on the fourth Thursday in February 2007. Recent meetings have been held at Temora utilizing the facilities at our new office complex. In the past, meetings have been rotated between different towns within the Goldenfields area with West Wyalong (Bland Shire) hosting the August 2006 meeting. It is therefore suggested that the February Meeting be held within Coolamon Shire and that a tour of new capital works in Coolamon, Ganmain and Matong be undertaken prior to the meeting.

**Recommendation**

That the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held in Coolamon on Thursday 22 February 2007 preceded by a tour of new capital works projects in the area.

06/163 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held in Coolamon on Thursday 22 February 2007 preceded by a tour of new capital works projects in the area.

**6. REPORT TO MINISTER – REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES** *(Paul Wearne)*

Further to the report in the Business Paper additional information has been supplied by Cootamundra and Young Shire Councils. The process of extracting relevant data from this information has commenced with it anticipated that a second draft of the Report will be placed before the next Council Meeting for consideration.

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

06/164 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Edwards that the information be noted.

**7. TEMORA DRIVER REVIVER STATION** *(Paul Wearne)*

The Temora Division of the State Emergency Services (SES) has recently relocated its Driver Reviver Station to land in Victoria Street Temora that is owned by the Masonic Temple Committee of Temora. A representative from the SES has verbally advised the General Manager that, in conjunction with Temora Shire Council, it is seeking grant funding to assist with the construction of toilet facilities and shade shelters. Part of the application process requires community contribution in either cash or kind.

For the proposed works to be undertaken there is the need for the relocation of the existing water meter that services the Masonic Temple. Whilst the relocation is easily accommodated, subject to application from the owners, the standard fee for such works is \$600. The Temora SES has requested that Council consider waiving the fee in this instance as a community contribution toward the Driver Reviver project.

### **Recommendation**

That subject to the appropriate application by the owners of the land and appropriate arrangements with regard to the use of water on that land, the fee associated with relocation of the meter be waived by Council and that the Temora Division of the State Emergency Services be advised of the value of this “In Kind” contribution towards the project.

06/165 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Edwards and Macaulay that subject to the appropriate application by the owners of the land and appropriate arrangements with regard to the use of water on that land, the fee associated with relocation of the meter be waived by Council and that the Temora Division of the State Emergency Services be advised of the value of this “In Kind” contribution towards the project.

## **H. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Cr. Palmer sought and will be provided with information regarding the Jugiong figures on Production and Consumption.

Cr. Macaulay advised that the rest area at Wallacetown is now complete.

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

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