

The meeting commenced at 2:03pm

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Ms M Curran (Corporate Services Manager) Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that Cr K Morris and Cr M Stadtmiller be granted a leave of absence.

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 23 April 2020

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the minutes of the meetings held on the 23 April 2020, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

8.1.1. REVIEW OF RIVERINA JOINT ORGANISATION & RIVERINA EASTERN ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS OPERATIONS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that the Board:

1. Provides in principle support for the way forward determined in relation to the creation of a new regional organisation under the structure of a company limited by guarantee
2. Makes a final decision on Council's participation in the new regional organisation be determined once the funding arrangements for the COVID 19 Local Government Stimulus package have be resolved.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Provides in principle support for the way forward determined in relation to the creation of a new regional organisation under the structure of a company limited by guarantee
2. Makes a final decision on Council's participation in the new regional organisation be determined once the funding arrangements for the COVID 19 Local Government Stimulus package have be resolved.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Maximising Regional Water Supply

REPORT

Correspondence from the Chairman of REROC and the Riverina JO has been received regarding a review of the two organisations. Two recommendations have been put forward for consideration in relation to a way forward.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

ATTACHMENTS: Review of JO & REROC Operations

TABLED ITEMS: Questions & Answers & Review completed by Morrison Low

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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

20/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that Council move into Confidential Session.

13. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

13.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER

13.1.1. PROPERTY PURCHASE

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

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board:

- 1. Endorse the purchase of Lots 5 and 6 DP 758957 for the sum noted within the report.**
- 2. Authorise the Chairperson and General Manager to sign and affix Council Seal to the documents relating to the transfer as required.**

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that Council revert back to open session and the resolution made in Confidential Session be made public.

14. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

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

14.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

14.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st May 2020 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st May 2020 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 investment portfolio decreased by \$1,500,000 from \$54,250,000 as at 31st March 2020 to \$52,750,000 as at 31st May 2020. The decrease is attributable to standard expenditure being paid since the March 2020 investment report and the third quarter accounts not yet being receivable until their due date of 30th June 2020.

Investment Portfolio

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Type	Rating	SP Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
FRTD	BBB	A2	Newcastle Permanent	Quarterly	8/06/2017	9/06/2020	1097	3.21	0.27	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Auswide Bank	At Maturity	20/06/2018	22/06/2020	733	3.00	0.80	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Annual	12/07/2017	13/07/2020	1097	3.01	0.80	\$2,000,000
TD	A	A1	ING Direct	Annual	20/12/2019	5/08/2020	229	1.60	0.57	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	27/02/2020	10/09/2020	196	1.60	0.57	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	25/09/2017	28/09/2020	1099	3.06	0.80	\$1,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	7/04/2020	21/10/2020	197	1.70	0.57	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	7/11/2017	9/11/2020	1098	3.00	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Rural Bank	Annual	6/12/2017	7/12/2020	1097	2.95	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	17/03/2020	16/12/2020	274	1.60	0.57	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Rural Bank	Annual	9/01/2018	11/01/2021	1098	3.10	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	At Maturity	14/02/2020	16/02/2021	368	1.50	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Police Credit Union SA	Annual	21/03/2018	22/03/2021	1097	3.15	0.80	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	19/03/2020	25/03/2021	371	1.80	0.80	\$2,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Australian Military Bank	Annual	29/03/2018	29/03/2021	1096	3.20	0.80	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	24/04/2018	27/04/2021	1099	3.13	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	P&N Bank	Annual	27/06/2018	28/06/2021	1097	3.15	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2017	12/07/2021	1461	3.45	0.80	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	1096	3.00	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	15/05/2020	17/11/2021	551	1.55	0.80	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	1461	3.50	0.80	\$1,000,000
CASH	BBB	A2	ME	Monthly				0.85	0.25	\$2,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	0.25	\$1,750,000
TOTAL:										\$52,750,000

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

Term Deposit - 3m BBSW average

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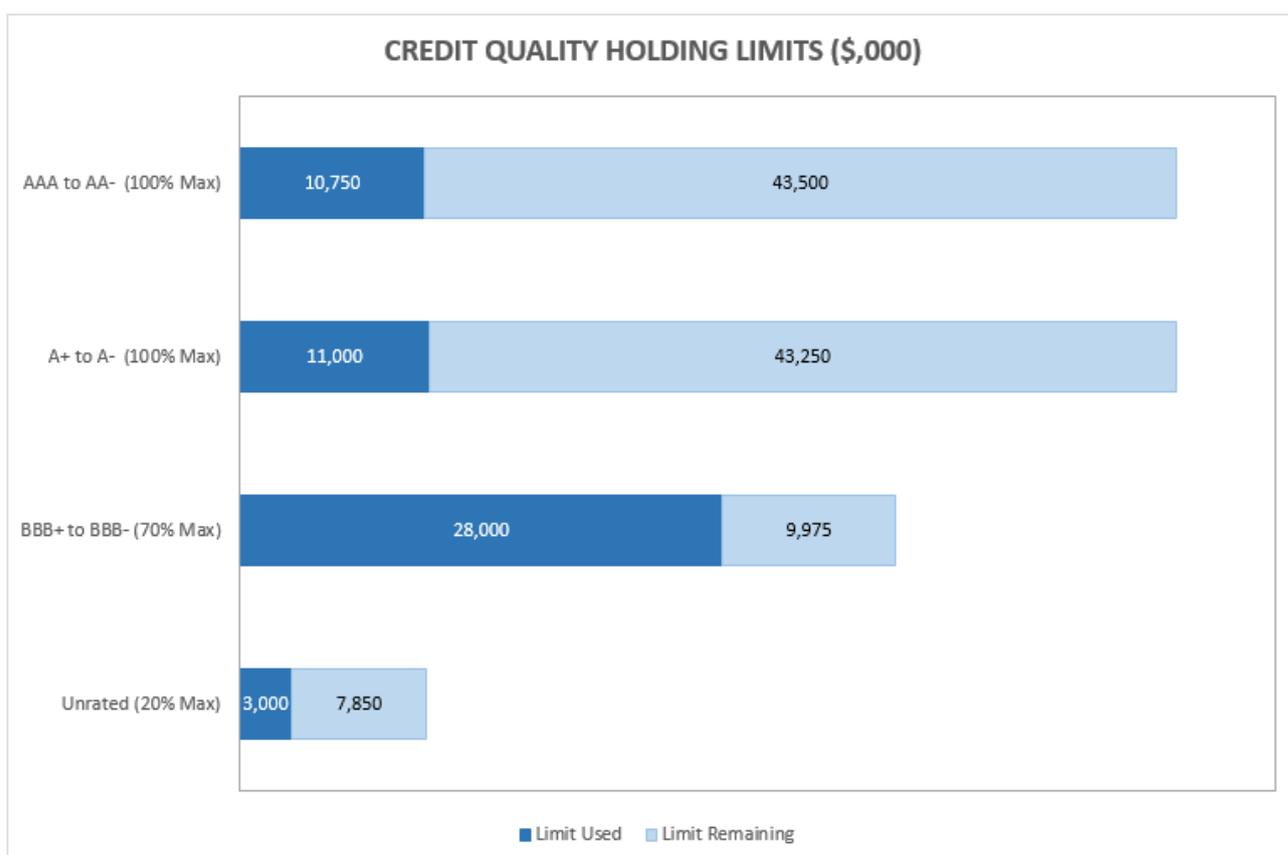
Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio outperformed the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 255%. The average weighted yield for May was 2.25%, over an average weighted term of 239 days, with a benchmark of 0.63%. This strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3% p.a.

Total Cost 52,750,000	Total Accrued Interest 924,895	Weighted Average Term 239 Days
Total Value 52,750,000	Monthly Accrued Interest 101,590	Weighted Average Yield 2.25%

Credit Quality Compliance

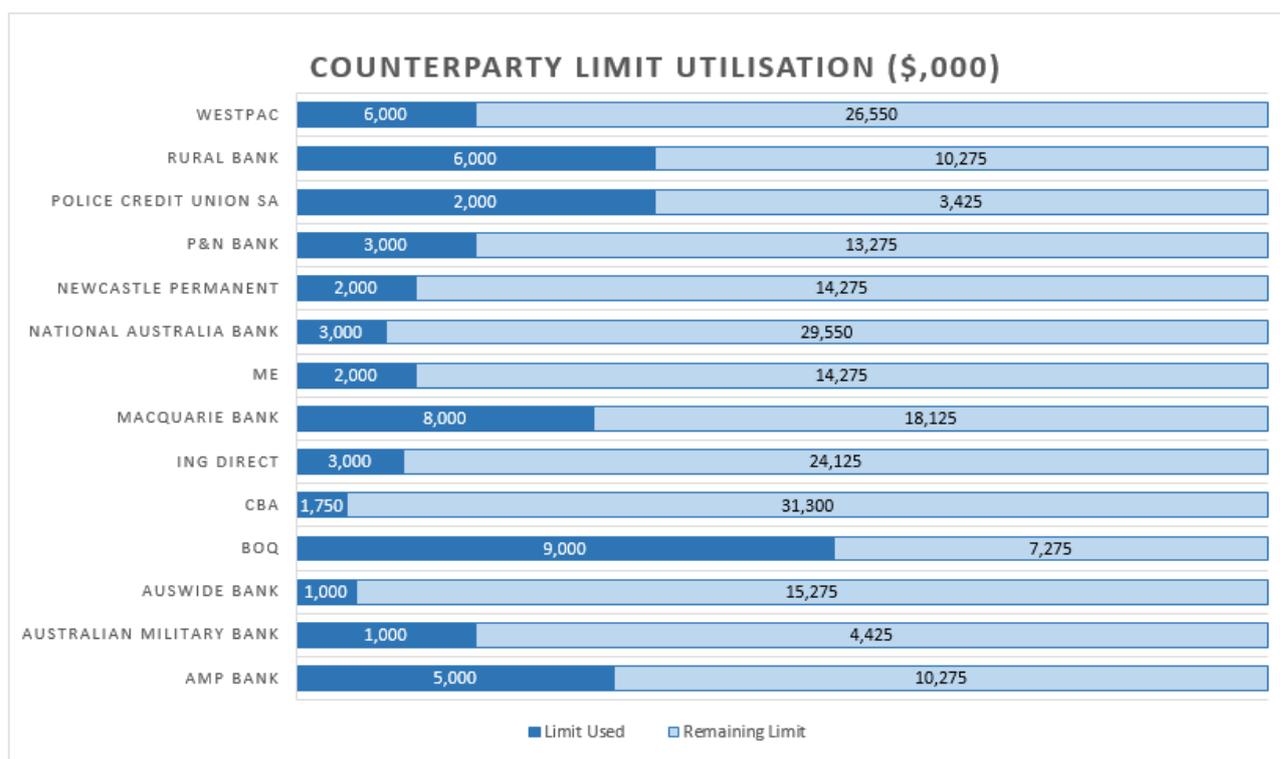
Council's investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



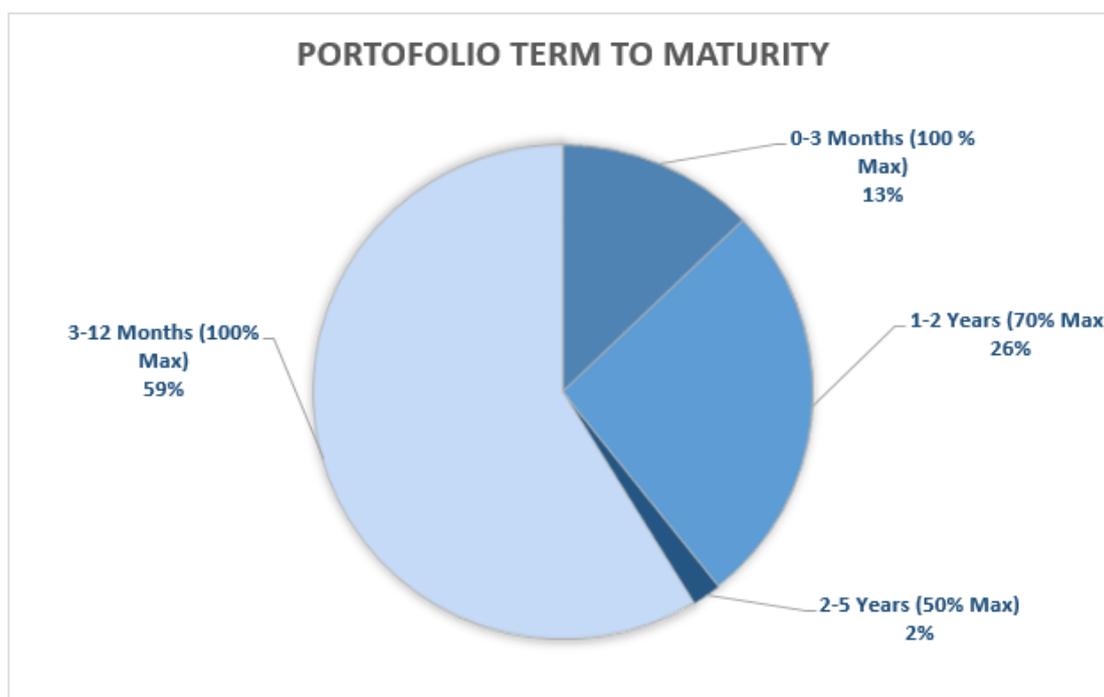
Counter Party Compliance

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.

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	886,000
Infrastructure Replacement	36,347,000
Employee Leave Entitlement	1,575,000
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	28,000
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	2,000,000
Property Reserve	423,000
Unrestricted Funds:	11,491,000
TOTAL	52,750,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's investment portfolio decreased by \$1,500,000 from \$54,250,000 as at 31st March 2020 to \$52,750,000 as at 31st May 2020.

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2020 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 2020 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 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 May 2020.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.3. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that the Board:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 7 May 2020;
2. Extends current terms of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee members to the next Council elections in 2021.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 7 May 2020;
2. That the Board extends current terms of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee members to the next Council elections in 2021.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk & 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 draft Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Charter, meeting minutes will be reported regularly to Council.

REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee met on 7 May 2020. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

Committee members were appointed in August 2017 for a period of two years. At the October 2019 Council meeting, the Board extended Committee member terms until the 2020 elections. To ensure consistency until the next Council term, it is recommended to further extend member appointments until deferred Council elections in 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes of ARIC Meeting 7-5-20.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.4. COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2020/2021

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees remain unchanged for the 2020/2021 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 22 June 2020.
2. The annual remuneration for 2020/2021 is: Councillor \$9,891.25 and Chairperson \$16,246.25.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees remain unchanged for the 2020/2021 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 22 June 2020.
2. The annual remuneration for 2020/2021 is: Councillor \$9,891.25 and Chairperson \$16,246.25.

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 22 June 2020 determined that there will be no increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Please note that the maximum fees as per Table 4: County Councils – Water are: Councillor \$10,140 and Chairperson \$16,660. It is at the Board's discretion to increase annual remuneration to these maximum amounts for 2020/2021.

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

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor	\$1,820	\$10,140
Chairperson - additional	\$3,920	\$16,660

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.1.5. ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Board receives and notes the Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water first adopted an Enterprise Risk Management Framework in October 2018.

The Risk Management Framework was most recently endorsed by the Goldenfields Water Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 2 March 2020.

At the 23 April 2020 Council meeting, the Board requested that the Risk Management Framework be presented to the June 2020 Council meeting.

REPORT

Council's Risk Management Policy (PP002) states that Council is committed to managing risk and will undertake a range of activities to promote risk management practices. This includes managing risk based on AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management, and implementing the policy objectives through Council's Risk Management Framework.

Following NSW Audit Office and internal audit recommendations, improvements have been made to the framework, including updating the framework to align with AS ISO 31000, standardising the risk matrix and categories, documenting corporate risk registers and developing a legislative compliance framework.

The Enterprise Risk Management Framework provides information on the roles, responsibilities, processes as well as procedures, standards, tools and documentation to be used for managing risk.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

14.2.1. VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that the ongoing valve maintenance program report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the ongoing valve maintenance program report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in Service Provision
07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

The valve maintenance program commenced in October 2019.

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 3773 valves have been serviced and a number of which have required maintenance, refurbishment and/or replacement.

This program is on-going and due for completion October 2021

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.2.2. MANDAMAH STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Mandamah Stage 2 Construction Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by the Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Mandamah Stage 2 Construction Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

The Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme will expand Goldenfields Water County Council supply network by 200 kilometres and provide essential water services to farmers and residents across more than 90,000 hectares in the Mandamah region west of Barmedman.

Stage 1 was officially opened on the 4th of July 2019, consisting of 66kms of mains, 2 reservoirs and a pump station, supplying 23 connections with the remaining 3 stages and 50 connections to be completed by June 2022.

REPORT

Currently the construction crew has installed 50kms of the 66kms of water mains required for the completion of stage 2.

Tyndalls Lane Beckom has slowed the construction pace due to encountering a large amount of surface and buried floater rocks. Heavy equipment was contracted in by way of a D-9 Dozer and 25t excavator.

1400 meters of the pipeline easement was ripped and approx. 500 centre meters of surface and floater rocks removed, along with 400 cubic meters of bedding sand to encase the pipeline. The easement, as far as practicable, has been returned to its pre-construction state.

The affected landholder was consulted and constantly kept informed of the rock excavation, rehabilitation works and was satisfied with the final outcome.

With these added construction costs stage 2 construction is continuing to track under budget and ahead of schedule

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

14.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair 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

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.

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.

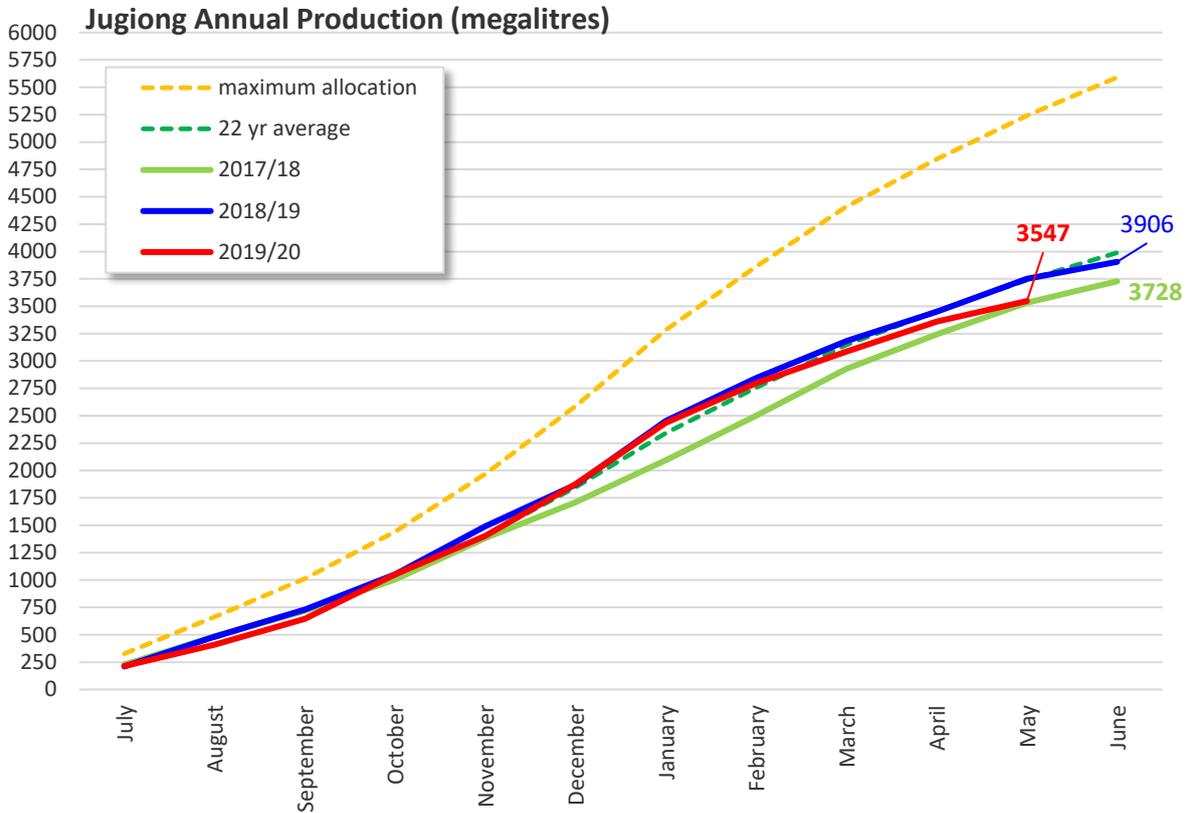
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

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

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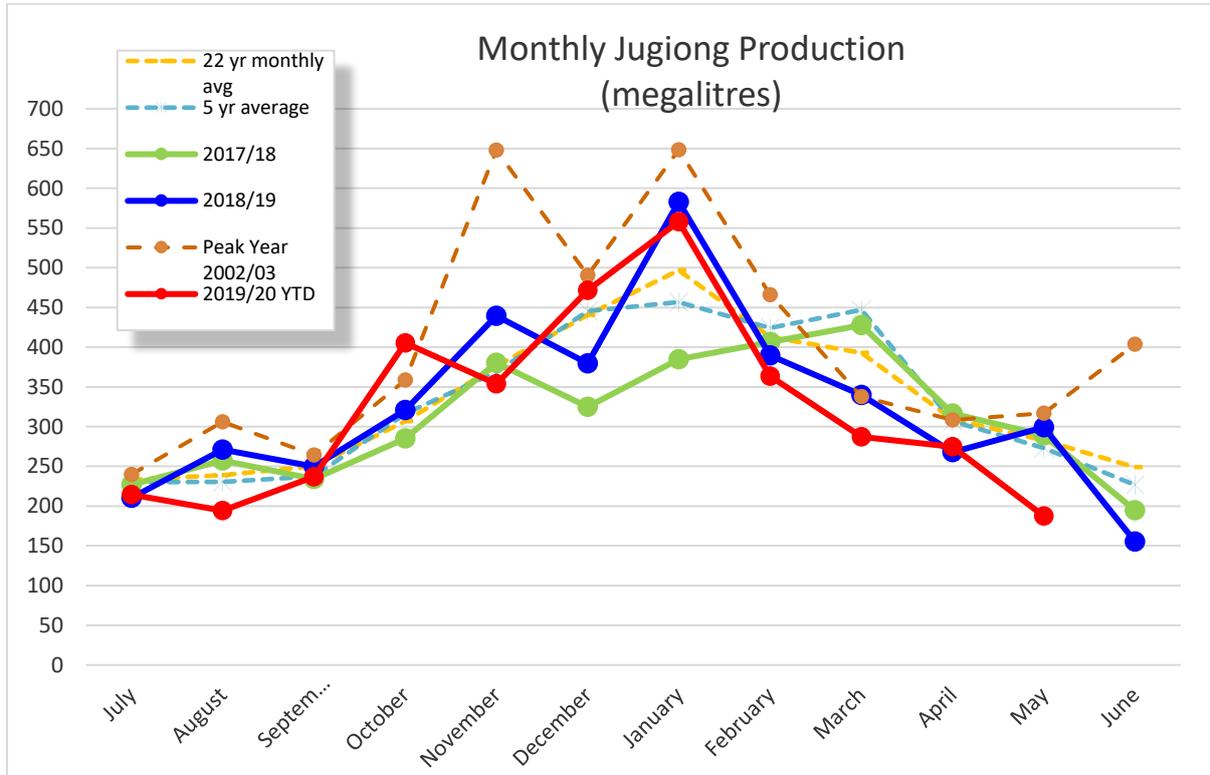
Jugiong annual water production is trending in a similar fashion to previous years.

For the period to the end of May 2020. Jugiong water production was 3547 ML, this is trending in a similar fashion to the same period last year. Water production for the period up to the end of May 2019 was 3750ML. Currently 2020 Water Production from the Jugiong WTP is 203ML lower compared to the same period of time in 2019. Approximately a 5.4% reduction.



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Jugiong monthly water production for April 2020 was 275ML and May 2020 was 187 ML. As can be seen below the monthly water production is beginning to decrease, this is due mainly to increased rainfall and the colder early stages of winter.

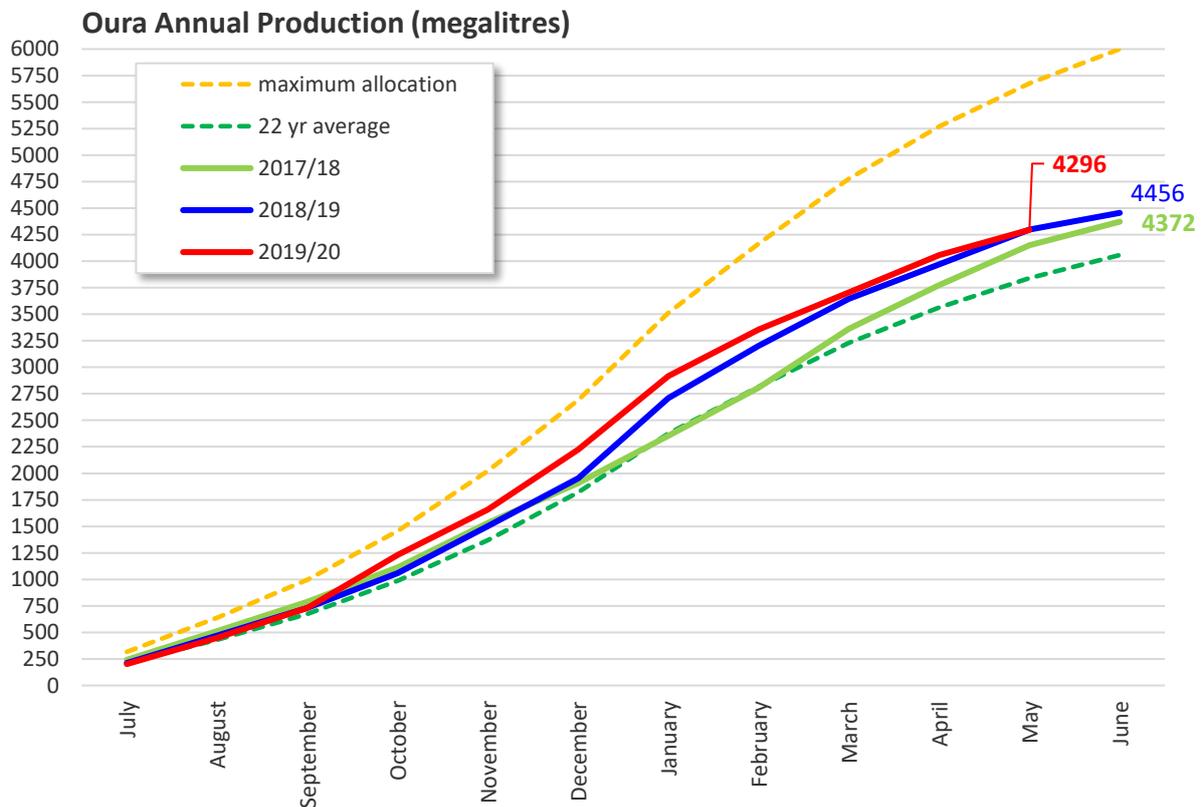


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 3 bores namely: Bores 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.

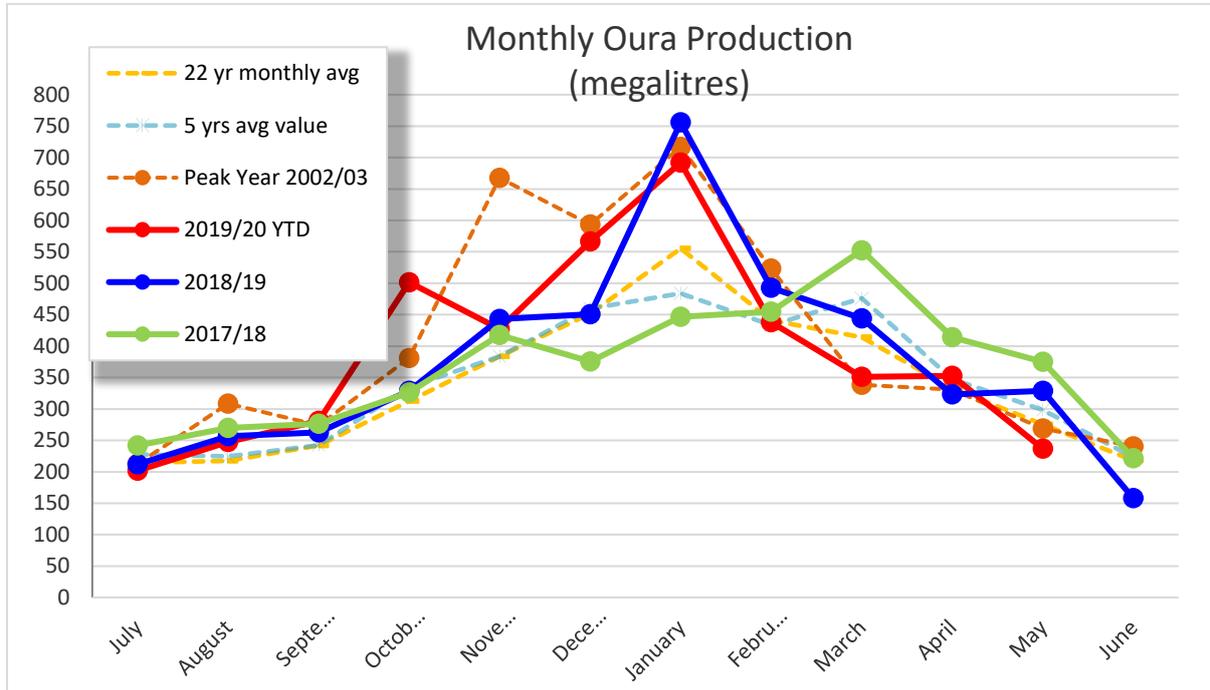
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the period to the end of May 2020. Water production from the Oura bores was 4296 ML, this is trending in a very similar fashion compared to the same period last year. Water production for the period up to the end of May 2019 was 4298ML. Therefore to the end of May 2020 a decrease of 2ML has been extracted from the Oura bores as compared to the same period last year. This is a 0.04% decrease on production compared to the same period last year.



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Oura production for April 2020 was 353ML, and May 2020 was 237ML. A total of 590 ML for this period. As can be seen below the monthly water production is beginning to decrease, this is due mainly to increased rainfall and colder weather heading into winter.

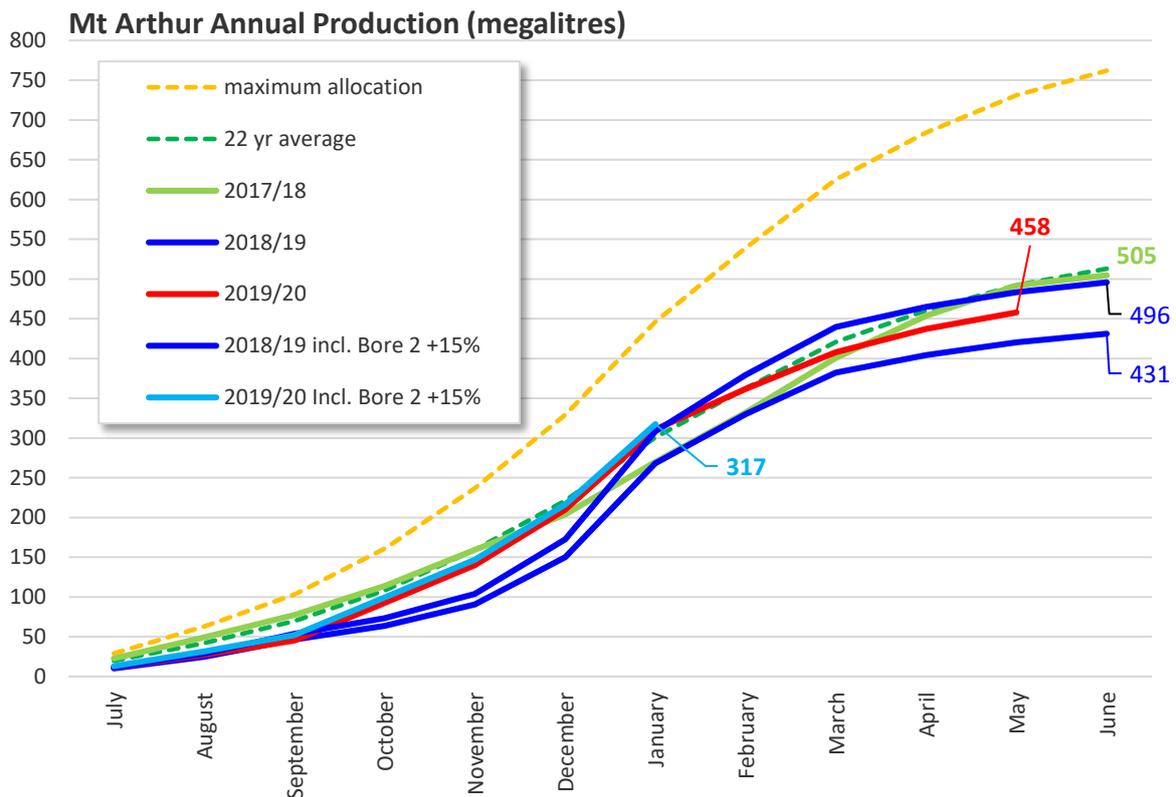


Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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 Staff have recognised that Bore 2 flow meter appeared to be reading lower than expected. Initial investigations have identified that there is a potential increase of 9l/s when compared to a portable ultrasonic meter that was utilised to validate flows. This means that there is an estimated 15% potential variation of production in Bore 2. The below graphs have included the differences in production for the same year as a comparison to previous year's production. The replacement of a new production meter and new pipeline arrangement will commence in the 2019/20 financial year. (These works have now been completed and actual meter reads will be reported from February 2020, removing the need to report meter reads +15%, as has been recently reported).

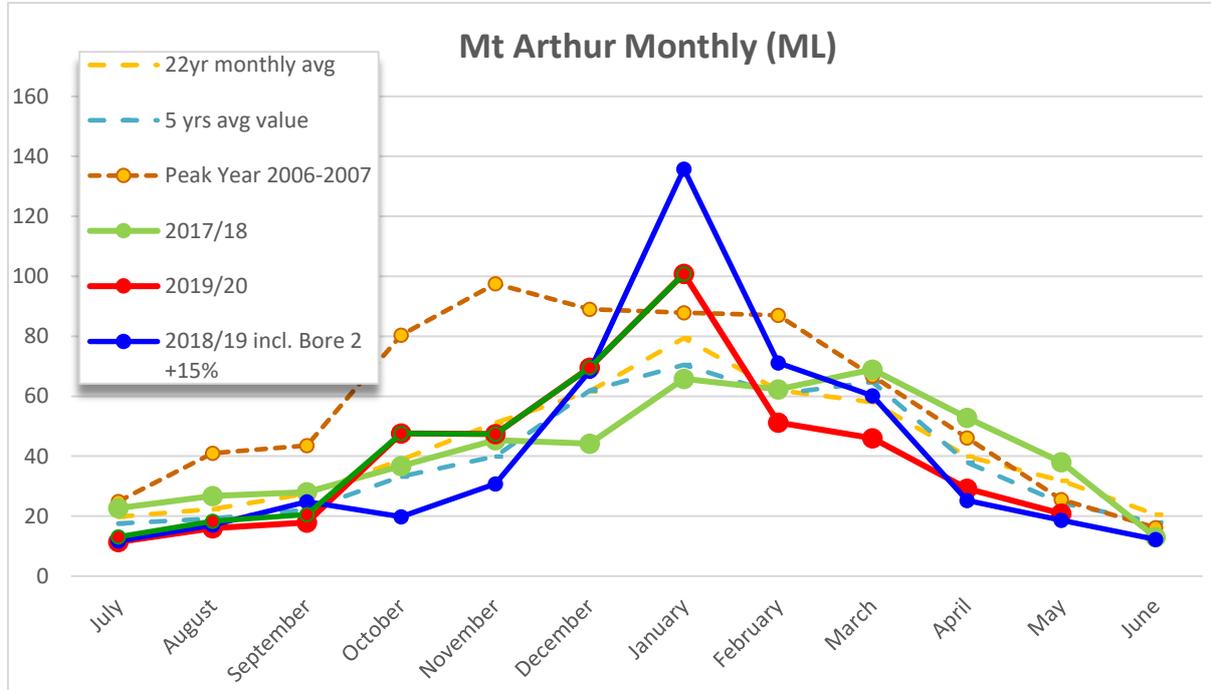
For the period to the end of May 2020, 458ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores this is higher than for the same period to the end of May 2019 (420ML). An increase of 38ML. As can be seen trending in a similar fashion to previous years.



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As the new Mag Flow meter has been operational at Mt Arthur, the necessity to report with a 15% variation is no longer required. 2019/20 data is now being reported as indicated.

Mount Arthur monthly water production for April was 29.2ML and May 2020 was 21ML. A total of 50ML for the 2 month period. Similarly, Mt. Arthur monthly production is trending downwards this is due mainly to increased rainfall and cooler weather heading into winter.

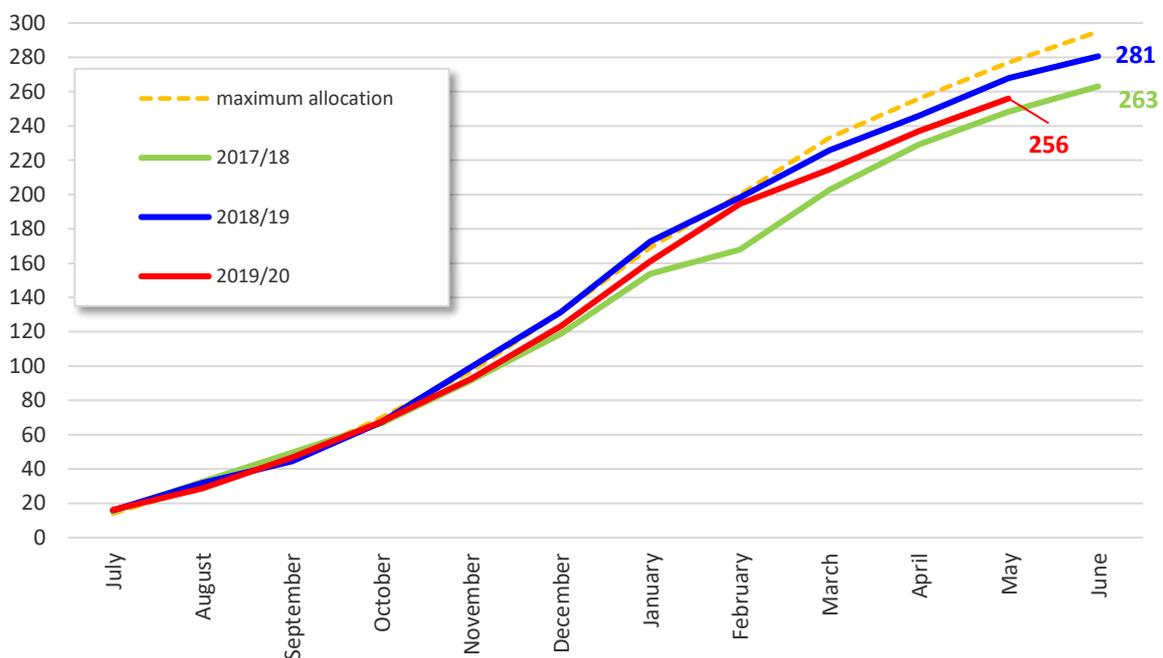


Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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 in the Bland Shire Council

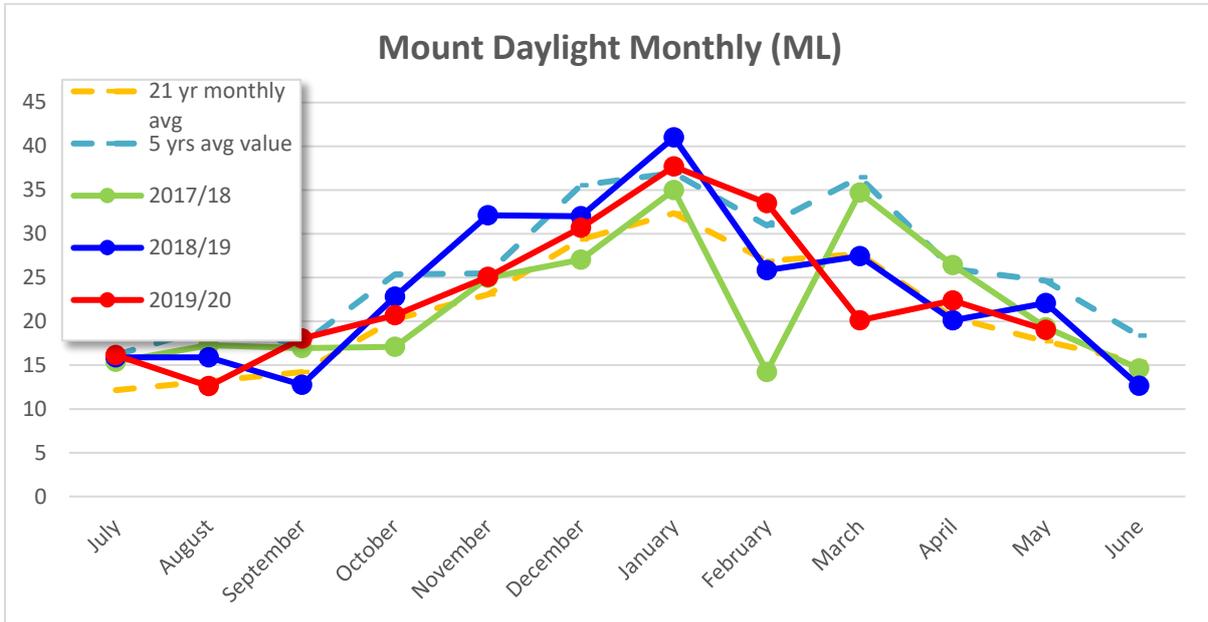
For the period to the end of May 2020, 256ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores. This is lower than the same period to the end of May 2019 (268ML). Indicating a decrease of 12ML for the same period in 2018/19.

Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)



Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at TEMORA OFFICE on 25 June 2020

Mount Daylight monthly water production for April 2020 was 22.40ML and for May 2020 was 19.03ML. A total of 41.43ML. Water production from the Mt Daylight Bores is trending downwards this is due mainly to increased rainfall and Cooler weather heading into winter.

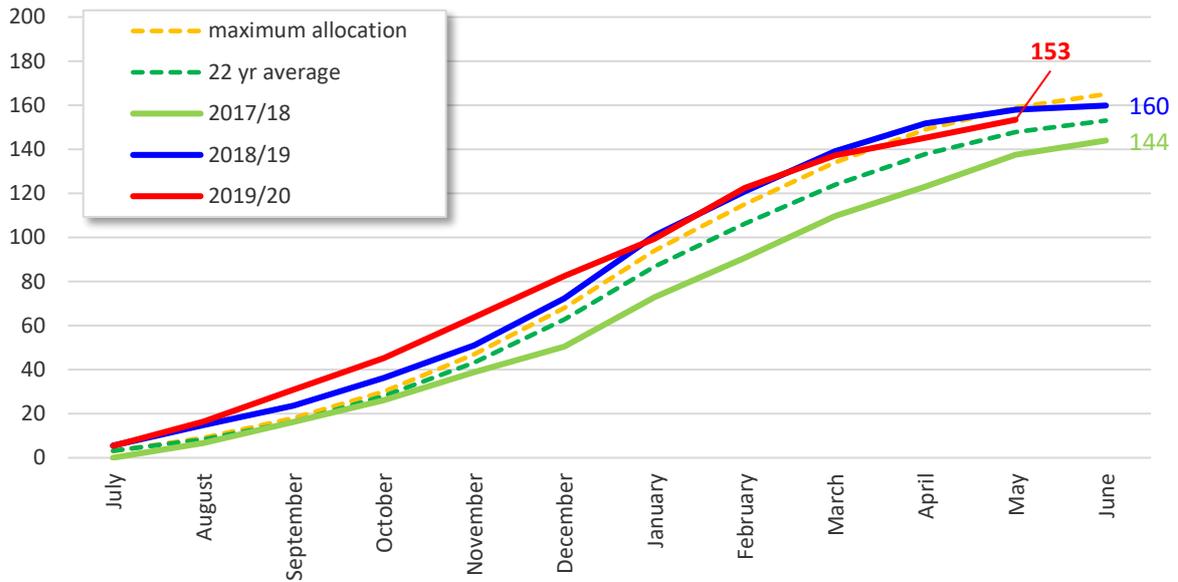


Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non Potable water to Barellan and Binya.

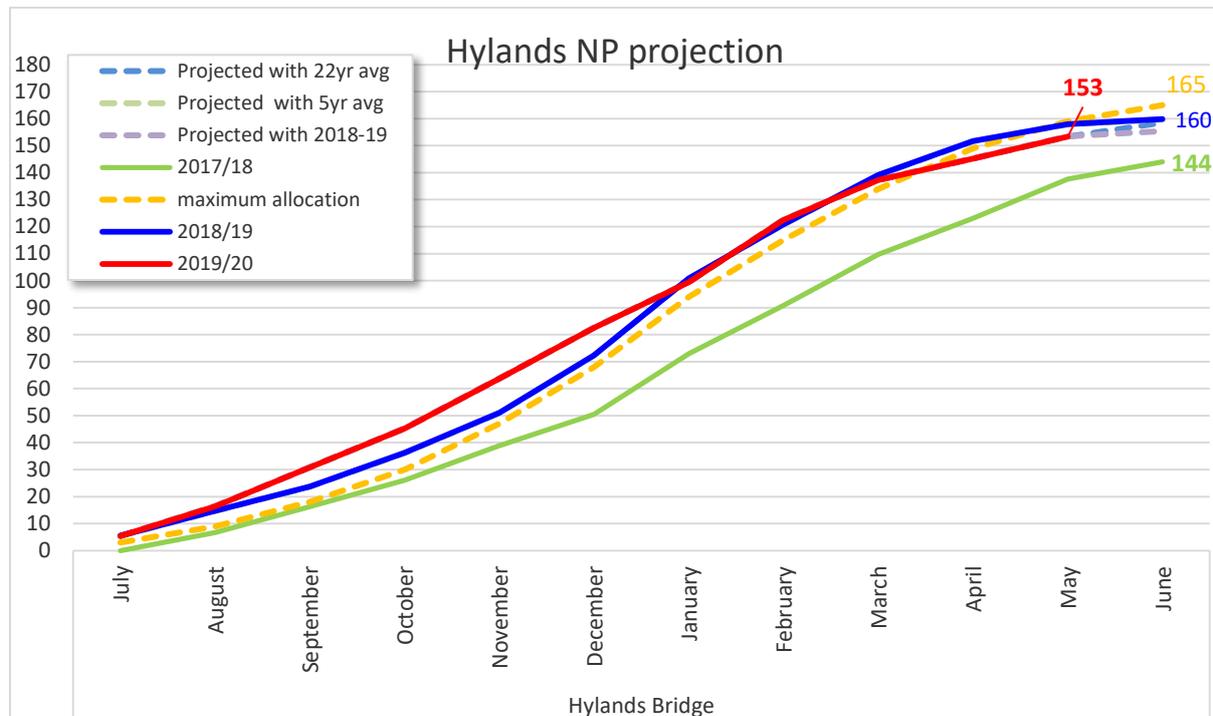
For the period to the end of May 2020, 153ML of water has been extracted from Hylands Bridge scheme, this is a decrease for the same period to the end of March 2019 (158ML). A decrease in production of 5ML compared to the same period last year.

Hylands Bridge Annual Volume (megalitres)



Hylands Bridge Projections are as per the graph below.

For the period to the end of May 2020, water production from the Hylands Bridge scheme was 153ML this is 5ML less than for the same period last year. Allocation entitlement is 165ML therefore GWCC has 12ML left in the allocation with 1 month remaining in the period before allocation resets.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

14.4.1. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the Board note the information provided in the report.

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board note the information provided in the report

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

08 Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce

BACKGROUND

This report is provided as an overview of the current Financial Year Capital Expenditure.

REPORT

Staff have been continuing to deliver capital works projects including:

- Changes to conditions of contract and re-tendering of the Rosehill to Harden pipeline construction project due to close on the 24 July 2020.
- Oura bore 6 has undergone cleaning, relining, new headworks and pipework installed and new pump with packer system ready to be installed. The undertaking of these works required additional planning, implementation of safety measures and collaboration of staff from engineering, construction, mechanical and electrical teams to enable works to occur during the peak of the pandemic.
- Thanowring Road detailed design is continuing to progress including initial landholder negotiations being undertaken.
- Audits for backflow installations between Ardlethan to Barellan and Barellan Township have been undertaken including the installation and review of pressure loggers. This has sparked an investigation into operational changes to maintain pressure within the trunk main and a review of our ability to increase our potable water supply to Barellan Township.
- Replacement bore for Matong bore 1 is continuing to progress with designs 90% complete and the drilling contractor expected on site mid-July.
- Oura High Voltage equipment supply tender is underway and due to close on the 15 July.
- New pumps at Ganmain number 5 and 6 have been delivered and are ready for install
- A replacement building for our Wyalong depot is currently under construction off site
- New PRV at Stockinbingal has been delivered and is ready for install to allow the elimination of the Baulloora valve pit which has ageing infrastructure, is a confined space and located in the road reserve.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.5. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENREAL MANAGER

14.5.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPLINTER AWARD (COVID-19)

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann that the Board endorse the actions of the General Manager in opting into the Local Government Splinter Award.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board endorse the actions of the General Manager in opting into the Local Government Splinter Award.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

08 Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce

BACKGROUND

The Local Government (COVID-19) Splinter (Interim) Award 2020 was made by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission on 14 April 2020. The Splinter Award is operational until 8 April 2021.

REPORT

The Splinter Award provides employers with greater flexibility in the event that COVID-19 disrupts the ordinary operation of Council.

The following provides a brief overview of the key inclusions:

Operational Flexibility

- Employers may direct employees to carry out suitable alternative duties
- Employers and employees may agree to varied leave arrangements
- Employees may access long service leave in advance

Close Down

- Alternative arrangements may be explored including working from home and or alternative locations performing standard and or alternative duties

No Useful Work

Employees may be stood down (or partially stood down) in the event of no useful work, under a 3 stage approach:

- Stage 1 - Paid COVID-19 Special Leave for 4 weeks at standard rate of pay
- Stage 2 – Job Retention Allowance (if Paid COVID-19 Special Leave exhausted) up to 13 weeks at Band 1 Level 2 of the LG State Award (currently \$858.20/week). Employees may supplement this with accrued leave.
- Stage 3 – Leave without pay. In the event that the employee has exhausted Paid COVID-19 Special Leave and the Job Retention Allowance, the employer may stand the employee down without pay until useful work may be provided.

Councils were offered the opportunity to 'opt in' to become a party to the Splinter Award, with the vast majority of NSW Councils choosing to do so.

With the essential work undertaken by Goldenfields Water, it is unlikely that work would be disrupted to the extent that the Splinter Award would need to be enacted. However given the uncertainty, Goldenfields felt it was an important opportunity to provide the entire

organisation with additional certainty should COVID-19 impact operations. As such Goldenfields opted in to become a party to the Splinter Award as of 8 May 2020.

The Splinter Award operates in addition to the Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Should the Local Government (COVID-19) Splinter (Interim) Award 2020 be enacted there is a potential for financial impact in relation to the 4 week Paid COVID-19 Special Leave.

ATTACHMENTS: Local Government (COVID-19) Splinter (Interim) Award 2020

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.2. ADOPTION OF 2020-2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that:

- 1. Council adopts the 2020-2021 Operational Plan, as exhibited following public comment, incorporating changes detailed in this report; and**
- 2. The fees and charges be made for the 2020-2021 year, as detailed in the adopted 2020-2021 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.**

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the 2020-2021 Operational Plan, as exhibited following public comment, incorporating changes detailed in this report; and
2. The fees and charges be made for the 2020-2021 year, as detailed in the adopted 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 Operational Plan has been on public exhibition for 28 days. No submissions have been received.

The 2020-2021 Operational Plan is now re-presented to Council for adoption, incorporating the following changes:

- Transfer \$127,000 from wages to consultancy for IT services
- \$300,000 addition to land purchases in the CAPEX budget for land purchase
- \$85,000 additional truck purchase and corresponding \$50,000 truck sale to replace existing truck requiring extensive gearbox repairs

The 2020-2021 Operational Plan incorporates 2020-2021 Fees and Charges and 2020-2021 Budget Summaries.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2020-2021 Operational Plan

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.3. NORTH WEETHALLE RESERVOIR SITE LAND ACQUISITION

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Board:

- 1. Endorse the purchase of Lot 14 / DP 751718 as detailed within the reports**
- 2. Authorise the Chairperson and General Manager to sign and affix Council Seal to the documents relating to the transfer as required.**

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board;

1. Endorse the purchase of Lot 14 / DP 751718 as detailed within the reports
2. Authorise the Chairperson and General Manager to sign and affix Council Seal to the documents relating to the transfer as required.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

05 Proactive Customer Relations

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water have four reservoirs which make up the North Weethalle Reservoir Site. These reservoirs and associated pipework are located on Lot 14 / DP 751718 which is privately owned land.

Goldenfields Water typically seeks easement agreements over underground infrastructure but generally acquires land where significant above ground infrastructure is established. Council officers recommended that Council seek to acquire the 40 x 40m reservoir site, a right of way over the existing access track and an easement agreement for the pipeline within the property.

At the February meeting of Council the Board resolved the following:

1. That the Board approve the General Manager or his delegate to sign a formal agreement that Goldenfields Water intends to acquire the land for the reservoir site, a right of way over the access track and an easement over the pipeline.

2. That the Board approve the General Manager or his delegate to commence negotiations for required land acquisition on Lot 14 / DP 751718, as per the figure specified within the financial impact statement provided within this report.

REPORT

The resolution made at the February Council meeting did not specifically resolve for the General Manager to sign off on the purchase of the land.

The property owners have agreed to a transfer the land to Goldenfields Water for a nominal sum in addition to legal fees.

This sum is within the guidelines of the report provided to the Board at the February Council meeting.

This report is presented to formalise the delegation to the General Manager and Chairperson to sign the necessary paperwork to complete the transfer of land.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27 August 2020 at 2:00pm.

16. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 2:32pm.