

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

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The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

**PRESENT**

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow (Audio Visual Link), Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris (Audio Visual Link), Cr G Sinclair, Cr M Stadtmiller (Audio Visual Link).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), (Audio Visual Link), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), (Audio Visual Link), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Ms M Curran (Corporate Services Manager), (Audio Visual Link), Mr Ray Graham (Interim Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that Crs Bob Callow, Kevin Morris and Matthew Stadtmiller be granted permission to attend the meeting by audio visual link due to extenuating circumstances, being the COVID19 pandemic and current lockdown orders. Councillors attending by audio visual link will not participate in voting.**

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

Nil

**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 24 JUNE 2021**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that the minutes of the meetings held on the 24 June 2021, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**9. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS**

Nil

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

Nil

**11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/066 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Chairperson has prepared a minute that will be considered in **CONFIDENTIAL** session in relation to the General Manager's Performance Review.

**12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.03am**

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

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/067 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 ENGINEERING MANAGER

##### 13.1.1. COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR ROSEHILL PIPELINE

###### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn That Council:

1. note the successful negotiation for the acquisition of the easement for Rosehill; and

2. rescind the following resolution

21/024

1. Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the interest in the land described as Lot 1 DP 652888 for the purpose of a water supply pipeline in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire an easement 6m wide and approximately 2.7km in length by compulsory process under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act 1996
3. That the land is to be classified as operational land.

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

##### 13.1.2. THANOWRING RD TRUNK MAIN REPLACEMENT - MATERIALS SUPPLY – CONTRACT 01/2021

###### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Board:

1. Accept the offer for Contract 01/2021 for the Material Supply of Thanowring Rd Trunk Main to Clover Pipelines for the Sum of \$ 1,995,539.76 (excl. GST) for the offer of supply of pipe and fittings.

2. Approve the General Manager or his delegate to enter into a contract with Clover Pipelines for the Material Supply for Thanowring Rd Main Replacement

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

### 13.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

#### 13.2.1. OURA TREATMENT PLANT – DESIGN OF RESERVOIRS AND ROOF MOUNTED TRAY AERATION – REQUEST FOR QUOTATION 01/2021

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann that the Board:

1. Note the report
2. Approve the General Manager or his delegate to enter into a contract with Cardno (NSW/ACT) Pty Ltd for \$413,134 (+GST) for RFQ 01/2021 – Design of Oura Reservoirs and Roof Mounted Tray Aeration

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

### 13.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CHAIRPERSON

*10.11am - Management and staff left the meeting during deliberation of this report*

#### 13.3.1. GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Board note and adopt this Chairperson's Minute which included the General Managers Performance Review Panel's position following the Annual Review for 2020/21.

*10.15am Management and staff re-entered the meeting*

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that there being no further confidential items that the Board revert back to Open Session, and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

### 14. MATTERS SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL – 10.15am

*The General Manager read out the resolutions made in CONFIDENTIAL Session.*

**14.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**

**14.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/073 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st July 2021 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

09 Financially Sustainable

**BACKGROUND**

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

**REPORT**

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$4,286,655 from \$54,967,665 as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to \$50,681,010 as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

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**Cash and Investment Portfolio**

Type	Rating	SP Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	Annual	26/11/2020	19/08/2021	266	0.48	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	9/12/2020	8/09/2021	273	0.70	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	16/12/2020	28/09/2021	286	0.55	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	1096	3.00	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	15/05/2020	17/11/2021	551	1.55	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	National Australia Bank	Annual	26/11/2020	9/12/2021	378	0.48	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	16/12/2020	11/01/2022	391	0.49	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	11/02/2022	395	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	11/03/2022	423	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2021	7/04/2022	415	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Judo Bank	Annual	30/03/2021	28/04/2022	394	0.87	0.20	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2021	27/05/2022	365	0.48	0.20	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Illawarra Credit U	At Maturity	9/06/2021	9/06/2022	365	0.55	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	1461	3.50	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	13/07/2020	13/07/2022	730	0.96	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	23/06/2020	20/07/2022	757	1.23	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	5/08/2020	7/09/2022	763	0.90	0.20	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	9/06/2021	12/10/2022	490	0.48	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	29/07/2021	1/11/2022	460	0.55	0.20	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	0.20	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	0.20	\$1,000,000
CASH	A-	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.35	0.10	\$2,752,219.00
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.10	0.10	\$2,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	0.10	\$928,791
<b>TOTAL:</b>										<b>\$50,681,010.00</b>

\*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 397%. The average weighted yield for July was 1.18%, over an average weighted term of 207 days, with a benchmark of 0.19%.

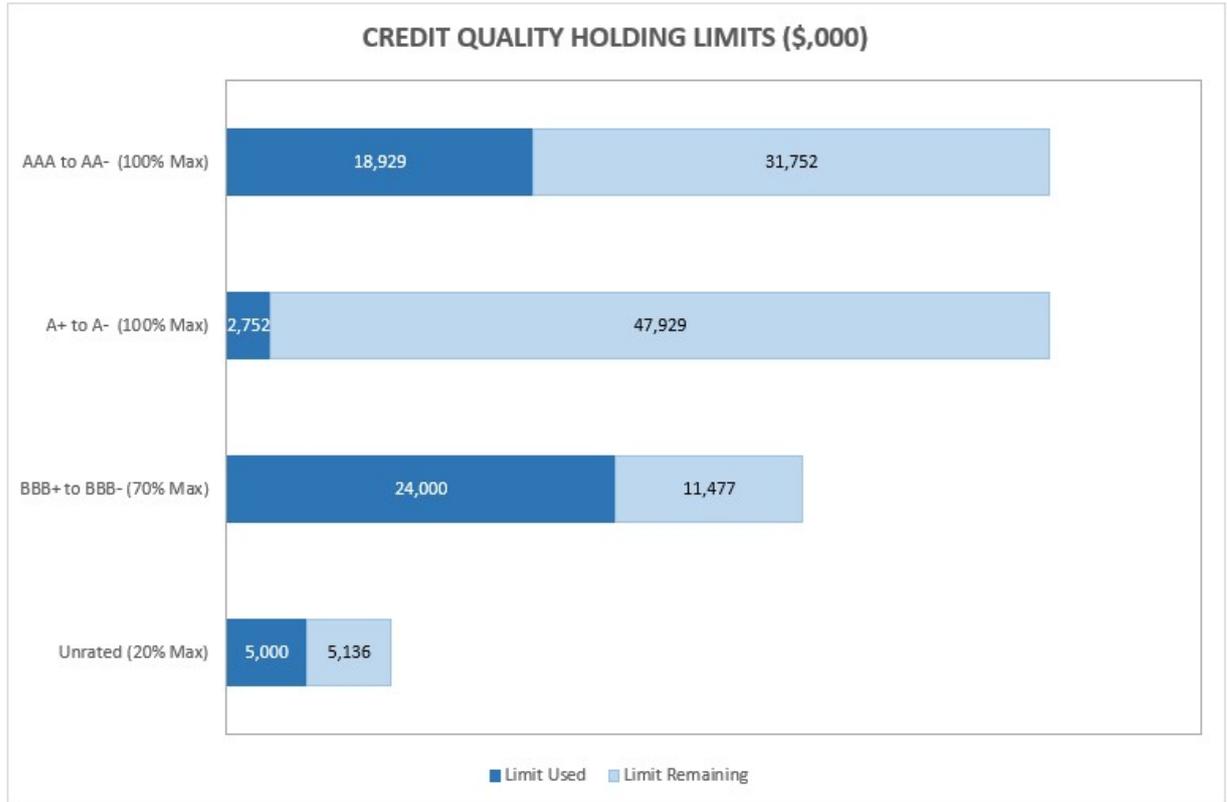
<b>Total Cost</b> <b>50,681,010</b>	<b>Yearly Interest Received</b> <b>110,901</b>	<b>Weighted Average Term</b> <b>207 Days</b>
<b>Total Value</b> <b>50,681,010</b>	<b>Monthly Interest Received</b> <b>110,901</b>	<b>Weighted Average Yield</b> <b>1.18%</b>

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**Credit Quality Compliance**

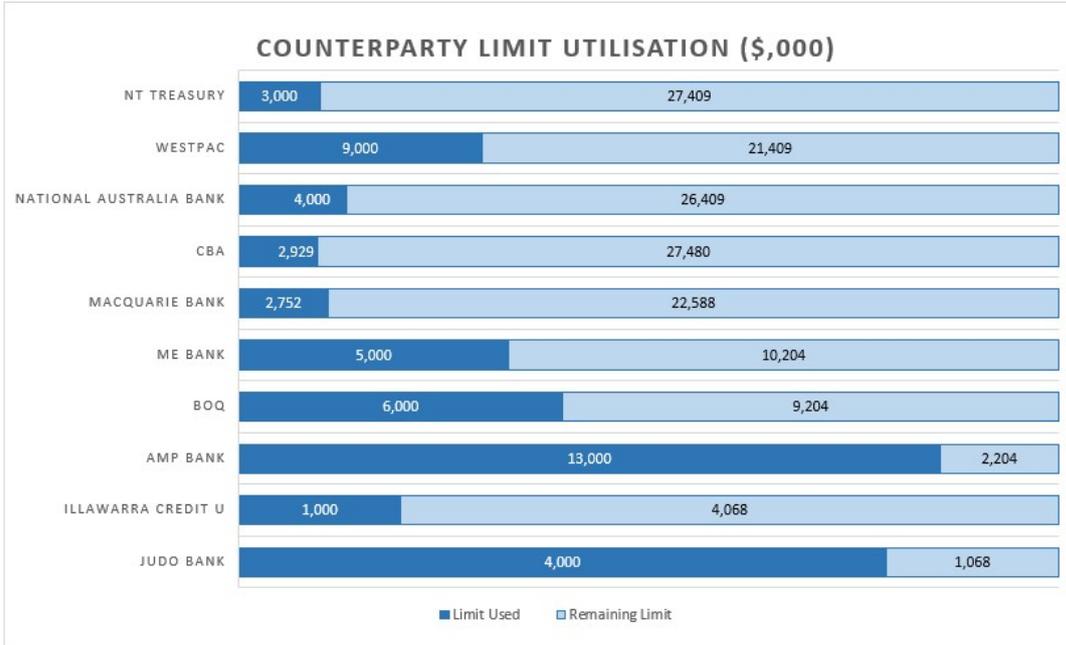
Council's investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



**Counter Party Compliance**

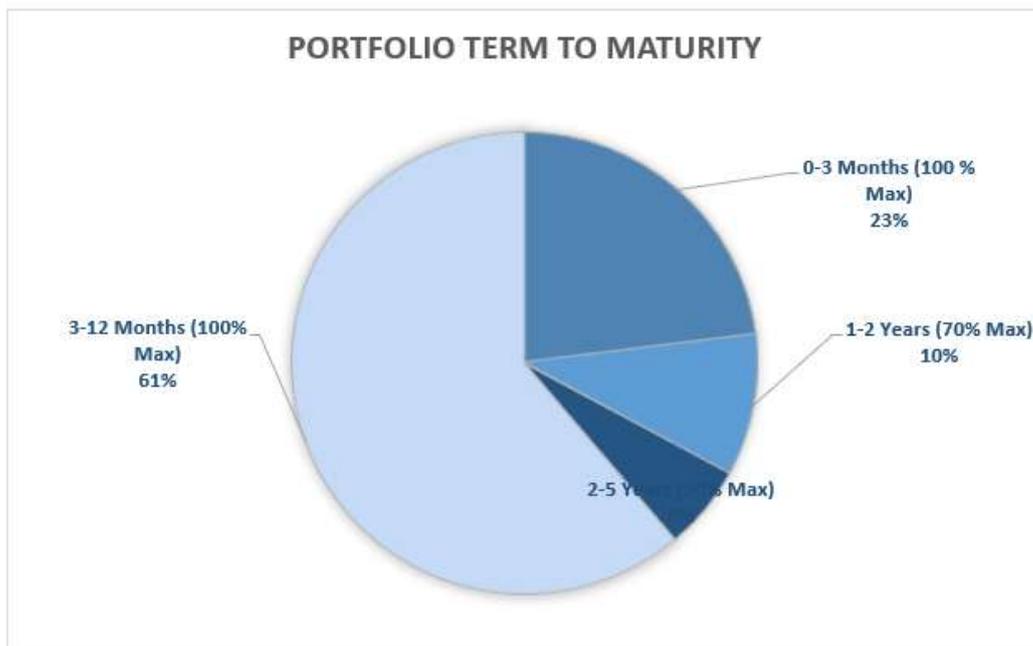
As at the end of July, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

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



**Term to Maturity**

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



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**Application of Investment Funds**

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

<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	1,761,463
Infrastructure Replacement	24,481,942
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,248,385
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	0
Property Reserve	0
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>	22,189,220
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,681,010</b>

**Declaration**

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

Signed



Michele Curran  
Responsible Accounting Officer

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$4,286,655 from \$54,967,665 as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to \$50,681,010 as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**14.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/074 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 2021 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

09 Financially Sustainable

**BACKGROUND**

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

**REPORT**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 July 2021

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**14.1.3. 2020/21 BUDGET REVOTES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/075 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Board:

- 1. Revotes expenditure totalling \$676,000 from 2020/21 for inclusion in the 2021/22 budget; and**
- 2. Note committed expenditure totalling \$785,000 will be carried forward from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 budget.**

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:

1. Revotes expenditure totalling \$676,000 from 2020/21 for inclusion in the 2021/22 budget; and
2. Note committed expenditure totalling \$785,000 will be carried forward from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 budget.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**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.

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**REPORT**

Annual approval is sought from the Board in relation to carrying forward budget allocations from the prior year into the current year. 2020/21 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that the following listed items should be revoted or carried forward into the 2021/22 budget to enable the completion of planned works.

Carry forward amounts are expenditure that was committed to prior to 30 June 2021.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Revotes</b>	<b>Carry Forward - Committed Spend Prior to 30/6/2021</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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***CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:***

SCADA Microwave Link Sites		\$230,000	<b>\$230,000</b>
Safety Trailer	\$30,000		<b>\$30,000</b>
Junee Main St Cox St Intersection	\$50,000		<b>\$50,000</b>
Junee 50mm Gal	\$80,000		<b>\$80,000</b>
West Wyalong Pressure Improvements	\$60,000	\$160,000	<b>\$220,000</b>
Rosehill Pump Station		\$50,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
Ariah Park Pump Station	\$25,000	\$60,000	<b>\$85,000</b>
Matong Bore 1 Replacement	\$70,000	\$140,000	<b>\$210,000</b>
Oura Bore 3 Elec SB	\$20,000	\$115,000	<b>\$135,000</b>
Communications Huts	\$50,000		<b>\$50,000</b>
Jugiong Old Plant Demolition		\$30,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
Coolamon Industrial Subdivision	\$111,000		<b>\$111,000</b>
Beach St Junee Main Replacement	\$160,000		<b>\$160,000</b>
Stockinbingal & Springdale PRV Replacement	\$20,000		<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>\$676,000</b>	<b>\$785,000</b>	<b>\$1,461,000</b>

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation increases 2021/22 budgeted capital expenditure by \$1,461,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

#### 14.1.4. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that the Board:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 22 July 2021;
2. Receive and notes the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Annual Report 2020/21;
3. That the Board extends current terms of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee independent members until the new Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework is released by the NSW Government;
4. Approves independent member remuneration of \$325 per member and \$430 for the Chair per meeting.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

##### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 22 July 2021;
2. Receive and notes the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Annual Report 2020/21;
3. That the Board extends current terms of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee independent members until the new Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework is released by the NSW Government;
4. Approves independent member remuneration of \$325 per member and \$430 for the Chair per meeting.

##### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

##### BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) 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 ARIC Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

##### REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council ARIC Committee met on 22 July 2021. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

The current ARIC Committee was originally appointed for a term of two years in 2017. This was extended on two occasions due to delays with Council elections. Appointments are currently up until Council members are reappointed following the next elections.

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In 2016, the NSW Government made it a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993* that each council have an ARIC. Previous advice was that this requirement would take effect from March 2022.

The Government has since been working with key stakeholders and industry experts to develop the regulatory framework that will support the operation of ARICs, and the establishment of a risk management and internal audit function in each council.

However, as the new guidelines have not yet been released, and the next Council term being shorter than usual, it is proposed to extend independent member terms until the new Framework is released. This will avoid any potential issues with changes to duration, member requirements and remuneration that may come with the new Framework. The Councillor representative will be appointed to the Committee following the next Council elections.

Independent member remuneration has been \$300 per member and \$400 for the Chair per meeting. This has remained unchanged since 2017. It is recommended to increase this to \$325 for independent members and \$430 for the Chair per meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Minutes of ARIC Meeting 22-7-21; ARIC Annual Report 2020/21.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**14.1.5. 2020/21 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Armstrong that:**

- 1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2021 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 2020/21 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 28th October 2021.

#### Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

#### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 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 2020/21 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 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

#### 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<sup>th</sup> June 2021 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 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** 2020/21 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

### **14.1.6. POLICY REVIEW**

#### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**21/078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann**

- 1. That the Board rescinds CP014 Capital Contributions by Developers Policy;**
- 2. That the Board rescinds CP028 Workers Compensation Policy**

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

#### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Board rescinds CP014 Capital Contributions by Developers Policy;
2. That the Board rescinds CP028 Workers Compensation Policy

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

07 Efficient Operations

#### **BACKGROUND**

A full review of Council policies is currently underway to determine currency and relevance. The policies included in this report have been reviewed by management and suggested actions included for the consideration of the board.

## REPORT

- **CP014 Capital Contributions by Developers Policy:** this policy was adopted in 2005 and was due for review in 2008. The policy was adopted under Council's old numbering system and has not been revised since. It has been determined that this policy is no longer relevant. Content of the policy is now covered by PP008 Developer Charges Policy.
- **CP028 Workers Compensation Policy:** this policy was adopted in 2015 and was due for review in 2017. The policy was adopted under Council's old numbering system and has not been revised since. It has been determined that this policy is no longer relevant. Content of the policy is now covered by IP013 Return to Work Policy.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** CP014 Capital Contributions by Developers Policy; CP028 Workers Compensation Policy.

## 14.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

### 14.2.1. MANDAMAH CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

**21/079 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Mandamah Stage 2 - 4 Construction Report be received and noted.

**Report prepared by the Operations Manager**

#### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Mandamah Stage 2 - 4 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 66,000 metres of trunk main, 2 reservoirs and a pump station, supplying 23 connections with the remaining 3 stages and 50 connections to be completed by June 2022.

**REPORT**

Construction and commissioning of stage 2 has been completed (58,224 metres).

Construction of stage 3 has been completed this month (45,000 metres) and connected into stage 1. This now creates Mandamah stages 1, 2 and 3 as a full reticulated water supply system.

Construction of stage 4 (11,000 metres) will commence late August and is anticipated to be completed by late December 2021.

Total pipeline construction to date is 169,000 metres. Construction rates are fluctuating between \$28 - \$30 per metre compared to a conservative NSW Reference Rate of approximately \$127 per metre.

Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme construction is tracking approximately 6 months ahead of schedule and under budget.

**NOTE**

By Council undertaking the full burden of the pipeline construction via internal staff, the approximate financial benefit each year to the local economy is \$490,000

This does not include the purchase of plant locally, which equates to approximately \$990,000 over a period of 5 years, ending 11/2022

**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**

**21/080 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong 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**

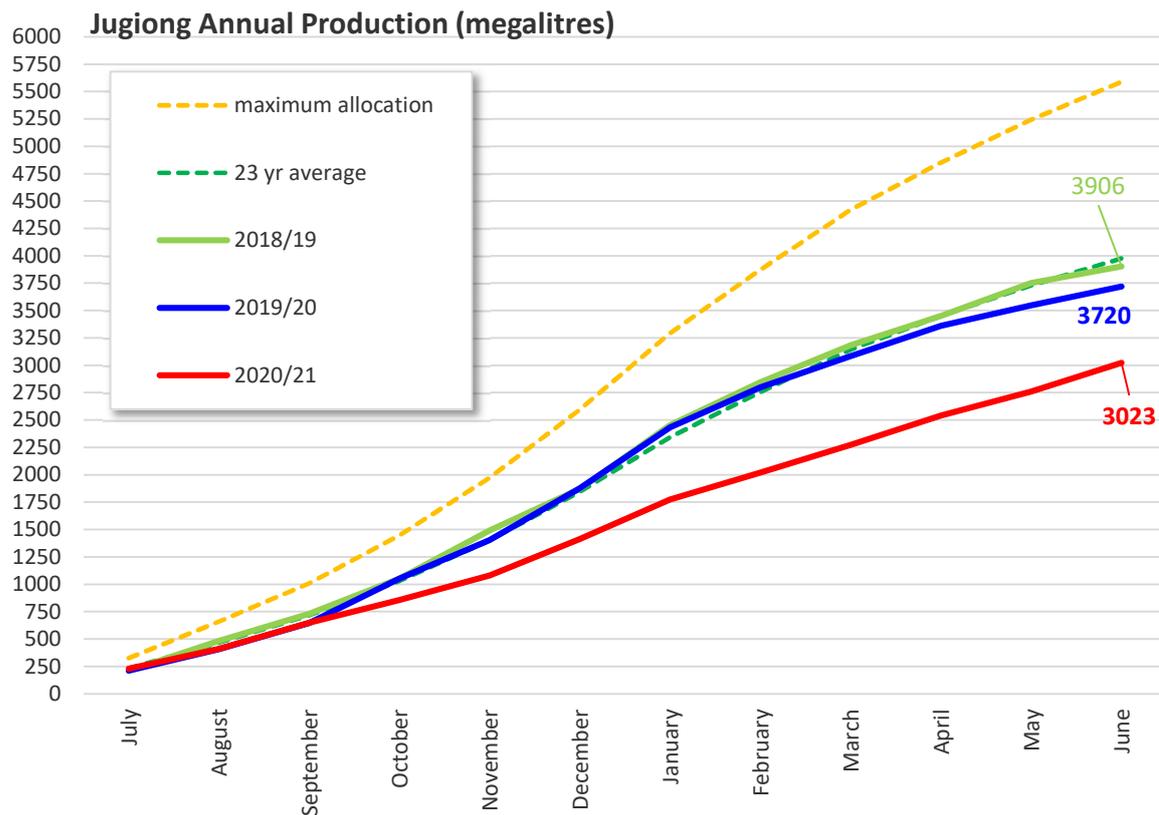
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

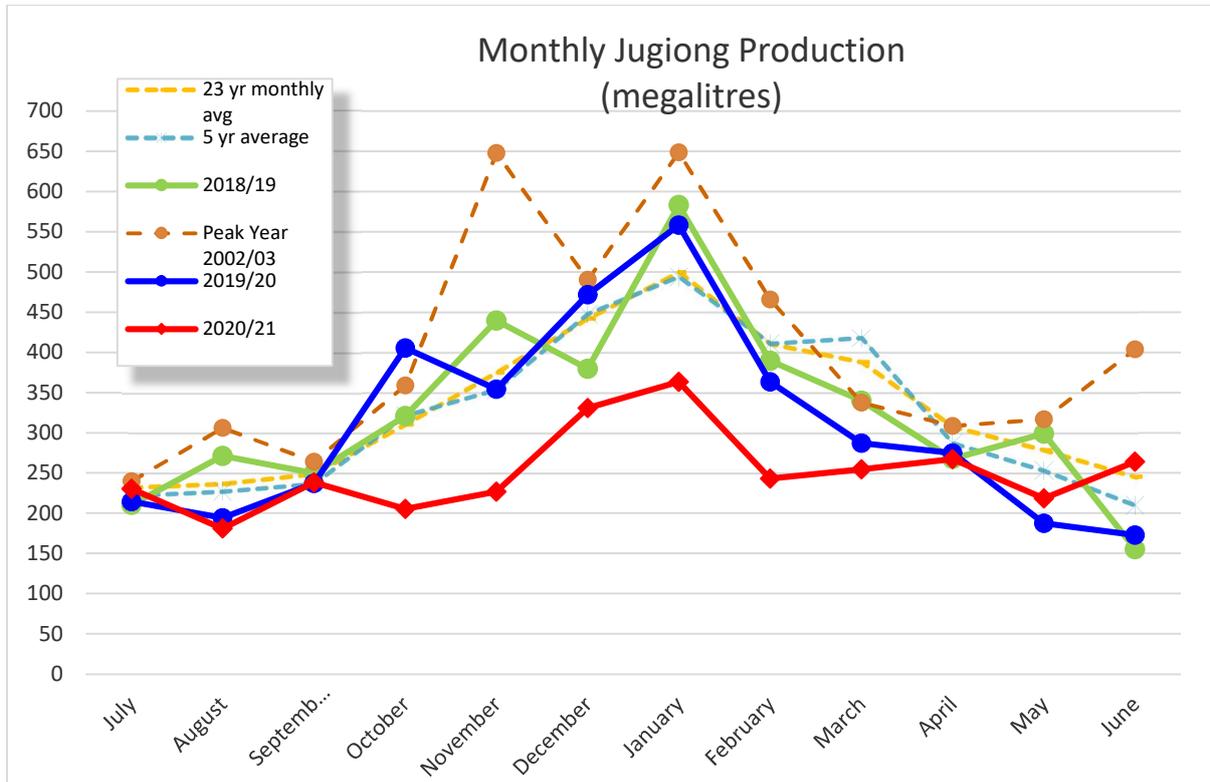
For 2020/21 financial year, only 3023ML of water has been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is compared to the same period in 2019/20 where 3720ML was produced, this is a 697ML reduction compared to the same period in 2019/20, as indicated by the graph below.

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As mentioned above, Jugiong water production has decreased by 697ML thus far compared to the previous financial year period. As indicated below, October 2020 through to March 2021 has seen a significant decrease in monthly production compared to previous years, this is due to the above average rainfall, number of wet days and cooler than usual weather during spring and summer. There has been a slight recovery in April and May where water production has aligned with similar demands in the previous year. June also seen an increase in production.

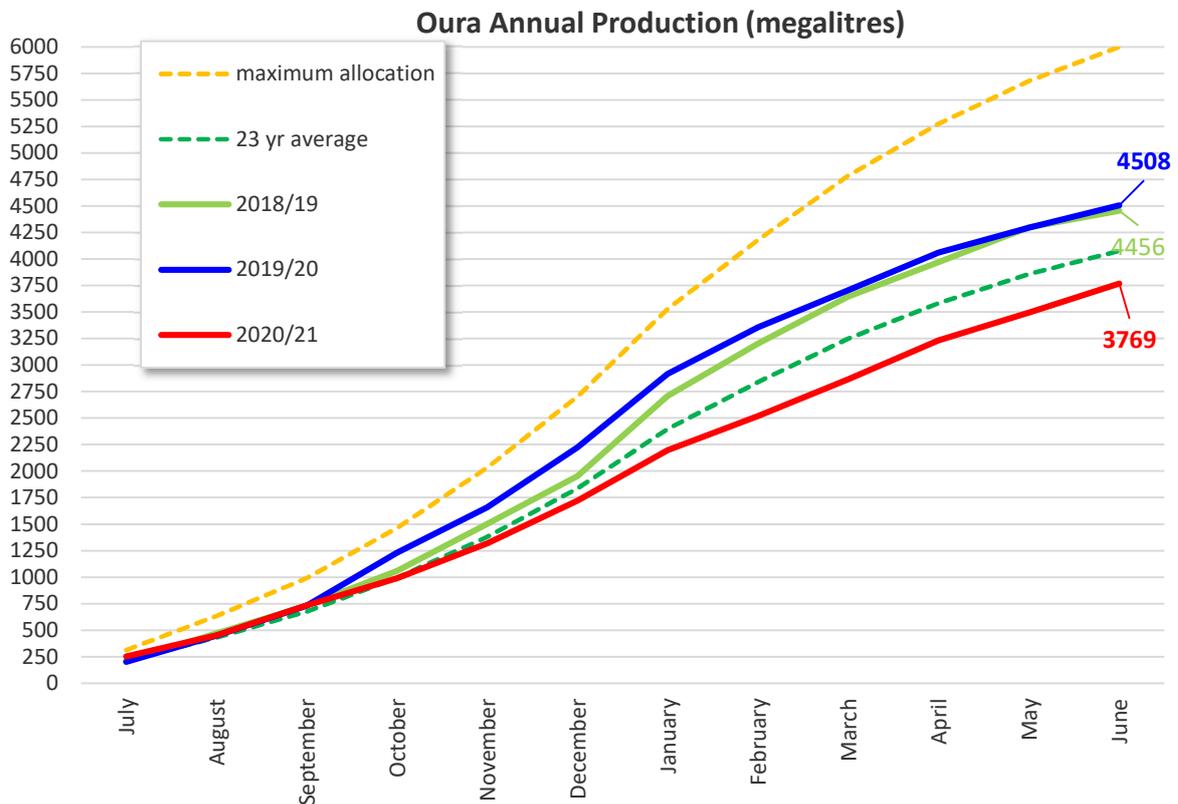


### Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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

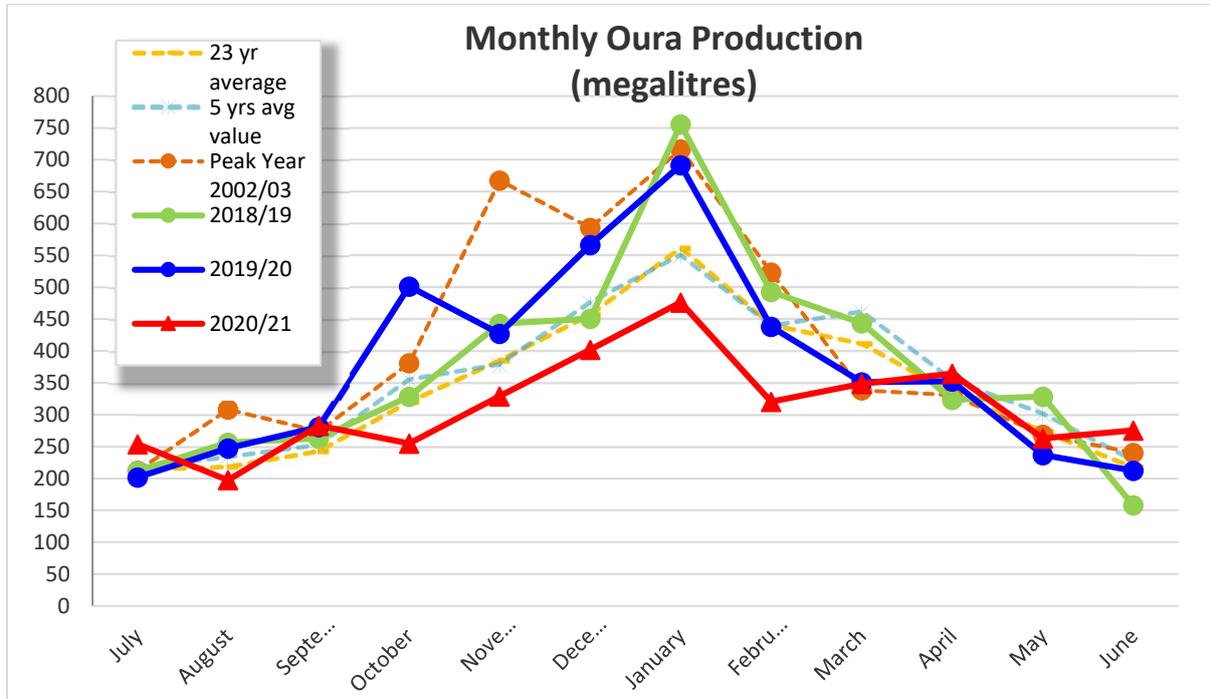
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the 2020/21 financial year, 3769ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a 739ML reduction as compared to the same period in 2019/20 where 4508ML was produced. This is depicted in the graph below.



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As mentioned above, Oura monthly water production has reduced by 739ML compared to the same period in 2019/20. Similarly the period from October 2020 to February 2021 has seen a decrease in production from the Oura Bores. This is due to the above average rainfall, number of wet days and cooler than usual weather during spring and summer. There has been a slight recovery from March to June, where water production has aligned with similar demands in the previous year.

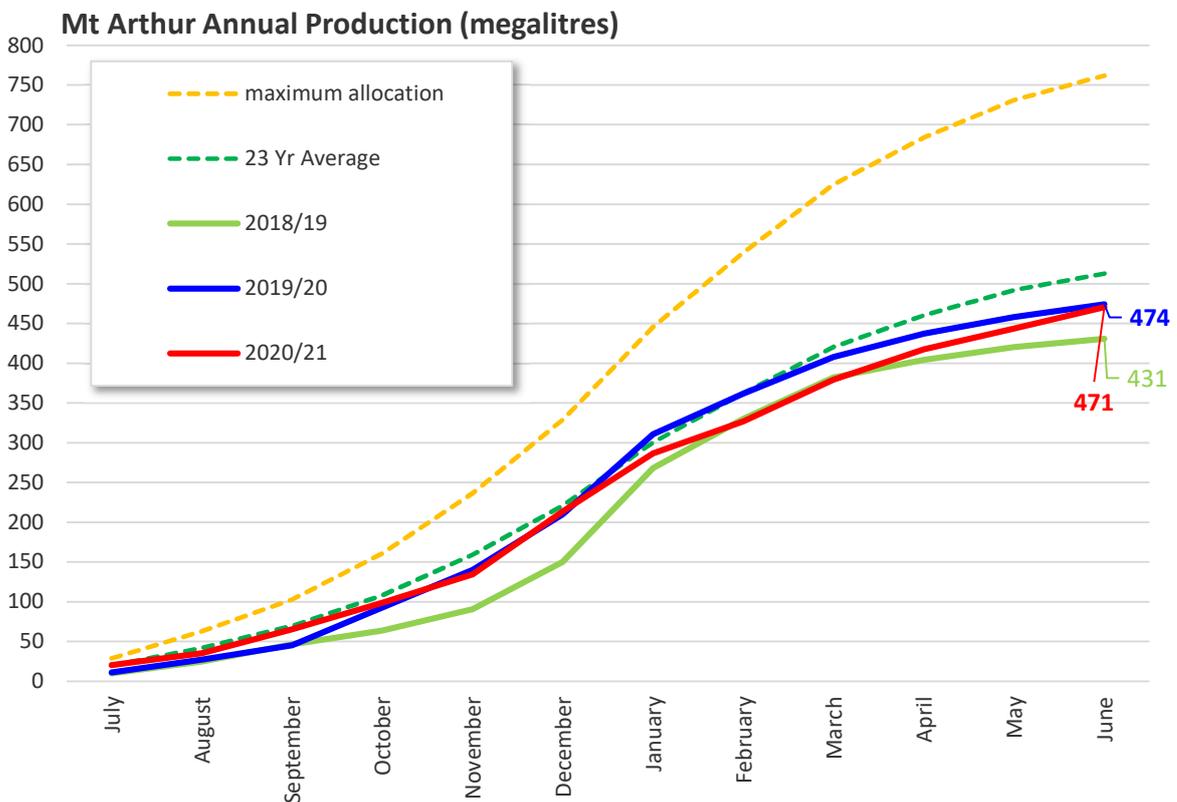


### Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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

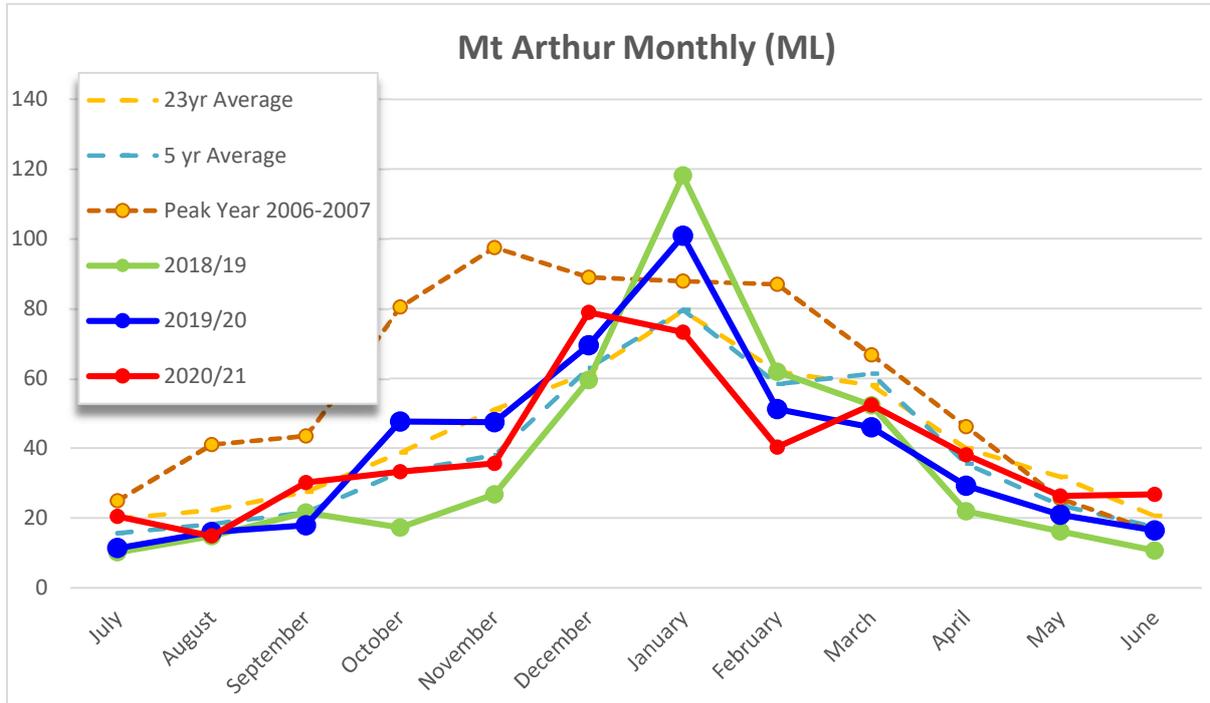
It should be noted that a new Bore 1 is currently being developed to replace the existing Bore site and associated assets. Upon completion, testing and commissioning of the new Bore 1, the old bore will be decommissioned and removed. Water quality and hydraulic capacity requirements appear to be positive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

For the 2020/21 financial year, 471ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is a reduction of 3ML compared to the 2019/20 FY where 474ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



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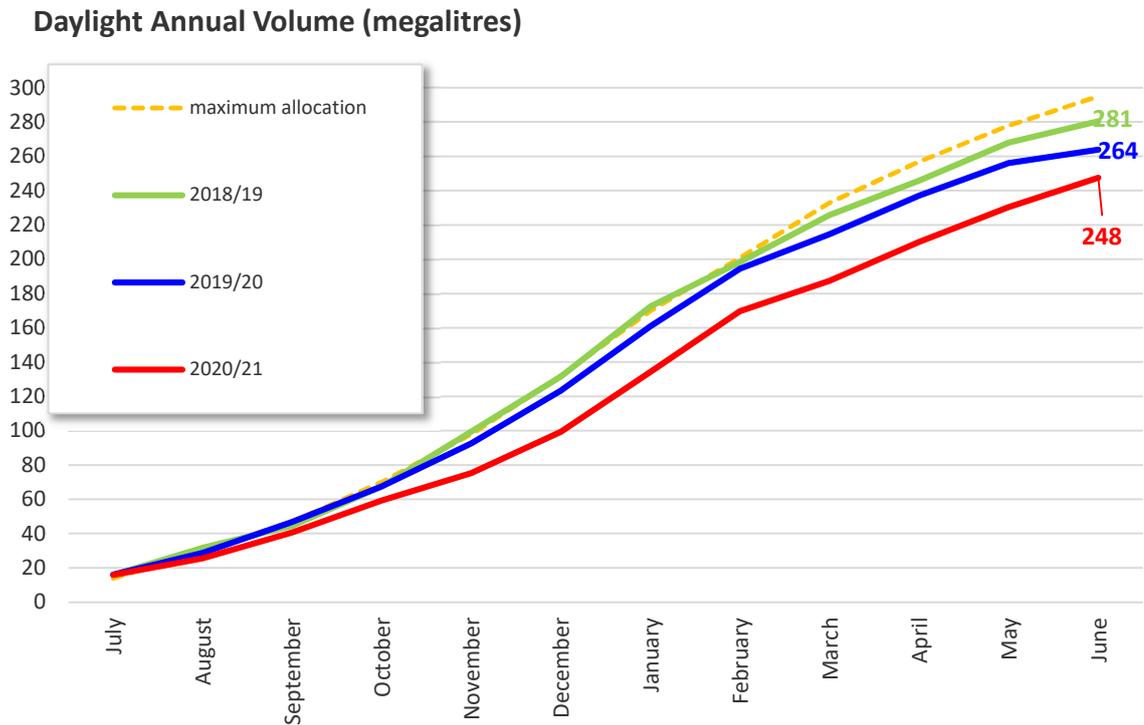
Mt Arthur monthly water production for the 2020/21 financial year has been variable and not trending as it has in previous years. Whilst Mt Arthur has seen a reduction in demand, it is seeing less of volatility compared to the Oura and Jugiong schemes.



### Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

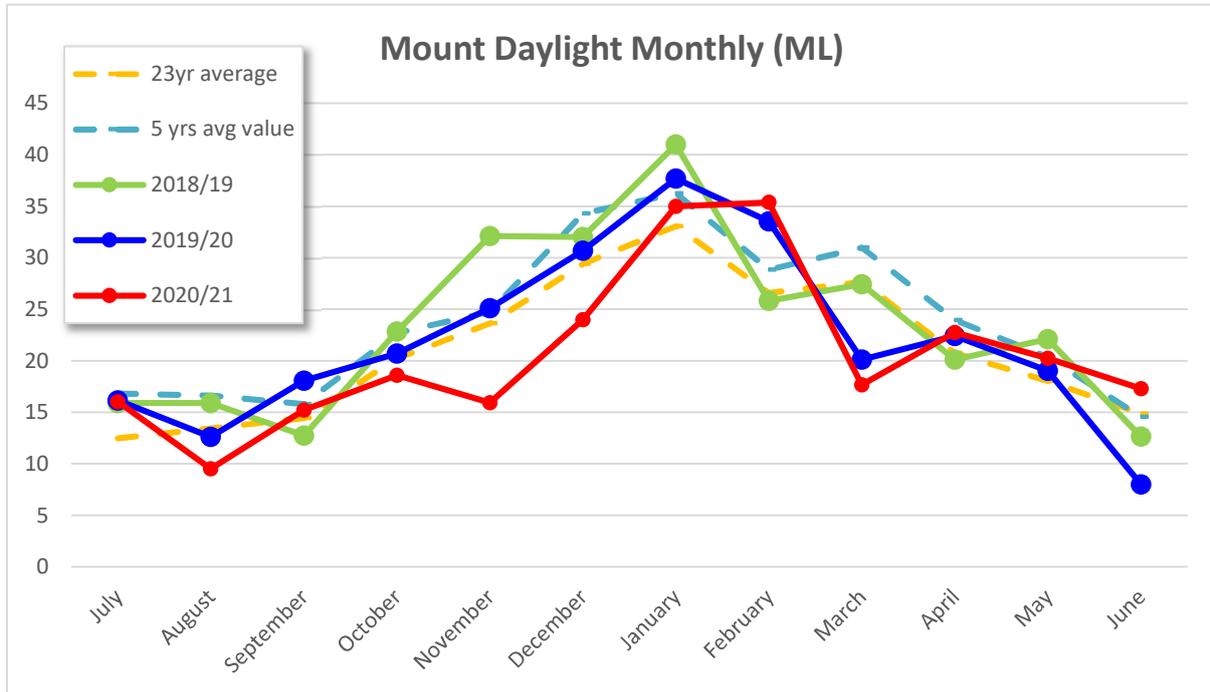
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately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

For the 2020/21 financial year, 248ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 16ML compared to the same period for 2019/20 where 264ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



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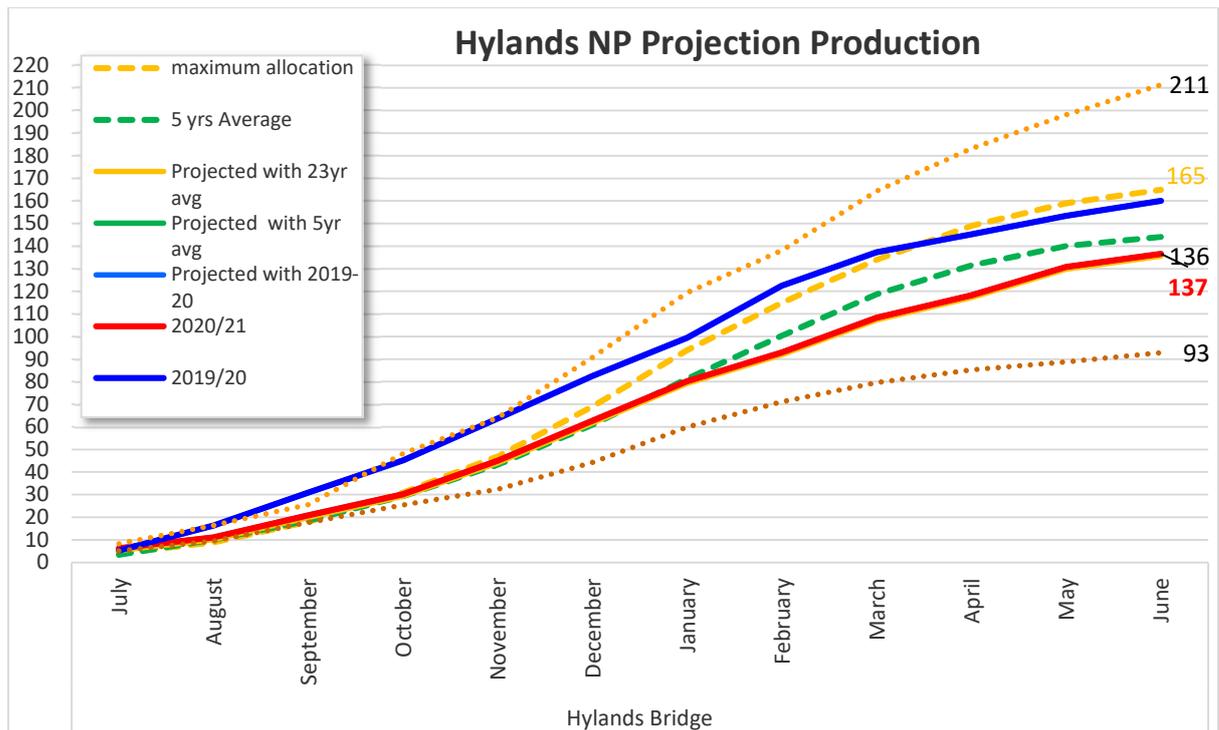
As mentioned above, the Mt Daylight monthly water production is trending at a reduced rate than previous year's period. However the impacts are not as volatile as the Jugiong and Oura schemes.



**Hylands Bridge - Non Potable**

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

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



**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

#### 14.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

##### 14.4.1. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY TO JUNE 2021

###### BOARD RESOLUTION

21/081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that Council's January – June 2021 Delivery Program Progress Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

###### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council's January – June 2021 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 2021 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 2021

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

#### 14.4.2. DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS' RETURN

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

**21/082 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that Council note the report and the tabling of the Disclosures of Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2021.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

##### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report and the tabling of the Disclosures of Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2021.

##### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

##### BACKGROUND

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

##### REPORT

Declaration of 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 disclosure of 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:** Disclosures of Interest Returns

#### 14.4.3. OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

**21/083 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Board consider an alternate date for the October Ordinary Council Meeting.

**The Board agreed to hold the October Council Meeting on Monday 25 October 2021 at 10.00am.**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

07 Efficient Operations

**BACKGROUND**

Goldenfields Water County Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 10.00am. The October ordinary Council Meeting has been resolved to be held 28 October 2021.

REROC had planned a visit for member representatives to Parliament House on the 26 and 27 August 2021. This was postponed due to current COVID restrictions and the subsequent closure of Parliament House to the general public until 3 September 2021. The event has been rescheduled for 28 and 29 October 2021. This event includes meeting with a number of Ministers, along with the RivJo and REROC Board meetings.

**REPORT**

Goldenfields' Chairperson and General Manager are invited to attend the REROC visit to Parliament House on 28 and 29 October 2021

Goldenfields ordinary Council Meeting is due to be held on 28 October 2021.

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held as per previous resolution.

**16. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 10.30am