

MINUTES for the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES on THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2008 starting at 1.05pm.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. P. Wearne, General Manager, Mr. P. Dwyer, Manager Administration, Mr. N. Nasser, Manager Production and Distribution, Mr. B. West, Manager Engineering and Miss. K. Turner, Executive Assistant.

A. APOLOGIES

Nil.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2008

08/050 The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2008 having been circulated and read by the Members, were confirmed as amended on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Palmer.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Young Shire Council
(Received 13/6/08)

Inquiring as to the increase in water charges for 2008/09.

General Manager's Note: As this correspondence was received after the closing date for public submissions to the 2008/09 Draft Management Plan it cannot be considered as a formal submission to that plan.

Recommendation

For Council's consideration.

08/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and O'Brien that the correspondence be received.

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E. FINANCIAL REPORT (P. Dwyer)

1. CHEQUE WARRANT – APRIL 2008 AND BANK RECONCILIATION Warrant

Fund	Voucher Numbers	\$
Water	EFT's 18707 – 18805	
	Autopays 600260-600261	
	Cheques 71679 – 71745	\$2,072,415.51

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance	\$ 47,233.24
Deposits	\$2,448,336.19
	<u>\$2,495,569.43</u>
Withdrawals	\$2,072,415.51
Balance as at 30 April 2008	<u>\$ 423,153.92</u>

2. CHEQUE WARRANT – MAY 2008 AND BANK RECONCILIATION Warrant

Fund	Voucher Numbers	\$
Water	EFT's 18808 – 18894	
	Autopays 600262-600263	
	Cheques 71746 – 71813	\$1,527,602.05

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance	\$ 423,153.92
Deposits	\$1,183,653.72
	<u>\$1,606,807.64</u>
Withdrawals	\$1,527,602.05
Balance as at 31 May 2008	<u>\$ 79,205.59</u>

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

Listed below are Council's Investments as at 30 April 2008

Financial Institution	Face Value	Annualised Interest Rate %
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$6,245,530.38	7.78
Local Govt Financial Services – FOCF	\$5,086,542.57	8.41
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$1,472,405.56	8.58
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$491,389.10	7.20
LGFS Term Deposit due 19.5.08-197690	\$1,300,000.00	7.42
LGFS Term Deposit due 6.6.08-194803	\$500,000.00	6.85
CBA Term Deposit due 6.06.08	\$500,000.00	6.77
LGFS Term Deposit due 18.6.08-197692	\$2,120,000.00	7.46
LGFS Term Deposit due 20.6.08-199805	\$850,000.00	7.81
LGFS Term Deposit due 7.8.08-198091	\$500,000.00	7.59
LGFS Term Deposit due 19.9.08-199804	\$500,000.00	7.97
LGFS Term Deposit due 3.10.08-198954	\$500,000.00	8.05
CBA Term Deposit due 27.10.08	\$750,000.00	7.93
TOTAL:	\$20,815,867.61	

The above investments include the following restricted assets:

Purpose	Amount
Plant and vehicle replacement	\$846,000
Employees leave entitlements	\$1,296,000
Sales fluctuation	\$2,120,000
Infrastructure replacement	\$12,776,000
Total:	\$17,038,000

4. REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

Listed below are Council's Investments as at 31 May 2008

Financial Institution	Face Value	Annualised Interest Rate %
NSW Treasury – Cash Facility	\$6,288,093.33	8.02
Local Govt Financial Services – FOCF	\$5,121,914.98	8.19
Local Govt Financial Services – Cash	\$1,482,470.42	8.05
Commonwealth Bank – At Call	\$791,389.10	7.20
LGFS Term Deposit due 6.6.08-194803	\$500,000.00	6.85
CBA Term Deposit due 06.06.08	\$500,000.00	6.77
LGFS Term Deposit due 18.6.08-197692	\$2,120,000.00	7.46
LGFS Term Deposit due 20.6.08-199805	\$850,000.00	7.81
LGFS Term Deposit due 7.8.08-198091	\$500,000.00	7.59
LGFS Term Deposit due 19.9.08-199804	\$500,000.00	7.97
LGFS Term Deposit due 3.10.08-198954	\$500,000.00	8.05
CBA Term Deposit due 27.10.08	\$750,000.00	7.93
LGFS Term Deposit due 21.5.09-199299	\$1,300,000.00	8.02
TOTAL:	\$21,203,867.83	

The above investments include the following restricted assets:

Purpose	Amount
Plant and vehicle replacement	\$846,000
Employees leave entitlements	\$1,296,000
Sales fluctuation	\$2,120,000
Infrastructure replacement	\$12,364,000
Total:	\$16,626,000

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 E4 be noted.

08/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Manchester that the information in respect on items E1 to E4 be noted.

5. OUTSTANDING DEBTORS

The balances outstanding as at 8 May 2008 were:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	35,745	6,531	166,183	208,459
Consumption Charges	72,196	23,578	342,552	438,326
Deferred Headworks			79,800	79,800
TOTAL:	107,941	30,109	588,535	726,585
Overpayments				71,848

Therefore the breakdown can be summarised as follows:

Total outstanding	\$726,585
<i>Less credit balances</i>	-71,848
<i>Less bulk accounts</i>	-208,438
<i>Less deferred h/wks</i>	<u>-79,800</u>
Nett balance	\$366,499 owed by customers

The balances outstanding as at 6 June 2008 were:

	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	29,376	6,583	124,983	160,942
Consumption Charges	61,891	24,139	203,206	289,236
Deferred Headworks			79,800	79,800
TOTAL:	91,267	30,722	407,989	529,978
Overpayments				91,951

The breakdown of the above can be summarised as follows:

Total outstanding	\$529,978
<i>Less credit balances</i>	-91,951
<i>Less bulk accounts</i>	-120,424
<i>Less deferred h/wks</i>	<u>-79,800</u>
Nett balance	\$237,803 owed by customers

Recommendation

That the report on outstanding debtors be received and noted.

08/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and Speirs that the report on outstanding debtors received and noted.

6. STORES STOCK-TAKE

The half-yearly stock-take of Council's stores and materials was conducted on 14 May 2008. As a result of the stock-take 24 items with discrepancies require the following adjustments:

Write-offs	\$179.84
Write-ons	\$ 85.69
Net adjustment (write-off)	\$ 94.15

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 \$94.15 be approved.

08/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and O'Brien that the report of the stores and materials stock-take be noted and the required adjustment of a net write-off of \$94.15 be approved.

7. DEBT WRITE-OFF

In accordance with the procedure adopted at the February meeting the following debt has been written off: Private works debtor 111-00000-6 - \$166.29. The October 2006 debt relates to repairs to a damaged service in West Wyalong.

The damage was caused by a contractor working in the area, however, attempts by staff to locate the offender have been unsuccessful and it is considered uneconomical to pursue the matter any further.

Recommendation

That Council note the report on the debt write off of \$166.29 on debtor account 111-00000-6.

08/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Palmer and Manchester that Council note the report on the debt write-off of \$166.29 on debtor account 111-00000-6.

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F. WORKS REPORT *(Nick Nasser)*
APRIL 2008

1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	AFFECTED CONSUMERS	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
1/04/08	-	-	Leeton Road, Brobenah	100	2	20	Split pipe
2/04/08	8.00	12.00	Gallipoli Street, Temora	100	40	10	Split pipe
2/04/08	1.30	3.00	Marrar	100	-	10	Other
2/04/08	11.30	3.00	Welsh Street, West Wyalong	100	40	5	Other
2/04/08	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	5	Split pipe
2/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/ Bauloora	375	-	30	Joint failure
3/04/08	-	-	Bethungra	100	-	20	Split pipe
4/04/08	10.30	2.30	Malebo Range	150	10	5	Split pipe
4/04/08	12.30	1.30	Yathella and Coursing Park Road	150	-	20	Split pipe
6/04/08	-	-	Trunk main Wyalong	300	50	20	Joint failure
8/04/08	-	-	Prune Vale Off-take	-	-	1	Other
9/04/08	7.30	3.00	Baker Street, Temora	100	-	-	-
10/04/08	-	-	Olympic Way, Frampton	100	-	1	Split pipe
11/04/08	-	-	Railway Road, West Wyalong	100	-	10	Split pipe
11/04/08	-	-	Naradhan Road, Gubbatta	80	-	5	Split pipe
11/04/08	11.00	3.00	Coursing Park	80	-	5	Split pipe
15/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/ Bauloora	375	-	10	Joint failure
15/04/08	-	-	Leeton Road, Binya	100	-	5	Split pipe
16/04/08	4.3	5.30	Strathmore Lane, Junee	100	-	10	Split pipe
17/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/ Young	375	-	30	Joint failure
17/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/	375	-	2	Joint failure

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			Bauloora				
18/04/08	2.00	6.00	Junee Railway Crossing	100	-	5	Other
18/04/08	4.30	5.30	Malebo Range	100	-	50	Split pipe
19/04/08	-	-	Wyalong Trunk main	300	-	30	Hole in pipe
22/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/Bauloora	375	-	5	Joint failure
22/04/08	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	100	-	10	Joint failure
22/04/08	-	-	Cootamundra/Bauloora	375	-	2	Joint failure
22/04/08	-	-	Temora Road, Cootamundra	50	-	2	Joint failure
23/04/08	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	1	Split pipe
23/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/Cootamundra	375	10	25	Hole in pipe
23/04/08	-	-	Garoolgan	100	-	2	Split pipe
24/04/08	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Bethungra	150	-	15	Split pipe
24/04/08	2.00	4.00	Cowangs/Bauloora	375	4	3	Hole in pipe
24/04/08	-	-	Lonsdale Lane, Coolamon	200	-	25	Split pipe
24/04/08	-	-	Pikedale Road, Old Junee	80	-	10	Split pipe
26/04/08	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Bethungra	150	-	100	Split pipe
27/04/08	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Bethungra	150	-	30	Split pipe
29/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/Bauloora	375	-	5	Joint failure
29/04/08	-	-	Garoolgan	100	-	5	Split pipe
30/04/08	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Bethungra	150	-	20	Split pipe
30/04/08	-	-	Malebo Range	100	-	5	Hole in pipe
30/04/08	-	-	Cowangs/Bauloora	375	-	10	Joint failure
30/04/08	-	-	Britannia Street, Temora	100	-	15	Split pipe

2. COMPLAINTS

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

16/04/08 60 Percy Street.

Dirty Water – Other

03/04/08 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong.

Other Problems:

Nil.

A total of 54 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of April.

3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE

The following significant works were undertaken in April 2008:-

- Replace scour valve – Cartwrights Hill Reservoir.
- Cut-in mains extension Welsh Street, Wyalong.
- Swabbed Junee Reticulation.
- Swabbed Oura – Junee main.
- Cleaned Reservoirs as programmed.
- Commenced pre-construction locations for Garoolgan Pump Station to Binya section pipe upgrade.
- Completed cut-ins Kanaley Street, Junee – Rail crossing.
- Overhaul No. 3 Bore Pump.
- Remove No. 1 and No. 2 pumps at Jugiong No.1 Station for repair.
- Overhaul No. 2 pump at Prunevale Pump Station.
- Carry out routine servicing of PRV's and ACV's across scheme.

G. WORKS REPORT *(Nick Nasser)*
MAY 2008

1. WATER LOSSES & MAINS REPAIRS

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	AFFECTED CONSUMERS	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
1/05/08	-	-	Cowangs	100	-	10	Joint failure
1/05/08	-	-	Holbrook Street, Temora	100	-	5	Split pipe
1/05/08	-	-	Victoria Street, Temora	150	-	2	Hole in pipe
1/05/08	10.30	12.00	Ungarie Street, Ungarie	-	50	15	Hole in pipe
1/05/08	10.30	11.00	Gallipoli Street, Temora	100	-	-	Other
1/05/08	3.00	4.00	Hoskins Street, Temora	150	-	10	Split pipe
2/05/08	-	-	Holbrook Street, Temora	100	-	10	Split pipe
3/05/08	3.45	5.00	Junee Road, Marrar	100	6	100	Joint failure
3/05/08	-	-	Coolamon	-	-	10	Other
3/05/08	11.30	2.30	Marrar	-	10	50	Joint failure
4/05/08	-	-	Grong Grong	100	-	20	Split pipe
5/05/08	-	-	Malebo Range	-	-	-	Split pipe
6/05/08	10.00	1.00	McCrea's Lane, Marrar	100	3	30	Joint failure
6/05/08	-	-	Kingsvale	300	-	20	Joint failure
8/05/08	2.00	9.30	Turners Lane, Cootamundra	375	15	10	Joint failure
8/05/08	-	-	Garoolgan	100	-	5	Hole in pipe
9/05/08	-	-	Ariah Park Road, Barnedman	100	-	5	Hole in pipe
9/05/08	-	-	Hadrill's Lane	100	-	5	Split pipe
9/05/08	7.00	11.00	Mirrool Street, Coolamon	100	30	10	Split pipe
10/05/08	10.00	12.00	Briarbush Lane, Old Junee	80	1	5	Split pipe
12/05/08	-	-	Old Sydney Road, Bethungra	150	-	20	Split pipe
13/05/08	-	-	Olympic Way, Frampton	100	-	10	Split pipe

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13/05/08	-	-	Turners Lane, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Split pipe
14/05/08	-	-	Cowangs/ Bauloora	375	-	15	Joint failure
14/05/08	-	-	Barellan	20	-	5	Hole in pipe
14/05/08	-	-	West Wyalong - Barmedman	300	-	5	Hole in pipe
14/05/08	11.30	2.00	Junee	100	5	20	Split pipe
15/05/08	-	-	Cowangs/ Bauloora	375	-	10	Joint failure
15/05/08	12.00	3.00	Junee	100	-	15	Split pipe
16/05/08	-	-	Malebo Range	100	-	10	Split pipe
19/05/08	9.00	2.30	Thanowring Road, Temora	250	-	30	Split pipe
19/05/08	-	-	Trunk main, Wyalong	-	-	10	Joint failure
19/05/08	11.00	1.00	Junee	100	1	3	Other
20/05/08	2.30	1.00	Airport Street, Temora	100	6	20	Split pipe
21/05/08	11.00	1.00	Gregory's Lane, Junee	150	-	50	Split pipe
21/05/08	-	-	Melvorn Lane, Old Junee	200	-	350	Split pipe
21/05/08	-	-	Bells Hill, Cootamundra	375	-	10	Joint failure
23/05/08	-	-	Binya	100	-	20	Split pipe
26/05/08	-	-	Griffith Road, Binya	100	-	5	Split pipe
26/05/08	-	-	Kingston's Creek, Cootamundra	375	-	4	Joint failure
27/05/08	-	-	Bells Hill, Cootamundra	375	-	1	Joint failure
28/05/08	8.30	12.30	Junee	100	30	5	Other
30/05/08	1.00	3.15	Golders Lane, Sebastopol	100	3	5	Joint failure
30/05/08	1.00	3.15	Malebo Range	100	3	5	Joint failure

2. COMPLAINTS

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

02/05/08 21 Cross Street.
 29/05/08 5 Elizabeth Street.
 29/05/08 144 Main Street.

Dirty Water – Other

28/05/08 Kinilabah School Lane, Coolamon.

Other Problems:

08/05/08 Hoskins Street, Temora – chlorine smell in water.

09/05/08 Hoskins Street, Temora – chlorine smell in water.

09/05/08 Stockinbingal – very poor quality water.

A total of 57 service difficulty and fault reports were received for the month of May.

3. CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR MAINTENANCE

The following significant works were undertaken in May 2008:-

- Install new bulk meter at Thanowring Road Pump Station.
- Clean Reservoirs as programmed.
- Laid 2.2kms of new line from Garoolgan Pump Station to Binya, cut-in and commissioned.
- Commence pre-construction locations for Garoolgan off-take to Garoolgan Pump Station upgrade approx. 2.4kms.
- Flocculate maintenance of Jugiong Filtration Plant.
- Junee Reefs booster pump removed for service.
- Continue overhaul of No. 2 pump at Prunevale.
- Continue overhaul of No. 3 Bore Oura.

Recommendation

That the information contained in items F1-3 and G1-3 be noted.

08/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and O'Brien that the information contained in items F1-3 and G1-3 be noted.

H. 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 31 May 2008. It should be noted that the amendment to budgeted figures resulting from minutes 08/044 and 08/045 of the April Meeting have been made.

A report as at 30 June 2008 will be prepared for the August Meeting together with recommendations for any carry over of funds that may be required.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

08/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and Speirs that the information be noted.

2. CRITICAL WATER AVAILABILITY FOR 2007-08 *(Paul Wearne)*

Included in the Business Paper are the water production graphs for the five sources and the three bulk councils to the end of May 2008. The necessity to apply heavy restrictions early in the water year coupled with the wetter than usual summer has resulted in consumption being down on previous years. This is detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Source	YTD Consumption	YTD Maximum Allocation	Percentage
Jugiong	3,486	5,236	66.57%
Oura	3,640	5,686	64.01%
Mt Arthur	452	733	61.66%
Mt Daylight	233	278	83.81%
Hylands Bridge	139	159	87.42%
Total All Sources	7,950	12,092	65.74%
Cootamundra	682	1,464	46.58%
Harden *	419	1,138	36.81%
Young	1267	1,948	65.04%

NB:

YTD Consumption for Harden does not include Harden Minor Consumers

Hylands Bridge Allocation does not include additional allocation from Narrandera Shire Council.

The latest communiqué from the Department of Water & Energy (DWE) dated 16 June was forwarded to all Councillors for information. The outlook, as seen by the DWE is less than promising unless significant inflows into the dams are received.

With respect to Town Water Supplies, it “is likely” that an allocation of 50% will be made effective 1 July 2008 although formal notification of this has not yet been received.

Discussions with DWE has revealed that a report and draft letter to all town water supply authorities in the Murrumbidgee Valley has been prepared for Minister Rees consideration however it is unlikely that it will be “signed off” by him and distributed prior to meeting day. The discussions also revealed that restrictions “similar to last year” will be recommended although some watering of public areas may be permitted, a consideration not previously given. I did raise the matter of stock watering and whilst sympathetic to our dilemma, no constructive solution was put forward.

The REROC representative on the Critical Water Advisory Group has continually put forward that once the allocation is announced each LWU should be able to implement the level of restriction required to maintain consumption within that allocation. Again this has not been readily accepted by other members or DWE citing that the level of restrictions should be uniform throughout the whole valley. Restrictions based on Victoria are again being promoted (e.g. Level 4, Level 3a etc).

Goldenfields customers are currently required to comply with (our) “Level A” Restrictions. These have been in place as of 14 January 2008. Subject to further advice from DWE there may be a need to review these prior to the August Meeting. As in the past this will be done by the General Manager in consultation with the Chairman with Councillors being advised prior to the implementation of any variation.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

08/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and McGregor that the information be noted.

3. 2008/09 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (Paul Wearne)

Pursuant to Minute 08/036 from Council’s April Meeting, the Draft Management Plan for 2008/09 has been circulated and advertised for comment. The closing date for comments was 2 June 2008 with no submissions being received at that time.

Minor adjustments to the Capital Works Program have been made as a result of Minutes 08/044 and 08/045 of the April Meeting which brought forward funding from the 2008/09 program to the 2007/08 program to facilitate better than anticipated construction times. This required changes to page 15 and Annexure 3 of the Plan.

Recommendation

1. That the minor changes to the Draft 2008/09 Management Plan resulting from the adoption of Minutes 08/044 and 08/045 be noted.
2. That the Draft 2008/09 Management Plan, as amended, be adopted.

08/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Speirs

1. That the minor changes to the Draft 2008/09 Management Plan resulting from the adoption of Minutes 08/044 and 08/045 be noted.
2. That the Draft 2008/09 Management Plan, as amended, be adopted.

4. COUNCILLORS FEES (*Paul Wearne*)

Council has received advice through the Local Government Weekly 20/08 dated 23 May 2008 that fees for councillors and mayors are set to rise by 4% from 1 July 2008 following the recent Determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Goldenfields Water is categorised “S4” and therefore the range of annual fees are:-

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor / Member	\$1,370	\$7,560
Chairperson	\$2,930	\$12,420

When previously considering this matter Council resolved (Minute 07/059) at its June 2007 meeting “*that for the remaining term of this Council the remuneration level for Councillors and the Chairman be set at 75% of the maximum allowable as determined from time to time by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal*”.

Accordingly the following annual fees will be paid to Councillors and the Chairman effective from 1 July 2008:-

Councillor	\$5,670
Chairman	\$9,315

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

08/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Palmer that the information be noted.

5. PRICING STRUCTURE (*Paul Wearne*)

Pursuant to Minute 08/039 from Council’s April Meeting, Part 2 of the Alternative Pricing Structure Discussion Paper has been prepared and is attached for the consideration of Council. It is my opinion that the resources used in this process have outweighed the gains to date. With this in mind the following recommendations are made.

Recommendation

1. That the information contained in the Alternative Pricing Structure Discussion Paper Part 2, June 2008 be noted.
2. That Council determine the fundamental principles and objectives it requires to be included in a water pricing structure.

08/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and O’Brien

1. That the information contained in the Alternative Pricing Structure Discussion Paper Part 1, June 2008 be noted.
2. That in an effort to continue the progress of this matter the following determination and definitions are made:-
 - The Pricing Structure will be based in the total operating costs of the entire system.
 - The structure recognises five (5) customer types, these being Residential, Bulk Consumer Council, Rural, Commercial/Industrial and Community.
 - The revenue to be generated from each customer type is tied to the percentage of water consumed by the particular customer type based on previous five (5) year average consumption.
 - The revenue to be generated from water sales is set at operating costs plus a percentage return predetermined by Council less income from Other Operating Revenues (excluding Interest on Investments and Developer Charges).
 - The percentage of revenue to be generated from fixed (Access) charges for each of the five (5) customer types will be:-

○ Residential	25%
○ Bulk Consumer Council	30%
○ Rural	30%
○ Commercial/Industrial	30%
○ Community	30%

Cr Palmer requested that his vote in the negative be recorded.

- 08/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Speirs and Manchester that the General Manager obtain information regarding the availability and cost of engaging an external consultant to develop an alternative pricing structure and report back to the August Council Meeting.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

(Paul Wearne)

The 2008 Water Management Conference will be held from 13 to 15 August 2008 and hosted by Ballina Shire Council. Previous conferences have been attended by Councillors and staff and have been informative. So that registrations forms can be submitted, I seek an indication from Council who will be attending on behalf of Goldenfields. In past years the General Manager and another staff member have attended.

Recommendation

That Council nominate attendees for the 2008 Water Management Conference.

- 08/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Speirs that Crs. Bolte and Edwards and the General Manager and Manager of Administration be authorised to attend the conference.

7. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS (*Paul Wearne*)

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council would normally be held on Thursday 28 August. This will potentially be the last meeting of the current Council before the Local Government Elections scheduled for 13 September although staff will be endeavouring to prepare the 2007/08 Financial Statements for consideration of Council which may require a meeting in early September. This will be dependant on the availability of Council's Auditor and a more definitive position will be known by the August Meeting.

Given the above, an indication is sought from Council as to the venue for the August Meeting.

Recommendation

That the next meeting of Council be held on Thursday 28 August 2008 commencing at 1.00 pm at a venue to be determined by Council.

08/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Manchester and Palmer that the next meeting of Council be held on Friday 29 August 2007 in Temora commencing at 1.00pm and that the General Manager arrange of a sit down meals at an appropriate venue to commence at 12.00pm on the same day.

08/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Palmer and O'Brien that the late item be considered.

8. LATE ITEM: REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW (*Paul Wearne*)

The Department of Local Government (DLG) issued Circular 08-38 on 20 June 2008 regarding the above matter. It advises that a review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (Model Code) which first came into effect on 1 January 2005 has been undertaken.

The outcome of the review is a revised Model Code that will take effect from 20 June 2008. This is achieved by an amendment to the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* that prescribes the Model Code. The amendment to the Regulations appeared in the Government Gazette on 20 June 2008.

Councils are required to either adopt the Model Code as a minimum or, if deciding not to, then the Model Code applies by default. Given the short time until the term of the current council ceases it is suggested that this information be noted thus making the Model Code applicable.

Copies of the DLG Circular and the Model Code are available to Councillors on request.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

08/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Edwards and McGregor that the information be noted.

I. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr. Macaulay sought and was provided with information relating to the availability of water to the proposed rezoned areas of Junee Township.

J. CLOSED SESSION (*pink pages*) – 3.37PM

08/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Palmer and Edwards that Council meet in Closed Session.

The General Manager declared a Pecuniary Interest in the matter to be considered and he and other staff members left the meeting.

1. GENERAL MANAGERS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (*Paul Wearne*)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

08/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. McGregor and Macaulay

1. That in light of the increase in the Mandatory Employer Contribution to Superannuation effective from 1 July 2008 not being taken into consideration when the Total Remuneration Package offered to the General Manager for the renewal of the Contract of Employment was made, Council increase the commensurate Total Remuneration Package applicable from 1 July 2008 by \$10,000.
2. That Council authorise the formal termination of the Contract of Employment between Council and the General Manager dated 25 March 2004.
3. That Council authorise the formal execution of the Contract of Employment between Council and the General Manager dated 26 June 2008.

OPEN SESSION – 4.02PM

08/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Palmer and Edwards that the Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

The General Manager and staff members returned to the Meeting.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 4.02pm.

