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Capital Works Program a key focus

Capital works represents an important part of Council's activities and expenditure with Councillors approving the proposed 2019 – 2020 draft Operational Plan.

Goldenfields Water's Capital Works Program for the 2019-20 financial year is close to \$13M, comprising 36 projects. Council are providing a strong focus on strategically planning for the future needs of our communities and undertaking renewal works which comprises 65% of the funds.

These works include:

- Investigations into the future needs of the Jugiong scheme to develop a 30 year plan for the treatment works and major pump stations. The Jugiong scheme currently accounts for 42% of Goldenfields Water's total water production.
- Renewal of high voltage works and further investigation into future assets required at the Oura treatment plant. The Oura scheme currently accounts for 48% of Goldenfields Water's total water production.
- Investigations into options for treating, removing and minimising discoloured water issues in the Mt Arthur scheme which includes the townships of Coolamon, Ganmain and Matong. The Mt Arthur water supply scheme currently accounts for 5% of Goldenfields Water's total water production.
- The investigation and design of 40km of pipeline renewal between Temora and Aria Park.
- Beginning construction of 9km of major trunk mains between Rosehill and Harden.
- Investigation, design and construction of approximately 12 km of rural trunk mains.
- Renewal of two major production bores.
- Implementation of a new automated control system for managing our water supply schemes with greater efficiencies and to seek opportunities of minimising energy costs for our operations.

In addition to the above Goldenfields Water are continuing with their commitment to the construction of the Mandamah scheme, which will provide 100 rural properties near Barmedman with a reliable water supply. We will be working closely with our constituent Councils to

investigate the feasibility of extending our scheme to supply the communities of Boorowa and Nangus.

We are continuing to focus on improving the efficiency of our operations with the development of web based field applications, establishing online access and control of our systems and improving our asset management system.

In accordance with Council's 4 year Delivery Plan, Fees & Charges are proposed to increase by 3% for the 2019/2020 financial year. This equates to an average residential account increase of only \$6 per quarter.

The increase in fees will allow Goldenfields Water to deliver on the proposed renewals for the next 10 years, resulting in a better service for customers and ensuring assets are updated to provide operational efficiencies in future years.

Goldenfields Water General Manager Aaron Drenovski said the "Board and Management are confident that the proposed budget and plan have been developed in order to best address the needs of our communities both now and into the future. We invite the community to provide comment via submission to Council prior to Friday 7 June 2019."

The Draft Operational Plan can be accessed on the Goldenfields Water website. <http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au>

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About Goldenfields Water

We supply drinking water to approximately 46,000 customers across an area of 22,526 square kilometres in parts of NSW's South West Slopes and Riverina regions. Our water supply functions cover the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, and parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops and Narrandera.