

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 24 June 2021**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong (via Zoom), Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr G Sinclair Cr M Stadtmiller.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr G Carr (Administration Coordinator), Mr Ray Graham (Interim Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

21/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that Cr Armstrong be granted permission to attend the Council meeting via Zoom due to extenuating circumstances.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/039 RESOLVED on the motion of McCann and Sinclair that the there are no leave of absence or apologies.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 22 April 2021

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the minutes of the meetings held on the 22 April 2021, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence are attached, congratulating Goldenfields on being awarded the Voice Projects Best Workplace Award of 2020.

REROC

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

10 May 2021

Cr Dennis Palmer
Chairperson
Goldenfields Water County Council
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TEMORA NSW 2666

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Dear Dennis

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we write on behalf of the Board of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils to congratulate Goldenfields Water on winning the Voice Project's Best Workplace of 2020 Award.

The Award recognises Goldenfields commitment to effective management practices including articulating and communicating overall direction, assessing and providing adequate resources, and supporting employees in learning and in career development more broadly.

Attracting and retaining staff for rural and regional councils is always a challenge. Awards such as this are important in recognising the efforts that local government is making to ensure that staff feel supported, empowered and engaged as they help create the communities that we live and work in. We are proud that one of our own Member Councils have been recognised for its outstanding work in this area.

We extend our congratulations to all the Goldenfields' staff who have demonstrated through their actions that they are committed to driving the Organisation's performance forward.

We look forward to your continued involvement in REROC's activities and wish you the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely



Cr Rick Firman OAM
Chairman

Yours sincerely



Julie Briggs LLM MBA
Chief Executive Officer

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Our Ref: SC55658/JL
(in reply please quote)

Mr Aaron Drenovski
General Manager
Goldenfields Water County Council
PO Box 220
TEMORA NSW 2666
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Drenovski

Aaron,

I would like to congratulate Goldenfields Water County Council on being awarded Voice Project's Best Workplace Awards for 2020 in recognition of your outstanding levels of employee engagement and satisfaction.

It is a wonderful achievement to have been honoured with this Best Workplace Award.

Goldenfields Water County Council is very fortunate to have such a dedicated team providing valuable management practices to support staff in their professional development.

Congratulations once again.

Yours sincerely

Stephaine Cooke.

Steph Cooke MP
Member for Cootamundra

20.5.21.



Steph Cooke MP, Member for Cootamundra

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9. MATTERS OF URGENCY

21/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that the late items of Update Rosehill Easement Negotiations and Change of August Council Meeting Date be permitted.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.04am

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and the public.

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Stadtmiller that Council move into **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**.

13. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

13.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

13.1.1. UPDATE ROSEHILL EASEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:*

- g) Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,*

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board note the updated information.

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Stadtmiller that there being no further confidential items that the Board revert back to Open Session, and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Confidential Session.

14. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

14.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

14.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and McGlynn that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st May 2021 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st May 2021 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

A report on Council's Investments is required to be presented for Council's consideration in accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$250,403 from \$54,717,252 as at 31st March 2021 to \$54,967,655 as at 31st May 2021.

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Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	SP Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	At Maturity	9/06/2020	9/06/2021	365	0.98	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	P&N Bank	Annual	27/06/2018	28/06/2021	1097	3.15	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2017	12/07/2021	1461	3.45	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	Annual	26/11/2020	19/08/2021	266	0.48	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	9/12/2020	8/09/2021	273	0.70	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	16/12/2020	28/09/2021	286	0.55	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	1096	3.00	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	15/05/2020	17/11/2021	551	1.55	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	Annual	26/11/2020	9/12/2021	378	0.48	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	16/12/2020	11/01/2022	391	0.49	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	11/02/2022	395	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	11/03/2022	423	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2021	7/04/2022	415	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Judo Bank	Annual	30/03/2021	28/04/2022	394	0.87	0.20	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2021	27/05/2022	365	0.48	0.20	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	1461	3.50	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	13/07/2020	13/07/2022	730	0.96	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	23/06/2020	20/07/2022	757	1.23	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	5/08/2020	7/09/2022	763	0.90	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	0.20	\$1,000,000
CASH	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.35	0.10	\$5,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.10	0.10	\$500,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	0.10	\$467,655

TOTAL: **\$54,967,655**

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

Term Deposit - BBSW

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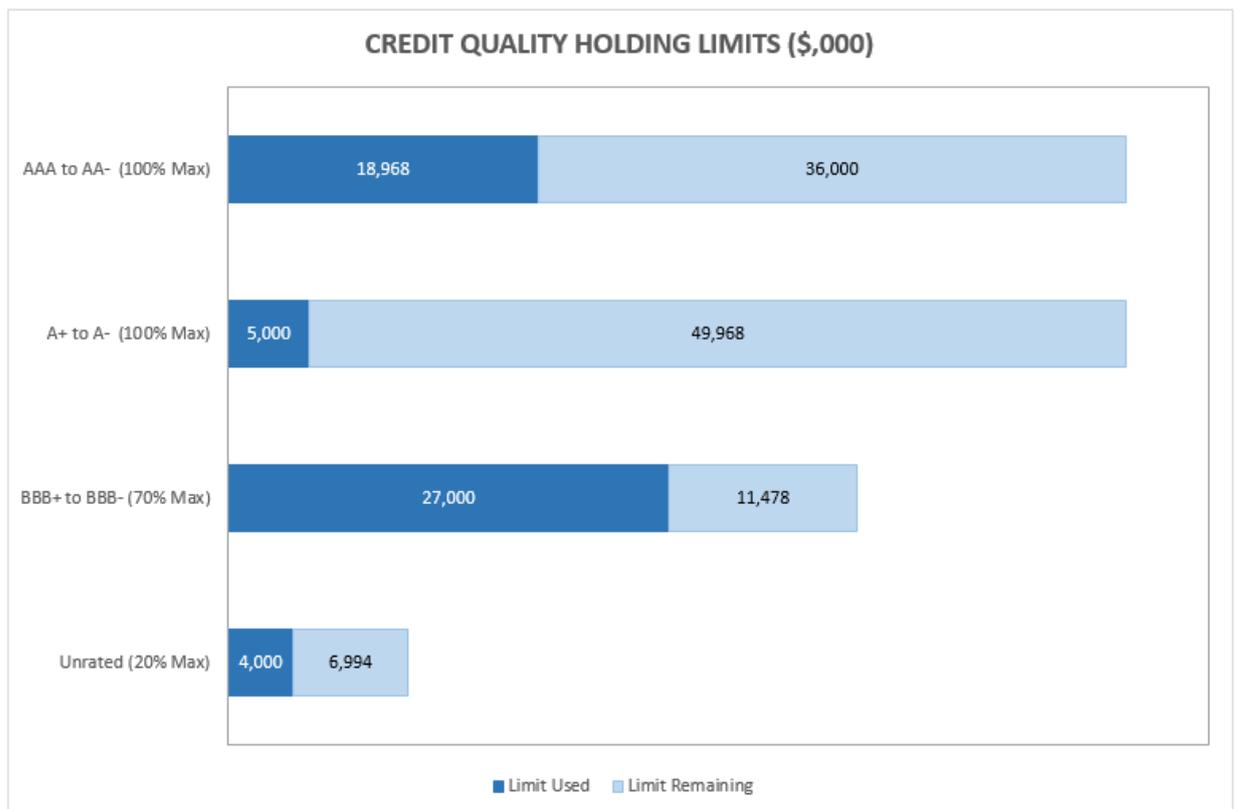
Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio outperformed the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 527%. The average weighted yield for May was 1.18%, over an average weighted term of 241 days, with a benchmark of 0.19%.

Total Cost 54,967,655	Total Interest this Financial Year 578,069	Weighted Average Term 241 Days
Total Value 54,967,655	Monthly Interest Received 53,337	Weighted Average Yield 1.18%

Credit Quality Compliance

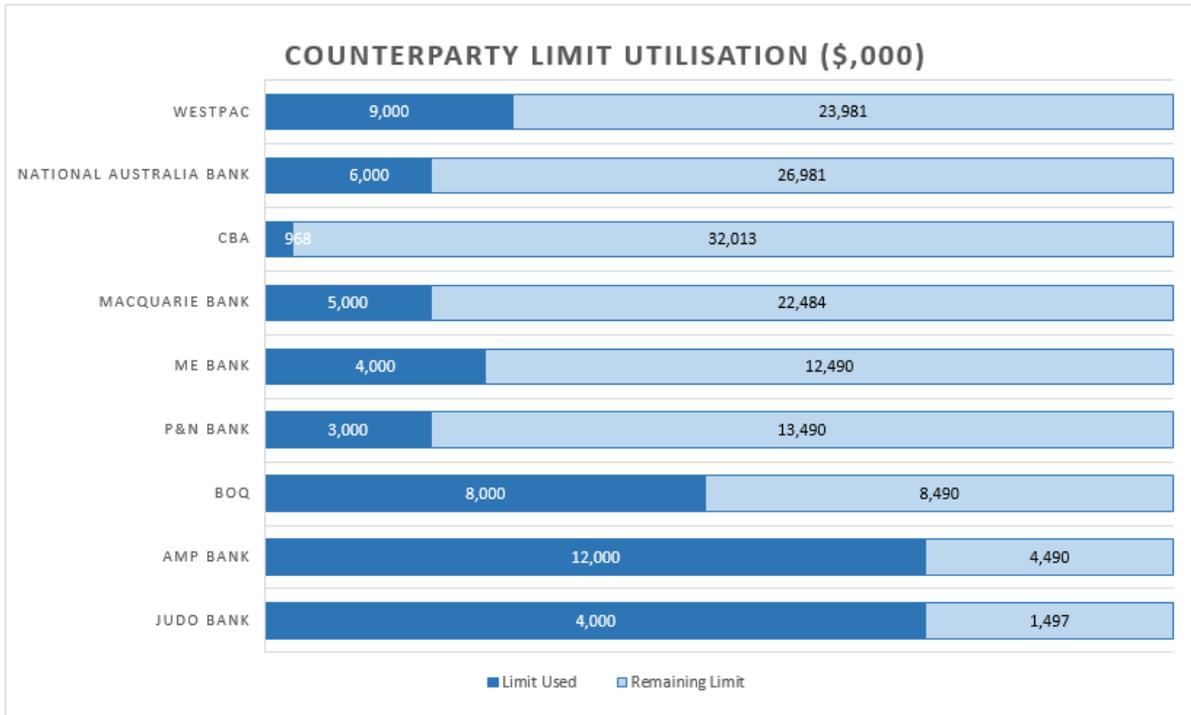
Council's investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



Counter Party Compliance

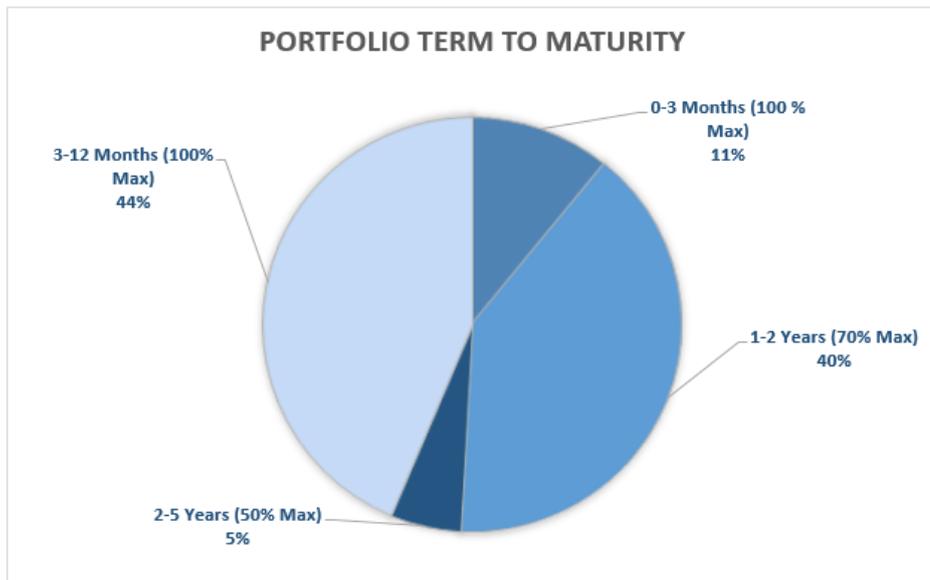
As at the end of May, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

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



Term to Maturity

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



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Application of Investment Funds

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

Restricted Funds:	
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	1,626,111
Infrastructure Replacement	31,765,360
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,128,849
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	0
Property Reserve	391,890
Unrestricted Funds:	19,055,445
TOTAL	54,967,655

Declaration

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

Signed



Michele Curran
Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$250,403 from \$54,717,252 as at 31st March 2021 to \$54,967,655 as at 31st May 2021.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Stadtmiller that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2021 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2021 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents a significant part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the Capital Works Program year to date progress as at 31 May 2021.

Please note that Committed figures include commitments for a couple of major projects that extend over to next financial year, which inflates the Actual and Committed to Budget progress percentage. These commitments include major contracts for Oura HV and Rosehill Pipeline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 May 2021

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.3. DEBT RECOVERY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the Board receives and notes the update on Debt Recovery.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

From March 2021, Goldenfields Water recommenced debt recovery processes to collect overdue monies owed for water accounts. This was following the directive from the Office of Local Government during COVID and also the change in debt recovery process with the implementation of Authority. Debt recovery processes include the restriction / disconnection of properties and referral to external debt recovery agents.

REPORT

Outstanding water debtors as at 31 May 2021:

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	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Water Billing Debtors	\$ 643,684	\$ 69,572	\$ 1,137,641	\$ 1,850,897
Less:				
Bulk Councils				\$ 355,949
Developer Charges				\$ 671,395
Total Retail Customers				\$ 823,554

Debt recovery action figures for the period March 2021 to May 2021:

NOTICES ISSUED	No. Customers	Outstanding Account (\$)
Final Notice	1771	\$1,219,843.89
Debt Recovery Action:		
Pending Restriction Notice	61	\$148,384.80
Restriction Warning Card	23	\$59,263.25
Physical Restriction / Disconnection	18	\$51,731.70
Payment Arrangements Made	28	\$63,451.82
Total Payments Received (following Debt Recovery Action)		\$45,810.89
RESTRICTION DETAILS		
Properties Paid Prior to Restriction (after Restriction Warning Card)	9	\$12,631.00
Properties Unrestricted	6	\$14,855.49
Properties Remaining Restricted	12	\$36,876.21
Properties Referred to Debt Recovery Agent	0	\$0

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.1.4. COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2021/2022

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that:

- 1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 2% for the 2021/2022 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 23 April 2021.**
- 2. The annual remuneration for 2021/2022 is: Councillor \$10,089 and Chairperson \$16,571.40.**

5 in favour. 1 opposed (Cr Sinclair). The motion was declared carried.

Cr McGlynn queried if the Deputy Chairperson could be paid an additional fee in recognition of additional contributions. The General Manager took the question on notice.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 2% for the 2021/2022 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 23 April 2021.
2. The annual remuneration for 2021/2022 is: Councillor \$10,089 and Chairperson \$16,571.40.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient operations

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 23 April 2021 determined an increase of 2% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2021/2022 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2021.

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

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor	\$1,860	\$10,340
Chairperson - additional	\$4,000	\$16,990

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.1.5. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 May 2021.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 May 2021.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012. The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 27 May 2021. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes of ARIC Meeting 27-5-21.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.6. PP022 ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board adopts PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy was adopted in 2018 and is due for review.

REPORT

A periodic review of PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy has been undertaken by management and suggested revisions included for consideration of the board. The policy was endorsed by the GWCC Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 27 May 2021.

Amendments to the policy include updating the policy review period to four yearly, minor wording changes to policy content.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.1.7. PP025 BAD DEBT POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Morris that the Board adopts PP025 Bad Debt Policy.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts PP025 Bad Debt Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

PP025 Bad Debt Policy was adopted in 2017 and is due for review.

REPORT

A periodic review of PP025 Bad Debt Policy has been undertaken by management and suggested revisions included for consideration of the board.

Amendments to the policy include updating the policy review period to four yearly, minor wording changes to policy content, legislative references, definitions and aligning delegation values to the adopted delegations policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP025 Bad Debt Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.8. PP030 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Stadtmiller that the Board adopts PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy was adopted in 2018 and reviewed in 2020. The introduction of an electronic reconciliation process has initiated another review of the policy.

REPORT

A periodic review of PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy has been undertaken by management and suggested revisions included for consideration of the board. This review was initiated following the introduction of an electronic reconciliation process being introduced at Goldenfields Water.

Amendments to the policy include updating 6.2 to include ProMaster being used for reconciliations and removing the cardholder agreement, as it is in the procedure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

14.2.1. VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow That the on-going valve maintenance program report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the on-going valve maintenance program report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in service provision

07 Efficient operations

BACKGROUND

In October 2019 two fixed term labourers were appointed to undertake the Valve Maintenance Program.

REPORT

A total of 8997 valves have been identified within the supply area. These valves consist of:

- Scour valves – 89
- Air valves – 1071
- Stop valves – 3852
- Hydrants – 3985

To date a total of 8785 have been inspected and serviced, and a number of which have required maintenance, refurbishment and/or replacement.

This program is due for completion October 2021 and is currently on target.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.2.2. PP029 PRIVATE WORKS POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair That Council adopt PP029 Private Works Policy.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt PP029 Private Works Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient operations

BACKGROUND

This Policy sets out Council's position on the undertaking of private works by Council for a person/s or organisation at their request.

REPORT

As part of Council's routine review, it is recommended that this policy be adopted with no amendments made.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

PP029 – Private Works Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

14.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Armstrong That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Cr Morris enquired as to whether high security water licence surpluses could be carried over and whether Goldenfields could lobby for this. The General Manager took the question on notice.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Strategic Water Management

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water provides the essential water requirements of about 40,000 people spread over an area in excess of 20,000 square kilometres between the Lachlan & Murrumbidgee Rivers in the South West of NSW.

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge. Goldenfields Water carries out water supply functions within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Hilltops, Junee, Temora, and parts of Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

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Hilltops Shire Council, Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and Riverina Water County Council are retailers, who purchase bulk water from Goldenfields and supply the water to retail customers in their respective local government areas.

REPORT

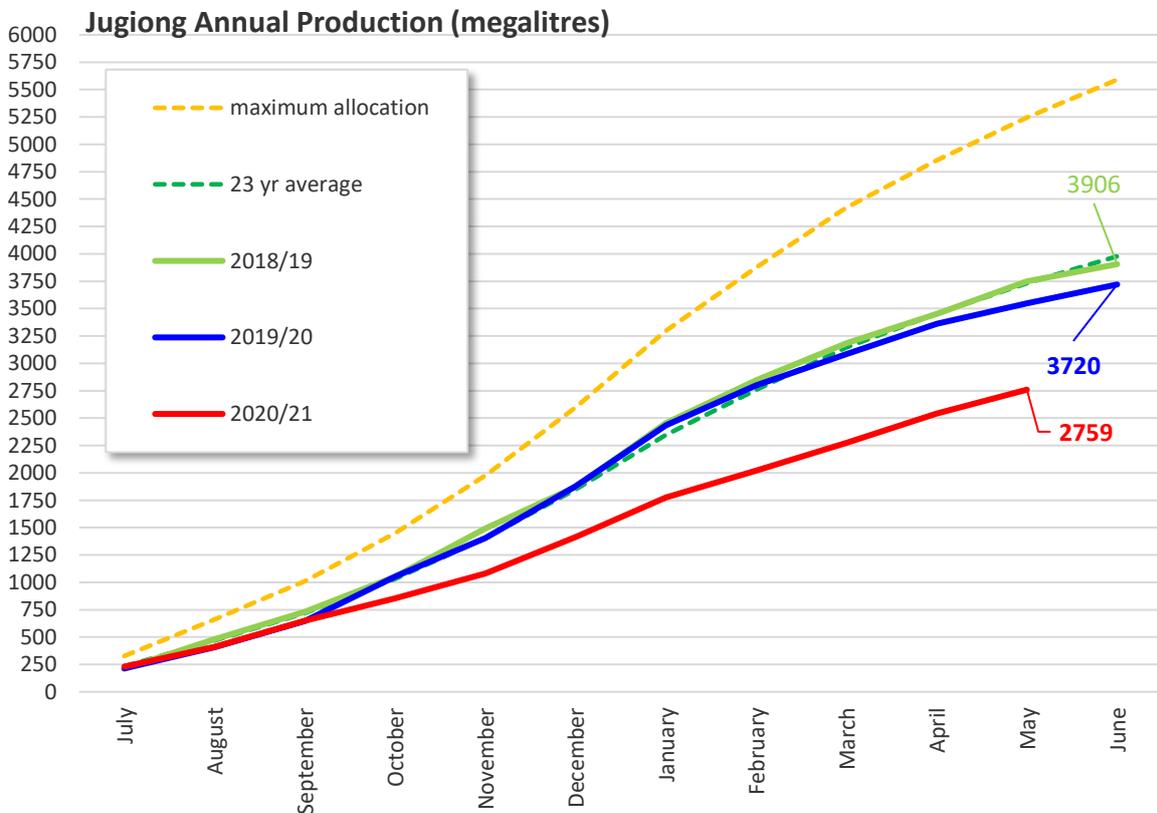
Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

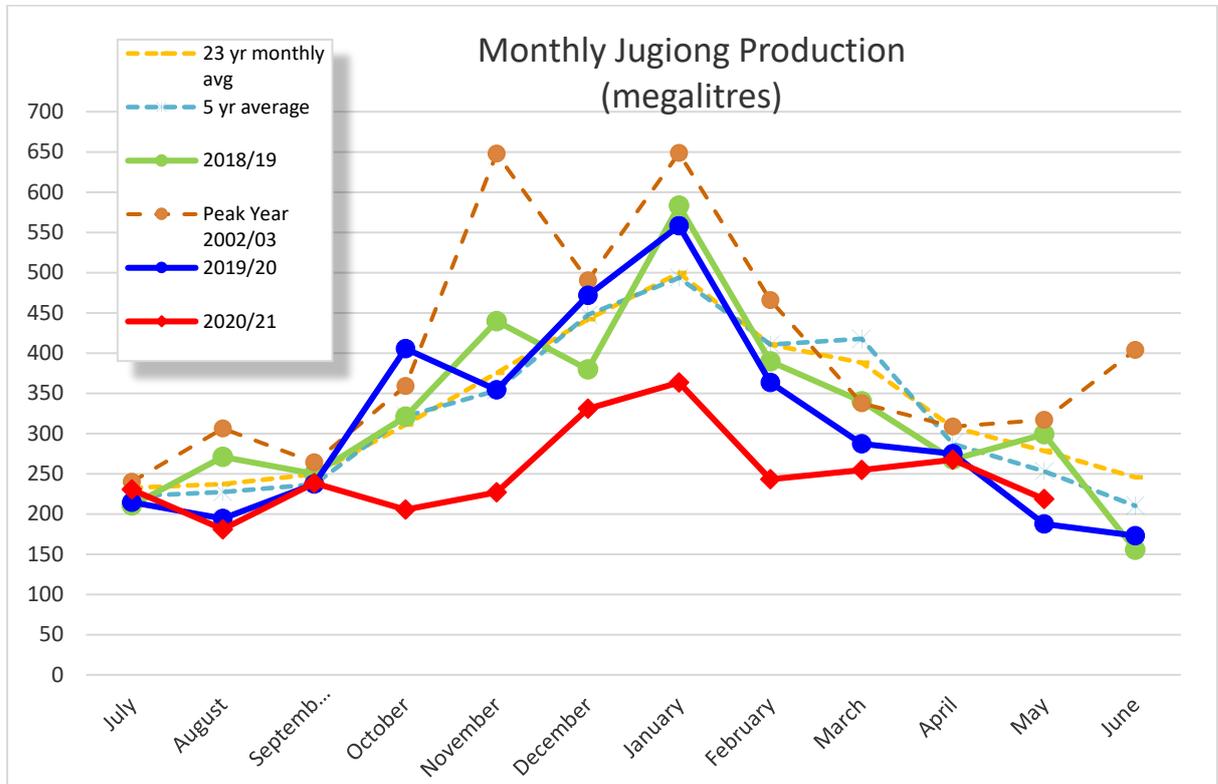
Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

For the first 11 months of the 2020/21 financial year, only 2759ML of water has been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is compared to the same period in 2019/20 where 3547ML was produced, this is a 788ML reduction compared to the same period in 2019/20, as indicated by the graph below.



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As mentioned above, Jugiong water production has decreased by 788ML thus far compared to the previous financial year period. As indicated below, October 2020 through to March 2021 has seen a significant decrease in monthly production compared to previous years, this is due to the above average rainfall, number of wet days and cooler than usual weather during spring and summer. There has been a slight recovery in April and May where water production has aligned with similar demands in the previous year.

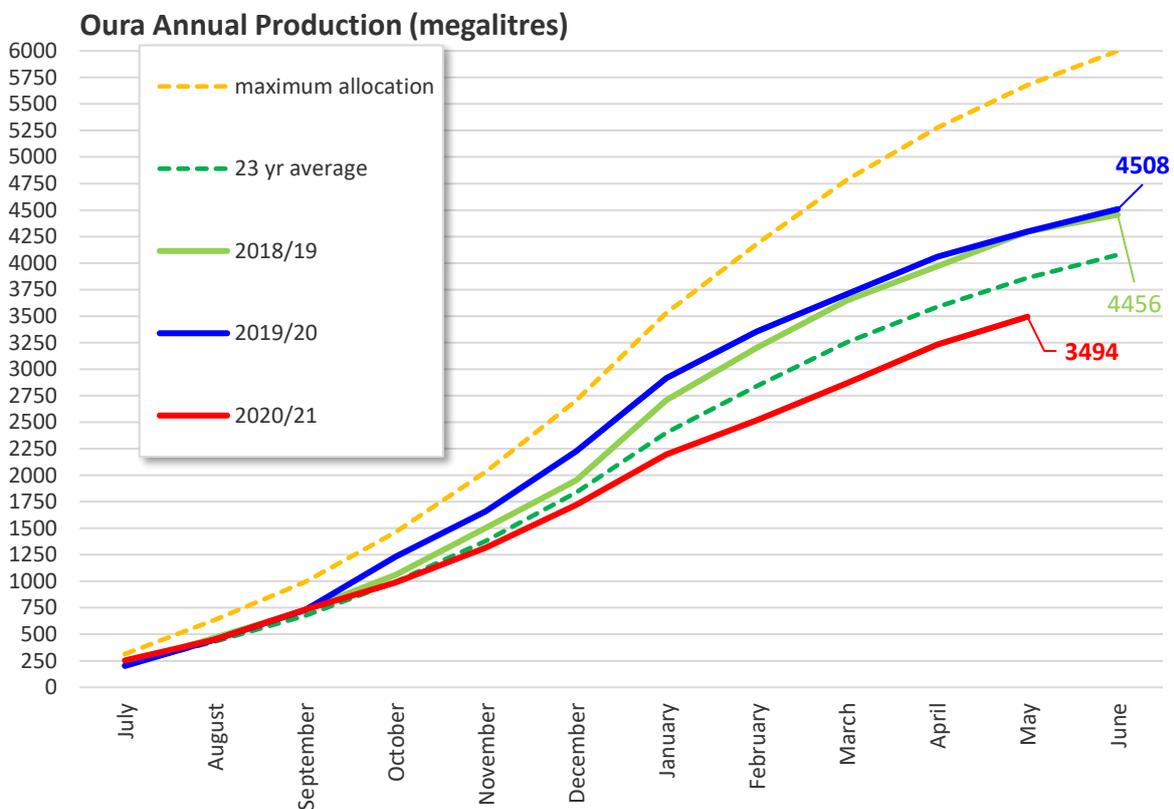


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 4 bores namely: Bores 2, 3, 4 and 6. The raw water then goes through a treatment process at the Oura Water Treatment Plant that includes Aeration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

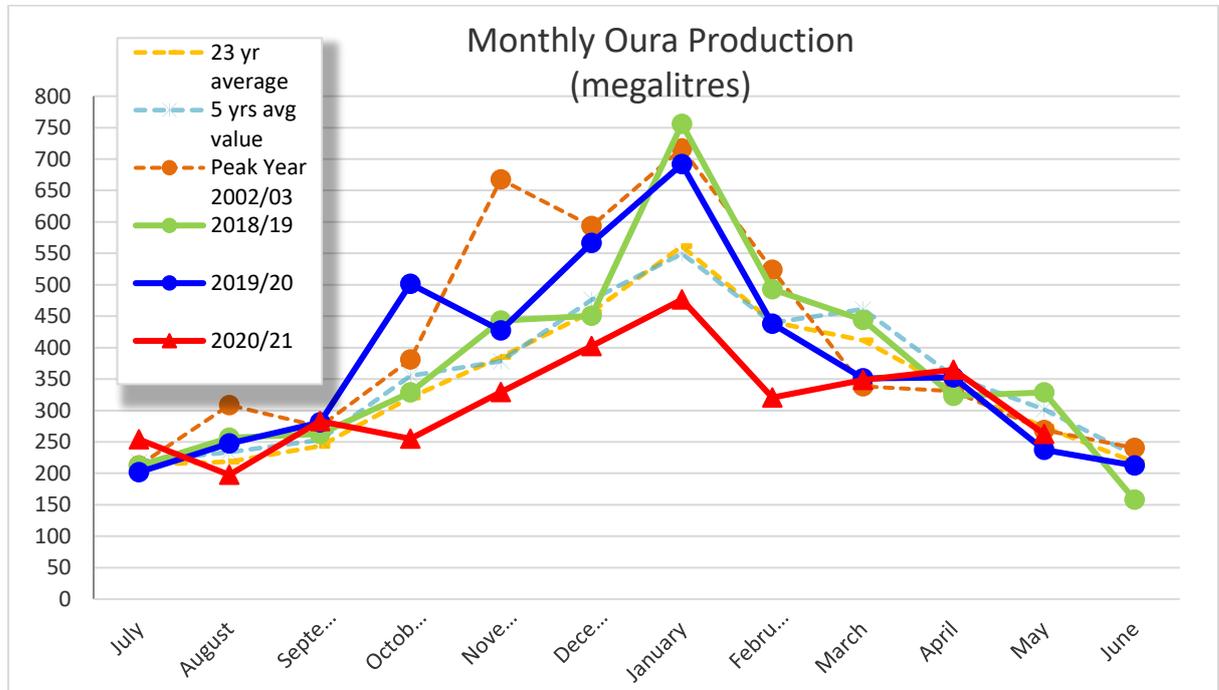
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the first 11 months of the 2020/21 financial year, 3494ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is an 802ML reduction as compared to the same period in 2019/20 where 4296ML was produced. This is depicted in the graph below.



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As mentioned above, Oura monthly water production has reduced by 802ML compared to the same period in 2019/20. Similarly the period from October 2020 to February 2021 has seen a decrease in production from the Oura Bores. This is due to the above average rainfall, number of wet days and cooler than usual weather during spring and summer. There has been a slight recovery from March to May, where water production has aligned with similar demands in the previous year.

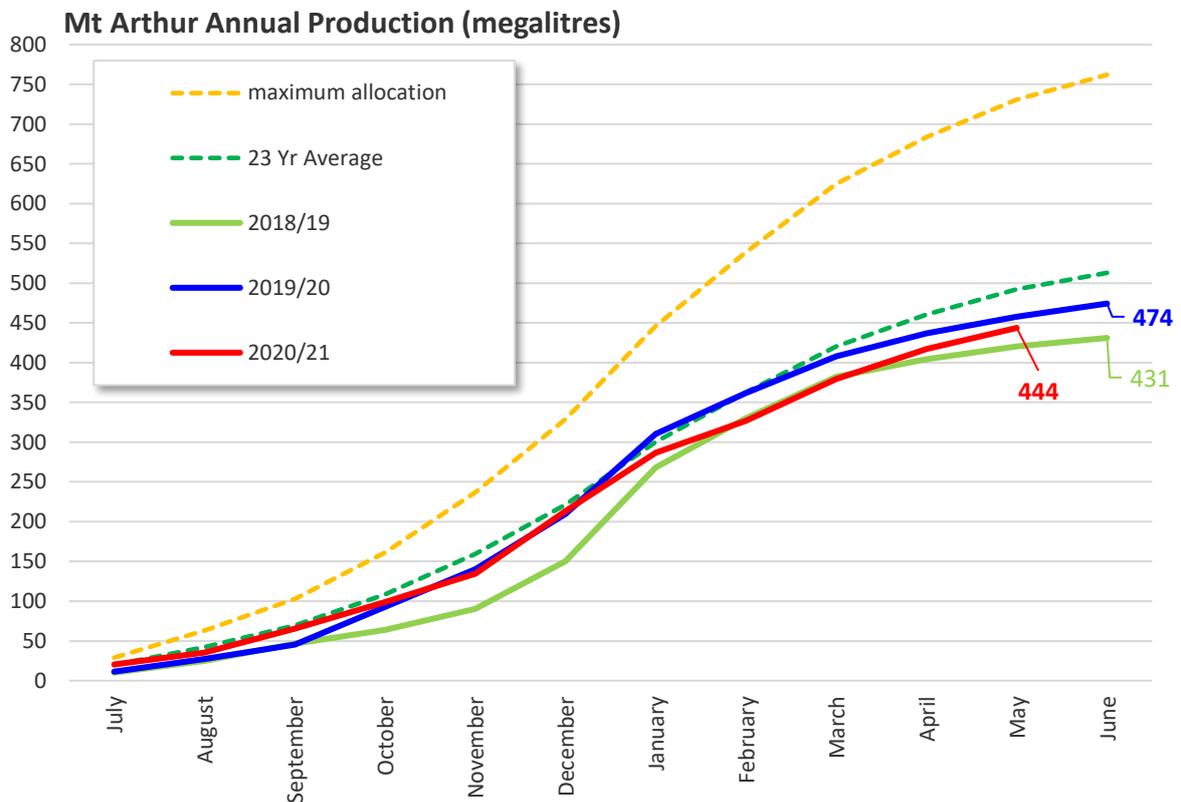


Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with water in the Coolamon shire.

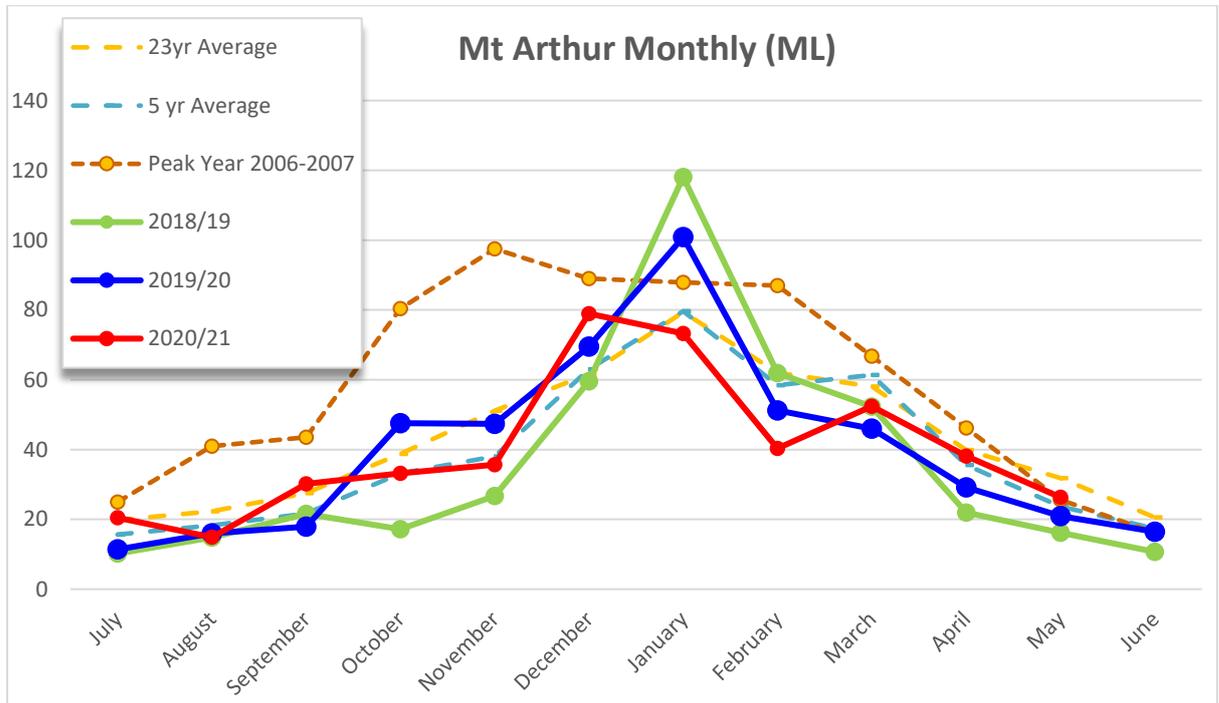
It should be noted that a new Bore 1 is currently being developed to replace the existing Bore site and associated assets. Upon completion, testing and commissioning of the new Bore 1, the old bore will be decommissioned and removed. Water quality and hydraulic capacity requirements appear to be positive at this stage; however actual confirmation of this cannot be known until full commissioning of the bore occurs.

For the first 11 months of the 2020/21 financial year, 444ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is a reduction of 14ML compared to the first 11 months for 2019/20 where 458ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



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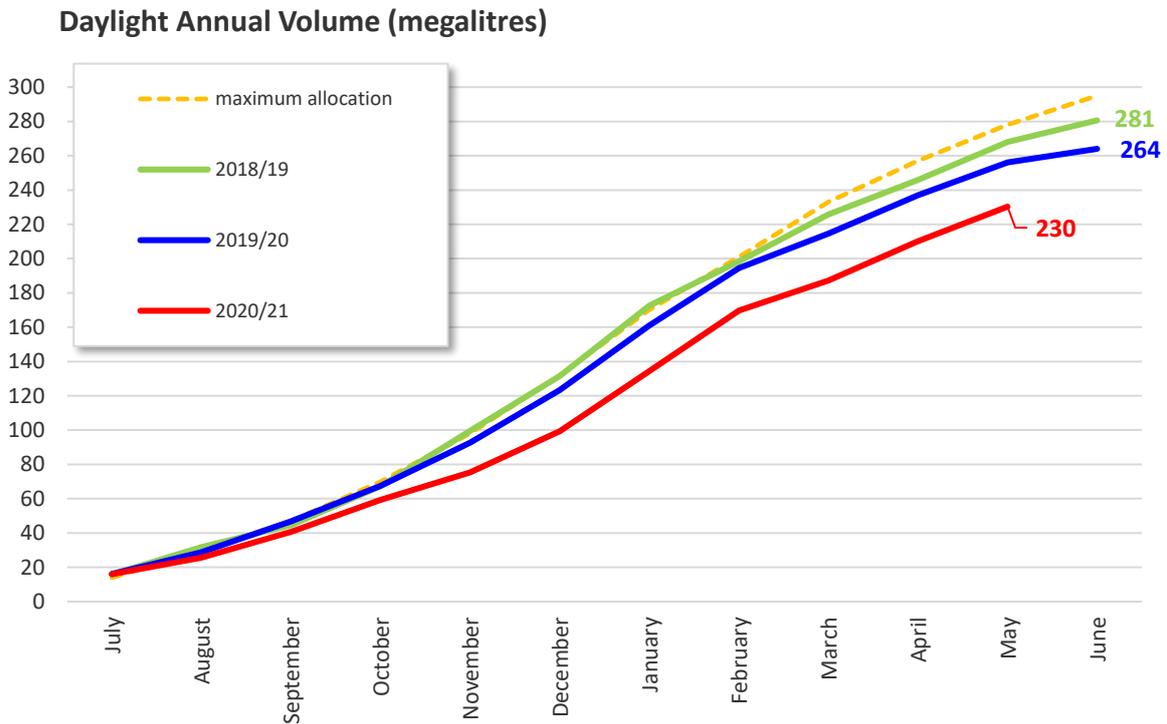
Mt Arthur monthly water production for the first 9 months of the financial year has been variable and not trending as it has in previous years. Whilst Mt Arthur has seen a reduction in demand, it is seeing less of volatility compared to the Oura and Jugiong schemes.



Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

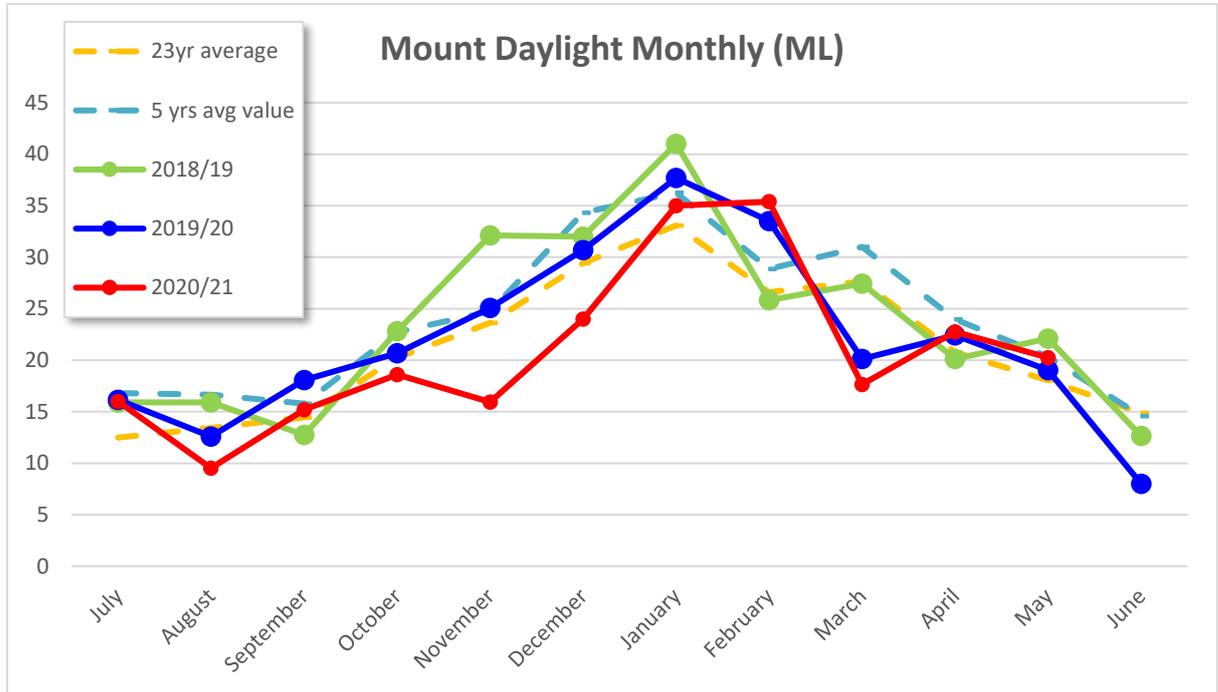
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately 125 people in the villages of Naradhan, Weethalle and Tallimba which is located within the Bland Shire.

For the first 11 months of the 2020/21 financial year, 230ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 26ML compared to the same period for 2019/20 where 264ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



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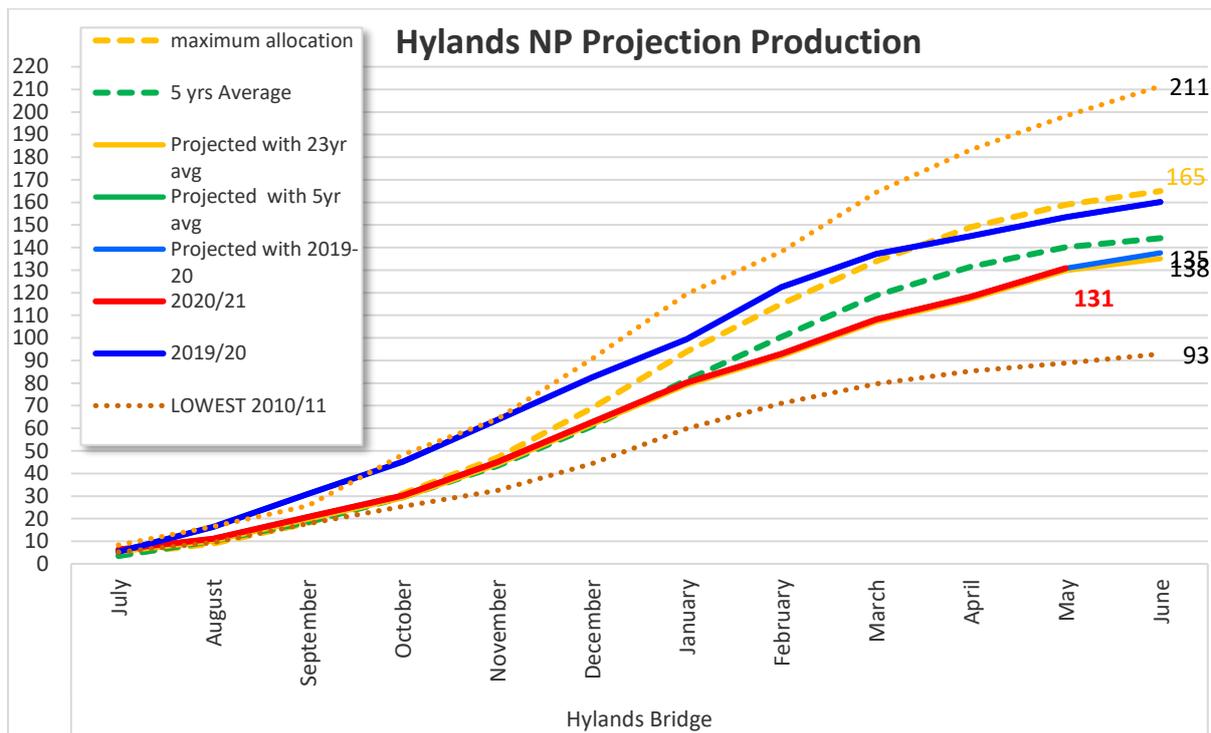
As mentioned above, the Mt Daylight monthly water production is trending at a reduced rate than previous year's period. However the impacts are not as volatile as the Jugiong and Oura schemes.



Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

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

For the first 11 months of the 2020/21 financial year, 131ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. This is a reduced volume of 22ML compared to the first 11 months for 2019/20 financial year where 153ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below, albeit lower volumes, trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.3.2. JUGIONG HIGH VOLTAGE UPGRADE

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow

That Council:

1. notes that following a request for tender process conducted under s55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (**LG Act**), Council entered into a contract (**Contract**) with Schneider Electric (Australia) Pty Limited (**Schneider Electric**) for the supply, delivery, installation, site acceptance testing, commissioning and personnel training of high voltage equipment for the Oura Pump Station and Treatment Plant (**Oura**);
2. notes that high voltage equipment is now required for the upgrade of the:
 - 2.1.1 Jugiong water treatment plant (**Jugiong 1**); and
 - 2.1.2 Jugiong booster pumping station (**Jugiong 2**),(Together, the **HV Equipment** includes Variable Speed Drives (VSD's) and Transformers for the operation of water treatment plant infrastructure and pumping stations)
3. resolves that, pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, because of extenuating circumstances, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for supply of the HV Equipment;
4. notes that the reasons for Council's decision that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for supply of the HV Equipment are that:
 - 4.1.1 having standardised high voltage equipment and controls across Oura, Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2 will deliver substantial cost and efficiency savings to Council, including by:
 - (a) reducing the costs for Council in holding spare parts, as spare parts can be used across the three facilities;
 - (b) reducing training requirements for Council personnel, as different equipment and controls would require different training; and
 - (c) providing operational flexibility, as it will allow for the interchangeability of equipment between sites should there be a critical failure at one site;
 - 4.1.2 if the same high voltage equipment is used, a large portion of the design for the Oura high voltage equipment upgrade can be reused for guidance at the Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2 high voltage equipment sites, resulting in a substantial cost saving for Council;
 - 4.1.3 Council very recently undertook a thorough tender process for the Oura high voltage equipment under s55 of the LG Act and Council considers it unlikely that any tender for the Jugiong 1 or Jugiong 2 high voltage equipment would deliver any additional value, noting that only one conforming tender was received; and

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- 4.1.4 there are cost efficiencies in engaging Schneider Electric on substantially the same contract terms as for the Contract rather than drafting and negotiating new contractual documents for Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2;
- 5. authorises the General Manager or his delegate to:
 - 5.1.1 directly negotiate with Schneider Electric for the purposes of entering into an agreement for the supply, delivery, installation, site acceptance testing, commissioning and personnel training of high voltage equipment for Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2; and
 - 5.1.2 execute any agreement arising from those direct negotiations.

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. notes that following a request for tender process conducted under s55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (**LG Act**), Council entered into a contract (**Contract**) with Schneider Electric (Australia) Pty Limited (**Schneider Electric**) for the supply, delivery, installation, site acceptance testing, commissioning and personnel training of high voltage equipment for the Ora Pump Station and Treatment Plant (**Ora**);
- 2. notes that high voltage equipment is now required for the upgrade of the:
 - 2.1.1 Jugiong water treatment plant (**Jugiong 1**); and
 - 2.1.2 Jugiong booster pumping station (**Jugiong 2**),

(Together, the **HV Equipment** includes Variable Speed Drives (VSD's) and Transformers for the operation of water treatment plant infrastructure and pumping stations)
- 3. resolves that, pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, because of extenuating circumstances, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for supply of the HV Equipment;
- 4. notes that the reasons for Council's decision that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for supply of the HV Equipment are that:
 - 4.1.1 having standardised high voltage equipment and controls across Ora, Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2 will deliver substantial cost and efficiency savings to Council, including by:
 - (a) reducing the costs for Council in holding spare parts, as spare parts can be used across the three facilities;
 - (b) reducing training requirements for Council personnel, as different equipment and controls would require different training; and

- (c) providing operational flexibility, as it will allow for the interchangeability of equipment between sites should there be a critical failure at one site;
 - 4.1.2 if the same high voltage equipment is used, a large portion of the design for the Oura high voltage equipment upgrade can be reused for guidance at the Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2 high voltage equipment sites, resulting in a substantial cost saving for Council;
 - 4.1.3 Council very recently undertook a thorough tender process for the Oura high voltage equipment under s55 of the LG Act and Council considers it unlikely that any tender for the Jugiong 1 or Jugiong 2 high voltage equipment would deliver any additional value, noting that only one conforming tender was received; and
 - 4.1.4 there are cost efficiencies in engaging Schneider Electric on substantially the same contract terms as for the Contract rather than drafting and negotiating new contractual documents for Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2;
5. authorises the General Manager or his delegate to:
- 5.1.1 directly negotiate with Schneider Electric for the purposes of entering into an agreement for the supply, delivery, installation, site acceptance testing, commissioning and personnel training of high voltage equipment for Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2; and
 - 5.1.2 execute any agreement arising from those direct negotiations.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

The Board resolved at its August 2020 meeting on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Stadtmiller that the Board provide approval to award the contract for the supply, delivery, installation, site acceptance testing and commissioning of the high voltage equipment for Oura water pump station to Schneider Electric Australia for \$2,068,029 (GST Incl).

REPORT

Goldenfields has previously determined that all three (3) of its high voltage sites which consist of Oura, Jugiong Water Treatment Plant (Jugiong 1) and Jugiong 2 Pump Station assets are at the end of life and require prioritisation for renewal.

The Board has previously awarded design, civil, electrical switchboard and high voltage equipment contracts for the Oura HV Upgrade Project which will be completed in early 2022.

In parallel with the capital delivery of the Oura HV project, Staff have also been undertaking the preliminary works for the Jugiong 1 and 2 high voltage sites. Jugiong 1 site has been prioritised to commence works within the 2021/22 financial year with a requested budget allocation of \$2m and an additional \$3m within the 2022/23 financial year.

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Staff are currently preparing contract documents for the proposed delivery of works as per the below:

- Design and Construct tender for civil contract. This includes earth works, buildings, pavement and pits and conduits.
- It is proposed to utilise the existing preferred electrical low voltage switch board contractor, through the existing awarded contract 03/2020 that was awarded to JRC Electrical at the October 2020 Council meeting for the switchboards and minor electrical works.
- Utilise the existing awarded contracts of SCADA equipment and commissioning works with the preferred supplier of Safegroup.
- Purchase high voltage equipment via an exemption of tendering as per the recommendations of this report.

It has been identified through the development of the Oura, Jugiong 1 & 2 projects that it is possible for Goldenfields to consider standardisation of equipment for each of the 3 high voltage sites. This means that Council has the ability to maintain one specific brand, size and skill set to manage these assets into the future.

Therefore staff have sought legal advice in terms of Councils ability to seek an exemption from tendering pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, due to extenuating circumstances. It is Council officer's position that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting any additional tenders for supply of the HV Equipment for both the Jugiong 1 and 2 high voltage locations.

This has been determined on the basis that a significant reduction in costs and time for Council could be made from:

- Limiting the amount of spare parts, as spare parts can be used across the three facilities;
- Reducing training requirements for Council personnel, as different equipment and controls would require different training;
- Providing operational flexibility, as it will allow for the interchangeability of equipment between sites should there be a critical failure at one site; and
- If the same high voltage equipment is used, a large portion of the design for the Oura high voltage equipment upgrade can be reused for guidance at the Jugiong 1 and Jugiong 2 high voltage equipment sites, resulting in a substantial cost saving for Council; and
- a significant savings of time will be made during the project delivery phase, as the process for civil design will not be required to wait for the provision of HV equipment and associated designs before it can commence, noting we already have the existing Oura designs completed based off the Schneider equipment.

In addition to the significant cost and time savings, it is also known that as per the previous HV equipment tender that was resolved in August 2020, that Schneider were the only conforming bid that met Councils requirements at the time. Specifically but not limited to, no other suppliers offered the mandatory installation requirements requested by council. It was also advised at the time that Schneider's offer was deemed value for money in

comparison with all other offers made. Please find tabled, the previous confidential report to award, which details the previous evaluation process for selecting Schneider equipment.

On this basis, staff are recommending that the Board resolves that, pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, due to extenuating circumstances, seek to directly negotiate the supply of high voltage equipment with Schneider Electric for both Jugiong Water Treatment Plant (Jugiong 1) and Jugiong 2 Water Pump Station sites.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: August 2020 Confidential Board report for Contract 04/2020

14.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

14.4.1. NANGUS BUSINESS CASE

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Callow that the Board note the outcomes of the Nangus Business Case.

Report prepared by Interim Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board note the outcomes of the Nangus Business Case

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) has received numerous requests from Nangus residents for the provision of potable water services to the village. As a result CGRC has requested GWCC involvement in the project to potentially design, build and operate a new town water supply scheme. At this stage both Council's have agreed to a staged approach for the delivery of a feasibility study and the development of a business case.

The feasibility study was concluded and considered by the GWCC Board at its meeting in February 2020, with the board resolving:

That the Board

1. Note the outcome of the Nangus feasibility study.
2. Approve Council to proceed to business case for Options 2 and 7, subject to Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council's concurrence.

REPORT

Council has now received the business case which considers the economic appraisal required for any of the formal State or Federal Government funding streams. The completed business case indicates that the associated costs both for construction as well as ongoing operational costs outweigh the potential benefits of undertaking the project.

In developing this economic appraisal, the following was considered

- Project Cost Estimate
- Annual operating costs (excluding consumption and depreciation)
- Tangible Benefits
 - o health related
 - o Avoidance on water carting
- Intangible benefits
 - o Improved amenity
 - o Social satisfaction

As this report was written around seeking funding the economic analysis was undertaken in line with

- Cost-Benefit Guide 2019 (iNSW, 2019)
- Safe and Secure Water CBA Toolkit

Utilising these resources a project with a positive Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) above one (1) is considered to be economically viable. In this project a BCR of 0.16 is achieved, that is for every dollar invested, the project returns only 16 cents in benefits.

In the development of the Business case, the initial estimate furnished to CGRC has undergone several refinements as the project has gone from a discussion to a concept to feasibility to business case. At each step, more rigorous cost estimating has been employed.

The current estimate of \$8,430,000 includes the following

- 20% Allowance for overheads being Project Management, designs etc
- Excavation through rock type material
- Water connections and hydrants included in the village reticulation
- Provision of reservoir at Nangus for water security
- Improvements to the GWCC Oura Scheme to account for the impact on the network due to the demand from Nangus
- Contingency of 30% as this is still a concept level design

It should also be noted that the unit rate figures used in the current estimate are based on current industry pricing for similar projects under similar conditions rather than a nationwide average.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Currently GWCC is undertaking a large scale asset renewal program. This is aimed at securing the condition of GWCC critical infrastructure to continue supplying reliable and safe water to its current network.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

TABLED ITEMS: Nangus Business Case.

14.5. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

14.5.1. PP012 RECOGNITION AND GIFTS POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that the Board adopt PP012 Recognition and Gifts Policy.

Report prepared by Human Resources Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt PP012 Recognition and Gifts Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

08 Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce

BACKGROUND

It is acknowledged that formal reward and recognition for deserving employees in the workplace is proven as a critical element to driving employee engagement, a positive workplace culture, reducing turnover and ensuring that Goldenfields Water County Council (Council) is reputed as an employer of choice within our community.

REPORT

PP012 Recognition and Gifts Policy has been reviewed in line with its review schedule. The Policy ensures clear parameters around formally recognising employees who have contributed extensive lengths of service; formally rewarding work teams and individual employees who perform exceptionally; and the provision of gifts to staff when departing the organisation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP012 Recognition and Gifts Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.5.2. PP023 WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow That the Board rescind PP023 Workplace Surveillance Policy.

Report prepared by Human Resources Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board rescind PP023 Workplace Surveillance Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

As part of the organisation policy review in 2020, it was recommended that PP023 Workplace Surveillance Policy be rescinded and adopted by MANEX as an internal policy.

REPORT

PP023 Workplace Surveillance Policy has been re-composed and adopted by MANEX as IP003 Workplace Surveillance Policy. It is recommended that PP023 Workplace Surveillance Policy be rescinded.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.3. PP017 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that the Board adopt PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

Report prepared by Human Resources Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

08 Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce.

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council (Council) has a legislative obligation to ensure the principles of equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination are promoted and adhered to in the workplace.

REPORT

PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy has been reviewed in line with its review schedule. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy demonstrates Councils commitment to the principles of equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.5.4. ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong

That:

- 1. Council adopts the 2021-2022 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display**
- 2. The fees and charges be made for the 2021-2022 year, as detailed in the adopted 2021-2022 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.**

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the 2021-2022 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display
2. The fees and charges be made for the 2021-2022 year, as detailed in the adopted 2021-2022 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements, the Draft 2021-2022 Operational Plan, incorporating 2021-2022 Fees and Charges and 2021-2022 Budget Summaries has been on public exhibition for 28 days. No submissions have been received.

The Draft 2021-2022 Operational Plan, incorporating 2021-2022 Fees and Charges and 2021-2022 Budget Summaries is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2021-2022 Operational Plan

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.5. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Stadtmiller that the Board consider a suitable date to hold an extraordinary meeting of Council to consider the Thanowring Road Materials Tender, prior to the enforcement of the caretaker period.

The Board agreed to hold the Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 3 August at 10.00am.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider a suitable date to hold an extraordinary meeting of Council to consider the Thanowring Road Materials Tender, prior to the enforcement of the caretaker period.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Strategic Water Management

BACKGROUND

In accordance with 393B of the Local Government Act, Councils enter into a 'caretaker' period during the 4 weeks preceding the date of ordinary elections. This prevents Council from entering into a contract greater than \$150,000 or 1% of Council's revenue in rates from the previous year, during that time.

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Local Government elections are being held 4 September 2021, resulting in Goldenfields entering the caretaker period from 7 August 2021.

REPORT

The Thanowring Road Materials Tender is due to be released in the coming weeks and will close on or around 20-27 July 2021. Due to the caretaker period encompassing the 26 August Council Meeting date, this contract could not be awarded until the October Council meeting. This delay in awarding the Thanowring Road materials tender would then delay the anticipated commencement timeframe of the Thanowring Road mains upgrade.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council prior to 7 August 2021, is suggested in order for the Board to consider the Tender before the caretaker period commences.

A date during the week commencing 2 August 2021 is suggested in order for Council officers sufficient time to have undertaken due diligence in assessing the Thanowring Road Materials Tender.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.6. AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that the Board consider an alternate date for the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Board agreed to hold the August Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 10.00am.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider an alternate date for the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 10.00am. The August ordinary Council Meeting has been resolved to be held 26 August 2021.

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REROC have planned a visit for member representatives to Parliament House on the 26 and 27 August 2021. This event includes meeting with a number of Ministers, along with the RivJo and REROC Board meetings.

REPORT

Goldenfields' Chairperson and General Manager are invited to attend the REROC visit to Parliament House on 26 and 27 August 2021.

Goldenfields ordinary Council Meeting is due to be held on 26 August 2021.

In order for the Chairperson and General Manager to attend this meeting, it is Council officers' recommendation that the Board consider an alternate date for the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 10.00am.

16. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of council the meeting was closed at 11.07am.