

The meeting commenced at 2:01pm

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr K Morris, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Ms M Curran (Corporate Services Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant), Miss B Coleman (Administration Officer Records)

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Sinclair that Cr L McGlynn 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

Chairperson Palmer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.2.1 – Rosehill to Harden Pipeline Replacement Tender – 05/2020. The interest is due to a relative being engaged by an organisation that has provided a tender. Chairperson Palmer will leave the meeting while the matter is deliberated. Deputy Chairperson Clr David McCann will chair the meeting during deliberation of this item.

General Manager Aaron Drenovski declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.3.1 – General Manager Performance Review. The interest is due to the manager being the subject of the report. Aaron Drenovski will leave the meeting while the matter is deliberated.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 25 June 2020,

At the 25 June Council Meeting the Board resolved in Confidential to purchase lots 4 and 5 DP 758957. This was a typographical error, and should have been lots 5 and 6 DP 758957. The minutes have been adjusted and were presented for confirmation.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and McCann that the minutes of the meetings held on the 25 June 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
REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS OPERATIONS**

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board remain committed to the REROC Organisation.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board remain committed to the REROC Organisation.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Maximising Regional Water Supply

REPORT

Further Correspondence from the Chairman of REROC and the Riverina JO has been received regarding the review of the two organisations.

At the June meeting the Board resolved:

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.

As detailed in the attached letter there are significant financial implications on the General Purpose Councils if the Riverina JO is wound up. The REROC board resolved to seek endorsement from the Members Councils to maintain REROC's current structure for a period of two years, including the provision of on-going funding for the Organisation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position. REROC expect that the 21/22 membership fee will be the same as it is for the 20/21 financial year.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from REROC Chairman.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the late report of Rosehill Tender be accepted for consideration in confidential session.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Reflecting on what has at times been a difficult year, I believe it is important to highlight the achievements of Goldenfields Water over the preceding 12 months.

We have continued to engage with our communities through the measures outlined in the Community Engagement Strategy, and have increased service levels to our customers with the introduction of emailed accounts and direct debit, along with ongoing access to the Goldenfields App.

Our partnership with the University of Sydney has resulted in the completion of the initial investigation into the discoloured water at the Mount Arthur Scheme, the results of which will inform future strategies.

While the major Oura Pump Station breakdown over the Christmas period was very challenging, the reactivity of staff to rectify this unprecedented situation was incredible, and highlights the level of skills and commitment of our staff.

Goldenfields staff are encouraged and supported to excel in their individual fields which has resulted in many achievements including the following:

The Goldenfields team were runners up in the LG Professionals Management Challenge last year, our Accountant was awarded the Col Mills Scholarship through LG Professionals, and our apprentice Fitter/Machinist won Regional apprentice of the year and the bronze medal at the world skills competition. Goldenfields education assistance program saw our Production and Services manager graduate university and our Executive Assistant was included in the CSU Executive Deans list.

Goldenfields was awarded runners up at the LG Professional Awards for Risk Management Innovation for our Water Outlook System in July. The system is cloud based and custom built for our Water Quality Management System.

Increased organisational security has been delivered through the continued development of Goldenfields risk framework and register, the restructuring of the ledger for improved reporting and budgeting, and our first ICT strategy spanning 4 years was developed.

Goldenfields continues to employ cutting edge technology. A report is being presented at today's meeting regarding a proposal to commence development of an artificial intelligence platform that seeks to optimise our Jugiong Water Treatment Plant. This is the first of its kind in Australia.

Goldenfields has expended 7.6 million on capital works and while this was significantly less than anticipated due in part to COVID-19, our Engineering team have used this time to forward plan future projects and strengthen conditions to guard against potential COVID contract variations.

Construction at Mandamah continues at a pleasing rate, with the most recent report indicating the project is ahead of schedule and within budget despite the difficult terrain.

Thank you to our General Manager Aaron, for his excellent communication over the last year, keeping me informed of issues and suggesting solutions to keep Goldenfields on track.

Finally, a big thank you to my fellow Board members for your assistance and commitment to achieving the best outcomes for the communities of Goldenfields Water. We have a great team and I am appreciative of the input from each of you.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 2.12pm

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 deal with in part of the meeting closed to the media and the public.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that Council move into Confidential session.

13. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

13.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

13.1.1. OURA LAND ACQUISITION

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (select the appropriate and add the number above, delete all other options)

c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Armstrong that the Board

- a) Note the information within the report regarding land acquisition negotiations for the future provisions of the Oura Water Treatment Plant
- b) Approve the general manager or his delegate to accept the valuated offer as detailed in the financial impact statement and associated requests for 4 Hectares of Lot 10 DP 125149, located at 1035 Oura Road, Eunanoreenya, New South Wales.
- c) Authorise the Chair and General Manager to sign and affix the Common Seal to the documents relating to the transfer as required.

13.1.2. OURA HV EQUIPMENT SUPPLY TENDER – 04/2020

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

20/070 RESOLVED 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).

13.1.3. SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE AGREEMENT – INNOVYZE AI - EMAGIN

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

20/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Callow that the Board:

- a. Approve the General Manager or his delegate to proceed with the software as a service agreement pilot trial offer provided by Innovyze for the product Emagin.
- b. Approve an additional budget allocation of \$150,000 for the 2020/21 financial year.

13.1.4. ENERGY PROJECTS

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, or

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board note the updated information provided within the report relating to energy projects and note that staff will not be proceeding with Solar Professionals under LGP Contract 283.

13.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

13.2.1. ROSEHILL TO HARDEN PIPELINE REPLACEMENT TENDER – 05/2020

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:
 - (ii) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it,

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Sinclair that the Board approve to award the contract for the Rosehill to Harden Pipeline Replacement Tender to TCM Civil Pty Ltd for \$3,401,743.70 excluding GST.

13.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CHAIRPERSON

13.3.1. GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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

- e) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Stadtmiller that the Board note this Chairperson's Minute which includes the General Manager's Performance Review Panel's position following the Annual Review for 2019/20.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that Council revert back to open session and the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

14. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL – 3.11pm

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

20/076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 2020 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 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.

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REPORT

Council's investment portfolio increased by \$1,500,000 from \$52,750,000 as at 31st May 2020 to \$54,250,000 as at 31st July 2020. The increase is attributable to the receipt of third quarter water accounts that were due on 30th June 2020.

Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	SP Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	A	A1	ING Direct	Annual	20/12/2019	5/08/2020	229	1.60	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	27/02/2020	10/09/2020	196	1.60	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	25/09/2017	28/09/2020	1099	3.06	0.66	\$1,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	7/04/2020	21/10/2020	197	1.70	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	7/11/2017	9/11/2020	1098	3.00	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Rural Bank	Annual	6/12/2017	7/12/2020	1097	2.95	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	17/03/2020	16/12/2020	274	1.60	0.66	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Rural Bank	Annual	9/01/2018	11/01/2021	1098	3.10	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	At Maturity	14/02/2020	16/02/2021	368	1.50	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Police Credit Union SA	Annual	21/03/2018	22/03/2021	1097	3.15	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	19/03/2020	25/03/2021	371	1.80	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Australian Military Bank	Annual	29/03/2018	29/03/2021	1096	3.20	0.66	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	24/04/2018	27/04/2021	1099	3.13	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	At Maturity	9/06/2020	9/06/2021	365	0.98	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	P&N Bank	Annual	27/06/2018	28/06/2021	1097	3.15	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2017	12/07/2021	1461	3.45	0.66	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	1096	3.00	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	15/05/2020	17/11/2021	551	1.55	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	1461	3.50	0.66	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	13/07/2020	13/07/2022	730	0.96	0.66	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	23/06/2020	20/07/2022	757	1.23	0.66	\$1,000,000
CASH	BBB	A2	ME	Monthly				0.85	0.25	\$2,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	0.25	\$2,250,000

TOTAL: **\$54,250,000**

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

Term Deposit - BBSW

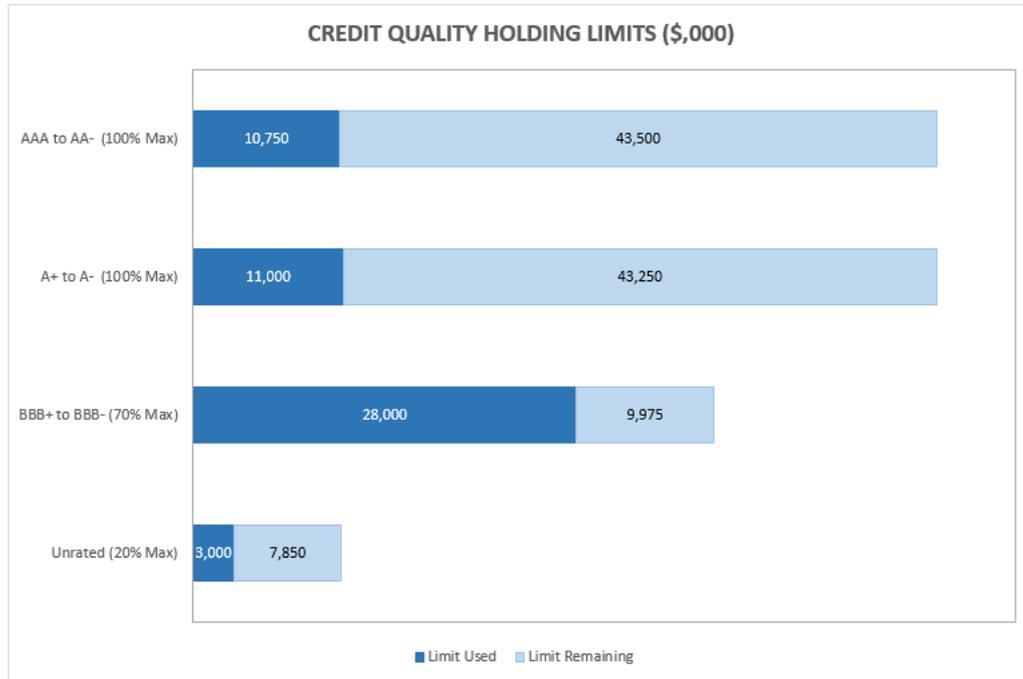
Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio outperformed the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 96%. The average weighted yield for July was 2.01%, over an average weighted term of 245 days, with a benchmark of 1.03%.

Total Cost 54,250,000	Total Accrued Interest 424,918	Weighted Average Term 245 Days
Total Value 54,250,000	Monthly Interest Received 127,980	Weighted Average Yield 2.01%

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.

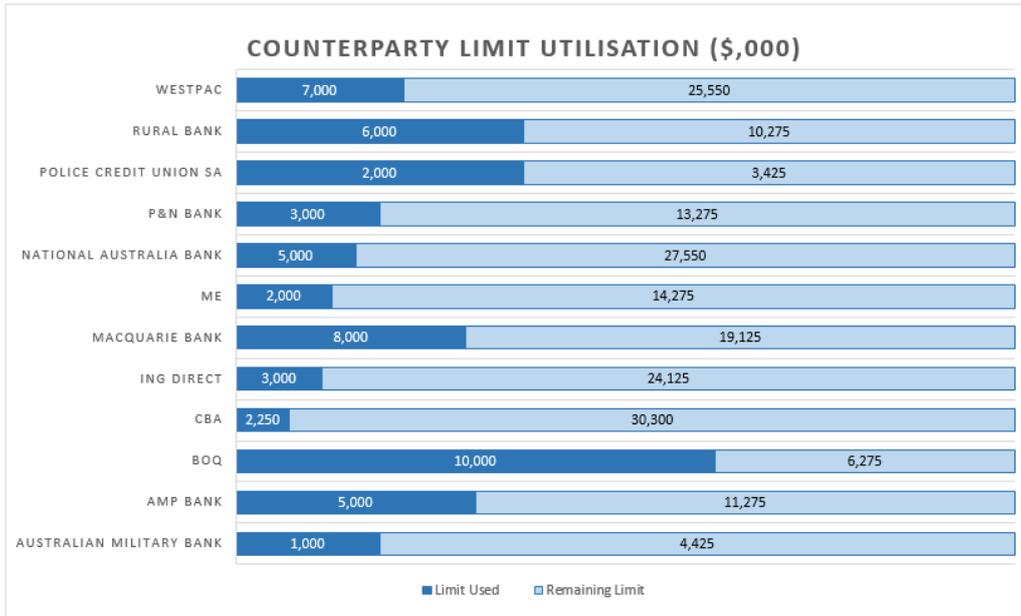


Counter Party Compliance

As at the end of July, 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.

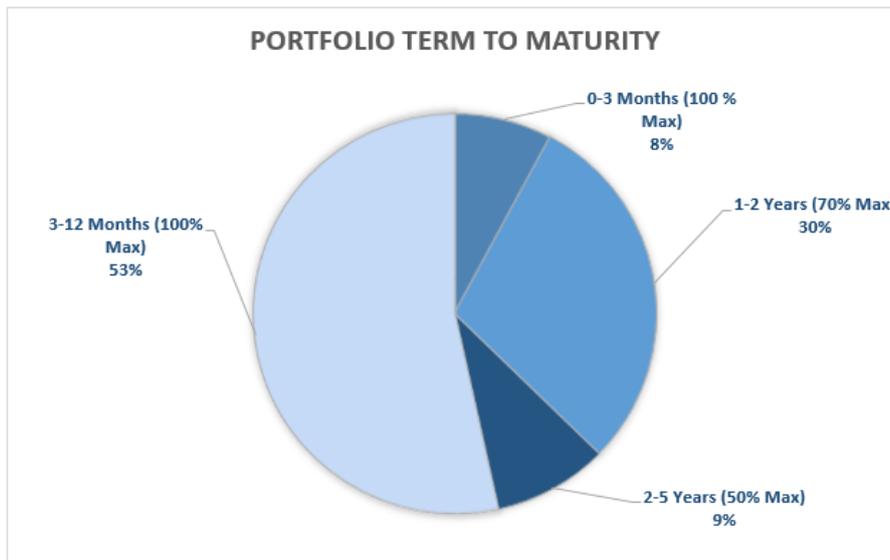
Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.

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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.

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Restricted Funds:	
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	1,269,216
Infrastructure Replacement	34,009,119
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,128,849
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	2,000,000
Property Reserve	391,890
Unrestricted Funds:	14,450,926
TOTAL	54,250,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

20/077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 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 July 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 July 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 July 2020

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.3. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and McCann that the Board:

- 1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 6 August 2020; and**
- 2. Receives and notes the 2019/20 Annual Report from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.**

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 6 August 2020; and
2. That the Board receives and notes the 2019/20 Annual Report from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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 6 August 2020. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee submitted an annual report on the activities of the Committee for the 2019/20 year, which is also attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes of ARIC Meeting 6-8-20; 2019/20 ARIC Committee Annual Report.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.4. 2019/20 BUDGET REVOTES

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/079 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board:

- 1. Revotes expenditure totalling \$104,173 from 2019/20 for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget; and**
- 2. Note committed expenditure totalling \$964,247 will be carried forward from 2019/20 to the 2020/21 budget.**

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Revotes expenditure totalling \$104,173 from 2019/20 for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget; and
2. Note committed expenditure totalling \$964,247 will be carried forward from 2019/20 to the 2020/21 budget.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council to formally adopt the inclusion of unspent prior year budget expenditure into the next year's budget.

REPORT

Annual approval is sought from the Board in relation to carrying forward budget allocations from the prior year into the current year. 2019/20 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that the following listed items should be revoted or carried forward into the 2020/21 budget to enable the completion of planned works.

Carry forward amounts are expenditure that was committed to prior to 30 June 2020. The sum of committed expenditure is higher than would normally be expected due to delays in the delivery of a number of items due to COVID-19 supply issues.

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Description	Revotes	Carry Forward - Committed Spend Prior to 30/6/2020	TOTAL
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OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE:

Oura WTP Surface Water Investigation		\$35,454	\$35,454
Finance Ledger Restructure Project		\$17,500	\$17,500
ICT Strategy Project		\$9,150	\$9,150
Total Operational Expenditure	\$0	\$62,104	\$62,104

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

Milling Machine		\$37,200	\$37,200
Safety Trailer		\$11,700	\$11,700
3 Vehicle Replacements		\$135,670	\$135,670
Nangus Water Supply Investigation		\$50,776	\$50,776
Jugiong Strategic Asset Plan	\$7,273	\$82,727	\$90,000
Oura WTP Aeration Study	\$500	\$5,000	\$5,500
Wyalong Depot	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$90,000
Thanowring Road		\$50,000	\$50,000
Stockinbingal PRV	\$9,400	\$10,600	\$20,000
Matong Bore 1	\$27,000	\$250,000	\$277,000
SCADA New		\$214,760	\$214,760
SCADA Renew		\$23,710	\$23,710
Total Capital Expenditure	\$104,173	\$902,143	\$1,006,316

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases 2020/21 budgeted operational expenditure by \$62,104 and budgeted capital expenditure by \$1,006,316.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.5. 2019/20 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/080 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Armstrong that the Board

- 1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 be referred to Council's Auditor, Audit Office of New South Wales,**
- 2. Council make a resolution in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:**

- i. the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended) and the Regulations made there under
 - ii. the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements
 - iii. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
 - iv. presents fairly the Council's operating results and financial position for the year
 - v. accords with Council's accounting and other records
 - vi. that Council is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way
3. That Council adopt the abovementioned Statement and that the Chairperson, Councillor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the 'Statement by Councillors and Management' in relation to Council's 2019/20 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto.
4. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports, subject to their being no material changes or audit issues.
5. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at its ordinary meeting to be held on 22 October 2020.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 be referred to Council's Auditor, Audit Office of New South Wales,
2. Council make a resolution in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:
 - i. the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (as amended) and the Regulations made there under
 - ii. the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements
 - iii. the *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*
 - iv. presents fairly the Council's operating results and financial position for the year
 - v. accords with Council's accounting and other records
 - vi. that Council is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way
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4. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports, subject to their being no material changes or audit issues.
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ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Under Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to prepare financial reports and must refer them for audit.

REPORT

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 have been completed and are ready to be forwarded to Council's Auditors.

Under the provisions of Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements shall be accompanied by a statement made in accordance with a resolution by Council, signed by two Councillors, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer.

Following receipt of the Auditor's Report, it will be necessary to give public notice for a period of at least seven (7) days prior to the adoption of the Financial Statements.

It is anticipated that the complete set of Financial Statements, including the Auditor's Report will be submitted to Council's Ordinary Meeting on 22 October 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: 2019/20 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

14.2.1. MANDAMAH STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong 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 approximately 180 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 60kms of the 66kms of water mains required for the completion of stage 2.

1200 metres of rock was encountered whilst traversing across the Beckon Hills. A total of 678 cubic metres of rock was excavated and removed and approx: 448 cubic metres of sand was required for the bedding and coverage of the pipework.

With only 6 kilometres of pipe and 2 metres to be installed for the completion of stage 2, construction is assisting Engineering with the Backflow and meter installation followed by the commissioning.

Mandamah construction is still progressing ahead of schedule and under budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.2.2. VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/082 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong 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

In October 2019 two fixed term casual staff 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 4786 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.

These fixed term casuals have also been utilised to assist Operations on a number of occasions for emergent works involving Junee Shire and other water main breaks within the Southern area of out supply.

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

20/083 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Callow 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 nominal 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of; Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

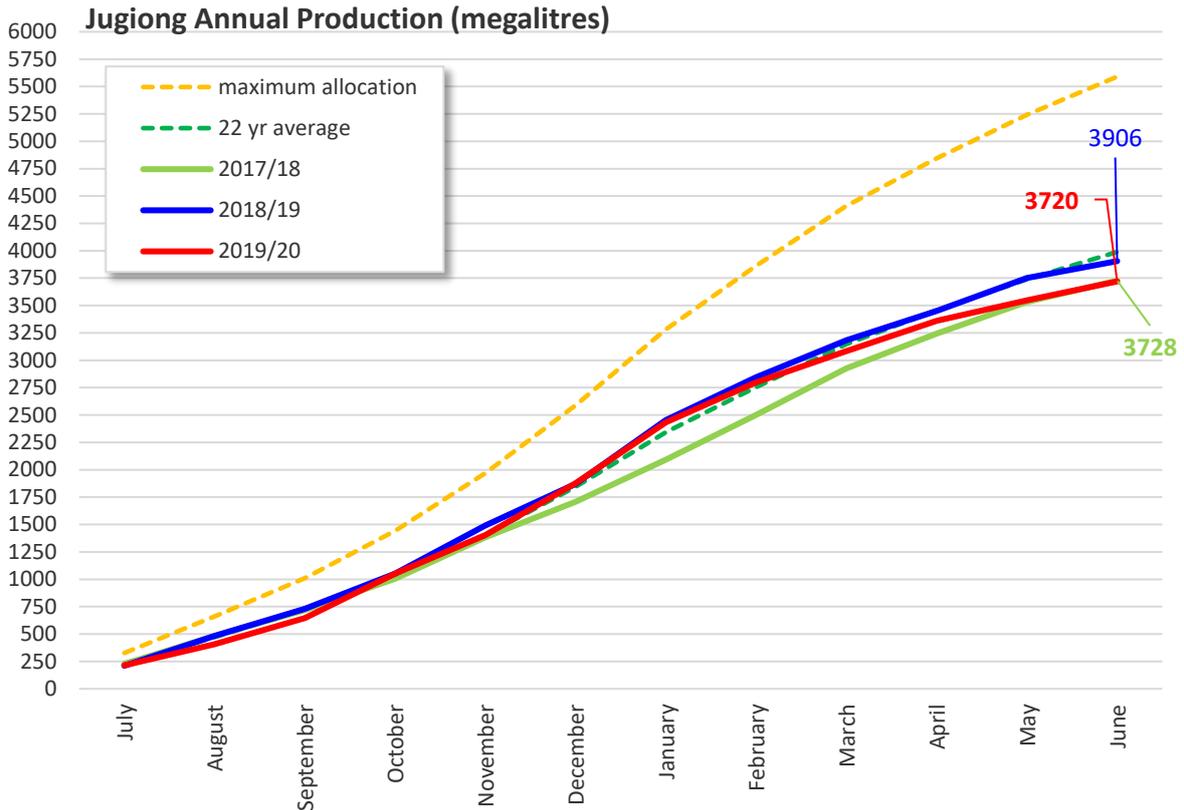
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

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

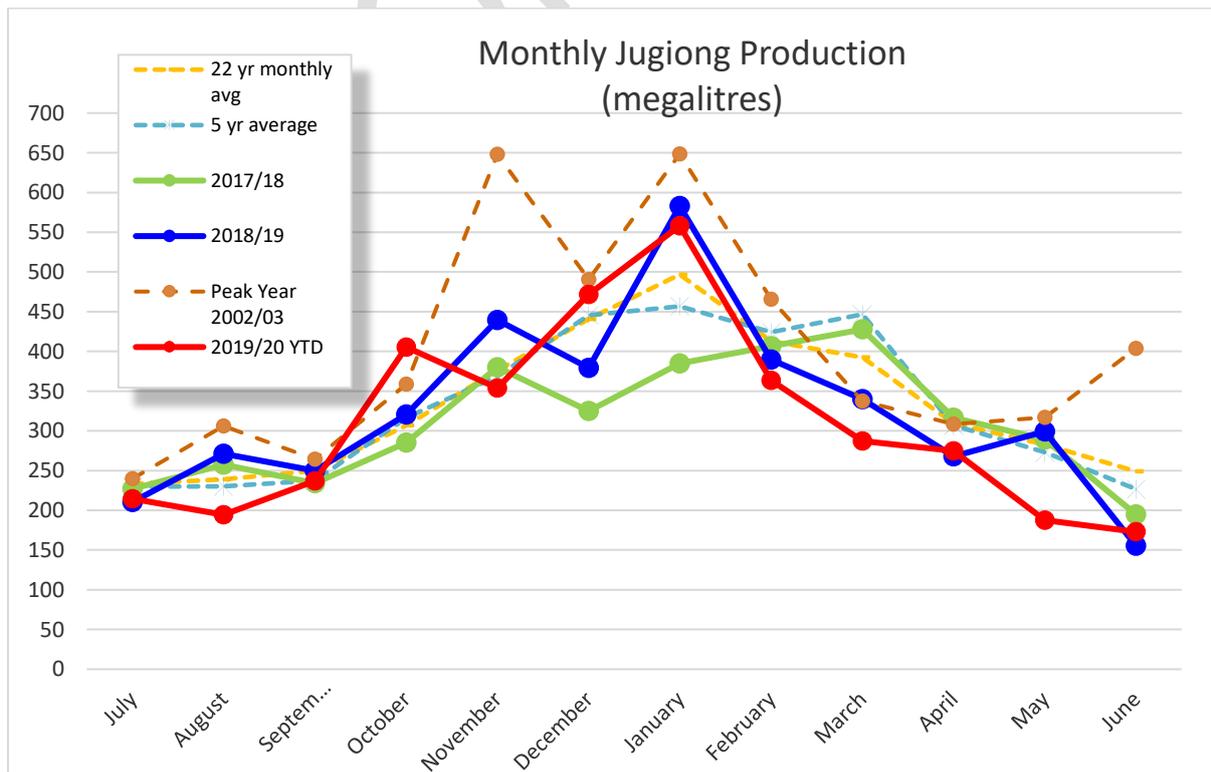
Jugiong annual water production has resulted in a trend similar to previous recent years.

To the end of the Financial Year 2019/20. Jugiong water production was 3720 ML. Water production from the Jugiong WTP was 185ML lower for the Financial Year 2019/20 compared to 2018/19 Financial Year. This is simply due to the higher than average rainfall recorded over the past twelve months.

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Jugiong monthly water production for May 2020 was 187ML and June 2020 was 173 ML. As can be seen below the monthly water production has decreased, this is simply due to increased rainfall and the colder winter weather.

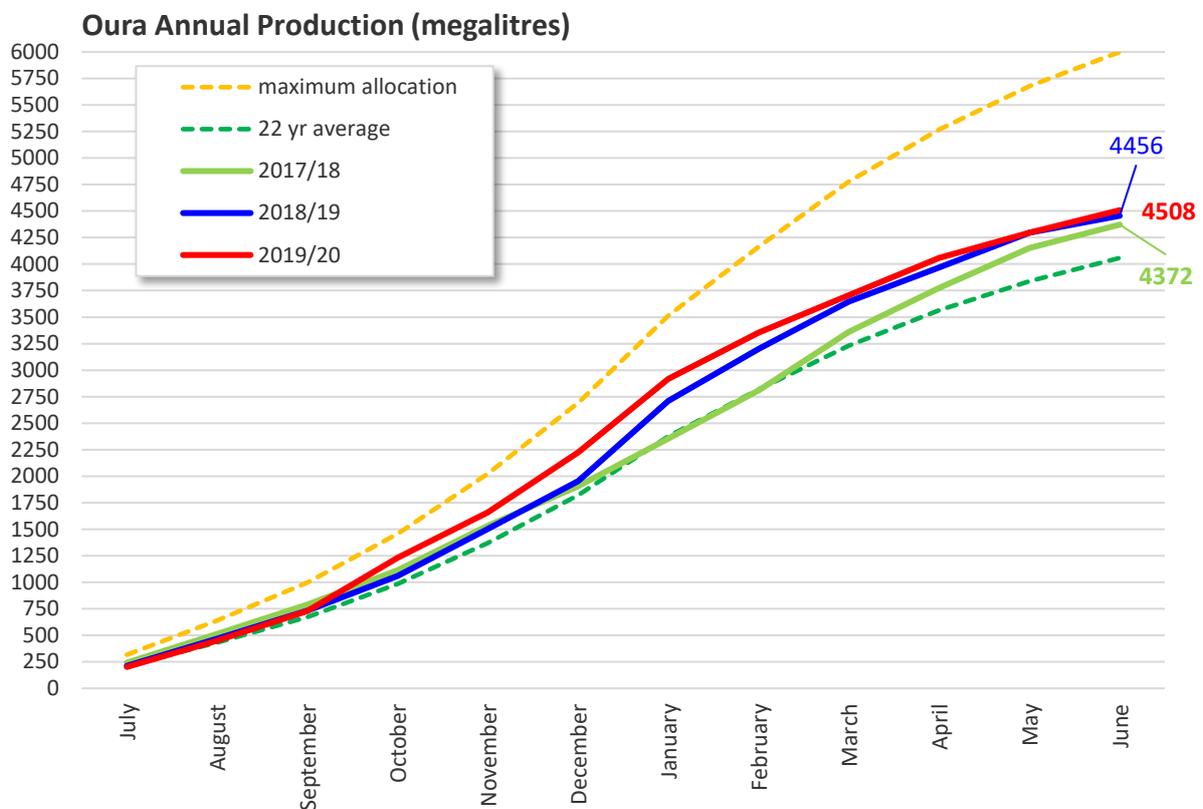


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

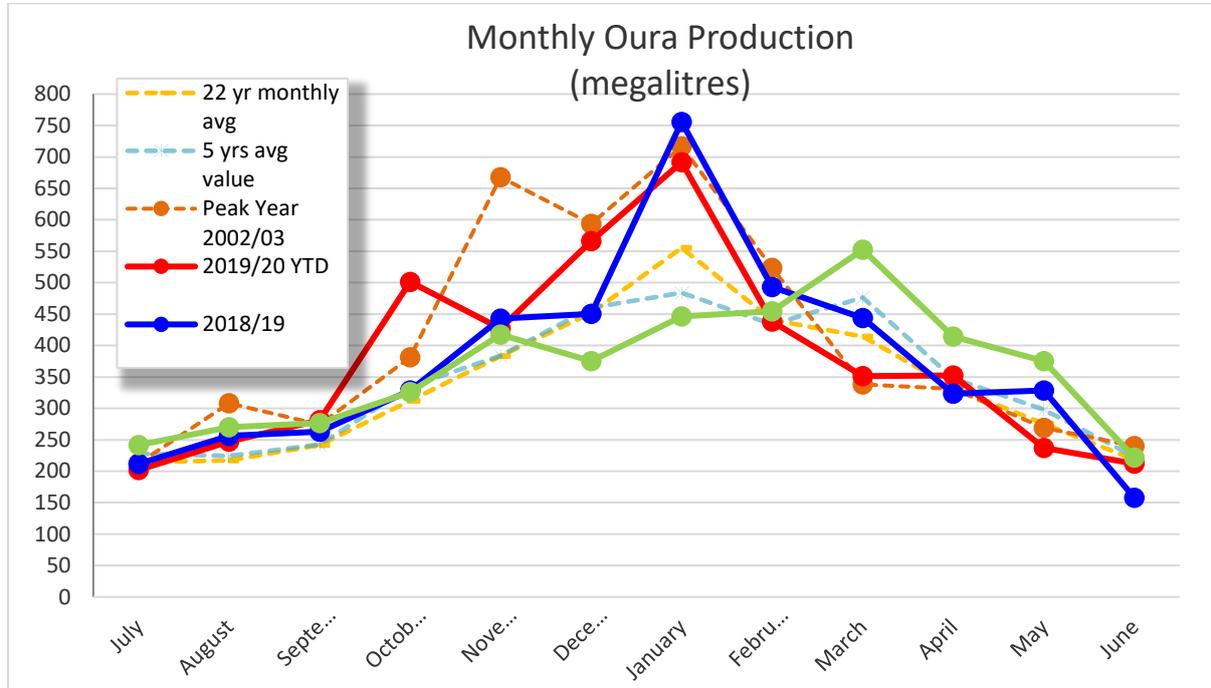
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the 2019/20 financial year period of production, the Oura scheme bores extracted 4508ML. this is very similar to the previous year where 4456ML was extracted. An increase of 52ML was extracted in the 2019/20 period compared with the previous year.



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Oura production for May 2020 was 237ML, and June 2020 was 212ML. As can be seen below the monthly water production has decreased over these periods, this is due mainly to increased rainfall and colder winter weather. However, please note that the dry spring period between September and November 2019 was significantly higher than the 2018/19 period which provides the reasoning for the increase of 52ML over the annual actual amount.



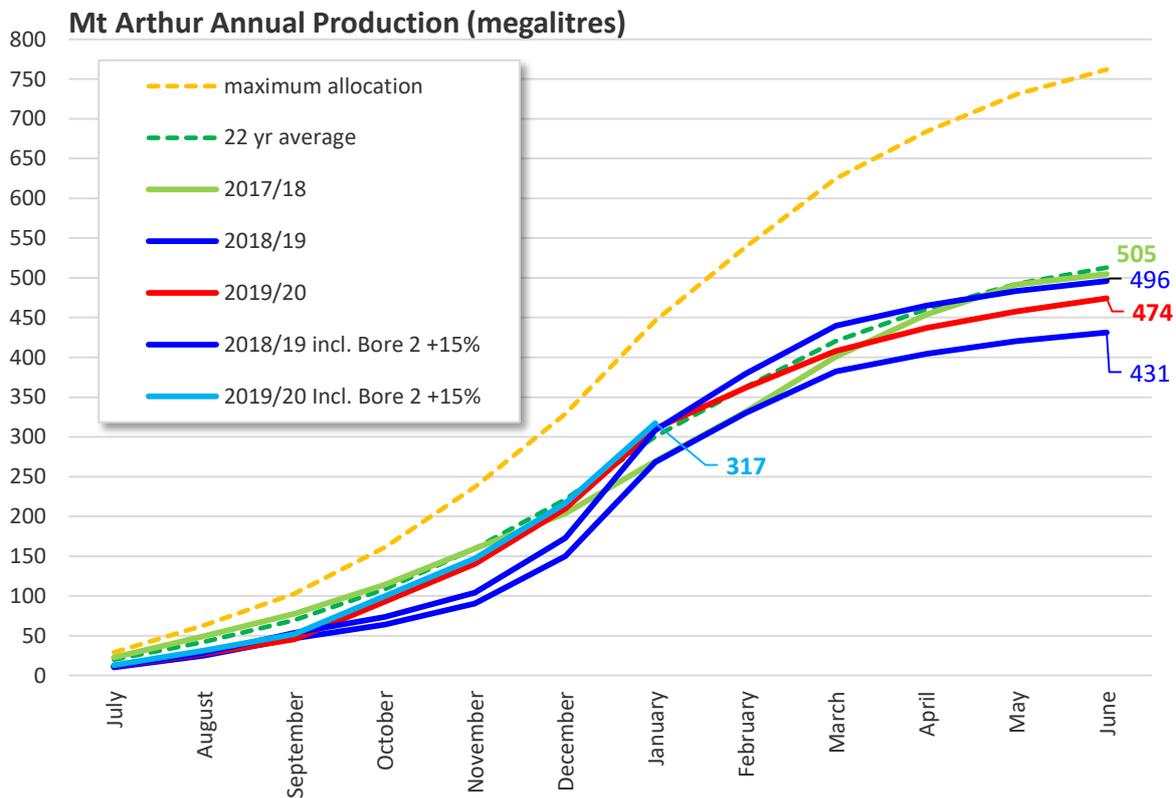
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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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 recognised that Bore 2 flow meter appeared to be reading lower than expected during the 2019/20 financial year. Initial investigations identified that there was a potential increase of around 9l/s when compared to a portable ultrasonic meter that was utilised to validate flows. This means that there was an estimated 15% potential variation of production in Bore 2 up until the January period where the issue was resolved. The below graphs have included the differences in production for the same year as a comparison to previous year's production.

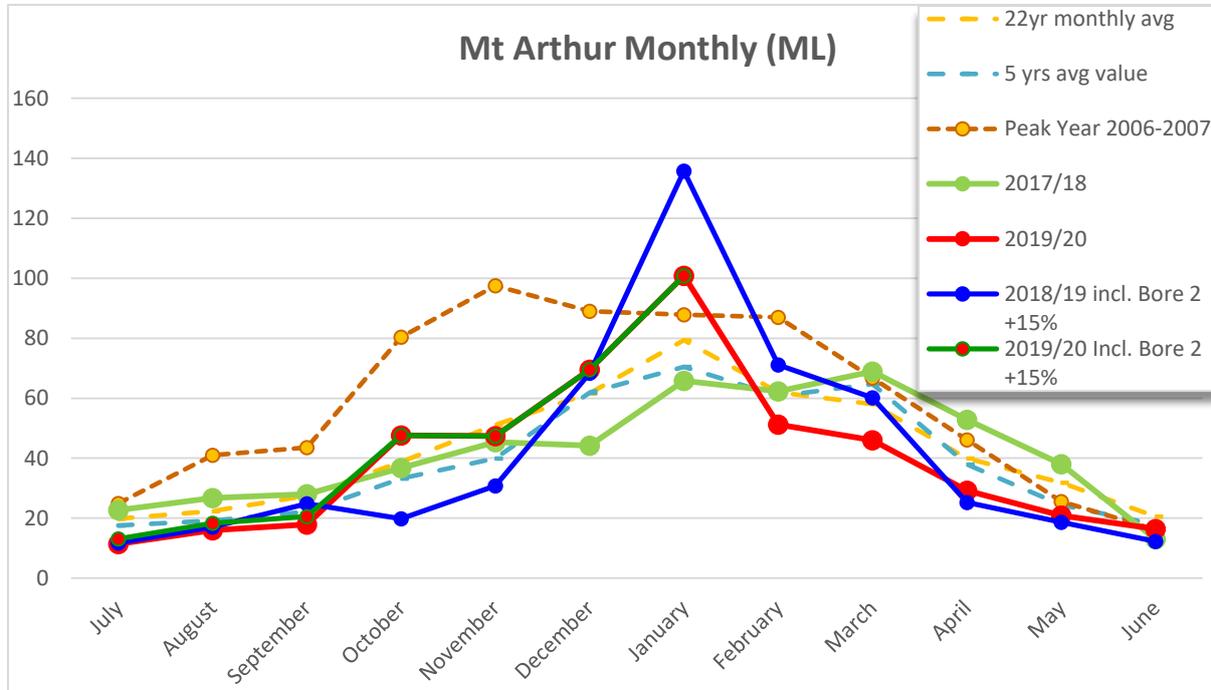
For the period to the end of the 2019/20 Financial Year, 474ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. This is a decrease of 22ML when compared to the 2018/19 Financial year (496ML).



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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 May was 21ML and June 2020 was 16.42ML. Similarly, Mt. Arthur monthly production is trending downwards this is due mainly to increased rainfall and colder winter weather.



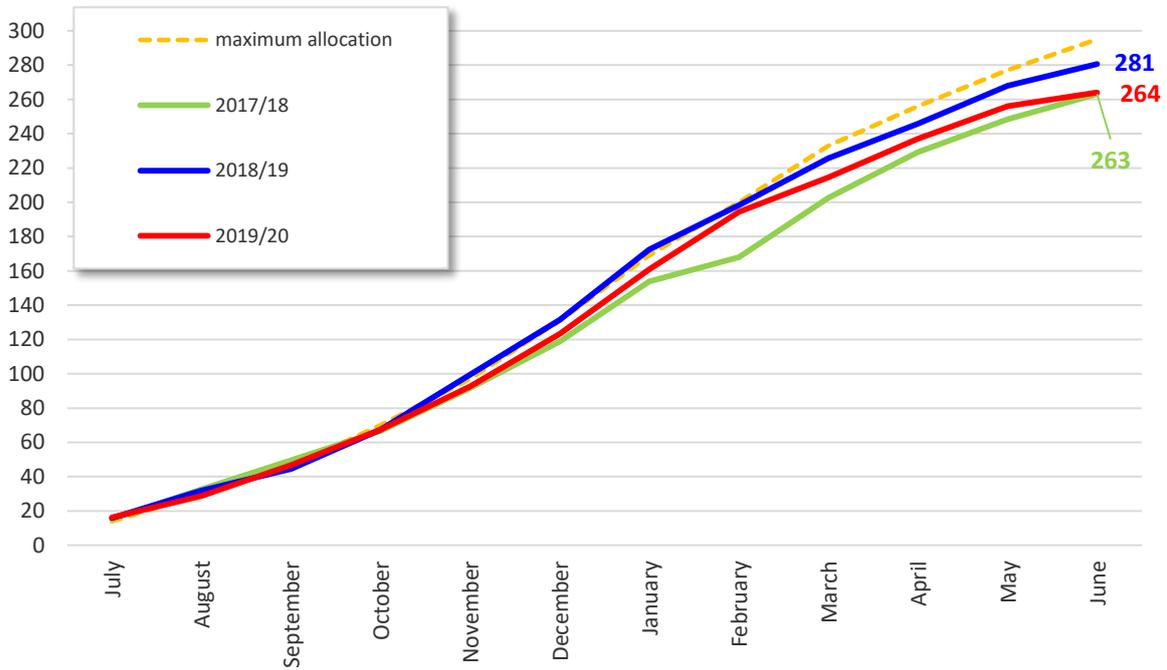
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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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 area.

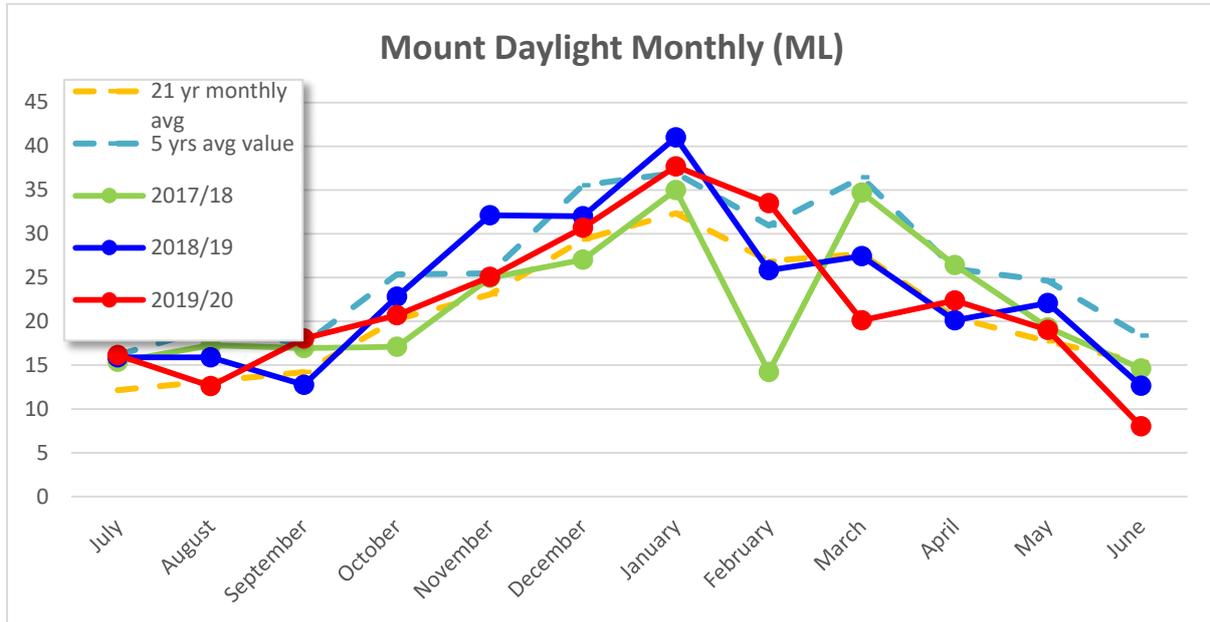
For the Financial year 2019/20, 264ML of water has been extracted by GWCC from the Mt Daylight Bores. This is lower than the 2018/19 financial year where 281ML was extracted. Indicating a decrease of 17ML for the 2019/20 FY.

Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)



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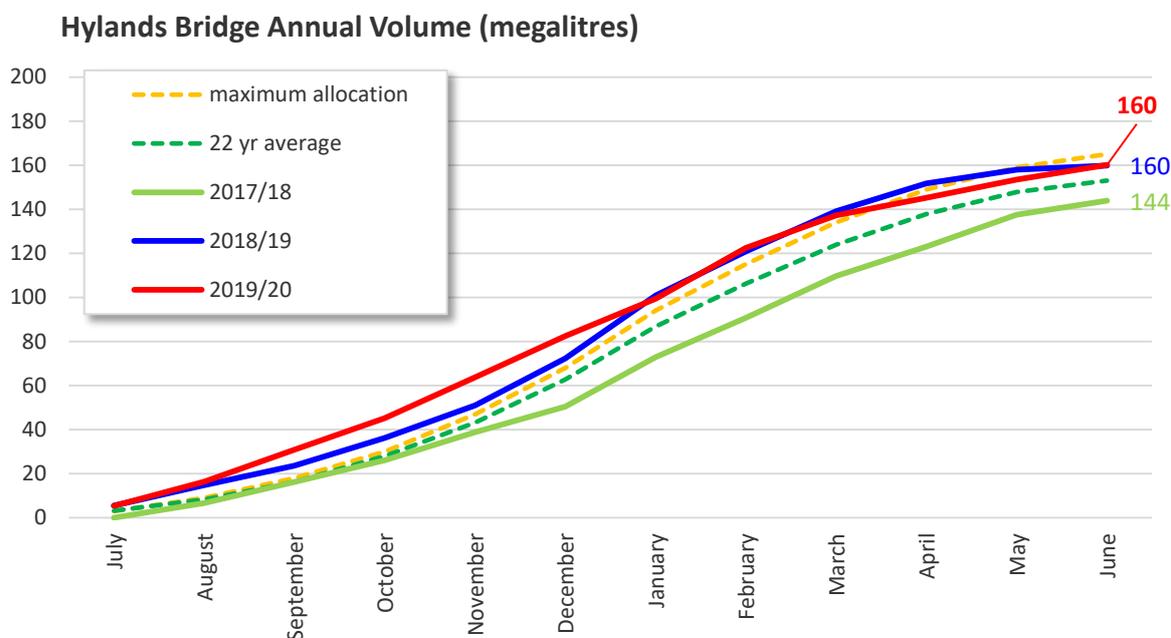
Mount Daylight monthly water production for May 2020 was 19 ML and for June 2020 was 8ML. Water production from the Mt Daylight Bores is trending downwards this is due mainly to increased rainfall and colder winter weather.



Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non Potable water to Barellan and Binya.

For the 2019/20 financial year period of production, water supply from the Hylands Bridge scheme is 160ML. This is the same as the previous 2018/19 financial year. Approximately 5ML below the Hylands bridge allocation. (165ML).



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE ENGINEERING MANAGER

14.4.1. WYALONG AND WEST WYALONG PRESSURE INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/084 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that the Board:

1. Note the information included in the report.
2. Approve the \$150,000 increase to the current financial year capital works program to cover the cost of the detailed design.

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Note the information included in the report.
2. Approve the \$150,000 increase to the current financial year capital works program to cover the cost of the detailed design.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in Service Provision

BACKGROUND

During the 2019/2020 financial year Goldenfields Water investigated options for increasing the pressure within Wyalong and West Wyalong.

REPORT

The study investigated 5 options for increasing the pressure within Wyalong and West Wyalong. These included a variety of additional pumping and infrastructure arrangements. The preferred option for proceeding was to provide increased pressure through a new standpipe reservoir. This option would require an additional dedicated trunk main from Goldfields Way to the existing terminal reservoir (approx. 8 km depending on final pipeline route) and a transfer pump station from the terminal reservoir to the new standpipe reservoir. Please refer to the attached diagram. This option was chosen due to the following reasons:

- It will improve the pressure across the entire Wyalong and West Wyalong area
- It will provide a consistent pressure (minimising pressure fluctuations, bursts and discoloured water risks associated with in line booster pumps)
- It will provide improved water quality through circulating the water
- It provides improved control of the network and redundancy

The study also highlighted the condition of the existing trunk main from Wyalong to West Wyalong and the need for renewal within the next 10 years.

The estimated capital cost for the works are as follows:

- Existing trunk main renewal \$4.2M
- Standpipe reservoir, additional dedicated trunk main and transfer pump station \$4.7M

The project is now progressing as follows:

- The existing trunk main renewal has been allowed for within the 10 year capital works program
- The standpipe reservoir and associated infrastructure has been included in the IWCM process for review
- The project has been included in our customer survey to gauge our customer's willingness to pay for increased service levels
- The project will be progressed to detailed design and landholder/authority agreements sought for the new pipeline route in preparation for potential funding opportunities
- The project will be included in applications for grant funding opportunities

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Estimated cost for detailed design is \$150,000

ATTACHMENTS: Preferred Option Infrastructure and Pressures

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

**14.4.2. COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY –
MANDAMAH RURAL SCHEME**

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/085 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Stadtmiller that the Board:

- 1. Proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the interest in the land described as 6m wide easement over Lots 54 and 55 in DP 750630 for the purpose of Water Supply in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.**
- 2. Make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire a 6m wide easement for Water Supply by compulsory process under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act.**
- 3. Authorise the General Manager and Chairman to sign and seal any required documentation relating to the Acquisition**

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the interest in the land described as 6m wide easement over Lots 54 and 55 in DP 750630 for the purpose of Water Supply in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. Make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire a 6m wide easement for Water Supply by compulsory process under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act.
3. Authorise the General Manager and Chairman to sign and seal any required documentation relating to the Acquisition

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

Stage 1 of the Mandamah scheme required construction through Lots 54 & 55, DP 750630, which is a Crown Land camping reserve, in Fiegerts Lane, Ariah Park. Construction agreements were acquired from the required authorities prior to construction occurring.

REPORT

As per Council's Easement and Acquisition Policy PP032, easements are required for new or renewed pipelines.

To create an easement over Crown Land, Legislation requires Council to Compulsory Acquire the easement, Under the NSW Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act.

A council resolution is required under the legislation, and Ministerial Approval is necessary, before the Acquisition process can start.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position, the Easements are part of the Mandamah Scheme budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Plan showing location of Easement.

Letter From Crown Land

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.5. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

14.5.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/086 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the Board:

- 1. Endorse the Chairperson as Goldenfields Water's voting delegate for the LGNSW Annual Conference**
- 2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager and the Chairperson**
- 3. Nominate an additional Board member to attend if desired.**

Cr McCann agreed to attend the LGNSW Conference.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

- 1. Endorse the Chairperson as Goldenfields Water's voting delegate for the LGNSW Annual Conference**
- 2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager and the Chairperson**
- 3. Nominate an additional Board member to attend if desired.**

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Strategic Water Management

BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference is the annual policy making event for NSW Councils and where councillors come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way their councils are governed.

REPORT

The LGNSW Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from Sunday 22 November 2020 to Tuesday 24 November 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: LGNSW Annual Conference 2020 Draft Program

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.2. PP001 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES AND MATERIALS POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/087 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the Board adopts the revised PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy.

Report prepared by WHS Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Council last adopted the policy on 22 August 2019. The policy has been reviewed after recommendations from Goldenfields Water's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

REPORT

The policy has been reviewed and updated noting the ARIC audit recommendations to allow for comment on the disposal of assets. This also included updating the title of the policy to include disposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.3. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/088 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Morris that Council note the report and the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report and the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2020.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Under section 6.21 of the Code of Conduct, councillors and designated persons must provide a declaration of pecuniary interest as contained in the prescribed form.

REPORT

Declaration of Pecuniary interest returns must be completed and lodged with the General Manager within three (3) months after becoming a councillor or designated person, 30 June of each year and upon becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose as per the Code of Conduct.

Returns must be tabled at the first meeting held after the required lodgement date.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, these returns are now tabled before Council as public documents.

Councillors and staff are reminded that it is imperative their honesty and transparency is maintained at all times. A pecuniary interest return may be lodged at any time during the year should circumstances deem it necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Pecuniary Interest Returns

14.5.4. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/089 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Armstrong that the Board approves \$51,000 for the demolition and removal of the buildings at the 121-123 Crowley Street property.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves \$51,000 for the demolition and removal of the buildings at the 121-123 Crowley Street property.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

The purchase of 121-123 Crowley Street, Temora was endorsed at the Council meeting held 25 June 2020. Settlement on these properties occurred 14 August 2020.

REPORT

Development consent for the demolition of the buildings on the site has been received. It is suggested that we proceed with the demolition as soon as practicable, with the quoted cost being \$51,000. The demolition includes extensive asbestos removal, demolition and disposal of debris.

The General Manager has commenced discussing Goldenfields requirements with architectural firms to obtain concept designs for the long term development of the site.

Further information will be provided to the Board for consideration as it becomes available.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

\$25,000.00 is currently allocated within the property purchase reserve and an adjustment will be made in the quarterly budget review for the remaining funds required to demolish the dwellings.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.5.5. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY TO JUNE 2020

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/090 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that Council's January – June 2020 Delivery Program Progress Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council's January – June 2020 Delivery Program Progress Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 - *Delivery Program*, stipulates that regular progress reports (at least 6 monthly) be provided to Council to report on progress toward the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program.

REPORT

Council's January to June 2020 Delivery Program Progress Report has been created, measuring the organisations progress toward the Delivery Program. The report is attached for Council's information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Delivery Program Progress Report January to June 2020

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 October 2020 commencing at 10.00am.

16. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 3.45pm