

The meeting commenced at 10.04am

**PRESENT**

Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr J Piper, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr A White.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr J Chapman (Corporate Services Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that a leave of absence be granted to Cr G Sinclair.**

**2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

Nil

**3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

**4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS**

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they have taken under section 233A of the Act.

The governing body of a county council is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. Each Councillor as a member of the governing body has a responsibility to make considered and well-informed decisions to ensure that the exercise of the functions of Goldenfields Water are performed to benefit the whole of the area of operations of Goldenfields Water.

In addition Councillors are reminded of their obligations under council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

**5. 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.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/012 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Piper and McAlister that the minutes of the meetings held on 23 February 2023, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**12. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

Nil

**15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.06am**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, 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**

**23/013 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

**16. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**16.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**

**16.1.1. ENERGY CONTRACT UPDATE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/014 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the Board note the information provided within the report regarding new energy Agreements negotiated with Shell Energy.

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*Commercial information of a confidential matter that would, if disclosed:*

*(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*

**16.1.2. OURA WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES – DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RESERVOIRS AND MULTI-TRAY AERATOR TENDER –  
02/2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board approve:

- a. To award the Design & Construction lump sum contract for the Oura Reservoirs and Aerator Tender to Quay Civil Pty Ltd for \$10,536,418.92 ex GST\*
- b. Authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Quay Civil Pty Ltd
- c. Approve an updated budget allocation of \$12,643,702.70 noting an allowance of 20% contingency as detailed in the report.

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## 16.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

### 16.2.1. JINDALEE FEEDLOT EXPANSION – REQUEST FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT CONSIDERATION

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

**23/016 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and Morris that the Board:

- 1. Note the information provided within the report and attachments**
- 2. Decline to offer a reduction in Developer Infrastructure Charges to Tey Australia Southern Pty Ltd, for Jindalee Feedlot, Springdale, Lot 1 DP 572118**

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### 16.2.2. WOMBAT RESERVOIR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT TENDER – 01/2023

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

**23/017 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and Piper that the Board:

- 1. Pursuant to section 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the County Council declines to accept any of the tender submissions in response to Tender 01/2023 Wombat Reservoir Design and Construct Tender, and**
- 2. Pursuant to section 178(3)(a) of the Regulation, cancel the proposal for the contract**

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- d) Commercial information of a confidential matter that would, if disclosed:*
  - (ii) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it,*

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

**23/018 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and Callow 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.

*11.00am – Confidential Session exited.*

*The General Manager read out the resolutions made in CONFIDENTIAL session*

## 17. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

### 17.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

#### 17.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

**23/019 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st March 2023 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

##### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be received and noted.

##### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

##### 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 2021.

##### REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$597,423.43 from \$36,345,841.09 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to \$36,943,264.52 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

##### Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	16/12/2022	5/04/2023	110	3.83	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	16/12/2022	5/04/2023	110	3.91	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	28/04/2022	3/05/2023	370	2.73	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	9/02/2023	11/05/2023	91	4.03	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Southern Cross Credit Union	At Maturity	8/03/2023	26/06/2023	110	4.30	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.55	2.89	\$1,033,710
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	2.89	\$10,208
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$1,899,347
<b>TOTAL:</b>										<b>\$36,943,265</b>

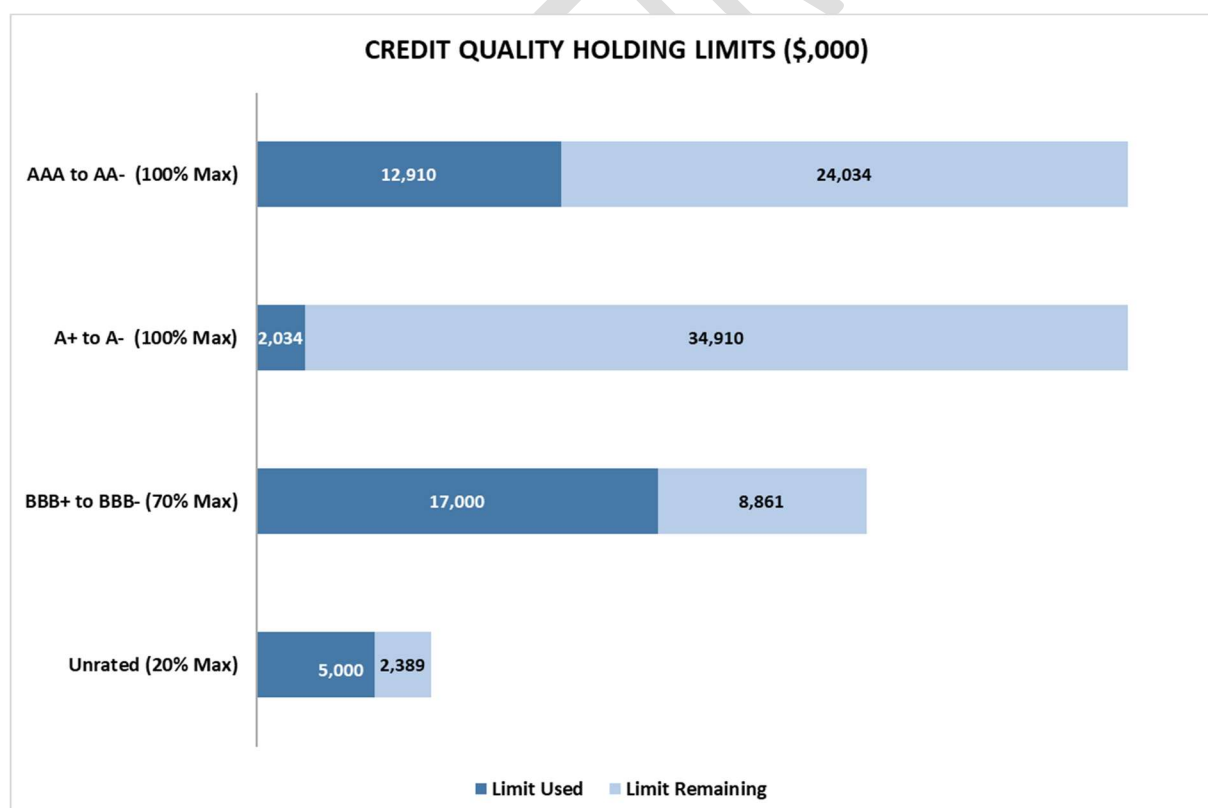
### Portfolio Performance

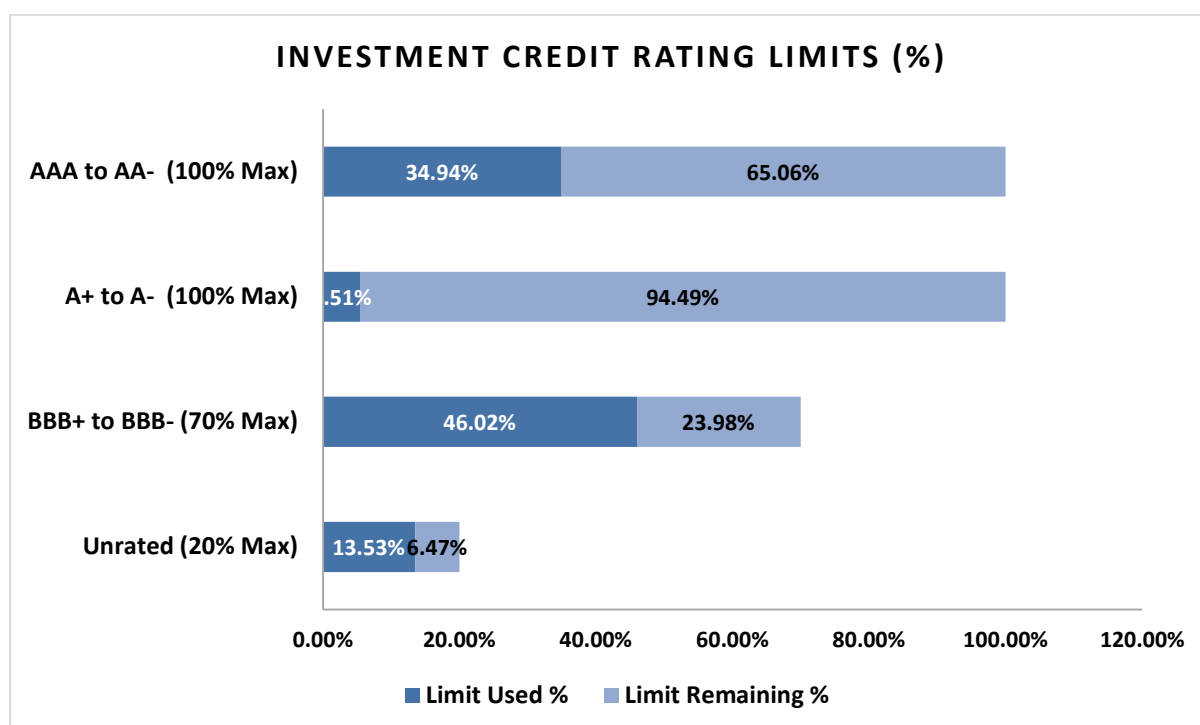
Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio underperformed by 0.11% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for March was 3.61%.

<b>Total Cost</b> <b>36,943,265</b>	<b>Yearly Interest Received</b> <b>477,073</b>	<b>Weighted Average Term</b> <b>280 days</b>
<b>Total Portfolio Value</b> <b>37,288,251</b>	<b>Monthly Interest Received</b> <b>47,864</b>	<b>Weighted Average Yield</b> <b>3.61%</b>

### 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.

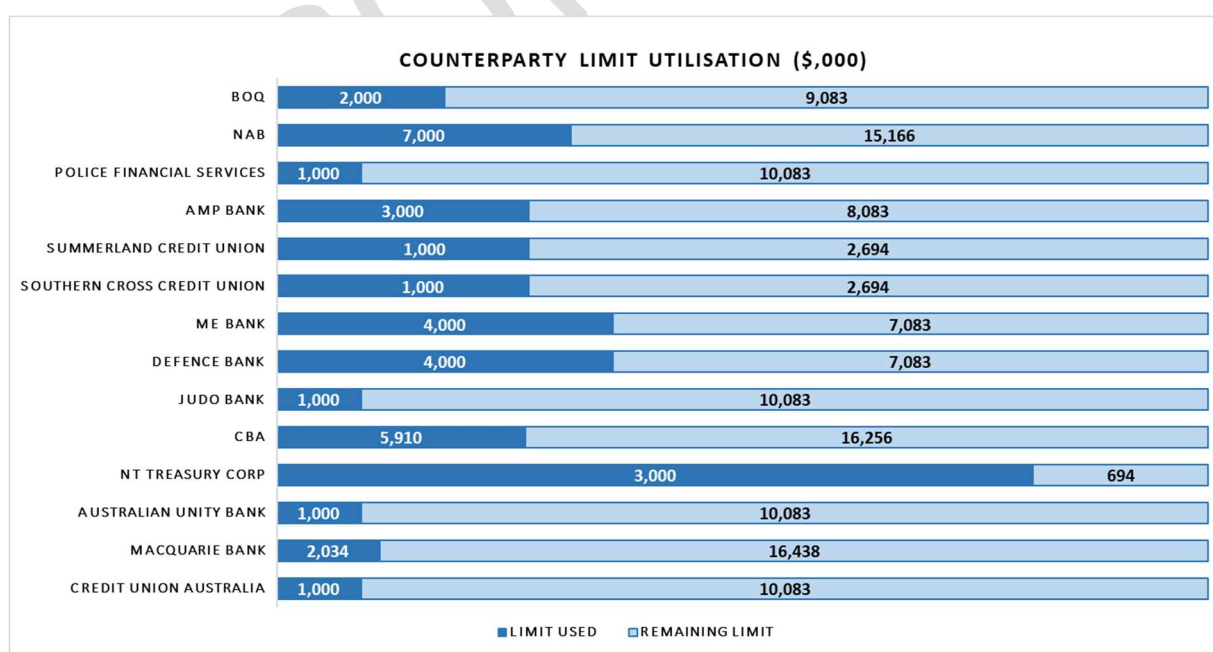




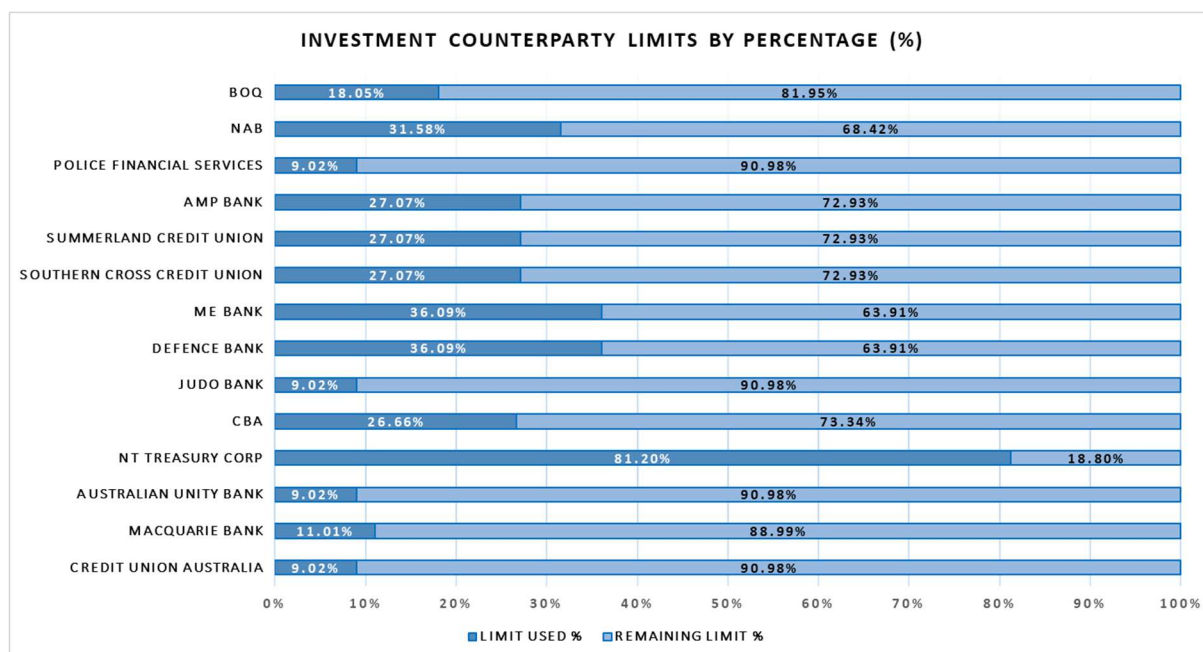
### Counter Party Compliance

As at the end of March, 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.

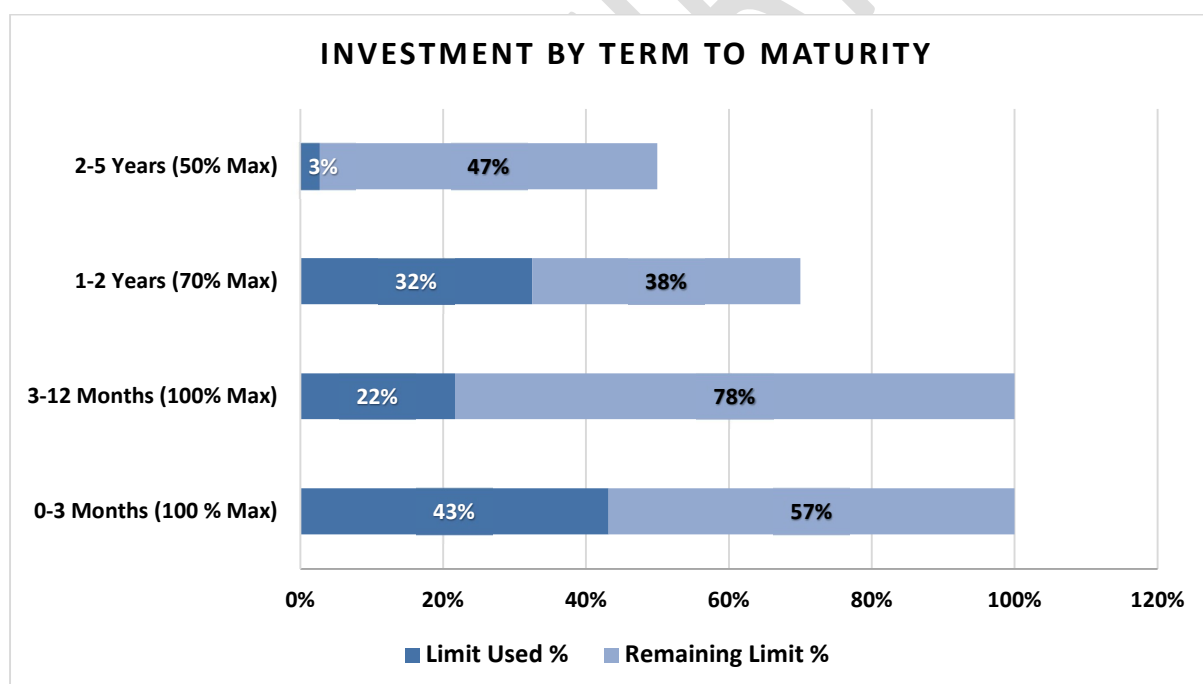
Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.



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### Term to Maturity



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



### **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.

<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,830,127
Infrastructure Replacement	16,363,217
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>15,257,427</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,943,265</b>

### **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 2021 and Council's Investment Policy PP004.

Signed



John Chapman  
Responsible Accounting Officer

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

### **17.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE**

#### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/020 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st March 2023 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager**

### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

Capital Works represents an important part of Council's activities and expenditure. This report details expenditure and progress for the year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

**REPORT**

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Following the recommendation from the ARIC meeting of 23 February 2023, additional information is being provided to inform Council on progress with major projects to date.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**17.1.3. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/021 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Callow and McAlister that the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2023.

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2023.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, for the purpose of periodically reviewing and revising estimates of income and expenditure.

**REPORT**

The Quarterly Review of Council's Budget for the period ended 31 March 2023 is submitted for examination by Council.

The revised operating result for 2022/23 anticipates a deficit of \$1,913,000. The anticipated operating result for 2022/23 as reviewed in the December 2022 Quarterly Budget provided for

a deficit of \$1,778,000. The anticipated operating result as adopted in the original budget provided for a deficit of \$1,738,000. Proposed adjustments are detailed below.

The Capital Works expenditure is not included in the Operating Result and is an additional outlay. Further detail about capital works can be found in the Capital Works Progress Report item of the business paper.

Proposed March 2023 quarterly review adjustments:

**Operational Additional Income**

- (\$336,000) Interest on Investments

**Operational Additional Expenditure**

- (\$400,000) Continuation of IWCM Strategy - Public Works Advisory Contract – project approved by Council in February 2021, not previously carried over

**Capital Expenditure**

Additional Expenditure

- (\$87,000) Mains - Developer Paid
- (\$37,000) Mains - Reticulation
- (\$17,000) Mains - Rural
- (\$140,000) West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station
- (\$430,000) Microwave link sites for Scada
- (\$22,000) Residences Assets Replacements/Upgrades
- (\$2,000,000) Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction
- (\$70,000) Jugiong CWPS1 P1 and P2 Inlet Manifold 2022
- (\$147,000) Oura Bore 4 - Emergency Bore Reline
- (\$57,000) Jugiong PLC Upgrade
- (\$35,000) Jugiong Compressor
- (\$70,000) Jugiong WTP - Valve & Pneumatic Upgrade

Reduction in Expenditure

- (\$600,000) Wyalong Standpipe Res
- (\$15,000) New GPS
- (\$1,300,000) Thanowring Road Pipeline
- (\$413,000) Aria Park Pump Station Investigation
- (\$2,300,000) Oura Reservoirs and aerator
- (\$800,000) Reservoir Full Renewals - GWCC Wide
- (\$1,500,000) Jugiong High Voltage
- (\$30,000) Internal Adhoc Renewals

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation has increased Council's Operating deficit by \$64,000 and decreases Capital Works Expenditure by \$3,846,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Quarterly Budget Review 31-03-23

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

#### **17.1.4. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

##### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Morris and Callow that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

**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 23 February 2023.

##### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

##### **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 23 February 2023. 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 23 February 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

#### **17.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER**

##### **17.2.1. PLANT PURCHASING**

**Report prepared by Operations Manager**

##### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/023 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White That the Board approve \$350,000 for plant purchases for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approve \$350,000 for plant purchases for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

#### **REPORT**

Permission is sought from the Board to commit \$350,000 now for plant purchases (commercial vehicles) for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, so that orders can be placed in the system.

In the current environment Council is still experiencing difficulties in delivery of commercial vehicles due to disruptions at Australian ports. Apparently, there are not enough car transporters on the eastern seaboard to deliver the current storage of vehicles at the ports.

Supply through to delivery of commercial vehicles is still lagging between 3 to 6 months, not including port disruptions.

As such it is recommended to place orders in the system now due to lengthy delays in the supply chain.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation will commit \$350,000 capital expenditure to the 2023/2024 budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

## **17.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**

### **17.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

#### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/024 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

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**

Priority 3      A Healthy Natural Environment

## **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.

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.

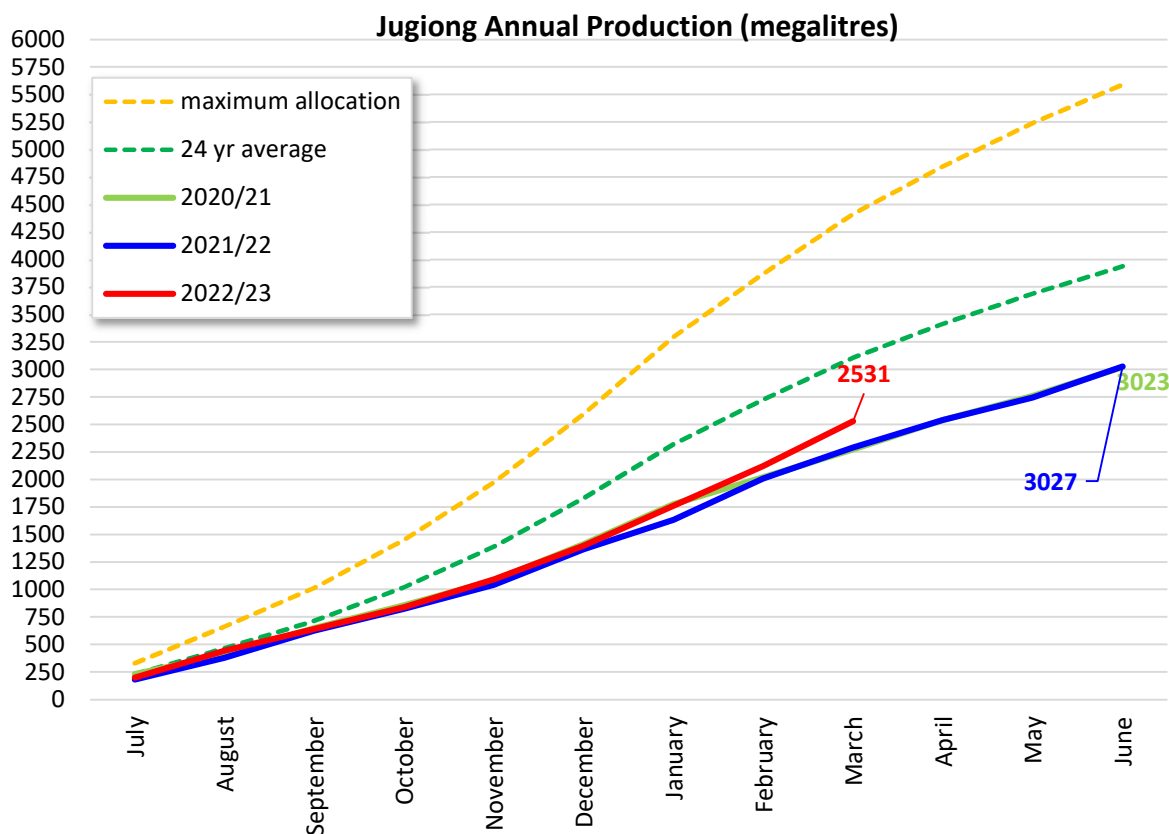
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

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

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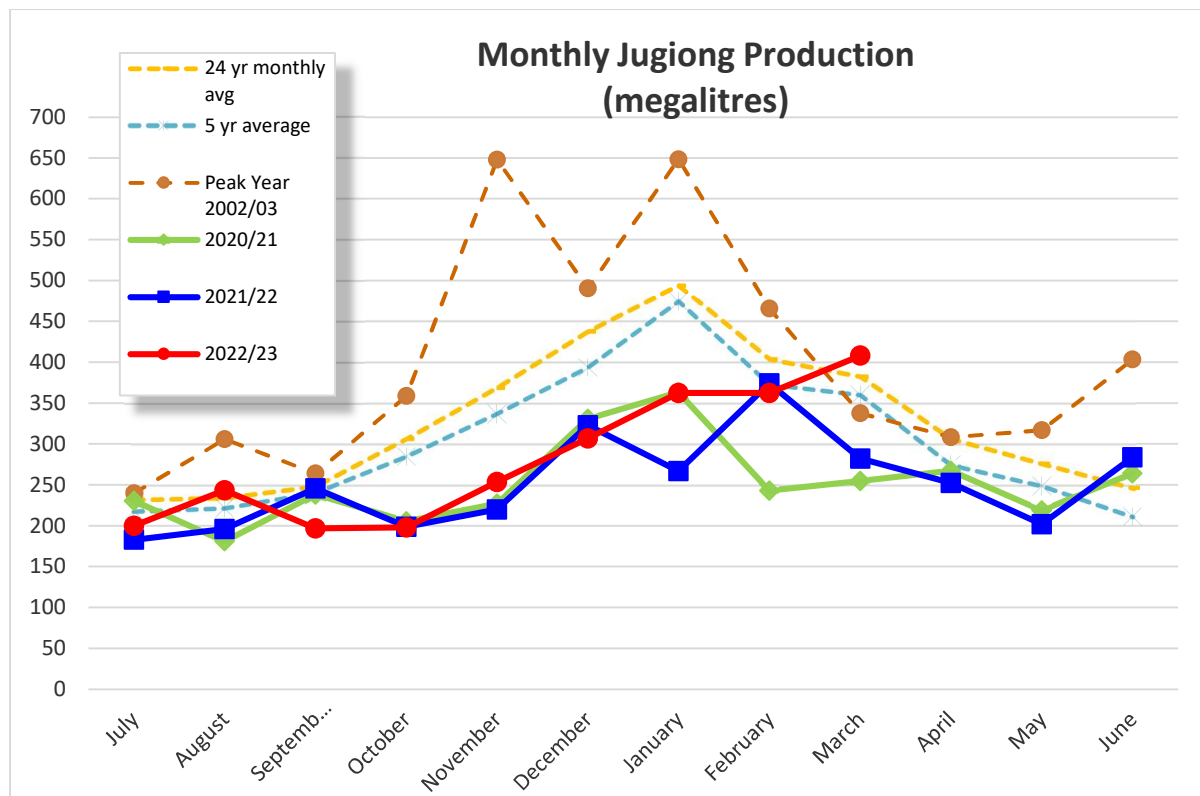
Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 2531ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the same period in the 2021/22 FY where 2289ML was extracted. An increase of 242ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 199ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September, where only 197ML was extracted and treated. October saw an extraction of 198ML. November through to January saw a gradual increase in production as we moved into the warmer months. November (254ML), December (307ML) and January (362ML). February had a similar production to January (362ML) before a slight increase in March (408ML) extracted.



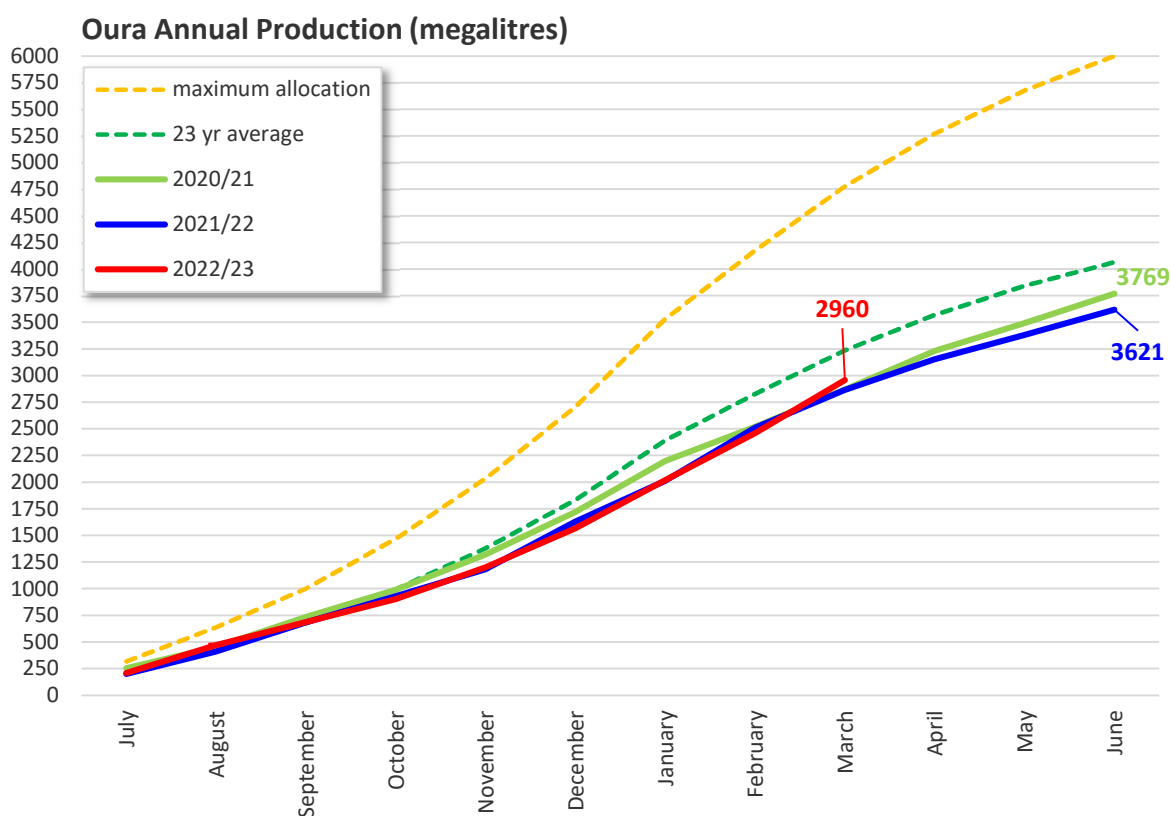


### **Oura Drinking Water Scheme**

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.

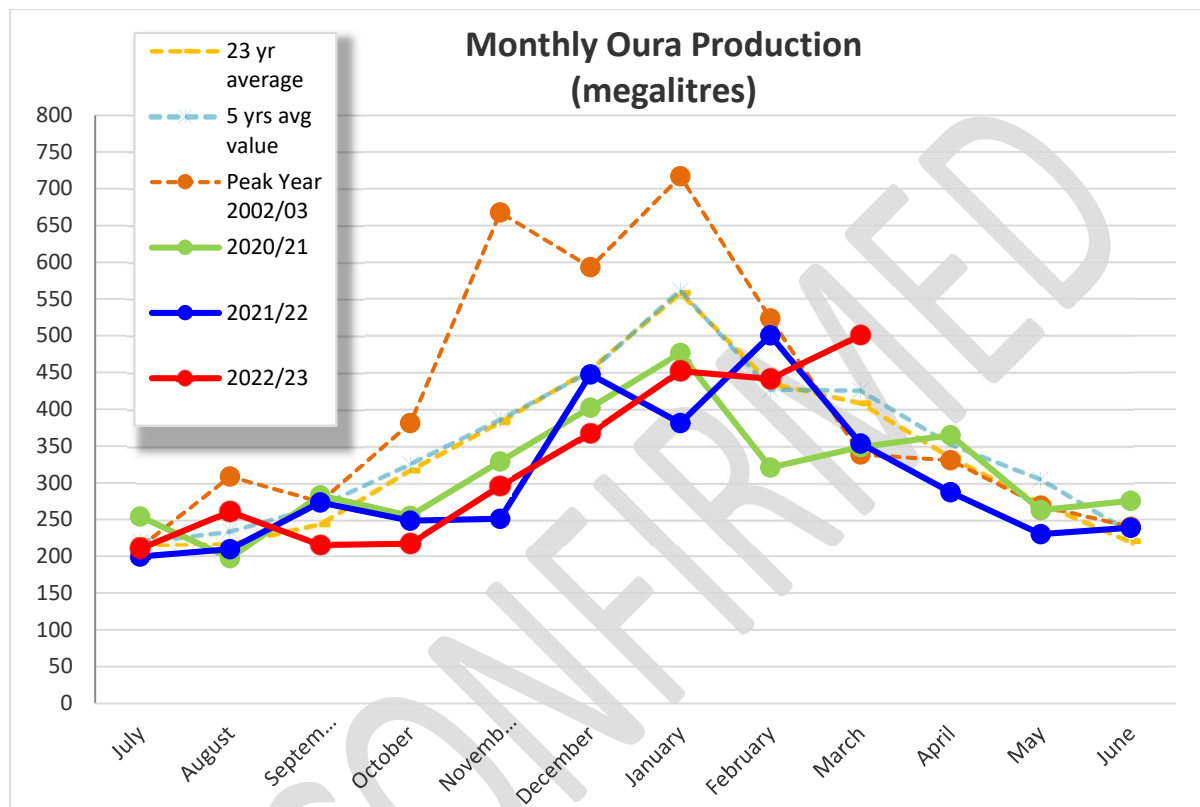
Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 2960ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a slight increase in production compared to last FY where 2865ML of water was extracted for the same period. A increase in production of 95ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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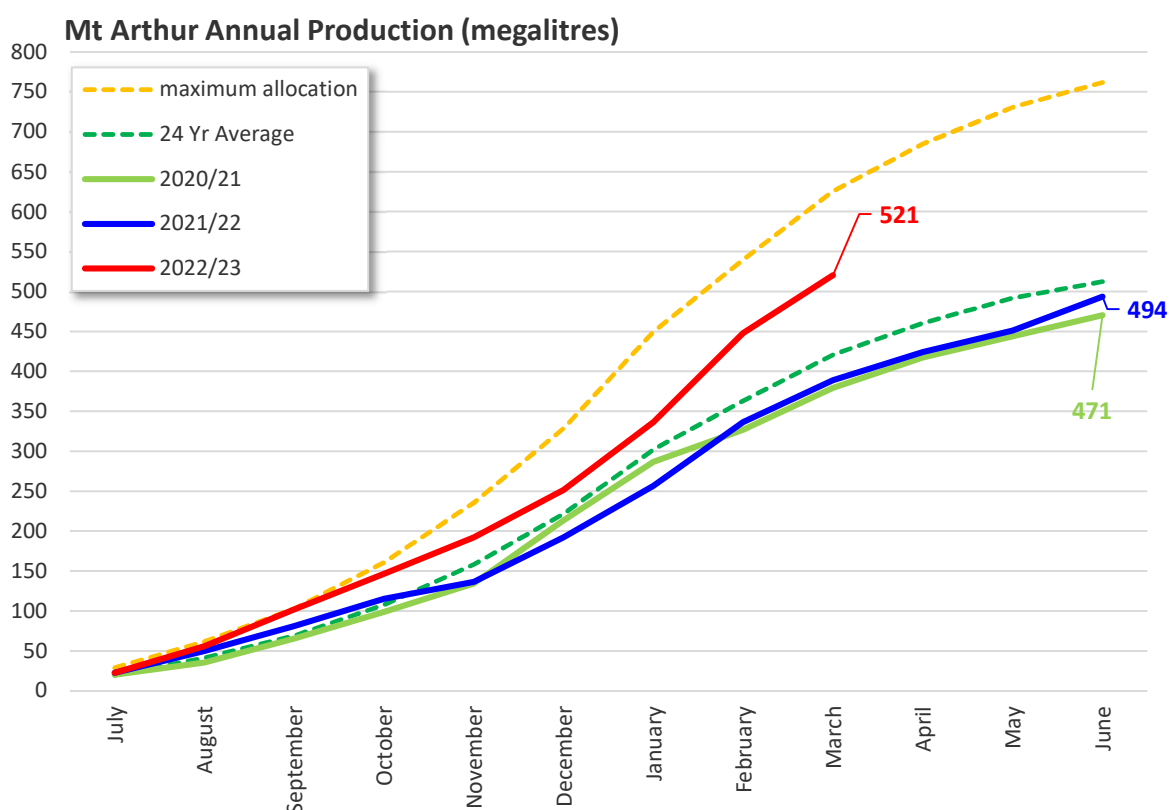
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September saw only 215ML extracted. October saw a further decrease where only 217ML was extracted. November through to January saw further production increases as we move into the warmer months. November (295ML), December (367ML) and January (452ML). February was slightly lower in production with (441ML) extracted before an increase in March saw (501ML) extracted from the Oura Bores.



### 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.

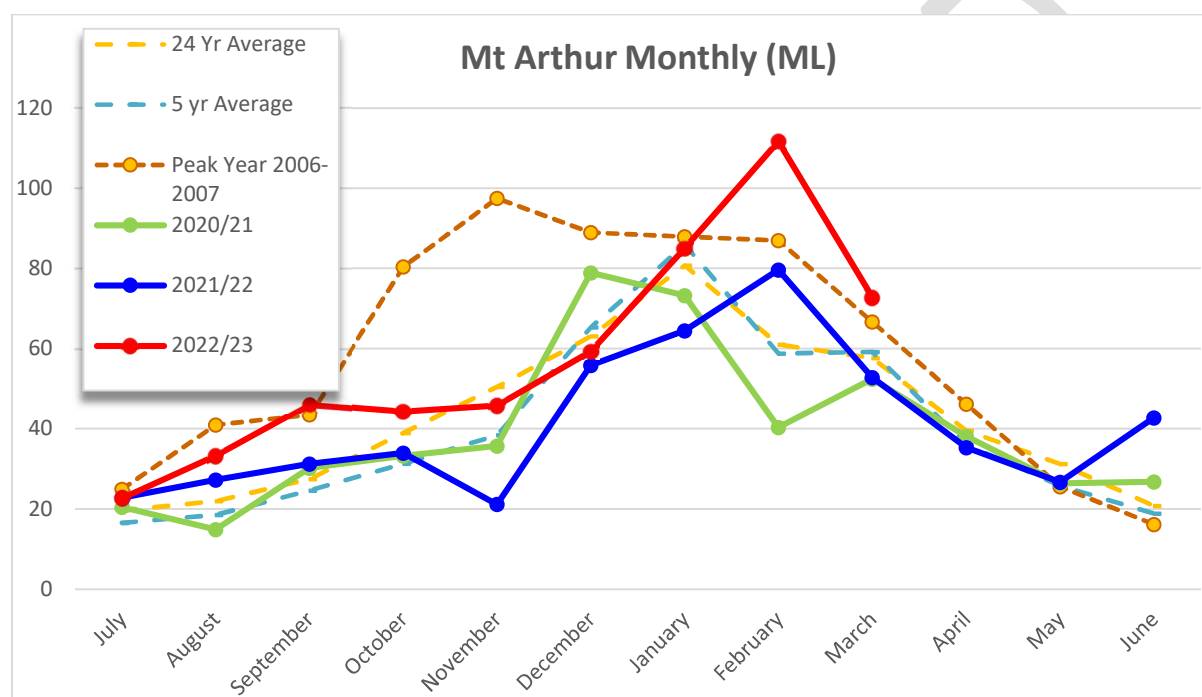
Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 521ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 389ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 132ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending slightly higher to previous years.



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Mt Arthur monthly water production started very consistently to the previous years with 23ML of water extracted from the bores in July before a significant increase in the following 2 months, August saw 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. October saw a slight decrease with 44ML extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. November through to January saw a steady increase every month as we move into the warmer months. November (46ML), December (59ML) and January (85ML) extracted. However; February data indicates a large spike in production where 112ML was extracted before a reduction in Production for March (73ML). This large spike during our peak demand time was attributed to a significant leak within the Coolamon township between 10 February to the 25<sup>th</sup> February. This leak is the second large leak within the Mt Arthur water supply scheme this financial year attributing to around 30ML of non-revenue water loss.

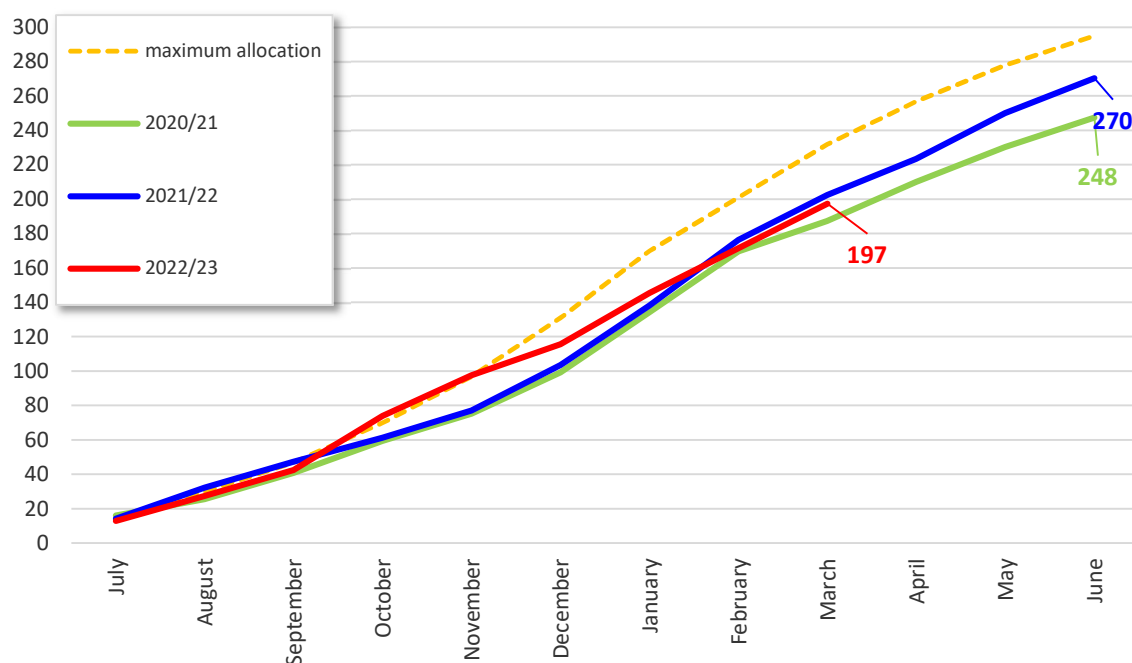


## **Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme**

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.

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 197ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 5ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 202ML was produced over the same period. The steep increase in September/October indicates that a burst was evident in the scheme, interrogation of ClearSCADA pump run times indicates a pump had run for a long period of time also indicating a burst in the scheme. The burst was located on Harts Lane within the Mt Daylight scheme, again prolonged wet weather made it difficult to access and locate the burst.

**Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)**

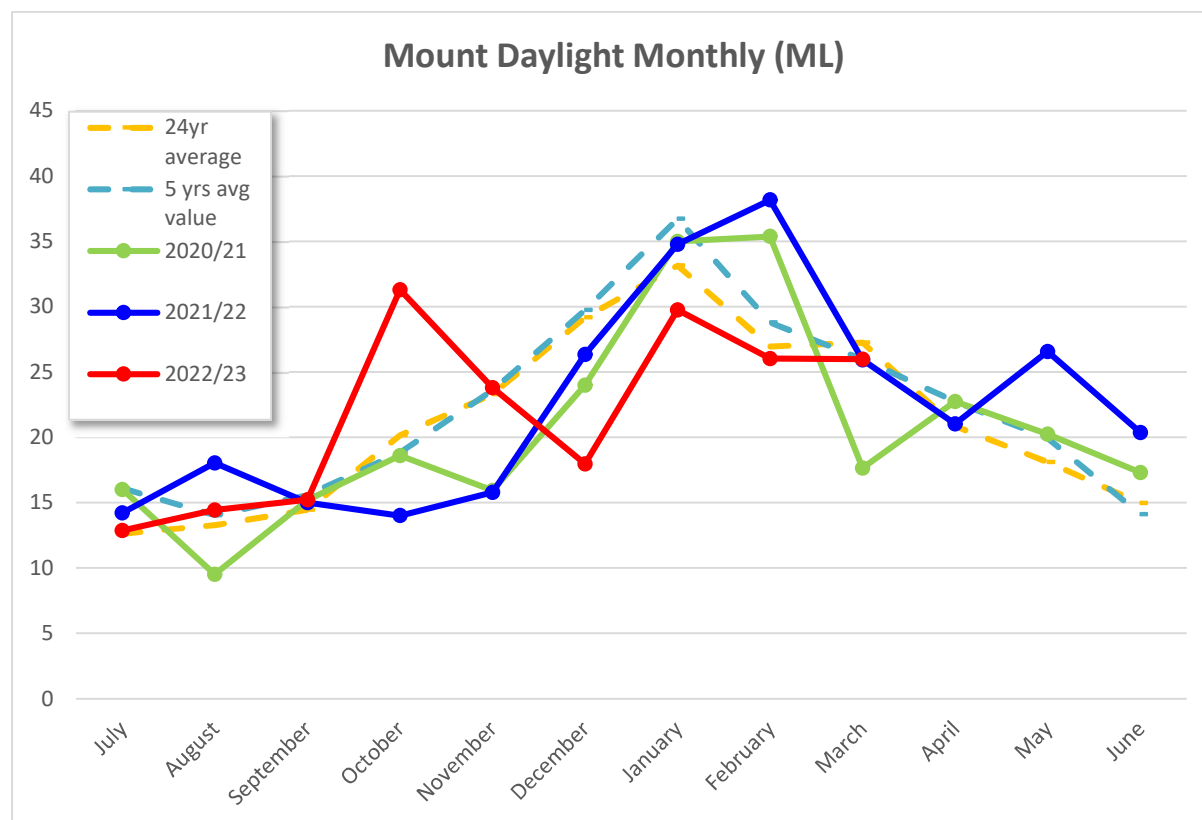


The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores have started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML, September was steady with 15ML extracted before a dramatic increase for October where 31ML was extracted, as

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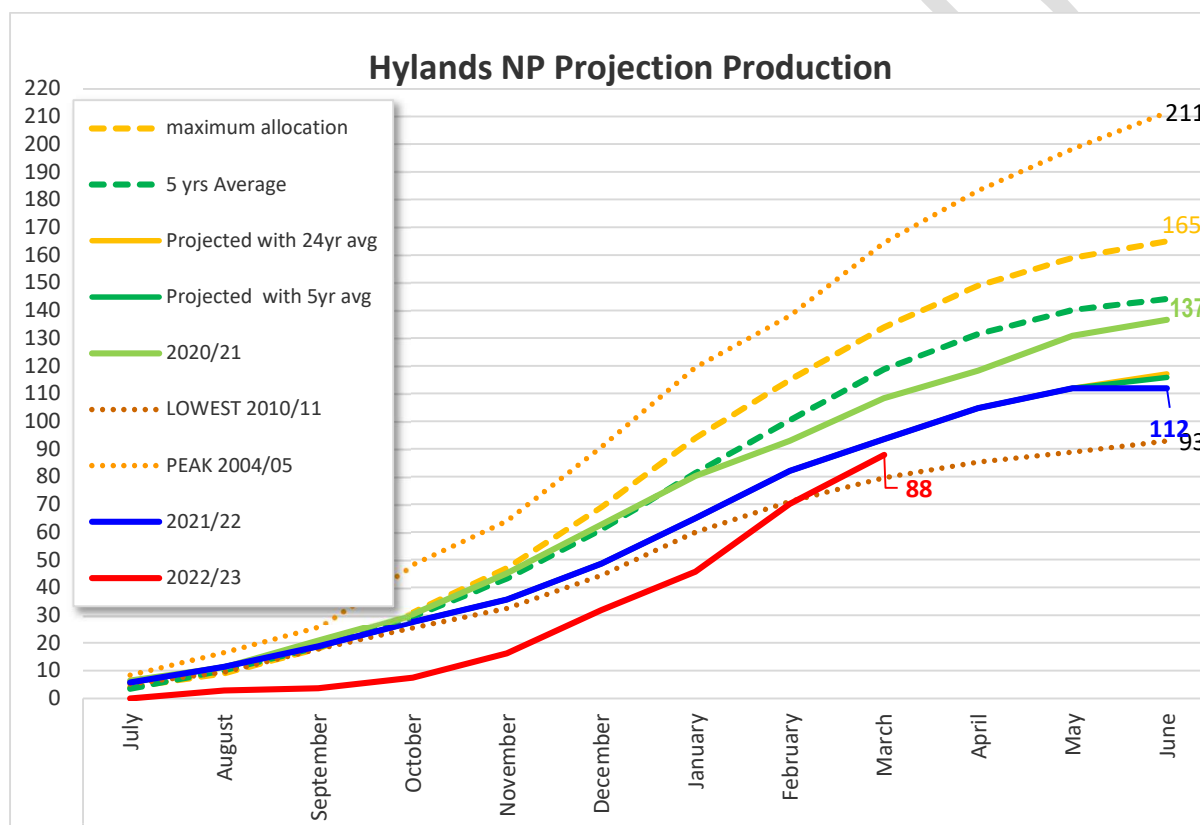
indicated this increase correlates to a burst in the system which has been located and fixed. November through to January has seen some inconsistencies with production. These inconsistencies correlate to the prolonged period of flooding experienced at the bores. The period November and December saw a decrease in monthly extractions as both bores were under floodwater for up to 4-6 weeks. November saw 24ML produced with a further decrease in December where 18ML was produced. January saw an increase in production (30ML) as both bores were once again available for production as flood waters receded. February and March have been very consistent with (26ML) extracted for each of these months.



### 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.

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year only 88ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel maintenance and pump issues during August/September. The Hylands Bridge Scheme has the ability for cross connection of supply from the Oura scheme at Barellan. When maintenance is undertaken on the channels supply for Barellan is cut over to the Oura scheme to maintain supply.



### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

#### **17.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

##### **17.4.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

###### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/025 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Piper and McGlynn that the Board:

- 1. Nominate Cr Stadtmiller and Cr Callow to attend the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference**
- 2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

###### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:

1. Nominate attendees for the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference
2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager

###### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

###### **BACKGROUND**

The annual Local Government NSW Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

###### **REPORT**

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference is being held at Parkes on 26 June to 28 June 2023.

The draft program for the event is attached.

Nominations for attendance are sought from the Board to allow registration and booking arrangement to be made.

###### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft LGNSW Water Conference Program.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil



#### 17.4.2. 2023 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

**23/026 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the report detailing 2023 Staff Survey Results be received and noted.

Report prepared by Human Resources Coordinator

##### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing 2023 Staff Survey Results be received and noted.

##### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

##### BACKGROUND

The Staff Survey is an anonymous questionnaire that captures staff feedback on issues critical to the organisations success.

The survey provides staff with an opportunity to have their say independently and anonymously on key employee concerns that exist within the organisation.

##### REPORT

The 2023 Staff Survey commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> February and concluded on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with 79% of staff completing the survey.

The 2023 results have moderated post Covid, joining a downward trend across a number of councils and other organisations. The results can be viewed as a call to action.

The results of the 2023 survey saw only one (1) of the previous six (6) “High Performance” outcomes & drivers from the 2020 survey remain:

- Teamwork

The remaining five (5) “High Performance” outcomes & drivers from 2020 all moved to “Medium Performance” in 2023:

- Resources
- Values
- Health & Safety
- Pay & Benefits
- Supervision

In 2023 we saw a total of eight (8) “Low Performance” outcomes & drivers. Going forward we see this feedback as an opportunity for Council to make improvements particularly in areas of Leadership, Processes and Respect.

Training is already scheduled for those in leadership positions to undertake Working with Emotional Intelligence Training.

Management is in the process of developing an action plan going forward.

##### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

### 17.4.3. DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024

#### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/027 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and Morris that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

#### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

#### **BACKGROUND**

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

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.

The 2023/2024 Operational Plan is the second subset of the 2022-2026 Delivery Program.

#### **REPORT**

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2023/2024 Operational Plan incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges is now presented in draft for Council's consideration, prior to being placed on public exhibition.

All fees and charges have been increased by 5% for the 2023/24 financial year (except statutory fees and charges determined by other government agencies and authorities).

Major cost/income variations include a 25% increase to electricity prices, and water sales projections of 7,520ML.

The 2023/2024 Operational Plan estimates a net operating result of \$111,000.00.

The Delivery Program was reviewed during the preparation of the Operational Plan, with no alterations being required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

## **17.4.4. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT**

### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/028 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report

**Report prepared by General Manager**

### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report

### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

### **BACKGROUND**

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's resolutions are implemented efficiently and in a timely manner.

### **REPORT**

After a Council meeting is held, actions required from the resolutions made are listed and distributed to the Management Team for their attention. This list is included on the fortnightly Management meeting agenda to ensure timely completion of tasks.

The resolutions update table attached is provided to the Board to deliver an overview of the tasks completed since the previous meeting and to identify any outstanding tasks that still require action. This allows greater transparency for the Board into the actioning of the resolutions made and a timely reminder for Management to progress these actions.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Council Meeting Resolution Action Table

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**18. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 June 2023 at 10.00am.

**19. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11.28am

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