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LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Cr John Piper has requested a leave of absence from this meeting.

WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

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

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

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

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

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

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.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations are scheduled for this meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their pecuniary interest in any matters listed before them.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of non Pecuniary Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the minutes of the meeting held 23 June 2022 having been circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

At the time of preparation of the business paper no business was arising from minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

At the time of preparation of the business paper no relevant correspondence had been received for inclusion.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

In accordance with clause 9.3 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, business may be transacted at a meeting without due notice only if:

- a) A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and
- b) The business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION MOTIONS

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

CHAIRPERSONS MINUTE

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper the Chairperson had not issued a report for publication.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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

It is recommended that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

TENDER REPORT – SUPPLY OF VEHICLES 04/2022

*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

GENERAL MANAGERS 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:*

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

EXITING CONFIDENTIAL

There being no further confidential items it is recommended that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

The General Manager is to read out any resolutions made in Confidential Session.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st July 2022 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 2021.

REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$2,105,520 from \$45,867,131 as at 31st May 2022 to \$43,761,611 as at 31st July 2022.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	SP Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB-	A3	Judo Bank	Annual	16/03/2022	17/08/2022	154	0.83	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	Westpac	Quarterly	5/08/2020	7/09/2022	763	0.90	1.81	\$3,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Illawarra Credit U	At Maturity	9/06/2022	8/09/2022	91	2.20	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	9/06/2021	12/10/2022	490	0.48	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A3	Judo Bank	At Maturity	29/10/2021	2/11/2022	369	1.01	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	29/10/2021	2/11/2022	369	0.55	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	17/11/2021	17/11/2022	365	1.00	1.81	\$3,000,000
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	5/12/2022	692	1.80	1.81	\$2,000,000
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	5/12/2022	692	1.80	1.81	\$2,081,638
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2021	5/12/2022	657	1.80	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	At Maturity	12/07/2022	12/01/2023	184	3.35	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	14/07/2022	12/01/2023	182	3.60	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	16/03/2022	15/02/2023	336	1.15	1.81	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	20/07/2022	1/03/2023	224	3.82	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	28/04/2022	3/05/2023	370	2.73	1.81	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	1.81	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	1.81	\$1,000,000
CASH	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.55	1.35	\$2,519,158
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	1.35	\$1,500,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	1.35	\$660,815

TOTAL: **\$43,761,611.00**

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

Term Deposit - BBSW

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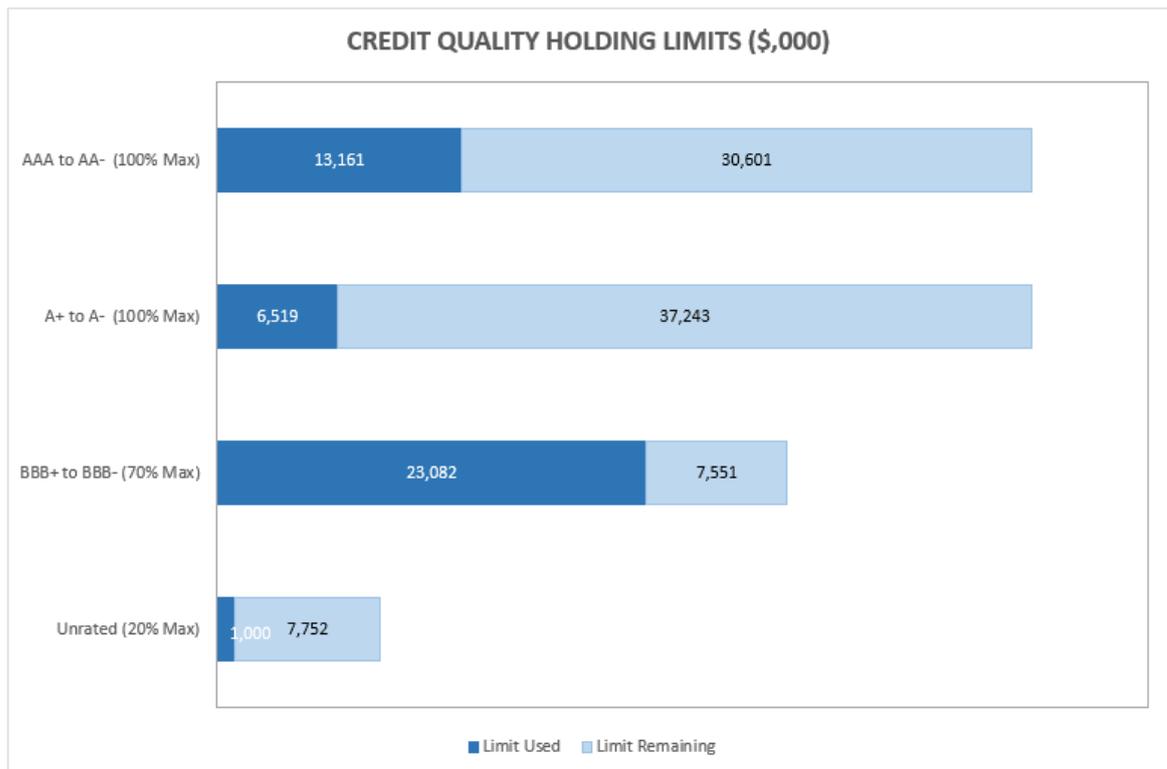
Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio yield was below the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 0.34%. The average weighted yield for July was 1.74%, over an average weighted term of 157 days, with a benchmark of 1.75%. The portfolio is below the benchmark due to the rapidly changing interest rate increase and funds being locked in until later in 2022. Future investments will focus on the short term to ensure that the portfolio meets the benchmark.

Total Cost 43,761,611	Yearly Interest Received 61,529	Weighted Average Term 157 Days
Total Value 43,761,611	Monthly Interest Received 61,529	Weighted Average Yield 1.74%

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.

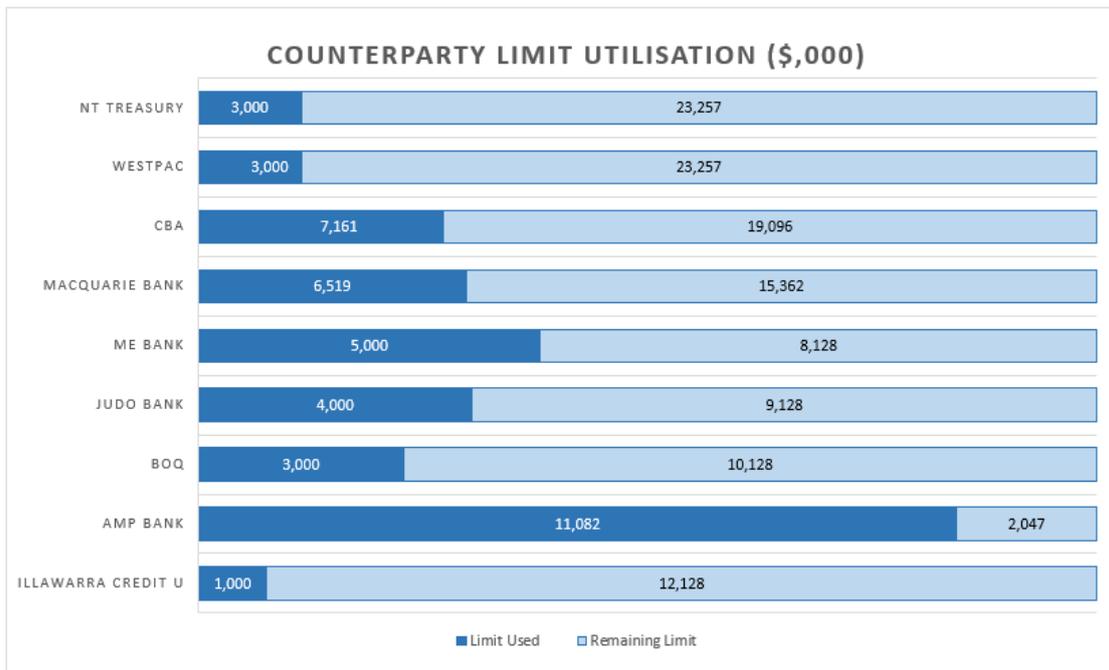


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Counter Party Compliance

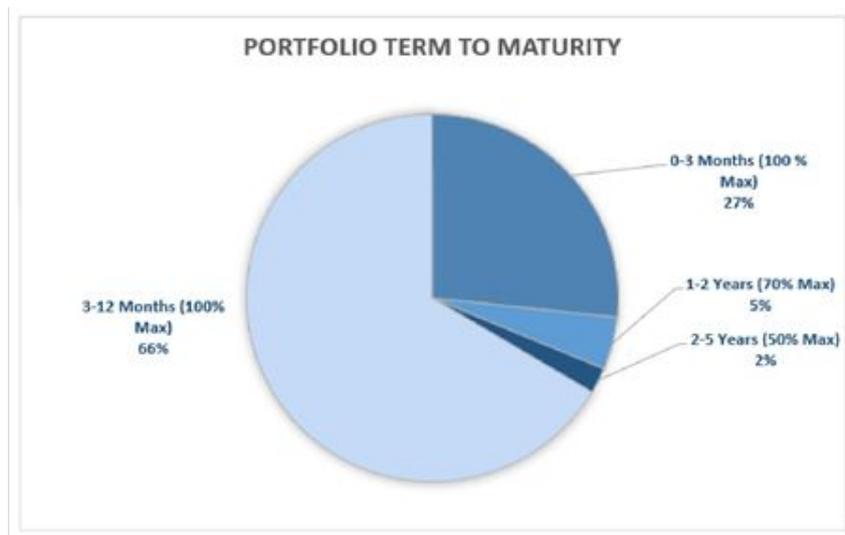
As at the end of July, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

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.

Restricted Funds:	
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,465,953
Infrastructure Replacement	12,034,412
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	0
Property Reserve	0
Unrestricted Funds:	26,768,752
TOTAL	43,761,611

Declaration

I hereby certify that investments listed in the report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy PP004.

Signed



John Chapman
Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

Reports to the Goldenfields Water Council meeting to be held on 1 September 2022

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 2022 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents a significant part of Council's 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 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 July 2022

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

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Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS												
AS AT 31 JULY 2022	W.O.	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022/23	2021/2 CARRYOVERS & REVOTES	QBR SEP 2022	QBR DEC 2022	QBR MAR 2023	REVISED BUDGET 2022/23	ACTUAL YTD	COMMITTED YTD	TOTAL ACTUAL & COMMITTED YTD	VARIANCE YTD	% ACTUAL TO BUDGET
CAPITAL INCOME:												
Asset Sales												
Sale of Plant	3100	738,000					738,000	-	-	-		
Asset Sales												
		738,000	-	-	-	-	738,000	-	-	-		
Capital Contributions												
Developer Contributions - Augmentation	3200.200.153	250,000					250,000	15,800	-	15,800		
Developer Contributions - S64	3200.200.280	1,250,000					1,250,000	53,496	-	53,496		
West Wyalong Capital Grant	1100.200.270	4,725,000					4,725,000	-	-	-		
Capital Contributions												
		6,225,000	-	-	-	-	6,225,000	69,296	-	69,296		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME:												
		6,963,000	-	-	-	-	6,963,000	69,296	-	69,296	6,893,704	1%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE												
NEW SYSTEM ASSETS:												
Plant & Equipment												
		-					-	-	-	-		
Plant & Equipment												
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Information Technology												
		-					-	-	-	-		
Information Technology												
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Land & Buildings												
Oura Land Acquisition	3102	-					-	-	-	-		
Temora Land Acquisition	1595	-					-	-	-	-		
Weethalle Reservoir Land Purchase	1766	-					-	-	-	-		
New Temora Depot Building	3176	-	100,000				100,000	-	110,816	110,816		
Land & Buildings												
		-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-	110,816	110,816	(10,816)	111%

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Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS												
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Reservoir Sites		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Reservoir Sites		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Scada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Microwave link sites for Scada	3109	250,000	430,000	-	-	-	680,000	292	377,919	378,211	-	-
New Scada Communications	1244	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,818)	11,270	(6,548)	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scada		250,000	430,000	-	-	-	680,000	(17,525)	389,189	371,664	308,336	55%
TOTAL NEW SYSTEM ASSETS:		290,000	661,000	-	-	-	951,000	13,117	620,302	633,420	251,483	67%
RENEWALS:		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Plant & Equipment												
Plant & Equipment	3101	1,585,000	-	-	-	-	1,585,000	677	579,859	580,536	-	-
Water Quality Instrumentation Renewal	1720	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,641	-	4,641	-	-
Containerised Filter Plant	3192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,291	14,291	-	-
New GPS	3217	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment		1,615,000	-	-	-	-	1,615,000	5,318	594,150	599,467	1,015,533	37%
Information Technology												
PC / Laptop	3110	60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-
Printer	3111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IT Equipment	3112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Server	3113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information Technology		60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	0%
Furniture and Office Equipment												
Furniture and Office Equipment	3114	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Office Equipment		5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	0%
Land & Buildings												
Administration Building	1717	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
Cootamundra Depot	3155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyalong Depot Renewal	1737	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land & Buildings		50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	0%

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Mains - Trunk							-			-		
Thanowring Road Pipeline	1232	2,000,000					2,000,000	16,597	163,106	179,703		
Rosehill Pipeline	1234	600,000					600,000	187	33,819	34,006		
Trunk Renewals - Budget	3115	600,000					600,000	-	-	-		
June and Weethalle Trunk Designs	3148	-					-	-	1,213	1,213		
PRV Renewals - Budget	3116	30,000					30,000	-	-	-		
PRV Replacement - Daylight	1286	-					-	-	-	-		
PRV Replacement - Hylands	1287	-					-	205	-	205		
PRV Replacement - Jugiong	1288	-					-	4,419	-	4,419		
PRV Replacement - Mt Arthur	1289	-					-	-	-	-		
PRV Replacement - Oura	1290	-					-	9,868	182	10,050		
Valve Renewals - Budget	3117	100,000					100,000	-	-	-		
Mains Valve Renewals - Oura	3118	-					-	512	25	537		
Mains Valve Renewals - Jugiong	3119	-					-	-	-	-		
Mains Valve Renewals - Daylight	3120	-					-	-	-	-		
Mains Valve Renewals - Mt Arthur	3121	-					-	804	-	804		
Mains Valve Renewals - Hylands	3122	-					-	-	-	-		
Bulk / Production Meter Renewals	3178	-					-	-	-	-		
Binya Mains Renewal	3151	-					-	-	-	-		
Demondrille Creek Temporary Fix	3152	-					-	-	-	-		
Stockinbingal and Springdale PRV Replacement & Decommiss	1726	-					-	-	-	-		
Kingsvale Concrete Pipeline design followed by construction		-					-	-	-	-		
Ganmain to Coolamon trunk upgrade		-					-	-	-	-		
Talbingo Lane Pipeline Renewal	3208	-					-	-	39,137	39,137		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Mains - Trunk		3,330,000	-	-	-	-	3,330,000	32,592	237,481	270,073	3,059,927	8%
Mains - Reticulation							-			-		
Reticulation Renewals	3123	1,000,000					1,000,000	-	-	-		
Meter and Taggle Replacements		635,000					635,000	-	-	-		
Urban Meter & Taggle Renewals	3212	-					-	-	164,970	164,970		
Water Main Replacement - Beach St Junee	1727	-					-	-	-	-		
Lord St Roundabout Junee	1763	-					-	-	-	-		
Joffree St Temora Mains Renewal	3150	-					-	-	-	-		
Crowley St Mains Renewal	1761	-					-	-	-	-		
Service Renewals - Budget	3124	-					-	-	-	-		
Water Service Renewals - Oura	1216	-					-	755	727	1,482		
Water Service Renewals - Jugiong	1217	-					-	-	-	-		
Water Service Renewals - Mt Arthur	1218	-					-	684	-	684		
Water Service Renewals - Daylight	1219	-					-	-	-	-		
Water Service Renewals - Hylands	1220	-					-	-	-	-		
Pine St - West Wyalong Renewal	3185	-					-	-	2,273	2,273		
Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction	1703	4,000,000					4,000,000	5,039	51,747	56,786		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Mains - Reticulation		5,635,000	-	-	-	-	5,635,000	6,478	219,717	226,195	5,408,805	4%

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Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS												
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Reservoir Sites							-			-		
Internal Adhoc Renewals	3134	50,000					50,000	16,325	2,368	18,693		
External Adhoc Renewals	3135	100,000	263,000				363,000	1,431	293,269	294,700		
Full Renewal	3182	1,000,000					1,000,000	-	-	-		
Oura Reservoirs and aerator	3183	3,000,000	300,000				3,300,000	(16,515)	282,634	266,118		
Reservoir Scada Packs	1735	-					-	-	-	-		
Communications Network - Huts	3136	-					-	-	-	-		
Future Capital Works Investigation		-					-	-	-	-		
Switchboard Renewals	3220	75,000					75,000	-	-	-		
Wyalong Standpipe Res and PS	3226	1,500,000					1,500,000	-	-	-		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Reservoir Sites		5,725,000	563,000	-	-	-	6,288,000	1,241	578,271	579,512	5,708,488	9%
Treatment Plant							-			-		
Oura High Voltage	1660	-	650,000				650,000	68,047	1,027,718	1,095,764		
Jugiong High Voltage	3137	4,000,000	330,000				4,330,000	10,842	3,380,061	3,390,903		
Internal Adhoc Renewals	3139	30,000					30,000	-	-	-		
Jugiong PLC Upgrade	1653	-					-	(15,888)	933,082	917,194		
Oura Strategic Plan	1291	-					-	-	-	-		
Jugiong WTP - Valve & Pneumatic Upgrade	3186	-					-	13,380	-	13,380		
Jugiong Compressor	1728	-					-	550	-	550		
Jugiong Raw Water Well Renewal	3199	-	40,000				40,000	-	-	-		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Treatment Plant		4,030,000	1,020,000	-	-	-	5,050,000	76,930	5,340,860	5,417,790	(367,790)	107%
Scada							-			-		
Telemetry Upgrade RTU Res Design 1 Cabinets		-					-	-	-	-		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Scada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Emergency Works							-			-		
Emergency Works - Budget	3140	200,000					200,000	(7,340)	90,509	83,169		
		-					-	-	-	-		
Emergency Works		200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000	(7,340)	90,509	83,169	116,831	42%
TOTAL RENEWALS ASSETS:		22,625,000	2,242,000	-	-	-	24,767,000	141,505	7,700,713	7,842,218	16,924,782	32%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:		22,915,000	2,903,000	-	-	-	25,718,000	154,622	8,321,015	8,475,638	17,242,362	33%

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

2021/22 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2022 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 2021/22 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 27th October 2022.

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 30th June 2022 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 27th October 2022.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments will be provided at the meeting:

2021/22 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

Goldenfields Water County Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		895	146
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	(4,056)	9,971
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		(4,056)	9,971
Total other comprehensive income for the year		(4,056)	9,971
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		(3,161)	10,117

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Goldenfields Water County Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	3,126	4,338
Investments	C1-2	36,082	34,021
Receivables	C1-4	5,420	5,820
Inventories	C1-5	774	768
Total current assets		45,402	44,947
Non-current assets			
Investments	C1-2	5,000	12,000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	281,623	277,546
Total non-current assets		286,623	289,546
Total assets		332,025	334,493
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	2,132	1,447
Employee benefit provisions	C3-3	2,582	2,573
Total current liabilities		4,714	4,020
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	9	8
Employee benefit provisions	C3-3	129	131
Total non-current liabilities		138	139
Total liabilities		4,852	4,159
Net assets		327,173	330,334
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	96,071	95,176
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	231,102	235,158
Council equity interest		327,173	330,334
Total equity		327,173	330,334

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Goldenfields Water County Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	as at 30/06/22			as at 30/06/21		
		Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity
Opening balance at 1 July		95,176	235,158	330,334	95,030	225,187	320,217
Net operating result for the year		895	–	895	146	–	146
Net operating result for the period		895	–	895	146	–	146
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	(4,056)	(4,056)	–	9,971	9,971
Other comprehensive income		–	(4,056)	(4,056)	–	9,971	9,971
Total comprehensive income		895	(4,056)	(3,161)	146	9,971	10,117
Closing balance at 30 June		96,071	231,102	327,173	95,176	235,158	330,334

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Goldenfields Water County Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget 2022	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Cash flows from operating activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
5,506	Annual charges		7,097	5,592
16,043	User charges and fees		13,086	14,576
673	Interest received		538	1,295
1,570	Grants and contributions		2,589	2,389
110	Other		900	1,556
<i>Payments:</i>				
(6,874)	Payments to employees		(7,422)	(7,071)
(3,962)	Payments for materials and services		(6,712)	(9,729)
(4,571)	Other		282	147
8,495	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	10,358	8,755
Cash flows from investing activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
12,267	Redemption of term deposits		-	2,979
-	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		942	968
<i>Payments:</i>				
-	Acquisition of term deposits		4,939	-
(20,762)	Payments for IPPE		(17,451)	(14,036)
(8,495)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(11,570)	(10,089)
-	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(1,212)	(1,334)
5,172	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,338	5,672
5,172	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	3,126	4,338
33,619	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	41,082	46,021
38,791	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		44,208	50,359

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Goldenfields Water County Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 25 August 2022.

Cr Matthew Stadtmiller
Chairperson
25 August 2022

Clr Robert Callow
Deputy Chairperson
25 August 2022

Aaron Drenovski
General Manager
25 August 2022

John Chapman
Responsible Accounting Officer
25 August 2022

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Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the NSW Government Policy Statement '*Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines '*Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*',
- the Local Government *Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*,
- the NSW Office of *Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines*.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 25 August 2022.

Clr Matthew Stadtmiller
Chairperson
25 August 2022

Clr Robert Callow
Deputy Chairperson
25 August 2022

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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

2021/22 BUDGET REVOTES

Report prepared by Interim Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board revotes expenditure totalling \$2,903,000 from 2021/22 for inclusion in the 2022/23 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. 2021/22 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that the following listed items should be revoted into the 2022/23 budget to enable the completion of planned works.

Description	2021-2022 Budget	Spent to 30 June 2022	Unspent 30 June 2022	Revote Required 2022-2023 Budget
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

New Temora Depot Building	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Coolamon Industrial Subdivision	\$ 111,000	\$ 54,683	\$ 56,317	\$ 40,000
Dustin Rose Estate	\$ 91,000	\$ 70,254	\$ 20,746	\$ 20,000
Bulk Customer Water Quality Panels - Harden Offtake	\$ 165,000	\$ 98,430	\$ 66,570	\$ 66,000
Oura WTP PRV to customer	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,543	\$ 8,457	\$ 5,000
Microwave link sites for Scada	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 646,340	\$ 433,660	\$ 430,000
Rural Meter & Taggle Renewals	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
Rosehill Pump Station	\$ 250,000	\$ 96,691	\$ 153,309	\$ 150,000
Gantry Crane	\$ 75,000	\$ 15,462	\$ 59,538	\$ 59,000
Ariah Park Pump Station Investigation	\$ 85,000	\$ 60,827	\$ 24,173	\$ 20,000
Oura Bore 4 - Emergency Bore Reline	\$ 461,000	\$ 210,079	\$ 250,921	\$ 250,000
Jugiong Raw Water Pump #4 382(Large) Overhaul	\$ 60,000	\$ 18,431	\$ 41,569	\$ 40,000

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Coolamon North HL Recoating	\$ 740,000	\$ 476,879	\$ 263,121	\$ 263,000
Oura Reservoirs and aerator	\$ 450,000	\$ 130,687	\$ 319,313	\$ 300,000
Oura High Voltage	\$ 5,200,000	\$4,545,874	\$ 654,126	\$ 650,000
Jugiong High Voltage	\$ 2,000,000	\$1,664,287	\$ 335,713	\$ 330,000
Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 11,068,000	\$8,100,468	\$2,967,532	\$2,903,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases 2022/23 budgeted capital expenditure by \$2,903,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

CONCEALED LEAK POLICY APPLICATIONS

Report prepared by Interim Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. Rebate water account 44084276 \$5,967.57 for water charges incurred due to a concealed leak
2. Rebate water account 44084805 \$16,056.51 for water charges incurred due to a concealed leak

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Policy PP009 – Concealed Leak Detection was adopted 27 October 2016 and revised 27 June 2019. The policy was adopted to guide Council’s decision making in relation to reducing customer water accounts, where property owners have received a high water account as a result of a concealed leak.

REPORT

Council received two applications in the last quarter under Policy PP009 – Concealed Leak Detection. Both customers are seeking relief from their water accounts due to an undetectable leak. Both customers have had a certified plumber inspect and repair their leaks as required under the policy.

In accordance with the policy, actual water usage for the period has been determined utilising Taggle Meter data. Average 12 month usage has been calculated for corresponding prior periods during which a leak was not occurring. The recommended compensation is the difference between these two amounts. This in effect results in the customer being charged for their anticipated average usage, had the leak not occurred.

Details of each claim are outlined below:

Account: 44084276 (Temora Rural Property)

Application Date: 24 June 2022

Actual water charges: \$6,199.25

Average water charges based on previous water usage: \$231.68

Recommended compensation: \$5,967.57 (3,297KL reduction over 3 months)

Account: 44084805 (Stockinbingal Rural Residential Property)

Application Date: 5 July 2022

Actual water charges: \$17,833.93

Average water charges based on previous water usage: \$1,777.42

Recommended compensation: \$16,056.51 (8,871KL reduction over 6 months)

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation reduces Council's water sales income by \$22,023.28.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

CONCEALED LEAK DETECTION POLICY

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the amended Concealed Leak Detection Policy be approved.; and
2. authority be delegated to management to determine applications from property owners for reductions in usage charges under the Concealed Leak Detection Policy, up to a maximum reduction of \$3,000.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields developed a Concealed Leak Detection Policy in 2016, revised in 2019, to assist Councillors in their deliberations when customers request a reduction in water due to concealed leaks.

REPORT

While the Concealed Leak Detection Policy is not due for review until 2023, recent claims history (including two currently pending claims) has prompted management to bring forward the scheduled review. A listing of recent claims is summarised as follows:

Concealed Leak Applications

Date	Account	Locality	Amount	Year	Total Granted
6/07/2022	44097781	West Wyalong	\$713.16	2022-2023 to date	\$713.16
30/06/2022	44079995	Old Junee	\$1,194.48	2021-2022	\$11,969.47
28/03/2022	44077718	Junee	\$4,462.19	2020-2021	\$14,589.15
23/02/2022	44068196	Junee	\$877.72	2019-2020	\$7,762.18
19/01/2022	44097310	West Wyalong	\$2,625.84		\$35,033.96
9/12/2021	44118611	Junee	\$2,172.24		
2/09/2021	44100098	West Wyalong	\$637.00		
8/01/2021	44066315	Junee	\$4,808.28		
17/11/2020	44105089	West Wyalong	\$8,994.18		
7/09/2020	44084839	Stockinbingal	\$786.69		
30/06/2020	44021849	Temora	\$872.20		
11/06/2020	44014448	Temora	\$1,680.55		
1/06/2020	44076777	Junee	\$1,062.80		
23/08/2019	44087394	Stockinbingal	\$2,099.80		
23/08/2019	44077221	Junee	\$2,046.83		
			\$35,033.96		

Pending Applications

5/07/2022	44084276	Temora	\$5,967.57
6/07/2022	44084805	Stockinbingal	\$16,056.51

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In reviewing the policy, management have considered the number and value of claims received in recent years and it is now recommended, to minimise the financial impact of future claims, that Clause 6.3 of the policy be amended to add:

- *Where a reduction is granted, the reduction will be calculated as follows:*
 - o *reductions of up to \$5,000: 75% of the calculated full reduction*
 - o *reductions in excess of \$5,000, and up to \$10,000: 50% of the calculated full reduction*
 - o *reductions in excess of \$10,000: 25% of the calculated full reduction*

Water bills are issued quarterly, any excessive water usage should be identified at least once within this time frame, allowing ample time for the leak to be located and restorative works to be completed. Goldenfields encourages customers to monitor their usage. The MyH2O technology is specifically designed to assist in active monitoring and it is considered that the policy should be amended also to add the following clause:

6.5 MyH2O App Download

The property owner is required, where practical, to download the MyH2O app after the initial leak in order to capture future issues with unusual consumption patterns.

During the review of the policy, management also observed the considerable time lapse in some cases between receipt of the application from the property owner and the date of the next Council meeting at which the application is determined. In order to minimise delays for smaller claims, it is being recommended that authority be delegated to management to determine claims up to a maximum of \$3,000 per claim.

The Draft Amended Concealed Leak Policy, incorporating the recommended changes, is attached for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation anticipates an improvement in Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Concealed Leak Detection Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



Policy No. PP009

Concealed Leak Detection Policy



Concealed Leak Detection Policy

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

Date Adopted by Board: 27 October 2016 27 June 2019	Resolution No: 16/112 19/056
Policy Responsibility Corporate Services Manager	
Review Timeframe 4 yearly	
Last Review 27 June 2019	Next Scheduled Review June 2023

DOCUMENT HISTORY

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE AMENDED	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
19/5997	18/06/2019	6.3 Limitations reduced to 6 months water considered for reduction due to concealed leak
	18/06/2019	6.5 Review to be undertaken 4 yearly
	DD/MM/YYYY	

FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Related Legislation	
Related Policies	
Related Procedures, Protocols, Statements and Documents	



Concealed Leak Detection Policy

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Concealed Leak Detection Policy

3 PURPOSE

To guide Councils decision making on the extent and conditions under which a reduced water account will be offered to property owners who have received a high water account as a result of a concealed leak.

4 SCOPE

This policy applies to Goldenfields Water County Council staff delegated to determine applications for a reduction in a water account due to the discovery of a concealed link.

5 DEFINITIONS

AMR - means automatic meter reading.

Average consumption - means where possible and/or relevant, the average of the last twelve months actual water consumption.

Concealed leak - means a leak that has occurred in the main water supply pipe leading from the meter on the owner's property, and where the owner was not aware or could not reasonably be expected to be aware of the existence of a leak.

Policy - means "Concealed Leak Detection Policy".

6 POLICY

6.1 Principles

- Council is responsible for repairing water leaks on council-owned infrastructure up to and including the water meter.
- The property owner is responsible for repairing water leaks in the pipes carrying water from the water meter onto the owner's property.
- Subject to any Council resolution approving the reduction in a water account under this policy, the property owner is responsible for the payment of the water account in full including consumption related leaks.

6.2 Applicability

Council will only consider a request for a reduction of a water account due to a water leak where:

- the leak was a concealed leak; and
- an AMR device is installed on the meter at the property;
- the property owner took all reasonable steps to ensure the leak was repaired
- as soon as possible; and
- the leak was repaired by a licensed plumber.

Concealed Leak Detection Policy

6.3 Limitations and Exclusions

- Any reduction in a water account as a result of a decision by Council, will be limited to six (6) months of water consumed immediately prior to the date of the property owner's application, for a reduction in their water account, being received by Council.
- Where a reduction is granted, the reduction will be calculated as follows:
 - reductions of up to \$5,000: 75% of the calculated reduction
 - reductions in excess of \$5,000, and up to \$10,000: 50% of the calculated reduction
 - reductions in excess of \$10,000: 25% of the calculated reduction
- Leaks in any area, other than in the main supply line, including but not limited to tap leaks, pool leaks, hot water system leaks, leaks in showers, bathrooms, toilets, inside walls in the building, or irrigations systems, are not covered under this policy.

6.4 Applying for a reduction in a water consumption charge

The property owner must apply in writing for a reduction in their water account due to a concealed leak. The application must outline the location and circumstances of the concealed leak. Evidence in support of a claim for a reduction in a water account must accompany the application. Each application must be accompanied by a report from the licensed plumber who repaired the leak detailing:

- the plumbers name, licence number, details of the plumbing repairs undertaken, including:
 - that the leak was in the main water supply from the meter to the premises;
 - the nature and location of the leak and how it was detected;
 - the date the leak was identified and subsequently repaired.

6.5 MyH2O App Download

The property owner is required, where practical, to download the MyH2O app after the initial leak in order to capture future issues with unusual consumption patterns

6.6 Review of this policy

A review of the policy should be undertake at four yearly intervals.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water provides the essential water requirements of about 40,000 people spread over an area in excess of 20,000 square kilometres between the Lachlan & Murrumbidgee Rivers in the South West of NSW.

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge. Goldenfields Water carries out water supply functions within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Hilltops, Junee, Temora, and parts of Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

Hilltops Shire Council, Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and Riverina Water County Council are retailers, who purchase bulk water from Goldenfields and supply the water to retail customers in their respective local government areas.

REPORT

Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

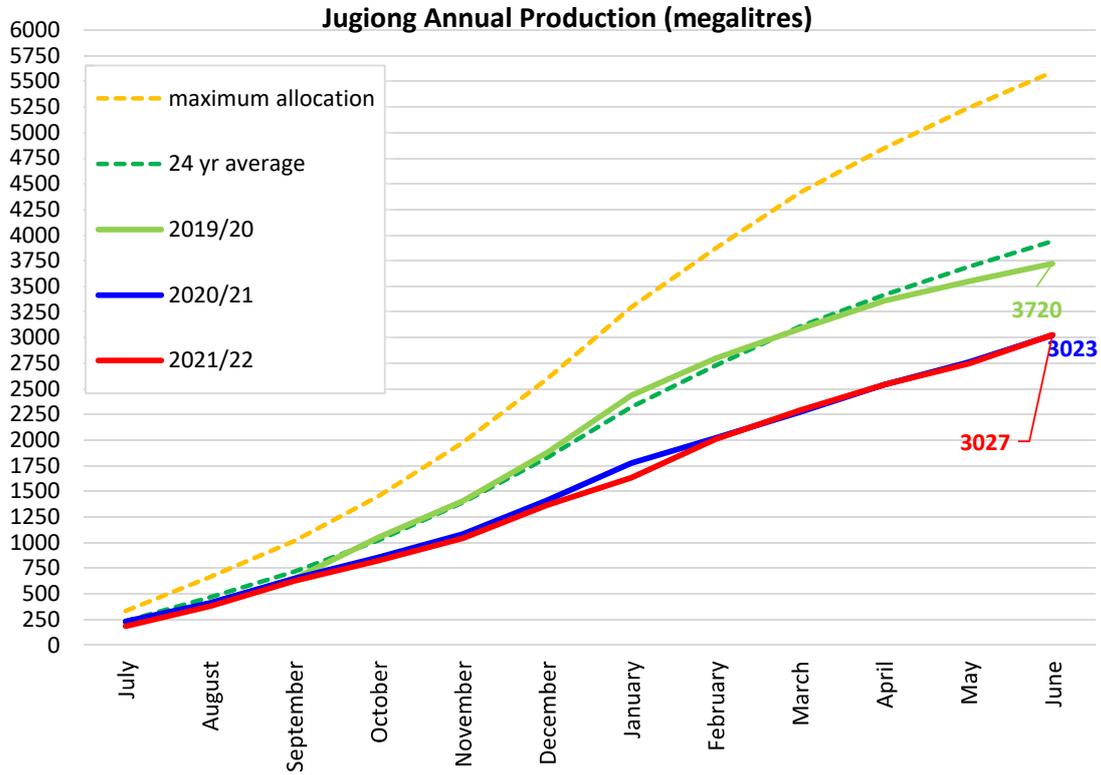
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

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

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

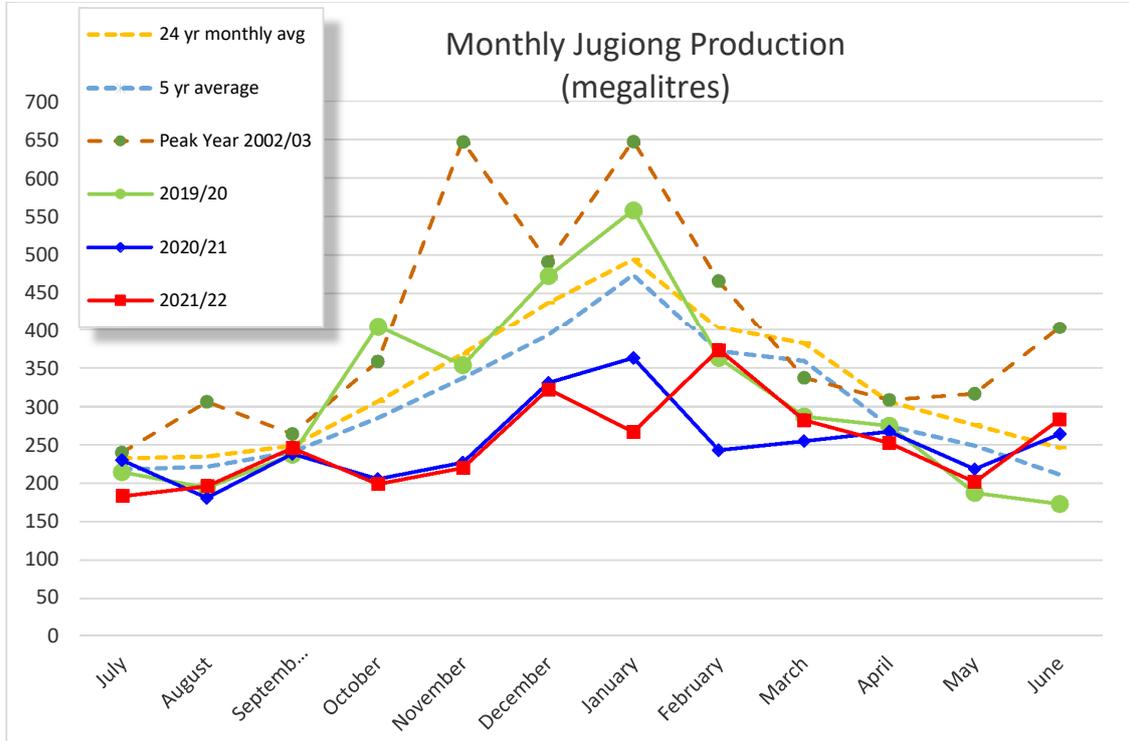
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For the 2021/22 financial year, 3027ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the last FY where 3023ML was extracted. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slowly in July with only 183ML extracted and treated for the month. Production has followed a similar trend to the previous year until January 2022 where a decrease in production is evident. This is followed by a steep increase in production for the month of February 2022 before another decrease in March with further decreases in April and May before another increase in June. These inconsistencies can be attributed to unseasonal weather (number of wet days) during January before a return to hotter drier weather in February.



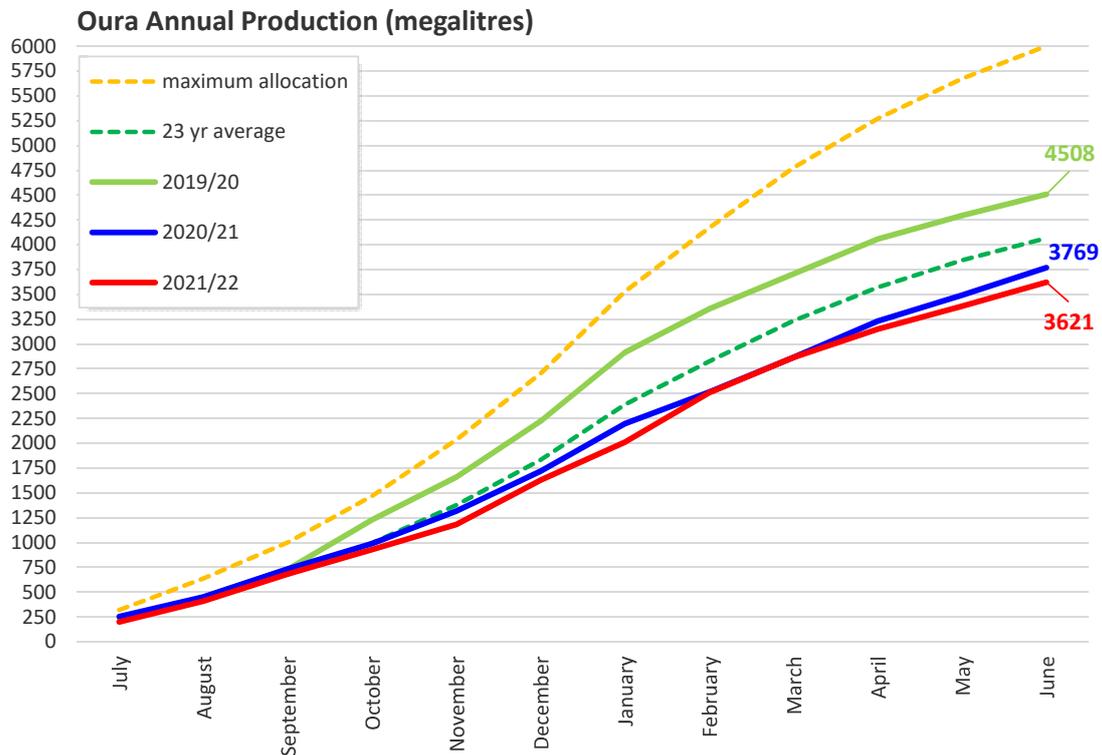
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Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

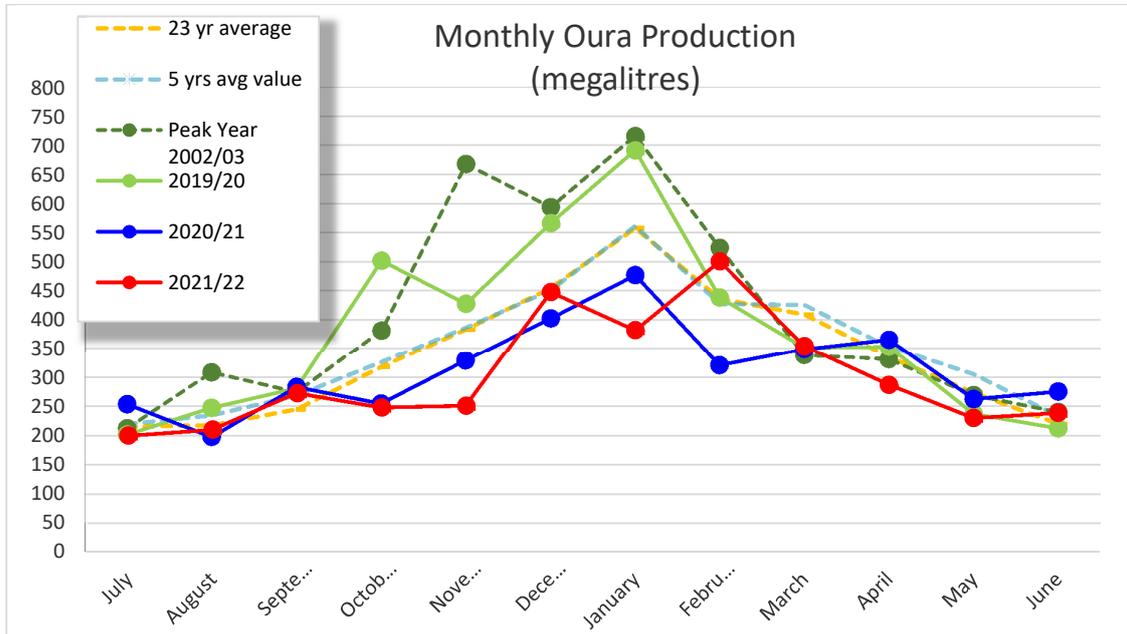
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the 2021/22 financial year, 3621ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a decrease in production compared to last FY where 3769ML was extracted. A reduction in production of 148ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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Oura monthly water production has started slowly due to the wet cold weather. For July 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores. Production trend has followed a similar trend to last FY before a decrease in production for November (251ML) and January (381ML) with a slight increase in production in December (447ML) compared to last FY. Production has increased in February (500ML) and decreased again in March (354ML), April (287ML) and May (230ML) with the early on set of cooler weather. There was a slight increase for June (239ML)



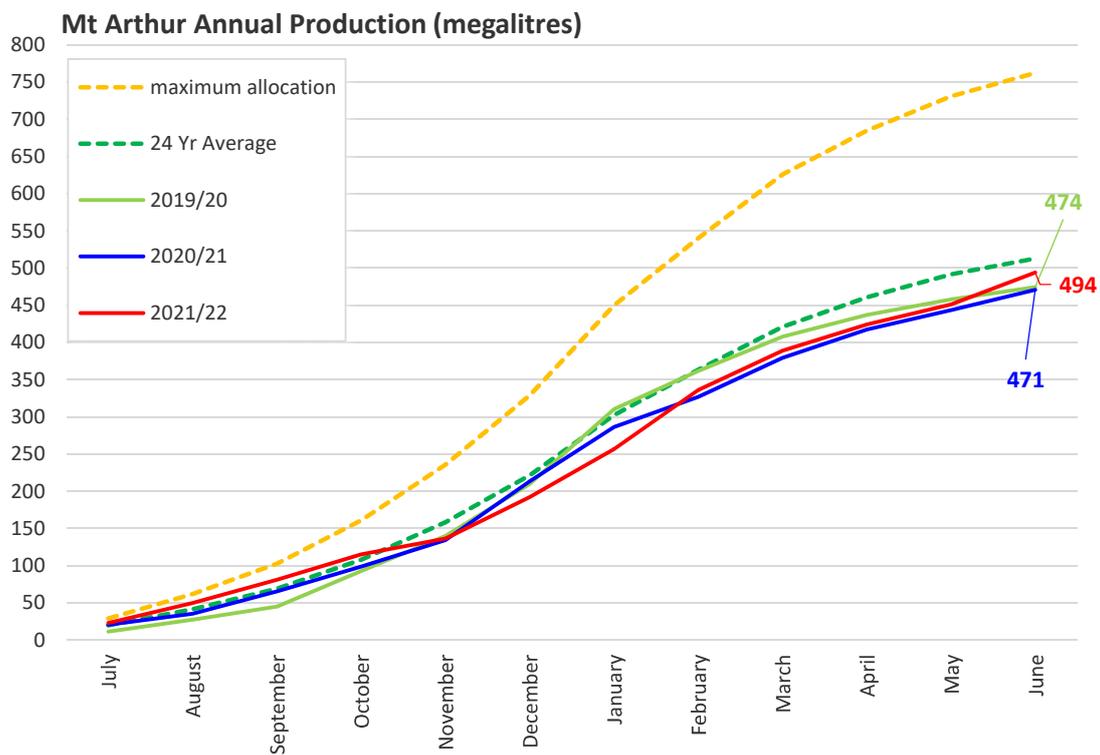
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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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 a new Bore 1 has been developed to replace the existing Bore 1 site and associated assets. Upon completion, testing and commissioning of the new Bore 1, the old bore has since been decommissioned and removed.

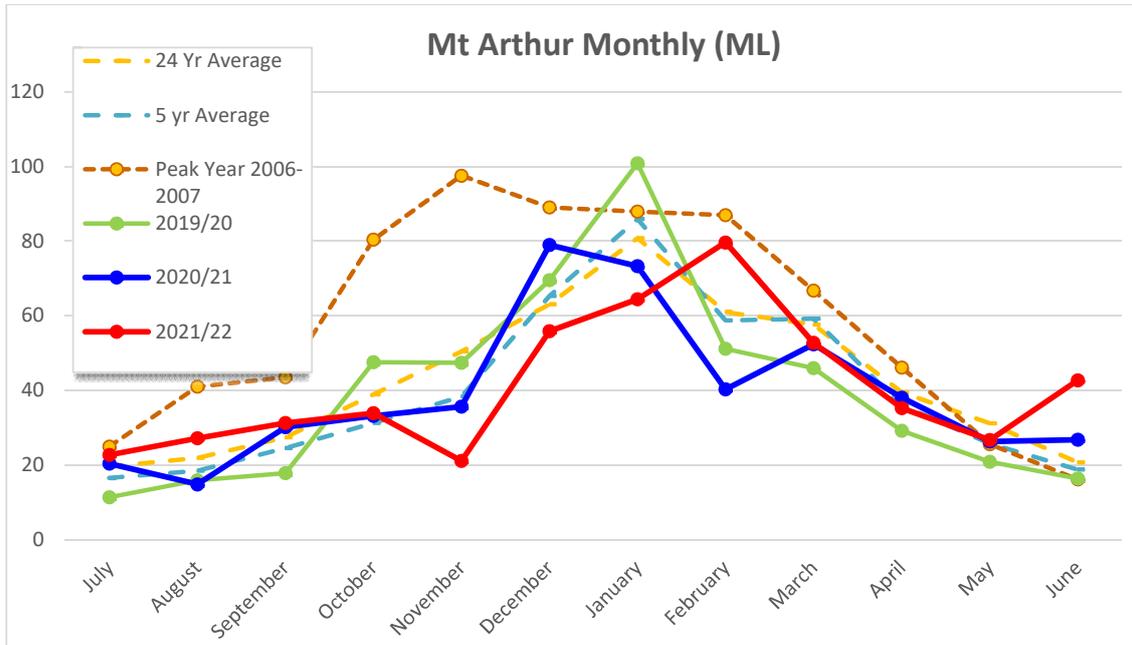
For the 2021/22 financial year, 494ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 471ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores. An increase of 23ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



Mt Arthur monthly water production for the 2021/22 financial year has been consistent with a gradual increase from month to month for the first 4 months as the weather warms up. For July (23ML) has been extracted, August seen a slight increase to (27ML) and September also seen a slight increase with (31ML) and October (34ML) being extracted from the Mt Arthur bores, prior to a wet November which seen a decrease in production to only (21ML) extracted. A further increase in production from the previous year is evident in February (80ML) before production decreased in March (53ML), April (35ML) and May (27ML). This is due to cooler climatic conditions as we move into winter. A steep increase is evident for June where (43ML) was extracted This increase could be attributed to the works being undertaken for the Coolamon Reservoir renewal project. We have limited storage until the reservoir is back online

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and thus an increase in pumping from bores has occurred to maintain the reticulate system, where historically we rely on storage to supply demand.

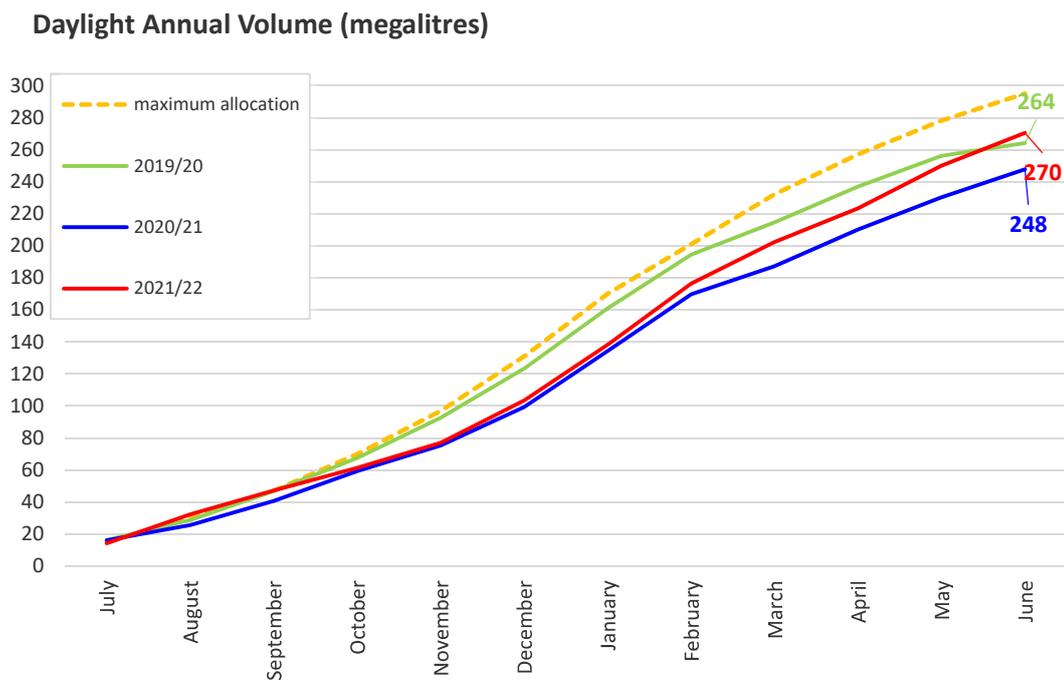


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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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 customers in the villages of Naradhan, Weethalle and Tallimba which are located within the Bland Shire.

For the 2021/22 financial year, 270ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 22ML compared to the 2020/21 FY where 248ML was produced. As can be seen in the graph below, the system is trending in a similar fashion to historical years.

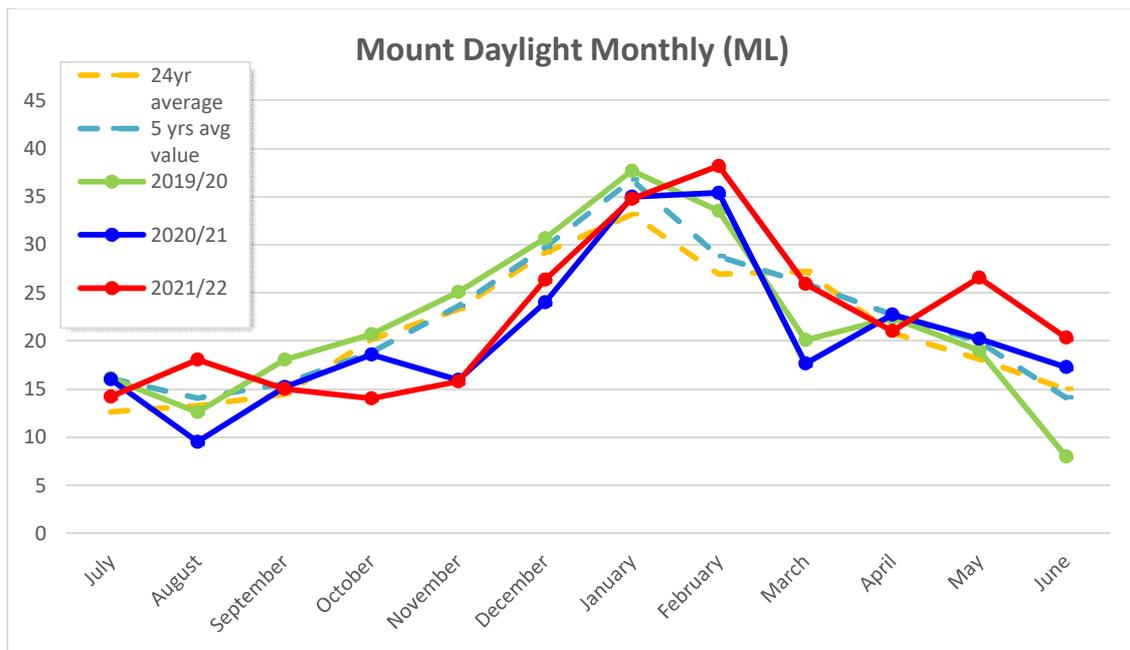


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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores are not consistent to previous years where an increase in March and May this can be seen from the graph below, July was a slow month with only (14ML) extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores before a slight increase in August where (18ML) was extracted before again reducing production for September to (15ML).

This decrease in production continued in October with (14ML) extracted, before a slight increase in November (16ML) extracted, production then increased as the weather became warmer in December (26ML) and January (35ML) a further increase is evident in February (38ML) before a decrease in March (26ML) and April (21ML) before an increase again in May (27ML) before once again decreasing in June (20ML).

The increased usage during August correlates with some Bore yield studies being undertaken by Carrathool Shire which may have been the cause for this increased usage compared to previous years. It was also determined that a break in the line during this time added to the increase in production for August

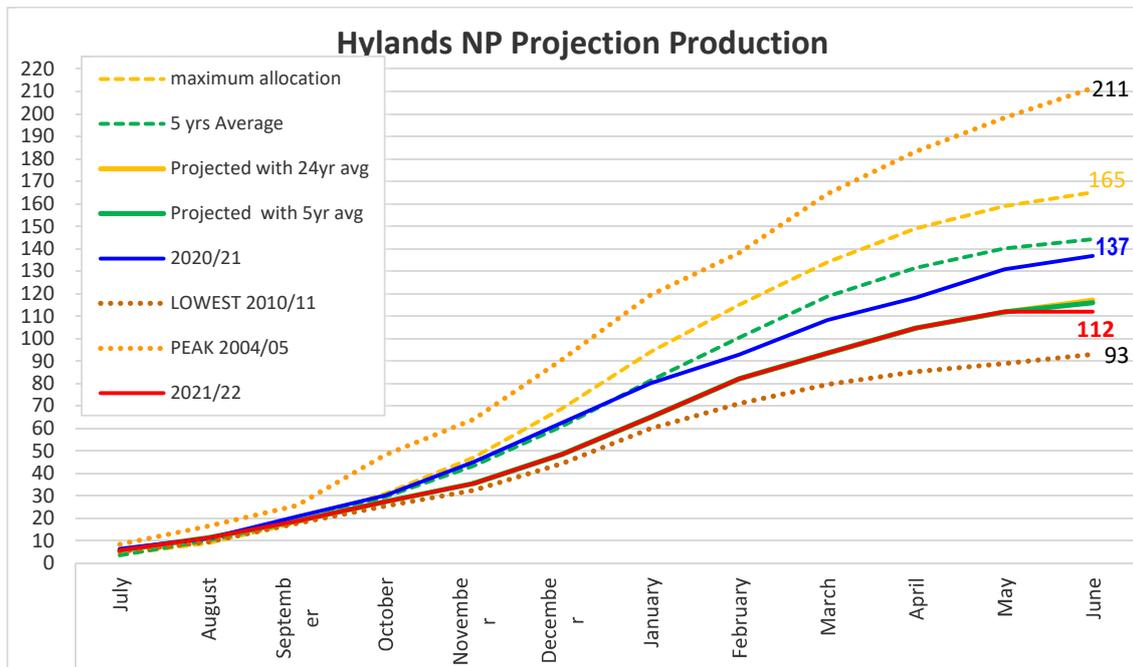


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Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

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 2021/22 financial year, 112ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years. Hylands Bridge didn't produce any water for May and June as the irrigation channel has been closed for maintenance.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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OURA HIGH VOLTAGE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board accept the updated information relating to the Oura High Voltage Upgrade Project.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council at its February 2021 Board meeting resolved on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board;

Award Tender 08/2020 to Gongues Construction Pty Ltd for the upper limit amount of \$3,028,000 (exc GST).

In addition to this contract, the Board, 25th October 2021 meeting, resolved on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the Board:

1. note the updated information within the report regarding the Oura High Voltage project
2. approve to award the contract (Tender 03/2021) for the electrical installation works for Oura water pump station to RIC Electrics Pty Ltd for \$862,596.95 (exc GST).

REPORT

The Oura High Voltage Upgrade project has been delivered via multiple contract arrangements. Thus far, Goldenfields staff have awarded four contracts for the delivery of works. Those being:

1. Design – inclusive of civil and electrical design requirements. Awarded to SMEC 24TH October 2019 for \$455,660. Complete.
2. Hardware purchasing contract – awarded to Schneider for the design, manufacture, supply and installation of Transformers, Variable Speed Drives (VSD) and Switching assets. Resolved on 27th August 2020 meeting. Contract Awarded for \$2,068,029 (GST Incl). 90% complete just awaiting commissioning phase.
3. Civil works – Awarded to Gongues Constructions for \$3,028,000 in February 2021. Practical Completion granted November 2021.
4. Electrical Installation – Awarded to RIC Electrics for \$862,596.95 in October 2021.

An additional contract was awarded to JRC Electrics under contract 03/2020 for the design, manufacture and supply of the Low Voltage (LV) switchboard, Control Cabinet and metering cabinets for \$400k which 95% complete.

The Project has seen significant delays (6 months) throughout its delivery noting the peak of the pandemic, delays and re-work in Essential Energy approvals, and material lead times.

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Commissioning is schedule from 19 September with Essential Energy through to 22 September for our internal cutover requirements. On the 22 September, it is expected that the new High Voltage System will be fully operational, and work will commence on the removal of the redundant equipment.

Tasks to complete:

1. AC design solution for HV Room – Mid August
2. GWCC HV Operator Training – First Week of September
3. Approval of Essential Energy of Operating Protocol – mid August
4. Appointment of HV Responsible Person – as per the NSW Service and Installation Rules – End of August
5. Finalisation of minor install and remedial work tasks – end of August
6. Commissioning and Cutover – 19 September to 22 September
7. Installation of supplementary AC in HV Room – end of October 2022
8. Removal of redundant equipment and finalisation of site works – end of November
9. Finalisation of As-built documentation - - mid December 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Original cost projections for the project in 2018/19, were estimated at around \$6.5m; However, throughout the delivery of works, the project scope has increased to cater for future infrastructure projects and land acquisition and development. Future projects being planned for include the two new reservoirs and aeration system that is set for release of tender in the current financial year.

An additional \$1.2m worth of works has been undertaken to facilitate the timely delivery of the next phase of Oura WTP projects which included the 750mm DICL pipeline installation at a cost of around \$400,000. This pipeline will connect to the new reservoirs and provide the ability for staff to cutover from the current pump station to the new pump station when it is constructed in 2024/25.

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The reservoir and aeration project are currently in the design phase with a tender expected to be released this financial year for the construction of two 4ML reservoirs and an aeration tower, which estimated at around \$5.7m. All costs are currently within forecasted budgetary projections. The forecast to complete the Oura HV component are as follows:

Forecast Cost to Complete

No.	Item	Cost
1	Costs to Date (including land purchase, new boundary fence, additional 750mm DICL Pipeline for future reservoirs etc)	\$7,209,633
	Forecast to Complete – Outstanding Costs	
2	Electrical Installation Costs - RIC	\$205,000
3	Schneider HV Equipment Supply	\$340,000
4	SafeGroup Integration	\$15,000
5	HV Supplementary Air Condition	\$180,000
6	Essential Energy New Point of Connection	\$55,000
7	GWCC Labor Costs and Operator Training	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$8,014,633

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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JUGIONG HIGH VOLTAGE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board accept the updated information relating to the Jugiong High Voltage Upgrade Project.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council at its October 2021 Board meeting resolved on the motion of Crs McCann and Morris that the Board;

1. Note the information detailed within the report
2. Approve to award the contract (Tender 04/2021) for the Design and Construction of civil works for the Jugiong High Voltage upgrade project to Van Mal Construction Pty Ltd for \$2,133,308 (exc GST).

REPORT

The Jugiong High Voltage Upgrade project will be delivered via multiple contract arrangements. Thus far, Goldenfields staff have awarded three contracts for the delivery of works. Those being:

1. Hardware purchasing contract – awarded to Schneider for the design, manufacture, supply and installation of Transformers, Variable Speed Drives (VSD) and Switching assets. Resolved on 24th June 2021 meeting. Contract Awarded for \$2,201,268.66.
2. GHD – Design of electrical services resolved on 24th February 2022 meeting. Approved budget \$295k.
3. Van Mal Constructions – Awarded the civil construction contract which includes a new High Voltage building, communications tower, stormwater, pavement and electrical pits, pipes and conduits.

The Project is currently tracking on schedule. To date the following has been achieved:

- The high voltage equipment has been ordered through Schneider and is due for delivery in Jan 2023;
- The contract for the design and construction of the new switch room building and associated pits and conduits has been awarded and work is well underway. The building basement has been completed already and the ground floor slab has been poured. The installation of pits and conduits has commenced. Completion for achieving Practical Completion is December 2022;
- The electrical integration design contract through GHD has been awarded and work is well underway – this is due for completion in October 2022; however, this is subject to Essential Energy connection approvals which have proven timely and difficult in the past on the Oura project.
- A study on the long-term effects of using VSDs on older style electrical motors is underway to ensure the reliability of the existing Jugiong HV Clearwater Pump motors being supplied by VSD for medium to long term time frame

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- The analysis of the Current Oura 680kw high flow pumps is being undertaken to assess their capability in being re-purposed to the Jugiong 1 and 2 pump stations. If this investigation proves successful, staff maybe able to defer the design and construction of two new pump stations for a number of years, until demand requires an upgrade in pump size. The current 680kw Oura pumps are undersized for the Oura scheme and will be replaced in around 2024. Whilst the assets will be still in reasonable condition, they are just not capable of providing our future demand requirements for the system.

Outstanding Tasks to be actioned include:

- Tendering and award for the supply and installation of electrical integration equipment and cabling.
- Tendering and award for supply of LV Main Switchboard, PLC Cabinet, Revenue Meter Boards, Generator Connection Boxes and other miscellaneous equipment.
- Purchase of DC system
- Purchase of Standby Low Voltage Generator and
- Purchase of Emergency Generator 415V Connection Leads

The Jugiong commissioning date is expected to occur in September 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

All costs are currently within forecasted budgetary projections. The forecast to complete are as follows:

BUDGET ESTIMATE		
No.	ITEM	ESTIMATE
1	GWCC Personnel and Internal Costs	\$350,000
2	Electrcial Design(inc ASP3 Essential Energy PoC)	\$212,122
	allowance for Essential ASP3 application costs and contingency	\$60,000
3	Design and Construct - Switch Room and Associated Civil Work	\$2,133,308
4	Supply and Installation of HV Equipment	\$2,100,000
5	Supply of LV Equipment	\$450,000
6	Balance of Electrcial Equipment Supply and Installation (inc ASP works)	\$1,100,000
7	SafeGroup - PLC / SCADA works	\$290,000
8	Contingency	\$690,000
9	TOTAL	\$7,385,430

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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PRODUCT IMPLEMENTATION – INNOVYZE EMAGINE AI

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve an increase to the operational budget of \$135,000 to recommence the implementation of the Emagin product.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

In 2020 Council staff began discussions with a software company Innovyze regarding an artificial intelligence product called Emagin. The Emagin product utilises available data inputs and outputs to first learn and to then prescribe optimal control actions based on real time data and forecasted conditions.

It is intended for the product to be used at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant, where once optimised parameters are determined the product would then be able to provide operators advisory commands that would optimise the plants efficiencies to meet those demands. Basically it would advise an operator when to run the pumps, how fast to control the treatment process and how much chemical should be used and when. The outcome will be greater efficiencies and cost reductions in chemical dosing, electrical costs etc. Additional expansion of the system could then occur to other areas.

The proposal required an initial cost of \$85,000. Subsequent annual costs for the system are then based off savings made from the system. In 2020 The proposal estimated around \$230,000 savings could be made annually from the system. This is expected to be higher now as a result of the increased costs in electricity. It is likely the annual fees will be between \$60,000 to \$90,000 (depending on actual savings) however this still provides a significant annual net benefit. If no savings are made, then Council would not incur any costs associated with the product and would only have to incur the installation costs.

At the August 2020 Council meeting the Board resolved to:

- 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.

REPORT

In 2020/21 financial year Goldenfields Water worked with Innovyze to begin the implementation of the Emagin product. A digital twin of the Jugiong water supply scheme was developed with all of Council's current Direct Memory Access (DMA) devices connected for live 15min feeds.

It was discovered and discussed with the contractor at the time that the system did not have enough interim flow data coming in from the distribution system. This basically provided a tolerance error of the system too great for the contractor to commit a contractual agreement

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with. Thus, the process incurred delays once it was determined that additional bulk metering data and treatment plant sensors were required. No costs were incurred by the contractor for the initial works and the budget was removed until further confirmation of the project being feasible could be made.

Goldenfields Water staff have since completed the required asset installation of additional flow metering DMA's with enough historical data being gathered to re-assess the projects viability.

The current financial year capital works program does not have an allocated budget for the works. Innovyze have not yet invoiced Goldenfields Water for the initial installation and only approximately \$15,000 has been spent to date against the original work order to facilitate initial data transfer. There is therefore approximately \$135,000 worth of works outstanding to try and achieve the project concept. Staff are requesting that the unspent original budget be drawn back into the current financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

An increase to the current years operational budget of \$135,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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MICROWAVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM - STAGE 2

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board resolves to increase the capital works budget by \$550,000 to enable the completion of the microwave network works

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water have been installing new and upgrading existing microwave communications assets to enable the completion of the telemetry system which allows Goldenfields Water to program scheme operations, analyse issues and change parameters for the operation of our networks remotely. This system also provides us with full independence from third party Telco's that have proven unreliable in the past for managing some of our critical systems.

REPORT

Stage 1 of the rollout was completed last financial year delivering 9 sites. A combination of sites requiring our own towers or via licence access agreement with NSWTA was required.

Stage 2 (the final stage) was projected to commence this financial year and staff were anticipating the full completion within 18 months. At the time of developing the 2022/23 financial budget, the final cost estimate for stage 2 had not been confirmed and a token amount of \$250,000 was attributed to allow some works to progress until a revised budget could be adopted by the Board.

The estimated costs to undertake the works for stage 2 is \$752,000; A budget increase to the capital works budget of \$550,000 is requested to enable the completion of the microwave network and to allow for some hardware contract contingencies, noting the volatility in material prices.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Increase to the capital works budget of \$550,000

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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ENERGY MARKET UPDATE

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Pursuant to s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Board considers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the purchase of energy, due to extenuating circumstances, being:
 - a. current energy market volatility and significant risk in entering into a fixed agreement
 - b. multiple options for purchasing energy, such as wholesale purchasing
 - c. flexibility in purchasing processes is required for speed of acting on low price demands within the National Energy Market (NEM)
2. authorise the General Manager or their delegate the delegation to negotiate the purchase of energy and enter into any such Agreements necessary to continue the efficient operations of Goldenfields Waters supply network.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council has historically undertaken the purchase of energy contracts via the Local Government Procurement panel process. Council has two current energy contracts relating to 53 small sites and 17 large sites. The small sites contract is currently with Next Business Energy and the Large sites contract with Origin Energy. These contracts will expire in December 2022.

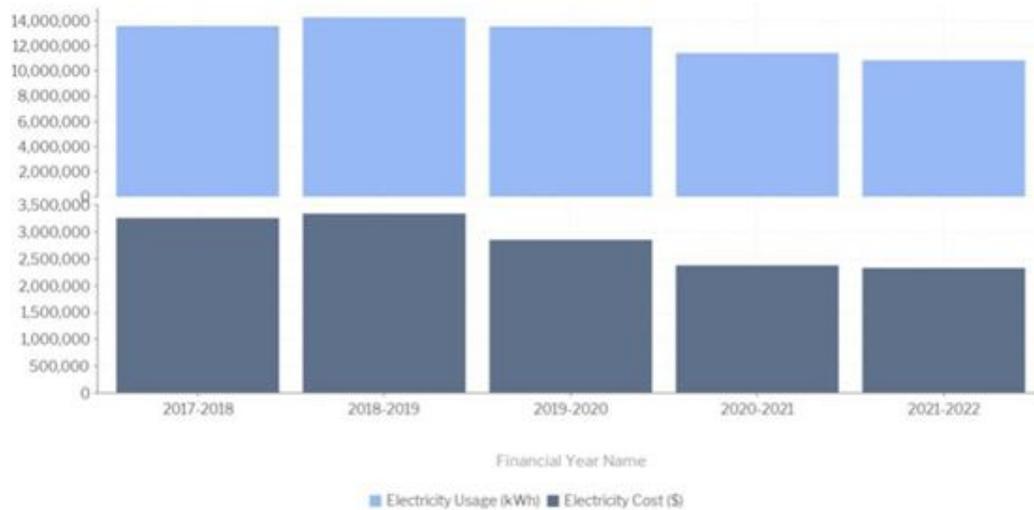
Ninety-five (95) percent of Goldenfields Waters total energy costs are attributed to the 17 large sites. These sites consist of water treatment plants and large pump stations. Usage costs associated with these sites are currently only represented by 50% of the total cost, as 'network' charges make up the remainder.

REPORT

Goldenfields Water currently purchases its off-peak electricity at an average cost of around \$60MWh. The current purchase Agreement for Councils large sites was entered into via LGP contract – 319, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022. The below graph provides an annual usage and cost trend for Councils electricity over the past 5 years. The downward trend of usage and cost is attributed to both a low contractual rate entered into in 2019, as well as significant lower demands of water production.

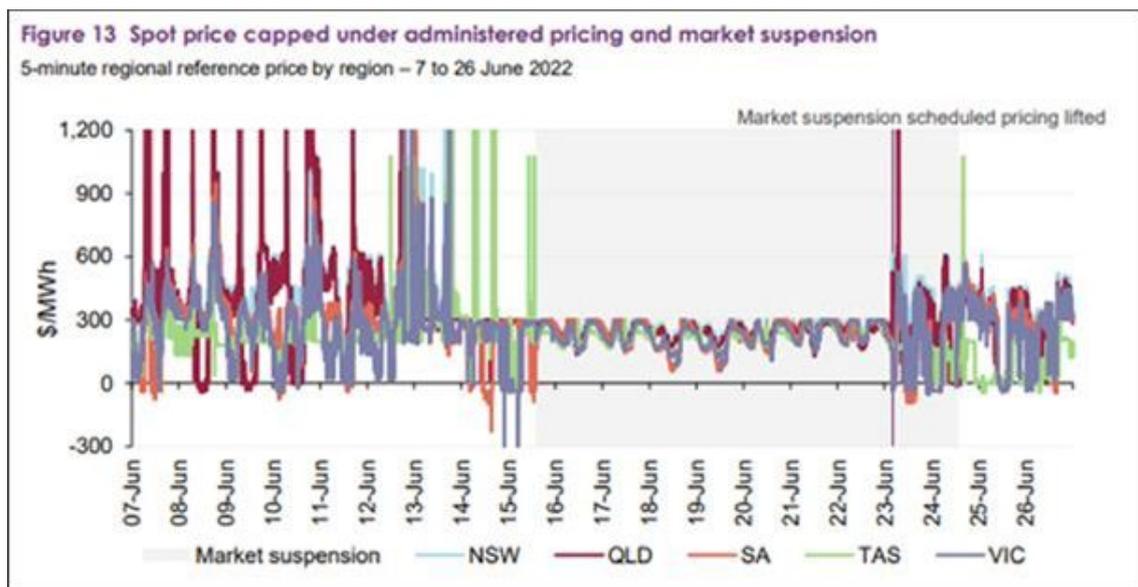
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Annual Electricity Usage and Cost



The energy market has seen a dramatic increase in costs over the last year, climbing from some of the lowest prices in recent years to the highest prices on record. The most dramatic change has occurred since February this year, due to a number of compounding factors, not limited to the war between Russia and the Ukraine, closure of domestic power stations and the impact on networks from renewable energy projects.

The below graph illustrates the recent peak market issues and volatility and why the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) suspended the National Energy Market (NEM) for the first time in history which capped costs to \$300MWh.



Goldenfields Water is a large consumer of electricity, simply due to the fact of producing and transporting water very long distances and over elevated terrain. The below table provides a snapshot of the energy consumption and cost of the largest ten sites. Our annual consumption for all sites ranges between 11,000MWh and 14,500MWh

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Asset Name	Rank of Energy Usage (GJ)	Energy Usage (GJ)	Rank of Energy Cost (\$)	Energy Cost (\$)
Gumly Pumping Station	1	13,779.55	1	\$760,155.00
Juglong No 1 WTP	2	8,753.62	2	\$499,709.00
Juglong No. 2 Booster Pumping Station	3	5,712.82	3	\$339,193.00
Demondrille Pumping Station	4	2,076.34	4	\$113,899.00
Dullah Rd (Garmain Pumping Station)	5	1,055.88	5	\$66,843.00
Rosehill No 5 Booster	6	793.85	6	\$61,918.00
Deepwater Rd (Matong Bore Pump)	7	759.06	7	\$59,231.00
Mt Daylight No 1 Pumping Station	8	523.90	8	\$32,879.00
Eurole Rd Pumping Station	9	496.76	9	\$29,099.00
Talbingo Lane PS	10	401.76	10	\$24,663.00

Noting that Councils energy Agreements expire in December 2022, staff are needing to commence the process for new or alternate options for supply of energy. As detailed above, the current market volatility provides a very negative outlook for any negotiations of new supply contracts and if Council were to enter a new one, the costs could be over 3 times the current costs of the existing contracts.

It is Staff's belief that Council should not enter into any Agreement in the current environment and may require Council to fall on default market purchasing prices and continue with the existing provider until an amicable price can be locked in.

There are other alternative purchasing arrangements, such as wholesale purchasing (30min price updated intervals) where council could seek to purchase monthly/quarterly prices at times the NEM is low. This option would require the engagement of a third party to manage this process for council; however, it could be an option to provide some considerable savings during this volatile time. It should also be note that a change in regulation has approved suppliers to now pass on any Unaccounted-for Energy (UFE) costs which can be up to around 8% of a total bill for some councils.

It is likely that staff will need to provide expressions of interests to the market multiple times for potential negotiation over the coming 18 months and may also require quick purchasing processes to undertake any wholesale arrangements. It is therefore recommended that the Board consider an exemption of tendering pursuant to s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, where the Board considers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the purchase of energy. Due to the extenuating circumstances, which is highlighted within the current energy market, it is a potential for the General Manager and/or their delegate to make multiple purchases through multiple suppliers and therefore a fixed tendering process is not possible.

It is also proposed that staff require the flexibility to quickly act on wholesale purchase pricing and any potential new agreement that could be gained within the market through negotiation with multiple suppliers. Therefore, it is also recommended that General Manager be provided the delegation to negotiate the purchase of energy and enter into any such agreements required to facilitate councils continued operation.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Energy prices are expected to increase significantly after December 2022 when councils existing energy agreements expire.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS' RETURN

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons' Return described within the report.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Under section 6.21 of Goldenfields' Code of Conduct, councillors and designated persons must make and lodge with the general manager a return disclosing the councillor's or designated person's interests as specified in schedule 1 of the code within 3 months of the following:

- a) becoming a councillor or designated person, and*
- b) 30 June of each year, and*
- c) the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs (a) or (b).*

REPORT

Councillors and Designated Persons have now lodged a Disclosure Return with the General Manager under paragraph (b).

The returns are now tabled as per item 6.26 of Goldenfields' Code of Conduct.

Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 6.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

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: Disclosure Returns

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DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council's January – June 2022 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 2022 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 2022

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS UPDATE

January to June 2022



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Progress Report Explained

As a NSW county council, Goldenfields Water is required as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for NSW local government to implement a suite of interrelated strategic planning documents.

The documents include a long-term Business Activity Strategic Plan, four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan. These documents are supported by the Resourcing Strategy, which comprises a Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Asset Management Plan.

At least every six months, a progress report must be produced that provides information to the community about Goldenfields Water's progress towards achieving the objectives set out in its four-year Delivery Program.

This current progress report is for the period from January through to June 2022, which covers the final six months of Goldenfields Water's Delivery Program for 2017–2022.

The detailed progress report in Section 2 uses the icons below to show the status of each project, program or action. A comment is also provided about the specific progress made so far in completing each project, program or action.



Green – Completed



Blue – Progressing



Red – Not yet started

Profile

Goldenfields Water is a single-purpose county council that has been responsible for providing water supply services to many communities in the South West Slopes and Riverina regions of NSW since 1997.

Goldenfields Water's supply system covers 22,500 square kilometres between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers. It services over 46,000 people and includes more than 2,400 kilometres of water mains (the longest in NSW).

Water is sourced from protected natural catchments at Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge before undergoing a world-class treatment process at either of Goldenfields Water's two water treatment plants.

As a county council, Goldenfields Water is a unique organisation given it is made up of seven constituent councils that each depend on it to deliver essential drinking water for their communities.

Goldenfields Water's seven constituent councils are:

- Bland Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council
- Temora Shire Council
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
- Narrandera Shire Council
- Hilltops Council

Currently, Goldenfields Water supplies all drinking water directly to the almost 11,000 rural, residential, commercial and other properties in the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, and parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai and Narrandera.

Goldenfields Water supplies water in bulk to Cootamundra-Gundagai and Hilltops councils, which then distribute water directly to their residents (except those already supplied directly by Goldenfields Water in parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai).

It also provides water in bulk to Riverina Water County Council as well as non-potable water (untreated water for non-drinking purposes) directly to 250 properties.



Mission Statement

To provide regional economic opportunity and lifestyle choices through provision of a quality water supply by innovative leadership showing environmental responsibility in cooperation with the community, constituent councils and governments.

Vision

To be innovative leaders in the supply and distribution of water through regional efficiency, technical excellence and customer service.

Values

Integrity

All staff act in the best interest of the communities that we serve, demonstrating and promoting moral and ethical principles in all that we do.

Trust

Built on from the value of Integrity, mutual trust is established between teams and staff at all levels. Open communication lines and transparency in our operations reflects and further builds on this trust.

Respect

All staff treat others with courtesy, politeness and kindness. Differences in viewpoints and beliefs are recognised and considered, with all people being treated fairly and equally.

Teamwork

All staff work together collaboratively and support one another in achieving the operational objectives of GWCC. Our staff understand the importance of working with each other to achieve our objectives.

Continuous Improvement

Staff feel confident and comfortable to offer ideas and suggestions to ensure that GWCC is continually working to deliver better services to our community and finding more efficient ways of undertaking business.

Strategic Priorities

This progress report is categorised in-line with the nine strategic priorities established by Goldenfields Water's long-term Business Activity Strategic Plan and the strategic objectives and strategies outlined in its 2017–2022 Delivery Program to achieve those priorities.

Strategic Priority 01: Excellence in Service Provision

Objective: Provision of excellence in delivery of water supply and customer service to all stakeholders.

Strategic Priority 02: Maximising Regional Water Supply

Objective: Planning of water supply for regional development through network analysis and partnerships with constituent councils.

Strategic Priority 03: Strategic Water Management

Objective: Demand management and efficiency improvements through customer awareness and selective asset enhancement.

Strategic Priority 04: Best Practice Pricing

Objective: Generation of income through transparent, equitable and solution driven pricing structures.

Strategic Priority 05: Proactive Customer Relations

Objective: Promotion of customer relations through communication, customer orientation of staff and targeted information delivery.

Strategic Priority 06: Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Objective: Environmental stewardship in carrying out of construction and operational activities.

Strategic Priority 07: Efficient Operations

Objective: Efficiency driven by use of technology, monitoring and performance analysis.

Strategic Priority 08: Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce

Objective: Highly skilled and driven workforce encouraged by challenging positions and reward for effort and innovation.

Strategic Priority 09: Financially Sustainable

Objective: Financial planning based upon delivery of efficiencies and recovery of costs with growth built upon customer focused solutions.

DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT January – June 2022

The following is Goldenfields Water's detailed report on its progress towards achieving the strategic objectives and implementing the strategies in its Delivery Program during the period January to June 2022. Progress is reported under Goldenfields Water's nine strategic priorities.

1: Excellence in service provision

1.2: Provide a reliable and quality drinking water supply

1.2.1: Water quality meets or exceeds the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.1.1	Maintain and Review the Drinking Water Management System	Complete DWMS Annual Report	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council have developed and maintain a DWMS. The system is reviewed annually for its effectiveness in managing Councils water quality obligations in relation to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. An annual review is undertaken and reported to the Council every October/December Council meeting.



1.2.2: Assets are managed strategically, across whole of life to improve delivery of services and financial management

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.2.3	Commence and complete Talbingo Lane Junee pipeline replacement of approximately 10km.	Commence and complete Talbingo Lane Junee pipeline replacement of approximately 10km.	Operations Manager		60%	Approx 60% of the pipeline has been renewed. Unable to renew the remainder due to pipeline route under crop. Expected completion November 2022
1.2.2.3	Commence and complete urban pipeline renewal at Beach and Pretoria Street Junee.	Commence and complete urban pipeline renewal at Beach and Pretoria Street Junee.	Operations Manager		10%	Beach and Pretoria Street pipeline renewal has commenced and delays have been caused by the current weather patterns. Expected completion October 2022
1.2.2.3	Commence Thanowring Road pipeline replacement.	Commence Thanowring Rd Pipeline Replacement	Operations Manager		20%	Thanowring rd. pipeline renewal commenced in December 2021 and has been plagued with the following problems: Pipe manufacturing, supply and delivery and unforeseen weather conditions. To date approx: 8 kilometer's of pipe has been laid and construction is now at a standstill with plant unable to access the pipeline route. Expected to resume early October, weather permitting
1.2.2.3	Complete and Commission Mandamah pipeline construction Stage 3, and commence Stage 4.	Complete and Commission Mandamah pipeline construction Stage 3, and commence Stage 4.	Operations Manager		100%	Mandamah Stage 3 completed and commissioned. Stage 4 completed and unable to connect consumers until Thanowring rd pipeline is commissioned. This is due to previous agreements with land owners



Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.2.3	Installation of an organisational wide microwave communication system for SCADA is complete	Installation of an organisational wide microwave communication system for SCADA is complete	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council has designed and commenced the roll out of a new Microwave communications network. Phase 1 with a total of 9 sites was to be completed within the 2021/22 financial year which is now complete. Phase 2 will commence with an additional 10 sites to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.
1.2.2.3	Jugiong No1 High Voltage Upgrade - Detailed design contract to be completed.	Jugiong No1 High Voltage Upgrade - Detailed design contract to be completed.	Production & Services Manager		90%	Tenders have been awarded for the design and construction of the Civil, Electrical and Hardware contracts for the project. All designs are completed except for the electrical design contract which has now been awarded and is established for completing in October 2022.
1.2.2.3	Jugiong Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is completed.	Jugiong Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is completed.	Production & Services Manager		95%	This project has involved the full upgrade of electrical services and control systems within the Jugiong WTP. Works are nearing completion and will be finalised by October 2022.
1.2.2.3	Oura High Voltage Upgrade - Civil Construction is complete and commissioned	Oura High Voltage Upgrade - Civil Construction is complete and commissioned	Production & Services Manager		100%	Civil construction works have been completed with Practical Completion being granted to Gongues Construction in November 2021.
1.2.2.3	Plan for a new workshop facility to support Urban Reticulation renewals as per Capital Works forecast.	Detailed design completed for proposed new workshop	General Manager		50%	Initial detailed designs have been developed, however, expected capital expenditure constraints are to be considered before further progress is made.

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.2.4	Valve maintenance and replacement will be completed by October 2021.	Achieve greater than 85% of program	Operations Manager		100%	The actual valve maintenance and replacement program has been completed. Identified from that program were towns that require further investigation and on-going renewal programs. These programs were commenced in May 2022

1.2.4: Water mains are systematically renewed and extended, based on asset performance data

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.4.1	Utilise issues register and burst data to determine renewals program.	Achieve 90% of mains renewals budget	Engineering Manager		75%	Renewals program developed from asset condition information. 74% of renewals completed this FY
1.2.4.3	Implement the water main renewal program for 21/22	Achieve 85% of mains renewals budget	Engineering Manager		75%	Significant wet weather disrupted pipeline construction delivery
1.2.4.4	Continue with Mandamah water main extension program	Achieve greater than 85% of 30km of mains installation.	Engineering Manager		100%	Complete

1.2.8: Telemetry system is systematically renewed and extended, based on asset performance data

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.8.1	Progressively replace all SCADA across to ClearSCADA	Progressively replace all SCADA across to ClearSCADA	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council has completed a majority of its SCADA upgrade system. All further upgrades will be undertaken as part of Councils asset renewal program or new capital works program.

1.2.10: System valves are systematically renewed and extended, based on asset performance data

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.10.1	Air, Scour and Stop Valves and Hydrants are reviewed and replaced as required in Temora, Wyalong and Ungarie. Junee, Coolamon and Ganmain are reviewed for future replacement.	Air, Scour and Stop Valves and Hydrants are reviewed and replaced as required in Temora, Wyalong and Ungarie. Junee, Coolamon and Ganmain are reviewed for future replacement.	Operations Manager		100%	Completed for this FY 21-22. This is a continuous on-going program across all towns within GWCC footprint without any end date



1.2.12: Instrumentation installations are systematically renewed and extended, based on asset performance data

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.12.1	Replace aged water quality instrumentation where required.	Replace aged water quality instrumentation where required.	Production & Services Manager	●	100%	GWCC staff progressively renew water quality instrumentation when and where required. There was no planned renewal site to be completed this financial year.

1.2.13: We inform and involve our community about projects, programs and other activities

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.13.1	Regularly update and publish information on Goldenfields website relating to major projects, water outages, meeting minutes, billing, recent announcements and staffing updates.	Our website is regularly updated with relevant and timely information.	Community Engagement Officer	●	100%	Website is updated weekly with all relevant information.
1.2.13.2	Proactively provide project specific information to relevant stakeholders as required and respond to any stakeholder requests in a timely manner.	Accurate and relevant information is provided to stakeholders in a timely manner.	General Manager	●	100%	Goldenfields stakeholders are provided relevant information through quarterly customer newsletters, website updates, media and social media engagement. Stakeholder requests are responded to in line with the customer service charter

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.13.4	Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes - including Quarterly Budget Reviews, Annual Financial Statements.	Quarterly Budget Reviews presented at the Council meeting following quarter end. Annual Financial Statements submitted to Office of Local Government by statutory due date.	Corporate Services Manager		75%	2021/22 financial statements on target to be submitted by due date. Quarterly budget reviews prepared and presented by due dates. Audit plan for 2021/22 financial statements has been finalised along with preparation timetable.
1.2.13.5	Notify any non-conformance as required. Complete annual reporting to NSW Public Health, DPIE, and EPA.	Complete DWMS Annual Report, EPA Annual Return and the Annual Benchmark Report. Notify any non-conformances to the relevant Authority as required.	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council has completed its DWMS Annual report and Annual Performance Benchmark Report. The Jugiong Water Treatment Plant Annual Return for its Environmental Protection Licence was completed in May 2022.

2: Maximising regional water supply

2.2: Plan for the region's future growth

2.2.1: Our water supply network is able to respond to community growth and development

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.2.1.1	Liase closely with constituent councils regarding growth and development	Engage with Constituent Councils regularly	General Manager		100%	Goldenfields developed the new suite of IP&R documents after liaising closely with each Constituent Council, particularly in consideration of anticipated population and housing growth.

2.2.2: Water supply system constraints are identified

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.2.2.3	Consultant is engaged to complete IWC Strategy inclusive of hydraulic model and financial plan.	Works are on track for completion in the 2022/23 financial year	Engineering Manager		100%	Complete

3: Strategic water management

3.1: Become an industry leader in the water sector

3.1.2: We have the capacity to influence water industry direction

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.1.3.1	Complete the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	IWCM is adopted	Production & Services Manager		60%	Goldenfields has completed the IWCM Issues Paper which has received concurrence from DPE. Works have now commenced on the Strategy with the validation of Councils hydraulic model being undertaken by Public Works Advisory. Works are set for completion within the 2022/23 financial year.

4: Best practice pricing

4.2: Levy and collect water charges

4.2.1: Water meters are read accurately and water account notices issued correctly

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
4.2.1.1	Read at least 97% of meters by automated meter reading network.	Minimum of 97% meters read through AMR network.	Corporate Services Manager		100%	AMR meter reading target being met each billing cycle.
4.2.1.2	Water Accounts issued within 3 weeks of quarter end	Water accounts issued within 3 weeks of quarter end.	Corporate Services Manager		100%	Water accounts issued within specified timeframe.



4.3: Deliver a consistent price path

4.3.1: We have a published price path to ensure financial sustainability

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
4.3.1.1	Determine scheduled fees and charges consistent with the long term financial plan.	LTFP reviewed to determine fees and charges schedule for inclusion in operational plan - maintaining financial sustainability (surplus operating results and cash reserves throughout 10 year plan)	Corporate Services Manager		100%	2022-2023 budgeting process finalised in June 2022



5: Proactive customer relations

5.1: Improve customer and community engagement

5.1.2: Our community understands what we do and has regular opportunities to be involved with us

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.1.2.1	Goldenfields 3 year community engagement strategy is developed utilising information gathered from the community including the customer survey.	Goldenfields Water 2021-25 Community Engagement Strategy is developed.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Developed and adopted in conjunction with the Business Activity Strategic Plan

5.1.4: We participate in improving understanding of water management and sustainable water practices in our community

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.1.4.1	Information regarding water management and sustainable water practices is delivered to our community through a variety of advertising mediums and community activities.	Our community is provided information on water management and sustainable water practices.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Information provided via ongoing regular social media posts, customer newsletters, and media releases.



Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.1.4.2	Educate local students and customers about the region's drinking water supply and water cycle, water efficiency and sustainability, and benefits of choosing tap water. This will be achieved by offering Depth Days to local students, developing a school program targeted at Stage 5 students and actively promoting National Water Week to schools and the community through interactive and engaging sustainable water themed resources.	Goldenfields hosts 'Depth Days', develops Stage 4 educational program and engages with local schools and preschools during Water Week to provide sustainable water themed resources.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Goldenfields partnered with the National Theatre Company to produce the Your Water Your Future program, designed to educate high school students about the value of water and the water treatment process. the livestream events were delivered to schools within Goldenfields Constituent Councils and included games, videos, hands-on lessons and assessments in line with the curriculum.





5.1.5: Customer Service Experience is enhanced

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.1.5.1	Customer service initiatives of emailed water accounts, mywater and direct debit payment arrangements are promoted through staff engagement and targeted advertising	The percentage of customers using mywater, direct debit and receiving emailed accounts has increased	Corporate Services Manager		50%	Advertising and promotion for customer service initiatives undertaken on a regular basis through promotions, newsletters and social media - 22% of accounts now distributed by email

5.2: Develop and maintain strong links with stakeholders

5.2.1: We have close relationships with the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.2.1.2	Work closely with REROC and the Joint Organisation to improve service efficiency and effectiveness and promote matters of common interest	Goldenfields participates in projects with a joint interest.	General Manager		100%	Goldenfields is a member of REROC Workforce Development Group. Goldenfields attends REROC and RivJo meetings and considers common interest opportunities.



5.2.2: We have close relationships with our constituent councils

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.2.2.1	Engage with our Constituent Councils regularly.	We have regularly engaged with our Constituent Councils	General Manager		100%	Goldenfields partnered with Bland Shire Council to ensure project viability despite financial setbacks. Goldenfields' General Manager and staff regularly communicate with Constituent Council counterparts to achieve mutual outcomes.

5.2.3: We have a positive corporate reputation within our community and wider industry

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
5.2.3.1	Information regarding Goldenfields' current works, major upcoming works, educational programs and general updates are provided through traditional and modern media platforms, including our quarterly customer newsletters, social media platforms, website and media releases.	Goldenfields Customer Newsletter is circulated in January, April, July and October. Information is regularly provided through various media platforms.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Customer Newsletter delivered for January, April and July. Social media & website used to provide ongoing information. Regular media releases provided to news outlets.

6: Environmental protection and sustainability

6.2: Ensure natural resources are used efficiently

6.2.1: We regularly review energy use to proactively identify and implement usage reduction activities to lower costs and reduce carbon foot print

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
6.2.1.4	Maintain an energy usage and cost data base.	Maintain the population of Azility cloud base systems to actively monitor our energy usage and costs.	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council currently maintain systems for monitoring its energy and greenhouse gas production. This system is designed to highlight any anomalies and to provide historical trends of councils energy usage.

6.2.2: Water use efficiency is increased across the network

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
6.2.2.3	Support the Customer Service Team to provide customers with a seamless and simplified interaction. Promoting digital engagement such as the Goldenfields Water App, direct debit payments and online accounts will be an integral part of enabling simplified interaction.	Customer registration to the Goldenfields App, online accounts and direct debit increases.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Advertising via social media platforms & print media for the Goldenfields Water App & online accounts. Online forms developed including direct debit request, refund request, pensioner concession application and financial hardship application to improve ease of use for customers & the customer service team.



6.3: Manage the water supply's sustainability and security

6.3.1: Risks to the water supply's sustainability and security are identified and monitored

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
6.3.1.1	Actively monitor our raw water source via both hydrological and water quality parameters	Undertake monthly sampling and testing of raw water quality samples. Monitor councils access entitlements to source water and ensure restrictions are utilised when and where required.	Production & Services Manager		100%	GWCC staff undertake routine monitoring, sampling and testing of all raw water sources. Additional SCADA monitoring systems have been installed on groundwater bores to trend levels and meet new metering regulations. Staff are also currently developing visual monitoring system of groundwater levels for the Oura borefield through the WaterOutlook software system.



7: Efficient operations

7.1: Improve business efficiency

7.1.1: We have an efficient corporate structure

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.1.1.1	Goldenfields Corporate structure is reviewed within 12 months of the ordinary election of council to best meet the organisations requirements.	Goldenfields Corporate structure is efficiently aligned to meet organisational requirements, having been reviewed within 12 months of the ordinary election of council.	General Manager		0%	Goldenfields corporate structure will be reviewed within 12 months of ordinary council elections in line with the Local Government Act.

7.1.2: Information management is integrated across the organisation

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.1.2.2	Continually update and improve the Geographic Information System	GIS enhancements are implemented	Engineering Manager		100%	GIS updates to link to asset information such as schematics and P&IDs as well as linking to asset financial system

7.1.5: Fleet management is optimised

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.1.5.1	Prepare annual fleet replacement budget and review quarterly.	Prepare annual fleet budget for inclusion in Capital Works Program. Review progress quarterly during Quarterly Budget Reviews.	Corporate Services Manager		100%	Fleet budget monitored during quarterly budget review process. 2022-2023 replacement program finalised later in June 2022.

7.3: Reduce exposure to business risks**7.3.1: We take an integrated approach to risk management**

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.3.1.3	ARIC function complies with Framework. ARIC Meetings are regularly held. Internal audits are conducted in accordance with Strategic Internal Audit Plan	ARIC is compliant with framework. ARIC meetings are held quarterly. 3 internal audits conducted in financial year.	Corporate Services Manager		100%	ARIC Charter has been reviewed by committee. New guidelines to be released in future. Meetings being held quarterly. Internal audits progressing as planned.

7.3.5: Capital Works Program reduces business risk through prioritisation of critical renewals

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.3.5.1	Implement the capital works program for 2021/22 Financial year	85% of capital works program is completed	Engineering Manager		90%	Capital works program 79% completed despite Covid-19 staff implications, transport delays and significant wet weather

7.4: Improve the efficiency of operations in the field**7.4.1: We have an efficient, mobile workforce**

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
7.4.1.2	Rollout O365 across Council to improve availability, lessen demand on infrastructure, workforce collaboration and mobility	Email service migrated to the cloud. O365 operational for staff. Collaboration tools being utilised as scoped for Council requirements.	Corporate Services Manager		75%	O365 project progressing as planned. Exchange portion is finalised. Additional functionality being progressively rolled out, scheduled for completion in first quarter of 2022-2023.
7.4.1.4	Investigate, source and implement an electronic timesheet system	System successfully implemented and operationally compliant	Corporate Services Manager		80%	Implementation project has commenced. Indoor staff have commenced use of the program. Outdoor staff scheduled to be onboarded.

8: Highly skilled and energetic workforce

8.1: Improve the management of human resources

8.1.1: Our workforce is motivated, skilled and flexible

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
8.1.1.1	Goldenfields Workforce Management Plan is developed to meet the organisational requirements identified within the four year Delivery Program for 2021/25.	Goldenfields Workforce Management Plan has been developed and adopted by the Board.	HR Coordinator		100%	Goldenfields Water's Workforce Management Plan 2022-2026 was adopted by the Board at the April Council Meeting.
8.1.1.2	Provide staff with professional development opportunities that meet organisational future needs	Annual staff development plans completed, training undertaken for identified gaps	HR Coordinator		100%	Staff are provided professional development opportunities in accordance with Training Plan and Education Assistance Policy. Staff Development Plans due to be undertaken and reviewed annually to assist in determining gaps.
8.1.1.3	An annual staff survey is undertaken to identify areas that are going well, areas that could be improved and how staff are best supported to effectively perform their roles.	Annual staff survey is undertaken and results considered to enhance organisational functions.	HR Coordinator		0%	Scheduled for Q3 of this Financial Year

9: Financially sustainable

9.1: Deliver responsible financial management

9.1.1: Our organisation is financially sustainable

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
9.1.1.1	Long Term Financial Plan updated annually	The LTFP has been reviewed annually in conjunction with Operational Plan Preparation	Corporate Services Manager		100%	2022-2023 budgeting process finalised in June 2022.
9.1.1.5	Total Asset Management Plan and Financial Plan is developed as part of IWCM	Documents completed by June 2022	Engineering Manager		75%	Progressing, due for completion in the 2022-23 financial year

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL 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

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

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 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022.

Council is required to resolve upon the voting delegation being assigned to one of its members for the Annual Conference, and to endorse the attendance of that delegate and the General Manager.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: LGNSW Annual Conference Draft Program

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

LGNSW Annual Conference Program - 23 October 2022

12.15pm	Pre-booked bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels
12.30pm – 7.45pm	Galleria foyer (ground level) Registration desk operational
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 1 (level 2) Workshop #1: Universal Urban Design and local government: creating welcoming, vibrant, safe and inclusive communities
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 2 (level 2) Workshop #2: Creating Smart Places – How Your LGA can Benefit
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 3 (level 2) Workshop #3: Managing Pests and weeds: Biosecurity and your council protecting the economy, environment and community
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Verdelho Room (level 2) Workshop #4: Building a new, resilient LG sector – Reset, Reshape and Resilience
2.45pm	Pre-book bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels
3.00pm – 3.40pm	Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment Break
3.45pm – 3.50pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote sponsor introduction by TPG Telecom
3.50pm – 4.40pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote address: John Brogden AM (Lifeline International)
4.45pm – 5.00pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Presentation of the A.R. Bluett Awards by the Trustees
5.00pm – 5.15pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Official Opening LGNSW Conference
5.15pm – 7.45pm	Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley President's Welcome Reception sponsored by Statewide Mutual (featuring Hunter Valley food and wine)

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From 7.30am	<p>Pre-booked bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels</p> <p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Light refreshments</p>
7.30am - 5.00pm	<p>Galleria foyer (ground level) Registration desk operational</p>
9.05am - 9.10am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Conference Introduction by Scott Phillips, Chief Executive, LGNSW</p>
9.10am - 9.15am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Welcome to Country on behalf of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council</p>
9.15am - 10.00am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Opening of the Federal and State conferences, adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business. Opening Address by Cr Darriea Turley AM President, LGNSW Presentation of financial reports (Treasurer)</p>
10.00am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Demonstration of voting procedure. Commencement of consideration of motions and conference business</p>
10.55am - 11.00am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Presentation from Cr Linda Scott, President Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</p>
11.00am	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment break with distinguished partner Transport For NSW</p>
11.30am - 11.35am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Address by Premier Partner nbn</p>
11.35am - 1.00pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business (continued)</p>
1.00pm - 1.05pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Address by Elite Sponsor StateCover Mutual</p>

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1.05pm - 2.15pm	<p>Semillon Ballroom (level 2) StateCover Mutual Members' Lunch - GMs and CEOs are invited to join StateCover Mutual for a member networking event</p>
2.20pm - 3.30pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business (continued)</p>
3.30pm - 4.00pm	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment Break with Distinguished Partner Landcom</p>
4.00pm - 5.05pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business</p>
5.05pm - 5.35pm	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Networking</p>
5.15pm	<p>Pre-booked bus transfers from Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley to selected hotels</p>
6.30pm	<p>Pre-booked bus Transfers to Hope Estate Vineyards from selected hotels</p>
From 7.00pm	<p>Hope Estate Vineyards Local Government NSW Conference Dinner and entertainment with Elite Sponsor StateCover Mutual. Presentation of Local Government Service Awards</p>
10.30pm	<p>Pre-booked bus Transfers from Hope Estate Vineyards to selected hotels</p>

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7.30am – 8.45am	<p>Semillon Ballroom (level 2) Australian Local Government Women’s Association (ALGWA NSW) Breakfast Address by Hunter Valley entrepreneur, wine-maker and founder of Vamp by Lisa McGuigan - Lisa McGuigan</p>
9.00am – 10.00am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Housekeeping and introduction</p> <p>Keynote address followed by Q&A - The Future of Local Government</p>
10.00am – 10.05am	<p>Address from Distinguished partner Transport For NSW</p>
10.05am – 10.40am	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment break with Distinguished Partner Active Super</p>
10.40am – 10.45am	<p>Address from Distinguished partner Active Super</p>
10.45am – 11.40am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote address - Re-imagining Our Future Workforce with Simon Kuestenmacher, followed by case studies and Q&A</p>
11.40am – 11.45am	<p>Address from Distinguished partner Landcom</p>
11.45am – 12.45pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Final Keynote Session – Crime Prevention in NSW</p>
12.45pm – 1.00pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Final remarks from President LGNSW, including Annual Conference 2023 announcement and Conference Close</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Collect and go – lunch box style. Trade Exhibition closes at 2.00pm</p> <p>Pre-booked bus transfers from Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley to selected hotels</p>

NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27 October 2022
10.00am

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting may be declared closed.