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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

At the time of preparation of the business paper no apologies have been received.

## **ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK**

Councils Code of Meeting Practice permits Councillors to attend and participate in meetings of the council with the approval of the council or relevant committee.

Clauses 5.19 - 5.30 of the Code of Meeting Practice provides the parameters for eligibility and requirements for remote attendance.

**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 27 April 2023 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 2021, 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.*

**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 – JUNE 2023

### COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 be received and noted.

### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

### BACKGROUND

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

### REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$3,945,406.07 from \$36,943,264.52 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to \$32,997,858.45 as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

### Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Southern Cross Credit Union	At Maturity	8/03/2023	26/06/2023	110	4.30	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	3/05/2023	2/08/2023	91	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	5/04/2023	3/04/2024	364	4.55	3.37	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				1.35	2.89	\$1,700,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	2.89	\$10,208
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$1,787,650
<b>TOTAL:</b>										<b>\$32,997,858</b>

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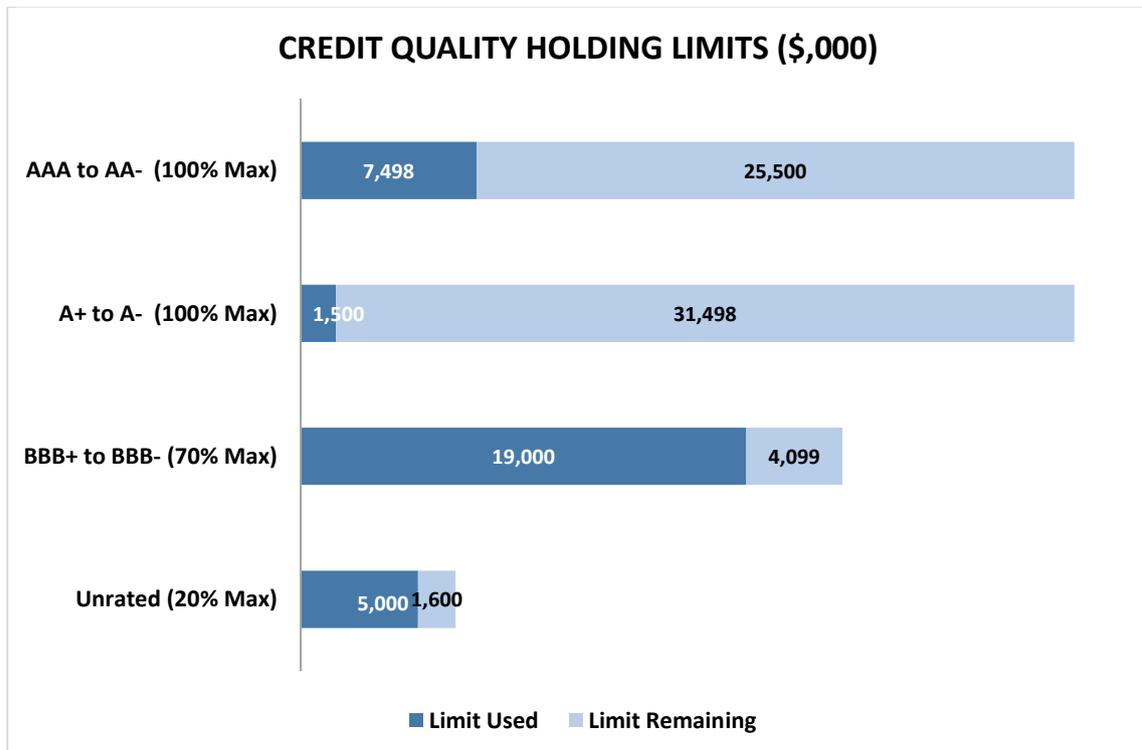
**Portfolio Performance**

Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio underperformed by 0.17% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for May was 3.79%.

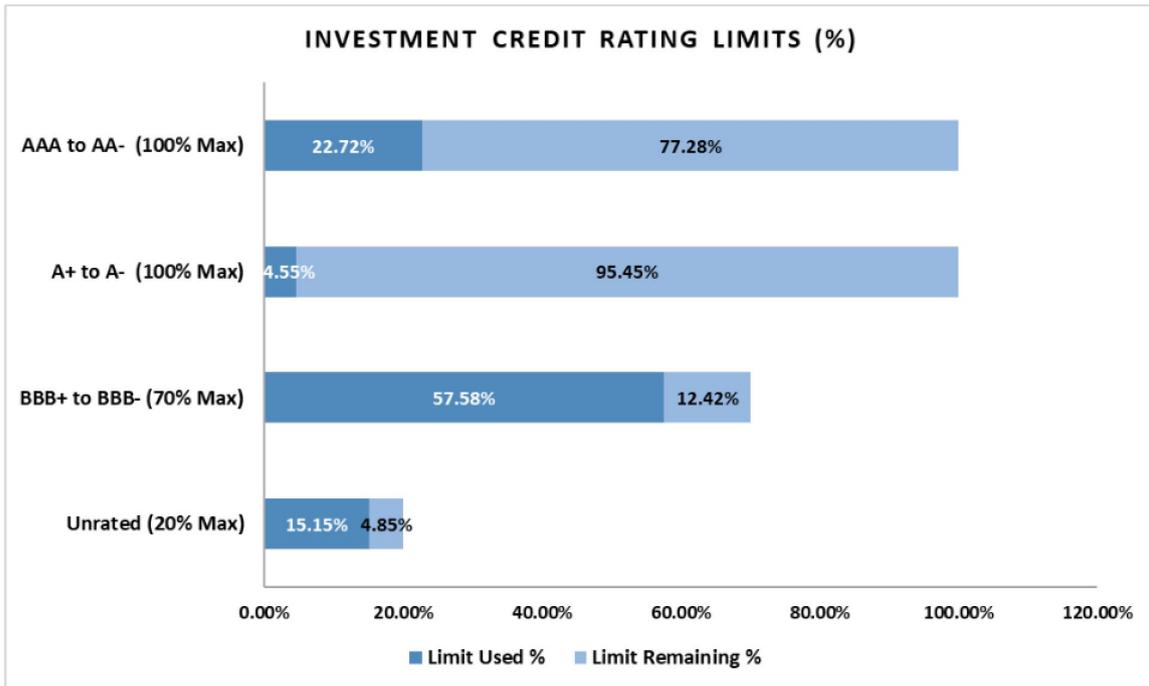
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Yearly Interest Received</b>	<b>Weighted Average Term</b>
<b>32,997,858</b>	<b>704,337</b>	<b>290 days</b>
<b>Total Portfolio Value</b>	<b>Monthly Interest Received</b>	<b>Weighted Average Yield</b>
<b>33,324,809</b>	<b>149,488</b>	<b>3.79%</b>

**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.



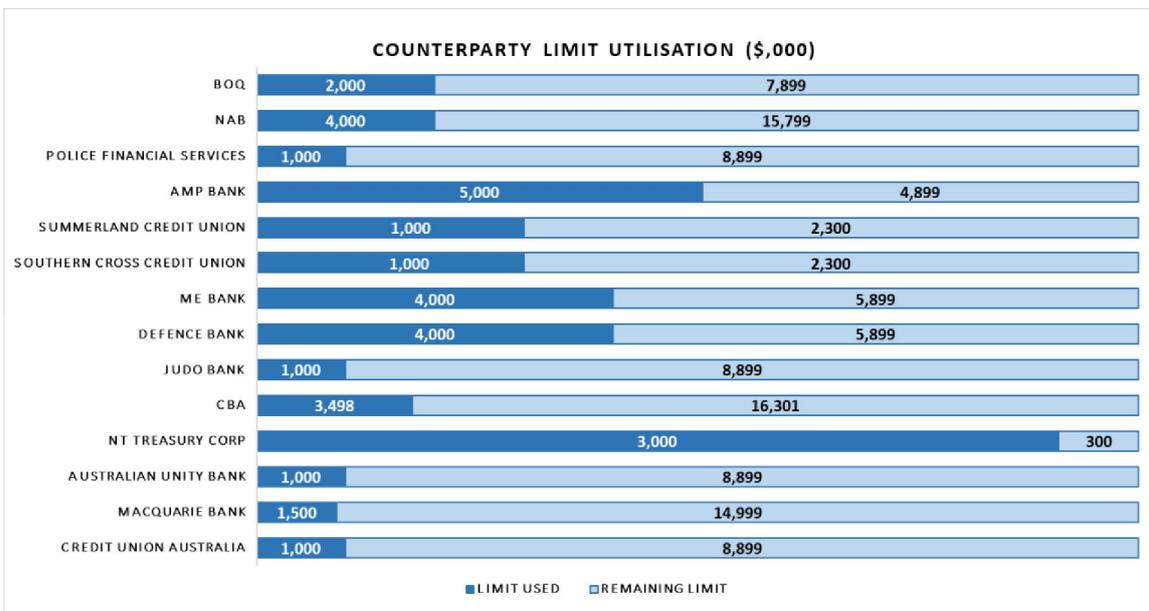
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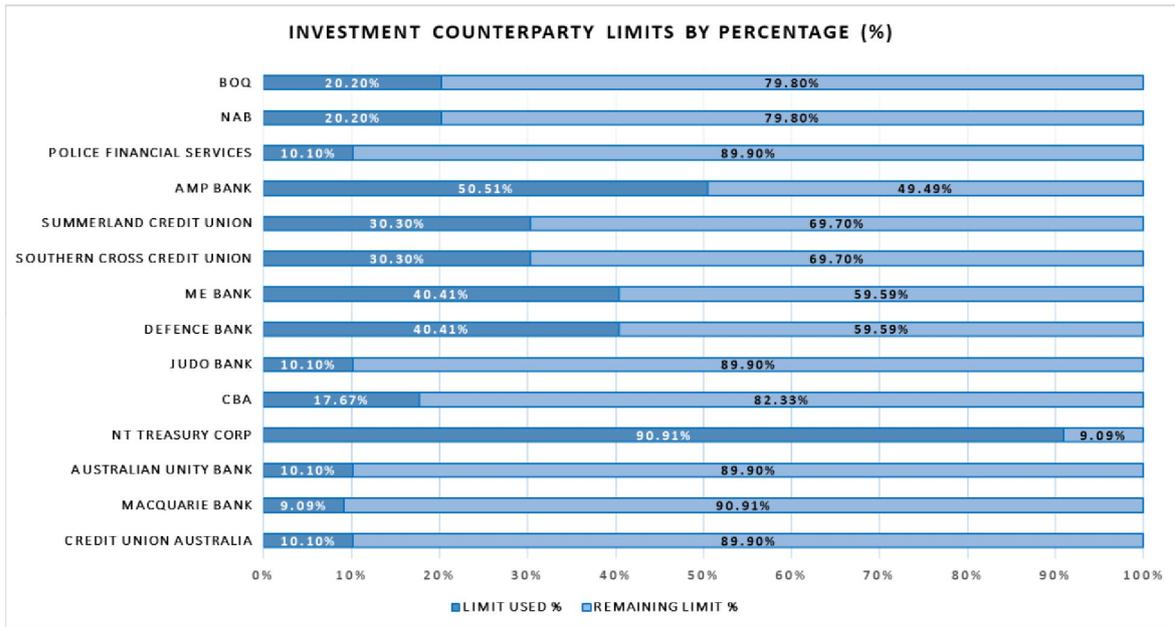
**Counter Party Compliance**

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

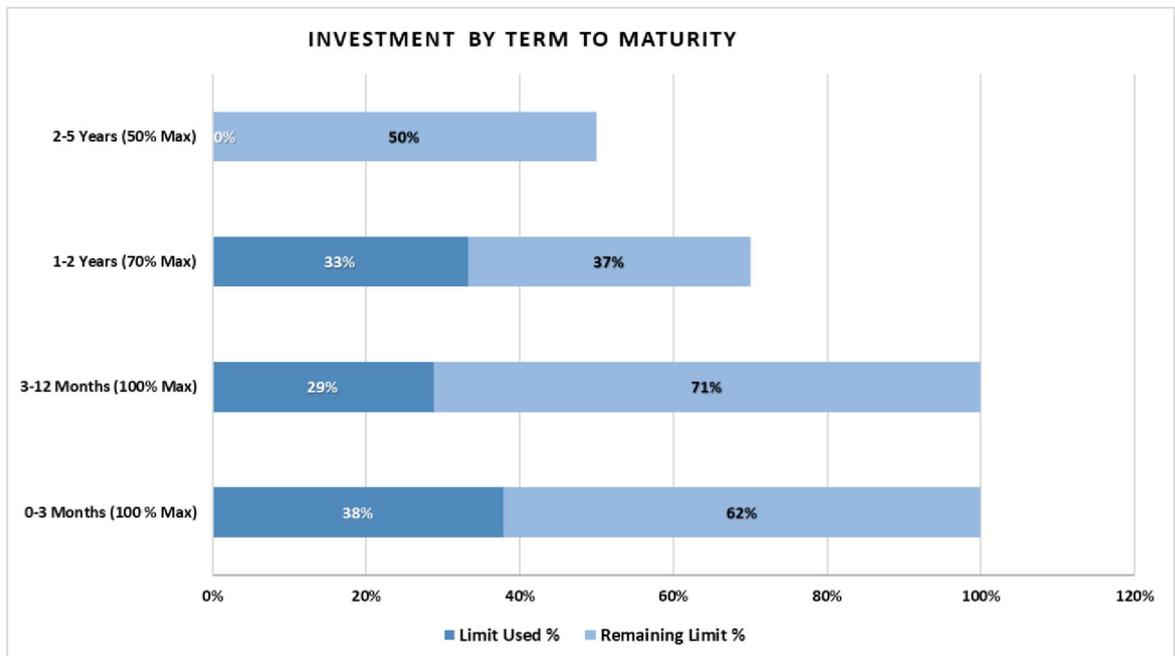
Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.



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**Term to Maturity**



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

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**Application of Investment Funds**

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

<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,830,127
Infrastructure Replacement	16,363,217
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>11,312,021</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,997,858</b>

**Declaration**

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

Signed



John Chapman  
Responsible Accounting Officer

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$3,945,406.07 from \$36,943,264.52 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to \$32,997,858.45 as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

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**PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE**

**Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

09 Financially Sustainable

**BACKGROUND**

Capital Works represents an important part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details expenditure and progress for the year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

**REPORT**

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS											
AS AT 31 May 2023	AS AT 31 May 2023	2021-22 Carryovers	QBR Sep 2022	QBR Dec 2022	QBR Mar 2023	Revised Budget 2022/23	Actual YTD	Committed YTD	Actual & Committed YTD	Variance YTD	% Actual & Committed to Rev Budget
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>											
Asset Sales	(738,000)	0	0	0	0	(738,000)	(431,290)	0	(431,290)	(306,710)	58%
Capital Contributions	(6,225,000)	0	0	0	0	(6,225,000)	(4,599,616)	0	(4,599,616)	(1,625,384)	74%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>	<b>(6,963,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,963,000)</b>	<b>(5,030,906)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5,030,906)</b>	<b>(1,932,094)</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>											
<b>NEW SYSTEM ASSETS</b>											
Plant & Equipment	1,585,000	0	0	0	0	1,585,000	1,162,531	232,694	1,395,225	189,775	88%
Land & Buildings	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	49,715	0	49,715	50,285	50%
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	60,000	0	0	87,000	187,000	170,755	6,943	177,698	9,302	95%
Mains - Reticulation	0	5,000	0	0	36,700	41,700	57,008	5,335	62,343	(20,643)	150%
Mains - Trunk	0	66,000	0	0	0	66,000	0	65,540	65,540	460	99%
Mains - Rural	17,000	0	0	0	17,000	34,000	13,359	3,398	16,757	17,243	49%
Pump Stations	0	0	400,000	0	140,000	540,000	274,402	392,657	667,058	(127,058)	124%
Scada	250,000	430,000	0	0	430,000	1,110,000	227,474	528,834	756,309	353,691	68%
Reservoirs	1,560,000	0	2,920,750	60,000	(600,000)	3,940,750	3,624,182	255,050	3,879,233	61,517	98%
<b>TOTALS NEW SYSTEM ASSETS</b>	<b>3,452,000</b>	<b>661,000</b>	<b>3,320,750</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>110,700</b>	<b>7,604,450</b>	<b>5,579,427</b>	<b>1,490,451</b>	<b>7,069,878</b>	<b>534,572</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>RENEWALS</b>											
Plant & Equipment	30,000	0	0	0	(15,000)	15,000	4,505	0	4,505	10,495	30%
Furniture and Office Equipment	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0%
Land & Buildings	50,000	0	0	0	22,000	72,000	0	5,100	5,100	66,900	7%
Mains - Reticulation	5,200,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	7,200,000	5,416,356	1,554,253	6,970,609	229,391	97%
Mains - Trunk	3,330,000	0	0	0	(1,300,000)	2,030,000	781,939	103,820	885,759	1,144,241	44%
Mains - Rural	1,415,000	180,000	0	0	0	1,595,000	412,788	241,721	654,509	940,491	41%
Pump Stations	1,342,000	269,000	0	63,000	(343,000)	1,331,000	826,391	1,889,789	2,716,179	(1,385,179)	204%
Bores	0	250,000	0	0	146,825	396,825	396,825	0	396,825	(0)	100%
Reservoirs	4,225,000	563,000	0	0	(3,100,000)	1,688,000	930,504	82,927	1,013,431	674,569	60%
Information Technology	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000	8,596	0	8,596	51,404	14%
Treatment Plant	4,192,000	980,000	0	0	(1,368,000)	3,804,000	4,542,779	(600,094)	3,942,685	(138,685)	104%
<b>TOTALS RENEWAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,477,000</b>	<b>1,793,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,321,175)</b>	<b>5,948,825</b>	<b>5,878,705</b>	<b>(517,167)</b>	<b>5,361,538</b>	<b>587,287</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>23,301,000</b>	<b>2,903,000</b>	<b>3,320,750</b>	<b>123,000</b>	<b>(3,846,475)</b>	<b>25,801,275</b>	<b>18,900,110</b>	<b>4,767,968</b>	<b>23,668,078</b>	<b>2,133,197</b>	<b>92%</b>

**Goldenfields Water County Council**  
**Major Project Commentary**  
**AS AT 31 May 2023**

Project Ref	Project and description	Total project budget/ Start date	Total spent to Date/ Due date	Progress Comments
1232	Thanowring Road Pipeline Construction of 40km of trunk pipeline	\$7,000,000 Jan-22	\$1,763,319 Jun-24	Project tracking on budget. The first 10kms of 40km total has been completed and commissioned.
3137	Jugiong High Voltage Detailed designs for works, new HV building, purchase of HV equipment and electrical equipment install	\$6,500,000 Jan-21	\$5,038,731 Jun-23	Approx 6 months behind schedule. Currently tracking on budget.
3183	Oura Reservoirs and aerator Construction of 2 x 4ML reservoirs and aeration tower at Oura WTP plus ancilliary pipework and electricals	\$12,643,703 May-23	\$547,773 Dec-24	Contract awarded to Quay Civil. Kick off meeting with contractor is scheduled for 8 June 2023.
3226	Wyalong Standpipe Res Construction of 24m high 2.4ML concrete reservoir	\$4,420,728 Jun-23	\$3,576,411 Aug-23	Project is running on time and tracking under budget. The reservoir walls have been completed. Construction of the roof is due to start soon.
3241	Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction Cosntruction of 8km DN300 bypass trunk main and 7km DN200 retic main	\$7,357,394 Jun-23	\$4,756,701 Aug-23	Reticulation main approx 4.8km of 7km completed. Bypass main approx 7.8km of 8km completed. Project is tracking slightly ahead of schedule and under budget
3203	Wombat Reservoir Construction of 3ML reinforced Concrete reservoir	\$2,300,000 May-23	\$53,727 TBA	The proposal for contract has been cancelled. Council staff will progress with works to simplify the project with the intention to tender the contract again in a few years time
3218	Oura pump station and dosing rooms Construction of new pump station including 3 high voltage pumps and additional dosing systems	\$5,630,000 Oct-23	\$14,511 Oct-24	Pump investigations completed and new pumps ordered. Currently in scoping phase to release design and construct RFT for pump station building and dosing rooms. Currently progressing on track for time and budget
3242	Kingsvale to Young pipeline Upgrade of approx 12km of pipeline	\$8,300,000 Dec-22	\$69,627 Aug-26	Detailed design contract awarded to DGP Water in Dec 2022 and expected completion date is Sept 2023. Design timeframe and budget are on track. Approximate start of construction tentatively scheduled for beginning of calendar year 2025.

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**AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 May 2023.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012.

The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

**REPORT**

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 25 May 2023. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Minutes of ARIC Meeting 25 May 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.



## ARIC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Ref. ARIC		Minute taker: Ashleigh Burnett
Date: 25 May 2023	Time: 10:10 am	Location: 84 Parkes Street, Temora (Board Room)
Attendees: Peter McLean (Chairperson), Geoff Twomey Cr Matthew Stadtmiller (Alternate delegate in the absence of Cr Bob Callow), Aaron Drenovski, John Chapman, Steve Prowse (National Audits Group via Zoom), Jason Gilbert (Crowe Australasia – via Zoom), Ashleigh Burnett.		
Apologies: Phil Swaffield (National Audits Group) & Cr Bob Callow		

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened at 10:10 am. Apologies received from Cr Bob Callow and Phil Swaffield (National Audits Group).

The Chairman acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, and paid respects to their Elders past and present.

### 2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the minutes of the meeting held 23 February 2023 having been circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

### 4. Business Arising from Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the Committee note that the Capital Expenditure report presented to Council in April 2023.

#### REPORT

The Committee recommended, at the meeting held on 18 November 2022, that “a high-level commentary in relation to major capital projects will be included in future Capital Expenditure Reports to Council”.

A copy of the Capital Expenditure report (including commentary on major capital projects) to the April 2023 Council Meeting is attached for the committee’s information



**ATTACHMENTS:** Capital Expenditure Report at 31 January 2023.

## 5. Audit Engagement Plan

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Cr Matthew Stadtmiller that the Committee note the Audit Engagement Plan for the 2022/23 financial year

### REPORT

The 2022/23 Audit Engagement Plan is submitted for the information of the Committee.

Council's external auditor representative, Jason Gilbert attended the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss the plan.

Following discussions in relation to this item, Jason Gilbert left the meeting at 10:32am.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 2022/2023 Audit Engagement Plan

## 6. Chairperson Report

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Cr Matthew Stadtmiller that the Committee received and noted the Chairperson's verbal report.

- **IPR Guidelines** – New requirement to undertake a Service Review. Does Council have to follow the same IPR Guidelines being released – Seminars are being arranged to inform staff of the requirements.
- **OLG Report** – The OLG have released a report on Regulation and Monitoring.
- **Commission of Enquiry** – There is enquiry into Moira Council. A lot of Governance, Cultural and Financial issues.
- **National Audit** - There is a National Audit of Tiwi Council. There has been a lot of issues raised around Governance, Risk and Management.

## 7. General Manager Report

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Cr Matthew Stadtmiller that the Committee received and noted the General Manager's verbal report.

- **Draft Budget** – Last meeting we touched on the Draft Budget. We are increasing fees by 5% which will give a small surplus. 10 year projection of no borrowing.
- **Grant Applications** – There has been 2 Grant Applications put through with Junee Shire and Bland Shire. The project at Junee is projected to be \$13M as we need another reservoir. Bland have agreed to pay the 25% for their grant funding works.
- **Exposed Pipe** – With the exposed pipe at Jugiong (Rosehill Road), Council has found it hard to get a Contractor to quote the job. We are working with Killards to complete the works.

## 8. Review of Internal Audits

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Cr Matthew Stadtmiller that the Committee receive and note:



- a) Final Internal Audit Report – Project Management Framework; and
- b) Status of the 2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Work Program.

## REPORT

The table below summarises the status of the 2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Work Program.

Internal Audit Area	Status
WHS Management	Completed.
New Connections	In progress. Engagement letter and documentation checklist sent. Waiting for upload of documents before commencing fieldwork.
Water Supply and Demand Monitoring	In progress. Engagement letter and documentation checklist sent. Waiting for upload of documents before commencing fieldwork.

Steve Prowse will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions and present the report on Council's WHS Management.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Final Internal Audit Report – WHS Management

## 9. ARIC Meeting Dates 2023

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Peter McLean and Geoff Twomey that the committee note the scheduled ARIC Committee meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 as follows

- 10am Thursday 27 July 2023
- 10am Thursday 28 September 2023 – 2022/23 Financial Statements (tentative)

## 10. Review of Action Items Progress Report

**RECOMMENDATION** on the motion of Cr Matt Stadtmiller and Geoff Twomey that the committee receive and note the progress made with the Action Items.

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**NEXT MEETING:** 10am Thursday 27 July 2023

There being no further matters requiring the attention of the committee the meeting was declared closed at 11:55am.

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**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2023**

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**COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2023/2024**

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 3% for the 2023/2024 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 27 April 2023.
2. The annual remuneration for 2023/2024 is: Councillor \$10,599.50 and Chairperson \$17,409.91

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that annual fees are to be paid to councillors and chairpersons in accordance with categories determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal), while the setting of the fees is contained within sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**REPORT**

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 27 April 2023 determined an increase of 3% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2023/2024 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2023.

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

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Councillor	\$1,960	\$10,870
Chairperson – additional	\$4,200	\$17,850

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

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**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – June 2023**


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**DEBT RECOVERY**

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receives and notes the update on Debt Recovery.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

09 Financially Sustainable

**BACKGROUND**

From March 2021, Goldenfields Water recommenced debt recovery processes to collect overdue monies owed for water accounts. Debt recovery processes include the restriction / disconnection of properties and referral to external debt recovery agents.

**REPORT**

Outstanding water debtors as at 8 June 2023:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Water Billing Debtors	\$1,167,986.03	\$71,885.92	\$866,497.14	\$2,106,369.09
Less:				
Bulk Councils				\$738,658.62
Developer Charges				\$342,607.00
Total Retail Customers				\$1,025,103.47

Debt recovery action figures for the period June 2022 to early June 2023:

<b>NOTICES ISSUED</b>	<b>No. Customers</b>	<b>Outstanding Account (\$)</b>
Final Notice (Bill period 2023 Q3)	2048	1,388,344.84
<b>Debt Recovery Action:</b>		
Pending Restriction Notice	96	\$198,946.59
Restriction Warning Card	22	\$59,263.25
Physical Restriction / Disconnection	21	\$26,196.14
Total Payments Received (Following Debt Recovery Action)		\$114,015.30
<b>RESTRICTION DETAILS0</b>		
Properties paid prior to restriction	45	\$61,742.58
Properties Unrestricted	11	\$18,410.56
Properties Remaining Restricted	10	\$22,607.78
Properties Referred to Debt Recovery Agent	30	\$139,569.07

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2023**

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**THANOWRING RD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - UPDATE**

**Report prepared by Operations Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Report be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

07 Efficient Operations

**BACKGROUND**

Council is renewing its pipeline operating from Temora to Aria Park, known as the Thanowring rd trunk main pipe. This pipeline is a critical bulk water supply asset of the Oura Water Supply Scheme. The pipeline currently supplies potable water to the towns of Ardlethan, Aria Park, Mirrool, Beckom, Kamarah, Moombooldool and Barellan with the possible future extension of the supply area to the Hylands Bridge Scheme (West of Barellan).

The pipeline is at the end of its usable life and requires an estimated 40km of renewal which has been earmarked as a high priority. Renewal of this trunk main will require sections of the existing main to remain in service during construction.

**REPORT**

Construction commenced in January of 2022 and had to cease from March through to November of 2022 due to heavy rainfall and flooding which restricted access to the pipeline route.

Construction re-commenced in November of 2022 and is currently at the 18-kilometer marker and within budget. The month of April has been slow going due to rainfall, mechanical breakdowns, and liaising with landowners.

Photos depict different stages of construction.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

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**WATER MAINS FLUSHING**

Report prepared by Operations Manager

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Report be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

07 Efficient Operations

**REPORT**

Water Mains flushing – as per 2022 / 2023 operational plan 1.4.3.1.

The water mains flushing is undertaken in the months of April, July, and October

Coolamon Township

<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
<i>Campbells Lane</i>	1.8 klms
<i>Moses Road</i>	1.9 klms
<i>Wallace Street</i>	1 klm
<i>Moses Road</i>	1.9 klms
<i>Mann Street, Kingdon drive and Iverach Streets</i>	1 klm
<i>Loughnan Street</i>	200 mtrs
<i>Methul Street</i>	500 mtrs
<i>Jacaranda and Waratah Streets</i>	600 mtrs
<i>Learys Lane</i>	1.3 klms
<i>Mc Craigs Lane</i>	1.1 klm
<i>Wattle Lane</i>	1.6 klm
<i>Coolamon Road</i>	800 mtrs
<i>Dyces Lane</i>	1 klm
<i>Millwood Road to Garland Street and new subdivision</i>	2.4 klm
<i>Angel Street to Maloneys Lane</i>	2 klm
<i>Iverach Street to Canola Way</i>	700 mtrs
<i>Cowabbie Street</i>	2 klms
<i>Kindra Crescent</i>	600 mtrs
<i>Bruce Street</i>	400 mtrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.8 klms</b>

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Ganmain Township

<i>Ashbridge Road</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Cave Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Moore Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Grant Street, Last Street and Waterview Streets</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Waterview Street</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Short Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Hall Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Rocks Road</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ford Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Campbell Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Grave Street, Park Street and Grant Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Loch Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6 klms</b>

Junee Township

<i>Regent Street to Cable Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>Loughnan Road</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>DeSallis Drive</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Taylor Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Walster Street to Smythe Road</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Olympic Way</i>	<i>1.2 klm</i>
<i>Percy Street to Arnold Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Beach Street to Clarence Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Cuttle Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Fitzroy Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Crown Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>William Street</i>	<i>300 mtrs</i>
<i>George Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>McAllister Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Gundagai Road to Kahmoo Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Kahmoo Lane to Pitt Street</i>	<i>1.6 klm</i>
<i>Cedric Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.6 klms</b>

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

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**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2023**

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**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**

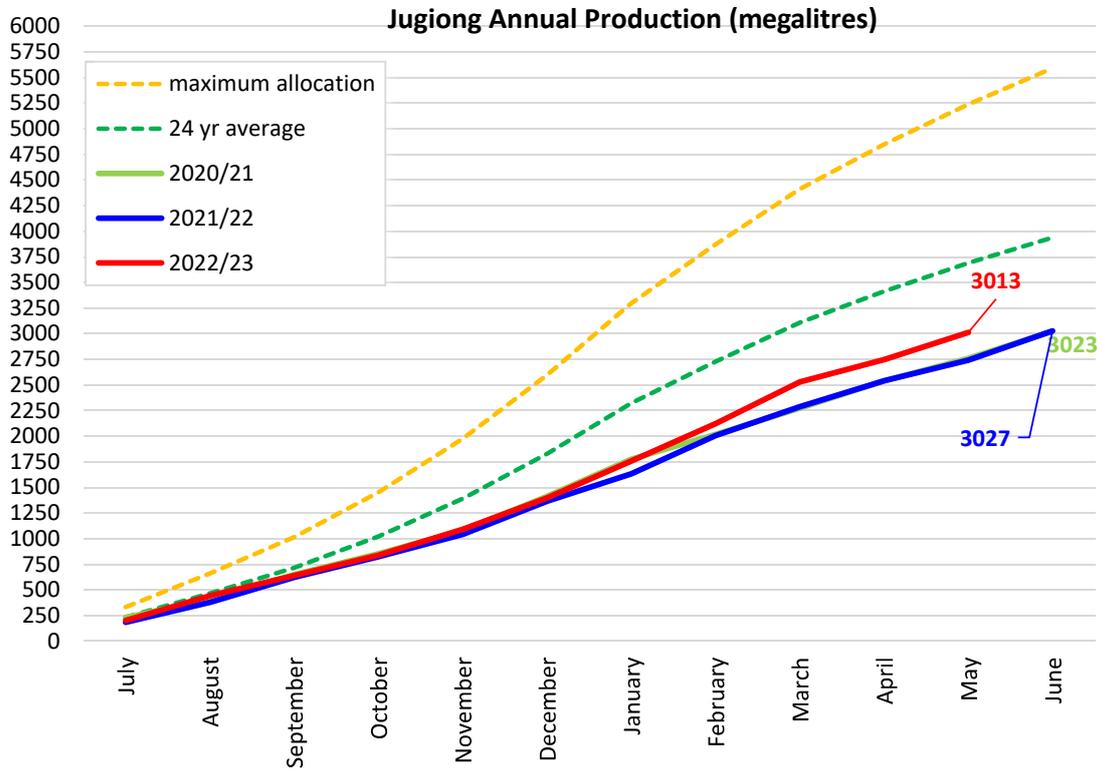
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

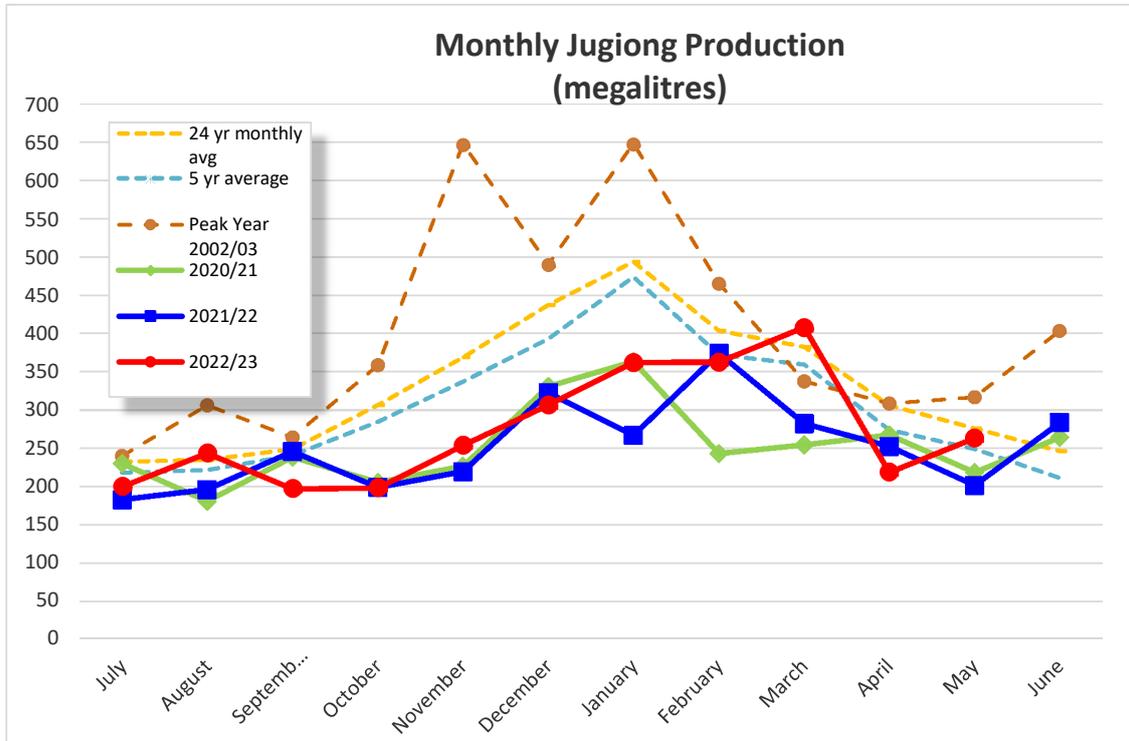
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Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 3013ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the same period in the 2021/22 FY where 2743ML was extracted. An increase of 270ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 199ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September, where only 197ML was extracted and treated. October saw an extraction of 198ML. November through to January saw a gradual increase in production as we moved into the warmer months. November (254ML), December (307ML) and January (362ML). February had a similar production to January (362ML) before a slight increase in March (408ML) extracted. With the onset of cooler months production in April reduced to (219ML) and before a slight increase for May (263ML).



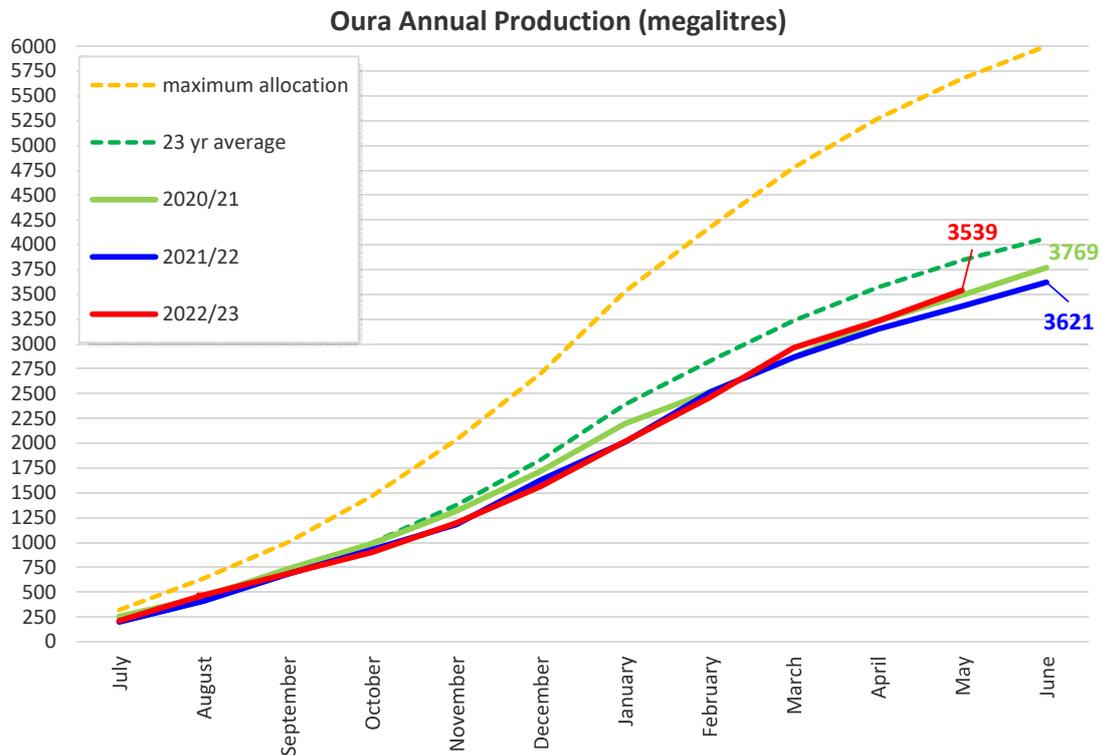
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**Oura Drinking Water Scheme**

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.

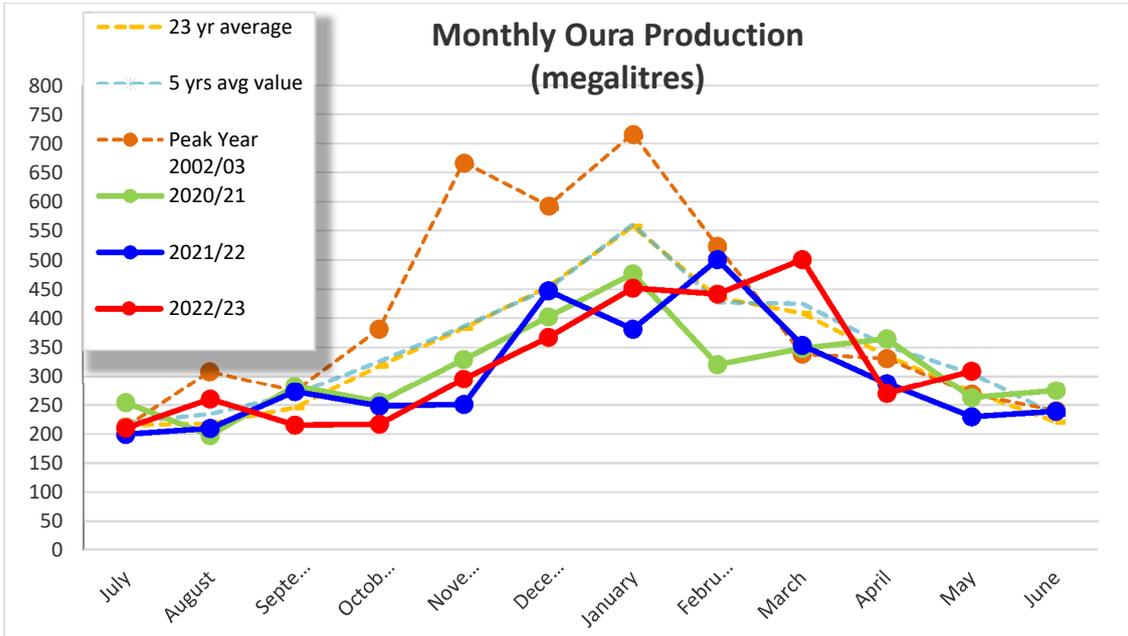
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 3539ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a slight increase in production compared to last FY where 3382ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 157ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September saw only 215ML extracted. October saw a further decrease where only 217ML was extracted. November through to January saw further production increases as we move into the warmer months. November (295ML), December (367ML) and January (452ML). February was slightly lower in production with (441ML) extracted before an increase in March saw (501ML) extracted from the Oura Bores. There was a large decrease in production for April (270ML) before a slight increase in Production in May (309ML).

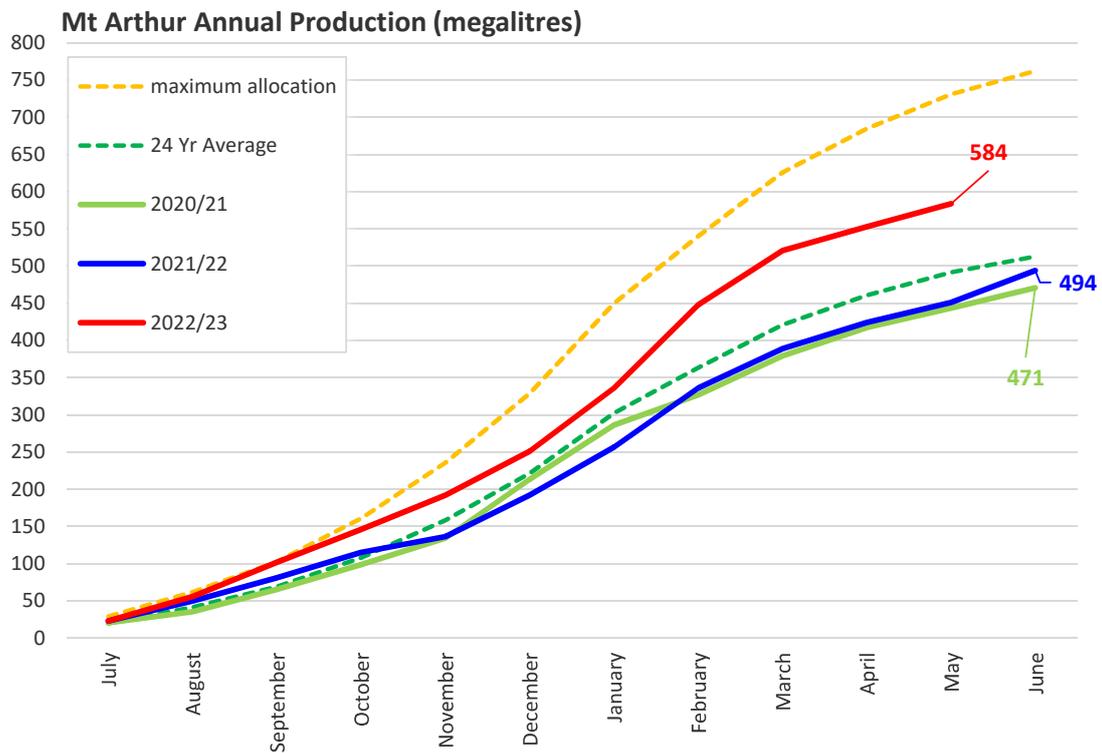


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**Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme**

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.

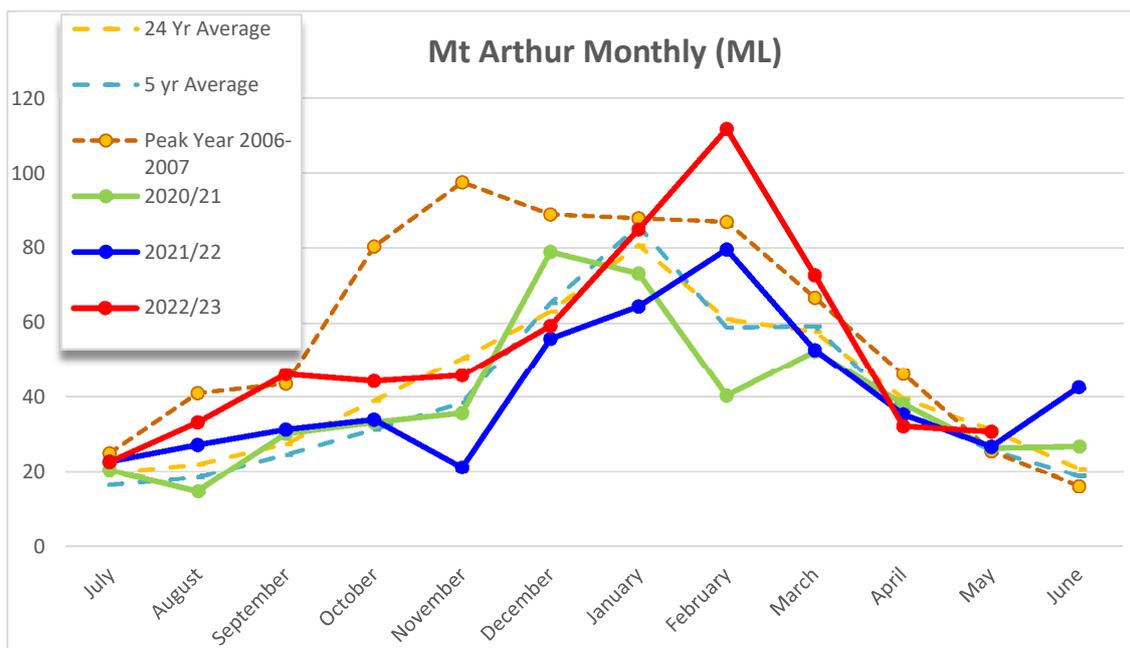
Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 584ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 451ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 133ML. This increase in Production over the year can be attributed to several bursts in Coolamon throughout the year, with a significant burst in February providing a significant loss of around 30ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending slightly higher to previous years. Whilst bursts have provided a loss of around 45ML for the year, production still appears to be above average, which indicates that either growth or non-residential usage is increasing.



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Mt Arthur monthly water production started very consistently to previous years with 23ML of water extracted from the bores in July before a significant increase in the following 2 months, August saw 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. This increase indicated a leak within the system, however finding was difficult with the wet catchment at the time.

October saw a slight decrease with 44ML extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. November through to January saw a steady increase every month as we move into the warmer months. November (46ML), December (59ML) and January (85ML) extracted. February data indicates a large spike in production where (112ML) was extracted before a reduction in Production for March (73ML). This was a significant leak identified within the town retic, discharging within the rail corridor. April saw a further reduction in Production to (32ML) before a further slight reduction in May where (31ML) was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores.

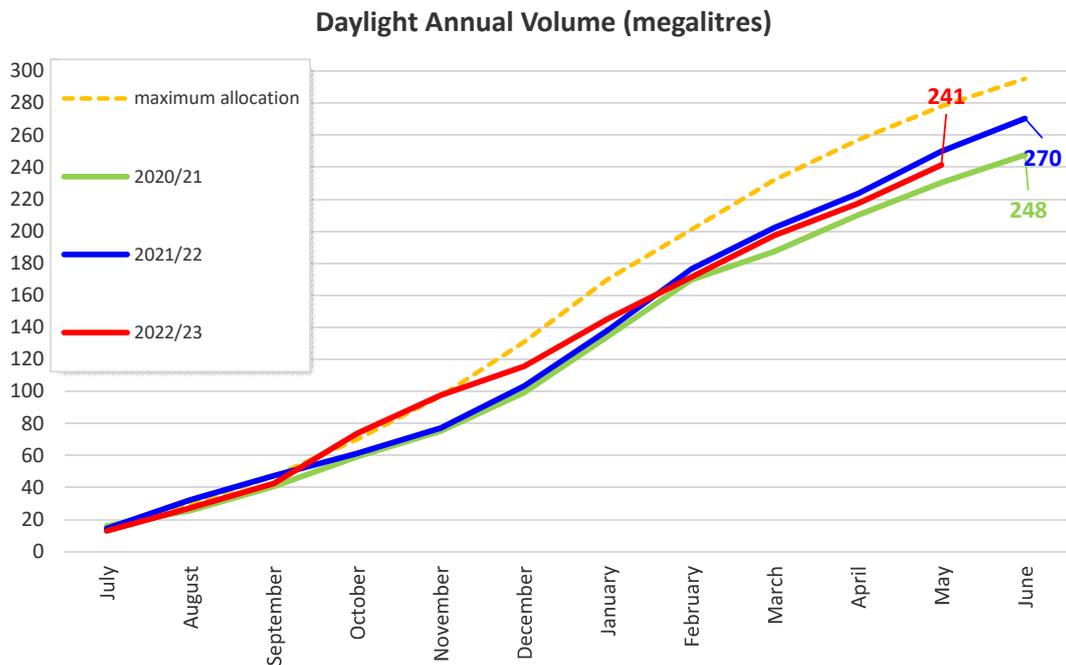


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**Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme**

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

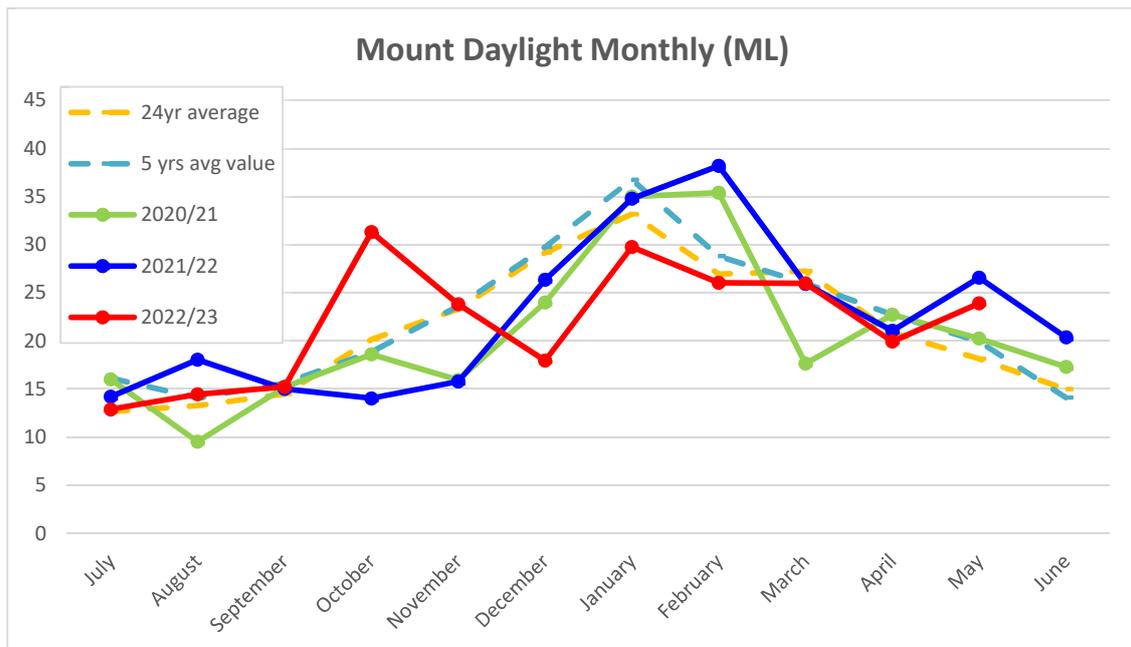
Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year, 241ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 9ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 250ML was produced over the same period. The steep increase in September/October indicates that a burst was evident in the scheme, interrogation of ClearSCADA pump run times indicates a pump had run for a long period of time also indicating a burst in the scheme. The burst was located on Harts Lane within the Mt Daylight scheme, again prolonged wet weather made it difficult to access and locate the burst.



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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores have started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML, September was steady with 15ML extracted before a dramatic increase for October where 31ML was extracted. As indicated this increases correlates to a burst in the system which has been located and fixed.

November through to January has seen some inconsistencies with production. These inconsistencies correlate to the prolonged period of flooding experienced at the bores. The period November and December saw a decrease in monthly extractions as both bores were under floodwater for up to 4-6 weeks. November saw 24ML produced with a further decrease in December where 18ML was produced. January saw an increase in production (30ML) as both bores were once again available for production as flood waters receded. February and March have been very consistent with (26ML) extracted for each of these months. April saw a decrease in Production (20ML) before a slight increase is evident in May (24ML).

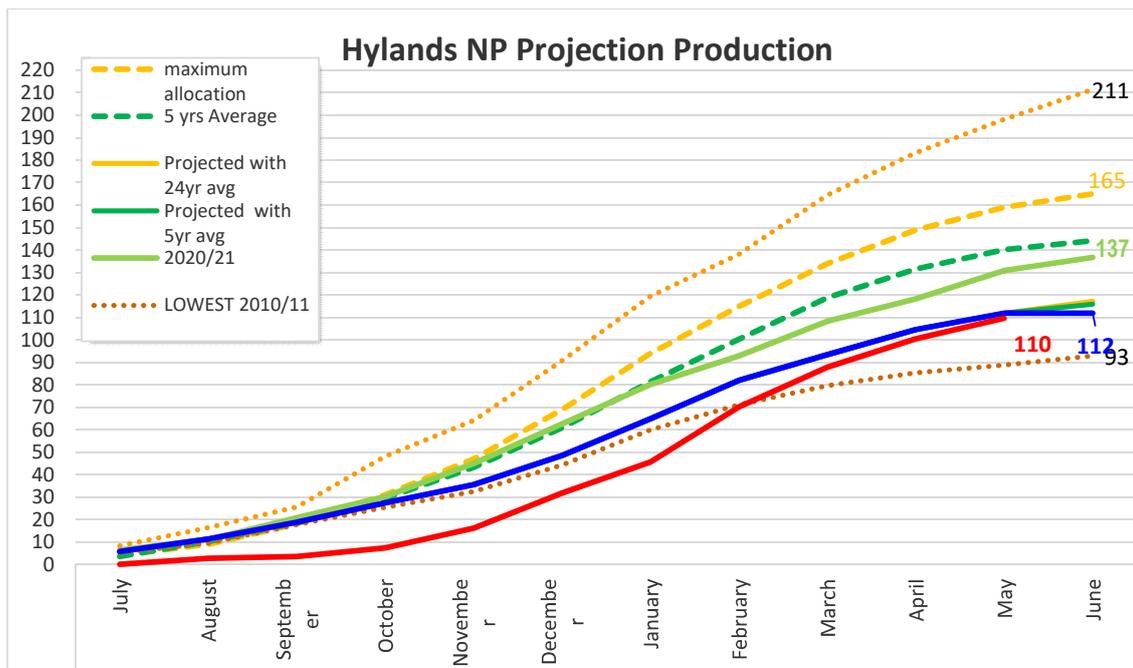


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**Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable**

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.

Eleven months into the 2022/23 financial year only 110ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel maintenance and pump issues during August/September. The Hylands Bridge Scheme has the ability for cross connection of supply from the Oura scheme at Barellan. When maintenance is undertaken on the channels supply for Barellan is cut over to the Oura scheme to maintain supply.



**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**LOCAL PREFERENCE**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**UPDATE ON ROSEHILL TO HARDEN PIPELINE EASEMENT**

**Report prepared by Engineering Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. Note the updated information within the report.
2. Authorise the General Manager or his delegate to endorse the easement acquisitions and instruct surveyor to finalise and lodge the plans and documentation with NSW Land Registry Services.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Policy NO. PP032, Goldenfields Water requires creation of easements for subsurface infrastructure such as pipelines, so they can easily access the relevant lands for construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of infrastructure. The easement gives Goldenfields Water an on-going legal right to have its infrastructure located on a property and to enter the property to maintain it even when that property changes ownership.

While there may exist statutory powers of entry under legislation such as the Local Government Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000, these statutory rights are not always sufficient for Goldenfields Water activities and purposes relating to infrastructure, and in these circumstances, easements will provide secure property rights to an Authority.

It is important to note that Goldenfields Water are not seeking to prohibit access or use of the land by creating an easement. Activities are still permitted within the easement area provided that they do not interfere with the rights and terms granted under the easement such as maintenance, replacement, repair or safe operation of the infrastructure.

**REPORT**

The Rosehill to Harden new pipeline construction has now been finalised, with the certificates of final completion shortly being released for both DN450 and DN500 sections. The new pipeline is running through a total of twenty-three (23) privately owned farming land parcels, which requires the creation of easements for water supply purpose.

Prior to construction commencing, each property owners were contacted with an offer based on a valuation report and deed of agreement for the acquisition of an easement over their land under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW).

After negotiation process, all registered proprietors of the lands have signed the relevant deed and agreed to the creation of the easement and its terms, with the exception of one (1) owner of six (6) land parcels who were being leased and subsequently got sold after construction had been completed in those parcels. The new owners who purchased the six (6) affected lots were not made aware of the proposed easements over their land during the purchase process. Goldenfields Water are still in the process of seeking agreement for the lots listed as “pending” in the table below. The pipeline was constructed with the appropriate approvals in place and

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have the rights afforded to them through Local Government Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000 to access, operate and maintain the pipeline.

A registered surveyor has now finalised the preparation of deposited plan of proposed easement over the following affected privately owned land parcels:

<b>Parcels with signed deed of agreement for acquisition of easement</b>	<b>Parcels with pending agreement for easement</b>
Lot 1 DP121873	Lot 132 DP1089613
Lot 1 DP356768	Lot 135 DP753590
Lot 133 DP455123	Lot 1 DP722205
Lot 1 DP652888	Lot 221 DP753610 (need to be added in easement plan)
Lots 137, 188 & 262 DP753590	Lot 222 DP753610
Lot 65 DP753610	Lot 6 DP798666
Lots 347 & 545 DP753624	
Lots 1, 5 & 6 DP1085624	
Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP1079104	
Lot 1 DP340355	

Goldenfields Water's staff and its solicitor are now reviewing the plan of proposed easement prior to the surveyor lodging the plan with NSW Land Registry Services (LRS) electronically.

Once the plan of proposed easement has been lodged with the LRS, a solicitor will organise for both parties to execute the Transfer Granting Easement documentation by both parties. Agreed compensation will then be paid to the affected proprietors of the land in accordance with agreed negotiated amount.

Goldenfields Water have two upcoming pipeline renewals projects in the area that will have subsequent landholder easement negotiations:

- Approximately 800m on DN500 pipeline between the Jugiong to Cowangs trunk main and the Rosehill pump station. This project has designs completed and are currently seeking easement agreements with the two affected landowners who have engaged a land valuation
- Kingsvale to Young pipeline upgrade approximately 12km of DN300 currently in design phase

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Easement costs were allowed for in project costs.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2023**

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**ADOPTION OF 2023/2024 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council adopts the 2023-2024 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display with the amendment to the Overdue Fees and Charges to 9% as detailed in the report.
2. The fees and charges be made for the 2023-2024 year, as detailed in the adopted 2023-2024 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an Operational Plan including an annual budget and annual fees and charges to be adopted before the beginning of each financial year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

**REPORT**

In accordance with legislative requirements the Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges has been on public exhibition for 28 days. No submissions have been received.

The Draft 2023-2024 Operational Plan, incorporating 2023-2024 Fees and Charges and 2023-2024 Budget Summaries is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

Adjustment of the Overdue Rates and Charges on page 87 has been increased from 6% to 9% in accordance with the OLG Circular 23-02 which was released on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

# OPERATIONAL PLAN



## 1: High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

### 1.1: Potable water supplies meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and Public Health requirements

#### 1.1.1: Drinking Water Management System is implemented

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.1.1	Drinking Water Management System Annual Reporting is completed	Drinking Water Management System annual reporting	Annual report developed and submitted to council by December prior to submission to NSW health	Production & Services Manager		X		

#### 1.1.2: Backflow prevention is in place for high risk connections

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.2.1	Low pressure areas - investigate and develop options for effective backflow prevention.	Reduced Pressure Zone Device (backflow prevention device) testing and audit is completed.	All RPZD's have been tested and audit is complete	Engineering Manager				X

#### 1.1.3: Goldenfields adheres to NSW Government Best Practice Management

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.3.1	Develop and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	Goldenfields Water adheres to best practice guidance for water and wastewater operations.	Goldenfields will develop and adopt a new IWCM strategy	Production * Services Manager		X		

## 1.2: Future growth is planned for and managed

### 1.2.1: Growth opportunities are considered through business planning

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.2.1.1	Economically viable extensions to the network are factored into Capital Works Program	GWCC progresses with Rosehill to Young strategy asset upgrades	Offtake to Rosehill pump station upgrade complete.	Engineering Manager				X
		West Wyalong Water Reliability Project Complete	Bypass trunk main, reticulated main, reservoir and pump station complete and operational.	Engineering Manager		X		

## 1.3: Water supply is reliable and efficient

### 1.3.1: Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.3.1.1	Written notifications and social media is utilised to provide notice of planned outages	Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed	Report on number of planned and unplanned disruptions for quarter	Operations Manager	X	X	X	X

### 1.3.2: New Temora Depot to support reticulation renewals and construction program

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.3.2.1	Capital Expenditure Review undertake	New Temora Depot construction is progressing	Construction of shed is completed. Detailed design of office building completed.	Engineering Manager				X

## 1.4: Our assets are managed and renewed in accordance with Council's Asset management systems

### 1.4.1: Strategic asset management documents and systems are adopted and updated to maintain validity and relevance

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.1.1	Continual update of asset financial data	Comprehensive revaluation of water infrastructure assets is completed.	Comprehensive revaluation of water infrastructure assets is completed.	Engineering Manager			X	

### 1.4.2: Assets are renewed in accordance with the requirements of the Asset Management Plans

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.2.1	Councils Capital Works Program is generated from the asset management system	Assets are renewed in accordance with the requirements of the asset management plans	Capital works program is generated from the asset management system	Engineering Manager				X
1.4.2.2	Projects are identified and planned in accordance with Council's asset management system	Council's backlog of works is reduced	Council's backlog of works is reduced.	Engineering Manager				X
		Minimum 10km of urban reticulation renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager				X
		Minimum 5km of rural renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager				X
		Minimum 5km trunk renewals completed (excluding Thanowring Road)	Progress report	Operations Manager				X
		Thanowring Road pipeline upgrade minimum 10km constructed	Progress report	Operations Manager		X	X	X

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.2.3	Asset capacity is determined to meet long term demands	Oura reservoir and aerator progresses	Oura reservoirs and aerators 80% complete	Engineering Manager				X
		Renewal of Jugiong WTP High Voltage Assets	Completion of new High Voltage building, transformers, switchgear and Variable Speed Drives.	Production & Services Manager				X

**1.4.3: Maintenance programs are developed and implemented**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.3.1	Annual maintenance programs - mains flushing, valves inspections, Reservoir inspections	Routine Mains Maintenance Program	Minimum 30km of mains flushing undertaken	Operations Manager				X

## 2: Customer Service Focus

### 2.1: Well trained and highly motivated workforce

#### 2.1.1: Workforce Strategy

#### 2.1.2: Staff professional development opportunities

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.2.1	Staff Development Plan process incorporates employee development through informal and formal professional development and training opportunities	Staff professional development opportunities	Staff Development Plan process incorporates employee development through informal and formal professional development and training opportunities	HR Coordinator			X	

#### 2.1.3: Build a diverse workforce

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.3.1	Action items from Goldenfields Water's EEO Management 2021-2025 implemented.	Build a diverse workforce	Action items from Goldenfields Water's EEO Management 2021-2025 implemented.	HR Coordinator				X

**2.1.4: Measure and improve employee engagement**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.4.1	Develop, implement and monitor organisation-wide training plan to ensure available funds for required training focusing on skills gaps and leadership	Measure and improve employee engagement	Develop, implement and monitor organisation-wide training plan to ensure available funds for required training focusing on skills gaps and leadership	HR Coordinator			X	

**2.2: Safe, healthy, and risk managed working environment exists for staff and the community****2.2.1: Integrated approach to safety risk management in the workplace**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2.1.1	MANEX team informed of WHS performance and accountable for continual improvement in workplace safety	Integrated approach to risk management in the workplace	MANEX team informed of WHS performance and accountable for continual improvement in workplace safety	WHS Coordinator	X	X	X	X
			Review of safe working practices and procedures					

**2.2.2: Implement WHS Program**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2.2.1	Wellness program undertaken	Implement WHS Program	Action items from Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2027	HR Coordinator			X	

## 2.3: Community satisfaction is built and maintained through provision of services and information

### 2.3.1: Inform our customers about projects, programs, issues etc

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.3.1.1	Social media utilised for promotion of projects, outages and upcoming works	Social Media and traditional uses of media utilised for promotion of projects, outages and upcoming works.	Social media statistics, visitors to website, strong presence on all Council social media pages, media articles featured in print media.	Community Engagement Officer	X	X	X	X

### 2.3.2: Undertake Customer Survey

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.3.2.1	Survey completed and results considered in relation to future planning	Customer survey undertaken	Conduct an online community survey (via Survey Monkey) and collate responses for the October 2023 Council Meeting.	Community Engagement Officer			X	

### 2.3.3: Develop and implement a customer engagement strategy

## 2.4: Financial Management

### 2.4.1: Long term financial plan reviewed and updated regularly

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.1.1	Long term financial plan reviewed and updated annually	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Corporate Services Manager				X

**2.4.2: Review and determine fees and charges consistent with the Long Term Financial Plan**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.2.1	Develop a long term pricing path. Review and determine fees and charges annually	Develop a long term pricing path. Review and determine fees and charges annually	Review and determine fees and charges annually	Corporate Services Manager				X

**2.4.3: Plant replacement program maintained to ensure safe and fit for purpose fleet**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.3.1	Prepare and review annual plant replacement program	Plant replacement program maintained to ensure safe and fit for purpose fleet	Prepare annual plant replacement program	Corporate Services Manager				X

**2.5: Improving performance and managing risk****2.5.1: Review and update Business Continuity Plan****2.5.2: Audit Risk and Improvement Committee function complies with Framework, regular meetings are held and internal audits undertaken**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.2.1	Hold ARIC meetings at least quarterly	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee function complies with Framework, regular meetings are held and internal audits undertaken	Review framework requirements at least annually Hold meetings at least quarterly Undertake internal audits in accordance with Strategic Internal Audit Plan	Corporate Services Manager	X	X	X	X

**2.5.3: Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.3.1	Prepare annual financial statements	Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes	Prepare Annual Financial Statements	Corporate Services Manager	X			
2.5.3.2	Prepare Quarterly Budget Reviews	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Corporate Services Manager	X	X	X	

**2.5.4: Maintain an up to date ICT infrastructure to ensure organisational efficiency**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.4.1	Develop annual ICT project plan	Maintain an up to date ICT infrastructure to ensure organisational efficiency	Develop annual ICT project plan	Corporate Services Manager			X	

**2.6: Regional Collaboration****2.6.1: Membership Joint Organisation**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.6.1.1	Active role in Joint Organisation initiatives	Membership RivJo and REROC	Goldenfields actively participates in REROC and projects with a joint interest.	General Manager				X

**2.6.2: Work with Constituent Councils**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.6.2.1	Facilitate regular meetings with Constituent Councils	Regular meetings with Constituent Councils	Goldenfields liaises with Constituent Councils to collaborate as required.	General Manager				X
2.6.2.2	Review and update SLA with bulk councils	Update SLA with Bulk Councils	New SLA developed and signed off between each Bulk Council and GWCC	General Manager				X

**3: A Healthy Natural Environment****3.1: Energy costs and usage are monitored and reduced through utilisation of alternative technologies and system innovations****3.1.1: Energy efficiency considered in infrastructure design and benefit cost assessments**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.1.1.1	Energy usage reduced where possible considering levels of service provisions	Energy usage records kept and monitored	Energy trends monitored for inclusion in future upgrades of facilities	Production & Services Manager				X

**3.1.2: Council Maintains an energy management system**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.1.2.1	Staff review annual energy consumption data	Council maintains an energy management system	Staff review annual consumption data to inform future upgrades and replacement requirements	Production & Services Manager				X

### 3.2: Environmentally adverse consequences are minimised from operations including water extraction, capital works and day to day operations

#### 3.2.1: All construction and maintenance work undertaken to minimise impact to the natural environment

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.2.1.1	Environmental impacts considered for each project through production of Review Environmental Factors	All construction and maintenance work undertaken to minimise impact to the natural environment	Environmental impacts considered for each capital project through production of Review Environmental Factors	Operations Manager	X	X	X	X

### 3.3: Potential effect of climate change on water supply is identified, planned and managed

#### 3.3.1: IWCM strategy to consider climate change affects in modelling

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.3.1.1	Climate change considered in demand and supply figures in development of IWCM	IWCM Strategy to consider climate change affects	Climate change considered in demand and supply figures	Production & Services Manager	X			

### 3.4: Water is used wisely with systems losses minimised and accounted for

#### 3.4.1: Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.4.1.1	Production and bulk meters are compared to identify losses within the system	Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for	Production data and demand data is utilised to monitor Non-Revenue water	Production & Services Manager				X

### 3: A HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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# STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

Council obtains its income from the following sources:

## Water Access and User Charges

Council has adopted a two-part water charge for each of its customer categories, consisting of an access charge based on service connection sizing and a user charge based on the water consumed. As part of its Delivery Program, Council has set its access and usage charges for the 2023/2024 year.

Council levies interest on overdue charges. The interest rate is maximum allowable – 9% for 2023/2024.

## Interest on Investments

Council invests surplus funds in accordance with its Investment Policy.

## Fees

Council charges appropriate fees for service. These fees are based on actual costs and ensure that those who benefit from the service pay for it.

## Private works

Occasionally Council carries out private works. Any such works are undertaken at price on application.

## Grants and subsidies

Council will receive the Pensioner Rebate Subsidy provided by the State Government in 2023/2024. This subsidy offsets 55% of the total rebate provided.

## Developer Contributions

Developers are required to pay the cost of providing the assets that they require. These costs usually fall into two categories:

The reticulated pipes which a developer is required to pay in full; and

A contribution towards the provision of infrastructure (headworks-e.g. treatment plants, major pipelines etc)

## Loan Borrowings

New capital infrastructure projects can be funded from borrowings. Council would normally expect that such borrowing approvals to be granted.

Council has not provided for any specific borrowings for 2023/2024.

## Access and Usage Charges Statement

The following is a brief explanation of how Council categorises its customer base.

## Residential

Customers are categorised as residential if:

The connection is within the Council's urbanized areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for residential accommodation (but not as a hotel, motel, guesthouse, boarding house, lodging house or nursing home).

It is a vacant land within this Council's urbanised areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network.

### **Non-Residential Rural**

Customers are categorised as non-residential rural if:

The connection is located outside this Council urbanized areas, is serviced directly from a main and the main use is for stock and domestic.

### **Non-residential Other**

Customers are categorised as non-residential other if:

The connection is within this Council's urbanized areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional.

Other remote and direct connections to mains outside of this Council's urbanized areas where there is no commercial rural activity.

### **Non-Residential High Volume Monthly**

Customers are categorised as non-residential high volume monthly if:

The main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional and the customer uses over 50,000kl pa.

### **Non-Residential Bulk Councils**

Hilltops Council and Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council together with water supplied to Riverina Water consumers are categorised as non-residential Bulk Councils.

Council's Annual Access and Usage charges, Interest, Fees, Private Works, and/or Developer Contributions are levied and or charged under various sections on the NSW Local Government Act including but not limited to sections 501, 502, 552, 566 section 64 and its cross reference to water Management Act section 305-307 and NSW Local Government Act Chapter 15, Part 10 Division 3

# COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT 2023-24



Goldenfields  
Water

# COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT 2023-24

Goldenfields Water County Council											
INCOME STATEMENT	Current Year Updated	Projected Years									
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000	2030/31 \$'000	2031/32 \$'000	2032/33 \$'000
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>											
Rates & Annual Charges	5,831	6,129	6,312	6,501	6,696	6,896	7,103	7,317	7,537	7,763	7,996
User Charges & Fees	15,407	17,163	17,677	18,209	18,755	19,318	19,896	20,495	21,109	21,740	22,394
Other Revenues	266	243	259	260	261	267	270	273	277	281	285
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	80	80	83	85	88	91	94	97	100	103	106
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	5,634	1,592	1,640	1,690	1,740	1,793	1,847	1,902	1,959	2,018	2,078
Interest & Investment Revenue	870	928	728	628	528	528	528	628	728	828	928
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>28,088</b>	<b>26,135</b>	<b>26,699</b>	<b>27,372</b>	<b>28,068</b>	<b>28,893</b>	<b>29,738</b>	<b>30,712</b>	<b>31,710</b>	<b>32,732</b>	<b>33,786</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>											
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	8,189	8,404	8,656	8,913	9,179	9,452	9,733	10,023	10,321	10,628	10,945
Materials & Contracts	8,585	8,969	9,238	9,515	9,800	10,094	10,397	10,709	11,030	11,361	11,702
Depreciation & Amortisation	8,420	8,480	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540	8,540
Other Expenses	163	172	177	182	187	193	199	205	211	217	224
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>25,358</b>	<b>26,024</b>	<b>26,611</b>	<b>27,150</b>	<b>27,706</b>	<b>28,279</b>	<b>28,869</b>	<b>29,477</b>	<b>30,102</b>	<b>30,747</b>	<b>31,411</b>
<b>Net Operating Result for the Year</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>2,375</b>
<b>Net Operating Result before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes</b>	<b>(2,903)</b>	<b>(1,481)</b>	<b>(1,552)</b>	<b>(1,467)</b>	<b>(1,378)</b>	<b>(1,179)</b>	<b>(978)</b>	<b>(667)</b>	<b>(352)</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>298</b>

Goldenfields Water County Council											
BALANCE SHEET	Current Year					Projected Years					
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>Current Assets</b>											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,943	1,759	1,633	1,485	1,211	1,346	1,454	1,656	1,867	2,173	2,515
Investments	21,100	12,612	11,703	10,647	8,683	9,646	10,426	11,871	13,387	15,579	18,033
Receivables	5,706	5,622	5,556	5,628	5,602	5,595	5,608	5,602	5,602	5,604	5,603
Inventories	712	751	746	737	745	742	741	743	742	742	742
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>30,462</b>	<b>20,745</b>	<b>19,638</b>	<b>18,497</b>	<b>16,241</b>	<b>17,329</b>	<b>18,230</b>	<b>19,872</b>	<b>21,599</b>	<b>24,098</b>	<b>26,893</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>											
Investments	11,000	6,575	6,101	5,551	4,527	5,029	5,435	6,189	6,979	8,122	9,401
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	301,906	321,068	328,924	336,524	346,179	351,305	356,926	361,927	367,209	371,777	376,361
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>312,906</b>	<b>327,643</b>	<b>335,025</b>	<b>342,074</b>	<b>350,705</b>	<b>356,334</b>	<b>362,361</b>	<b>368,115</b>	<b>374,189</b>	<b>379,899</b>	<b>385,762</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>343,368</b>	<b>348,388</b>	<b>354,663</b>	<b>360,571</b>	<b>366,946</b>	<b>373,663</b>	<b>380,591</b>	<b>387,987</b>	<b>395,787</b>	<b>403,997</b>	<b>412,655</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>											
<b>Current Liabilities</b>											
Payables	1,613	1,730	1,825	1,722	1,759	1,769	1,750	1,759	1,759	1,756	1,758
Provisions	2,623	2,728	2,810	2,895	2,981	3,071	3,163	3,258	3,356	3,456	3,560
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4,236</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>4,617</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,839</b>	<b>4,913</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>5,115</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>5,318</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>											
Payables	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	9	8	9
Provisions	126	131	135	139	143	147	152	156	161	166	171
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,778</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>4,892</b>	<b>4,995</b>	<b>5,073</b>	<b>5,182</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>5,497</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>338,997</b>	<b>343,791</b>	<b>349,885</b>	<b>355,807</b>	<b>362,054</b>	<b>368,668</b>	<b>375,517</b>	<b>382,805</b>	<b>390,503</b>	<b>398,611</b>	<b>407,158</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>											
Retained Earnings	97,597	97,707	97,795	98,017	98,380	98,994	99,862	101,097	102,705	104,690	104,506
Revaluation Reserves	242,751	248,606	254,648	260,056	265,825	271,564	277,203	282,918	288,616	294,300	299,999
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>340,348</b>	<b>346,313</b>	<b>352,444</b>	<b>358,074</b>	<b>364,204</b>	<b>370,558</b>	<b>377,065</b>	<b>384,015</b>	<b>391,321</b>	<b>398,990</b>	<b>404,505</b>
Total Cash & Investments	35,043	20,947	19,437	17,683	14,421	16,020	17,315	19,716	22,234	25,874	29,949

Goldenfields Water County Council											
CASH FLOW STATEMENT	Current Year					Projected Years					
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>											
<b>Receipts:</b>											
Rates & Annual Charges	5,736	6,165	6,320	6,484	6,705	6,896	7,100	7,319	7,537	7,763	7,996
User Charges & Fees	15,331	17,237	17,652	18,200	18,769	19,312	19,896	20,497	21,107	21,740	22,394
Investment & Interest Revenue Received	700	998	738	598	545	527	523	632	727	827	929
Grants & Contributions	5,676	1,838	1,954	1,894	2,000	2,058	2,096	2,166	2,225	2,283	2,349
Other	311	178	288	262	249	273	269	271	279	280	284
<b>Payments:</b>											
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	(8,198)	(8,414)	(8,646)	(8,916)	(9,180)	(9,450)	(9,733)	(10,023)	(10,321)	(10,629)	(10,945)
Materials & Contracts	(8,900)	(8,912)	(9,171)	(9,579)	(9,780)	(10,087)	(10,409)	(10,704)	(11,030)	(11,363)	(11,701)
Other	(163)	(172)	(177)	(182)	(187)	(193)	(199)	(205)	(211)	(217)	(224)
<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>10,493</b>	<b>8,917</b>	<b>8,958</b>	<b>8,762</b>	<b>9,121</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>9,954</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>11,083</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>											
<b>Receipts:</b>											
Sale of Investment Securities	8,982	12,912	1,383	1,607	2,988	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments:</b>											
Purchase of Investment Securities	-	-	-	-	-	(1,465)	(1,186)	(2,199)	(2,307)	(3,334)	(3,733)
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(12,958)	(19,162)	(7,857)	(7,599)	(9,655)	(5,127)	(5,620)	(5,001)	(5,283)	(4,568)	(4,584)
<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities</b>	<b>(3,976)</b>	<b>(6,249)</b>	<b>(6,473)</b>	<b>(5,993)</b>	<b>(6,667)</b>	<b>(6,592)</b>	<b>(6,807)</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>(7,589)</b>	<b>(7,902)</b>	<b>(8,317)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>											
<b>Receipts:</b>											
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments:</b>											
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>2,766</b>
<b>plus: Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents - beginning of year</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>12,128</b>	<b>14,613</b>	<b>17,382</b>	<b>19,836</b>	<b>22,581</b>	<b>25,317</b>	<b>28,071</b>	<b>30,794</b>	<b>33,576</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents - end of the year</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>12,128</b>	<b>14,613</b>	<b>17,382</b>	<b>19,836</b>	<b>22,581</b>	<b>25,317</b>	<b>28,071</b>	<b>30,794</b>	<b>33,576</b>	<b>36,342</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the year	9,460	12,128	14,613	17,382	19,836	22,581	25,317	28,071	30,794	33,576	36,342
Investments - end of the year	32,100	19,188	17,804	16,198	13,210	14,674	15,861	18,060	20,367	23,701	27,434
<b>Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; Investments - end of the year</b>	<b>41,560</b>	<b>31,316</b>	<b>32,417</b>	<b>33,580</b>	<b>33,046</b>	<b>37,256</b>	<b>41,178</b>	<b>46,131</b>	<b>51,160</b>	<b>57,277</b>	<b>63,776</b>

Goldenfields Water Budget Result 2023/24			
	Operating Activities (\$'000)	Capital Activities (\$'000)	Net Result (\$'000)
<b>1 . FISCAL BUDGET RESULT</b>			
Operating Revenues	26,135		
Operating Expenses (incl Depreciation)	26,024		
Operating Result	111	0	111
<i>add back</i>			
Depreciation Expense	8,480		
Capex Program Expenditure		22,643	
Asset Sales/Trade Ins		738	
<b>RESULT Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8,591</b>	<b>(23,381)</b>	<b>(14,790)</b>
<i>RESULT - a deficit will need to be funded as shown below</i>			
<b>2. FUNDING BUDGET RESULT</b>			
Fiscal Budget Result (Above)	8,591	(23,381)	
<i>Internal Reserve Funding</i>			
Net Tfr from/(to) Employee Leave Entitlements	0		
Net Tfr from/(to) Plant & Vehicle Replacement		283	
Net Tfr from/(to) Infrastructure Replacement		9,730	
Net Tfr from/(to) Property Asset Reserve		0	
Net Tfr from/(to) Sales Fluctuation	-		
<b>RESULT Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8,591</b>	<b>(13,368)</b>	<b>(4,778)</b>
<i>RESULT - a surplus will increase Available Working Capital</i>			

Customer Categories	\$'000	% Within Category	% of Total
<b>Residential</b>	<b>7,163</b>		<b>31.0%</b>
Access Charges	1,845	26%	
Usage Charges	5,318	74%	
<b>Non-Residential Rural</b>	<b>5,404</b>		<b>23.4%</b>
Access Charges	1,655	31%	
Usage Charges	3,749	69%	
<b>Non-Residential Other</b>	<b>2,523</b>		<b>10.9%</b>
Access Charges	1,061	42%	
Usage Charges	1,462	58%	
<b>Non-Residential High Volume Monthly</b>	<b>1,577</b>		<b>6.8%</b>
Access Charges	45	3%	
Usage Charges	1,532	97%	
<b>Non-Residential Bulk Council</b>	<b>6,413</b>		<b>27.8%</b>
Access Charges	1,674	26%	
Usage Charges	4,739	74%	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED YIELD</b>	<b>23,080</b>		<b>100%</b>

Goldenfields Water County Council		
2023/24 BUDGETED CASH POSITION	Current Year 2022/23 \$'000	Projected 2023/24 \$'000
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Position</b>		
Change in net assets from continuing operations	2,731	111
Add back Non Cash Expenses		
Depreciation	8,420	8,480
Add Cashflows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	738	617
Less Cashflows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(25,552)	(22,643)
<b>Cash Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(13,663)</b>	<b>(13,436)</b>
<b>Equity Movements</b>		
Reserve Funds - Increase / (Decrease)	(13,663)	(13,436)

Goldenfields Water County Council		
2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY	Current Year 2022/23 \$'000	Projected 2023/24 \$'000
<b>Capital Budget</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Capital Funding</b>		
Capital Grants & Contributions	5,634	1,592
Proceeds from sale - Infrastructure, Property Plant & Equipment	738	617
Internal Restrictions	22,083	21,916
Operating Revenue	(2,903)	(1,481)
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>25,552</b>	<b>22,643</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>		
<b>New Assets</b>		
Water Supply Infrastructure	5,902	2,170
Plant & Equipment	-	550
IT / Office Equipment	-	-
Land & Buildings	100	1,500
<b>Renewal Assets</b>		
Water Supply Infrastructure	17,813	17,005
Plant & Equipment	1,600	1,288
IT / Office Equipment	60	80
Furniture & Fittings	5	-
Land & Buildings	72	50
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>25,552</b>	<b>22,643</b>

<b>GOLDENFIELDS WATER BUDGET RESULT 2022/23</b>				
<b>CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET 2024 - 2027</b>	<b>Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>Budget 2024/25</b>	<b>Budget 2025/26</b>	<b>Budget 2026/27</b>
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Asset Sales	616,500	500,000	500,000	500,000
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,591,800	1,640,000	1,689,500	1,740,400
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,208,300</b>	<b>2,140,000</b>	<b>2,189,500</b>	<b>2,240,400</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>NEW SYSTEM ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Plant & Equipment	550,000	0	0	0
Land & Buildings	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	0
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Mains - Reticulation	800,000	0	0	0
Pump Stations & Bores	400,000	0	0	3,845,000
Reservoir Sites	880,000	0	0	1,000,000
Treatment Plant	50,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL NEW SYSTEM ASSETS</b>	<b>4,220,000</b>	<b>1,540,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>4,885,000</b>
<b>RENEWALS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Plant & Equipment	1,288,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Information technology	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Furniture & Office Equipment	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Land & Buildings	50,000	250,000	50,000	50,000
Mains - Trunk	4,150,000	1,680,000	2,480,000	300,000
Mains - Reticulation	2,000,000	3,500,000	2,530,000	1,400,000
Mains - Rural	400,000	430,000	430,000	600,000
Pump Stations & Bores	3,175,000	720,000	3,100,000	2,825,000
Reservoir Sites	5,550,000	1,550,000	1,450,000	150,000
Treatment Plant	1,530,000	30,000	30,000	1,580,000
Emergency Works	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>TOTAL NEW SYSTEM ASSETS</b>	<b>18,423,000</b>	<b>9,650,000</b>	<b>11,560,000</b>	<b>8,395,000</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>	<b>22,643,000</b>	<b>11,190,000</b>	<b>11,600,000</b>	<b>13,280,000</b>

## **FEES & CHARGES**



Goldenfields  
Water

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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## Goldenfields Water County Council

### Access Charges (Annual)

#### Residential

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$55.50	\$212.00	\$222.00		
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$87.00	\$332.00	\$348.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$143.00	\$544.00	\$572.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$222.50	\$848.00	\$890.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$348.50	\$1,328.00	\$1,394.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$891.00	\$3,394.00	\$3,564.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

#### Non-Residential - Rural

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$178.50	\$680.00	\$714.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$278.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,112.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$457.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,828.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$713.00	\$2,716.00	\$2,852.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$1,114.00	\$4,244.00	\$4,456.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$2,852.00	\$10,864.00	\$11,408.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

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Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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**Non-Residential - Rural** [continued]

20mm Connection - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC Quarterly Charge: \$127.25	\$332.00	\$509.00		
25mm Connection - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC Quarterly Charge: \$198.75	\$518.00	\$795.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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### Non-Residential - Other

Includes: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Community, Direct and Remote

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$97.50	\$372.00	\$390.00		
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$152.00	\$580.00	\$608.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$251.00	\$956.00	\$1,004.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$390.00	\$1,486.00	\$1,560.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$612.50	\$2,334.00	\$2,450.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$1,571.00	\$5,984.00	\$6,284.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
100mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$2,450.50	\$9,336.00	\$9,802.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

### Non-Residential - High Volume (Monthly)

20mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$28.00	\$318.00	\$336.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
25mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$43.50	\$498.00	\$522.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
32mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$71.00	\$816.00	\$852.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
40mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$111.00	\$1,272.00	\$1,332.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
50mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$174.00	\$1,992.00	\$2,088.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
80mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$445.00	\$5,088.00	\$5,340.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

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Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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**Non-Residential - High Volume (Monthly)** [continued]

100mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$696.00	\$7,956.00	\$8,352.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
150mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$1,566.00	\$17,892.00	\$18,792.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N

**Non-Residential - Bulk Councils**

Applied per equivalent no. of 20mm connections	\$144.00	\$152.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
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**Vacant Unconnected Properties**

20mm Connection (applied to new subdivisions after 1/07/2011) Quarterly Charge: \$55.50	\$212.00	\$222.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N
25mm Connection (applied to new subdivisions after 1/07/2011) Quarterly Charge: \$87.00	\$321.00	\$348.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N

**Consumption Charges (per kilolitre)**

\* Excess Charges apply when allocated volumes exceeded

Residential Charge - all consumption	\$2.60	\$2.73	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Non-Residential Rural - all consumption*	\$1.93	\$2.03	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Non-Residential Rural - Mandamah consumption*	\$2.60	\$2.73	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502 and Section 552	N
Non-Residential Rural - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC*	\$1.66	\$1.82	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Non-Residential Other - all consumption*	\$2.16	\$2.27	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Non-Residential High Volume Monthly consumption*	\$2.35	\$2.47	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Non-Residential Bulk Council - all consumption	\$1.77	\$1.86	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
*Excess Charges	\$4.00	\$4.20	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N

**Water Filling Stations & Temporary Water Supply Charges**

**Water Filling Station Charges**

AvData Key Deposit	\$50.00	\$50.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Minimum AvData when purchased at Goldenfields Water Office	\$60.00	\$60.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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### Standpipe / Temporary Water Supply Charges

Deposit for Non-Local Customer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Short Term Hire (per week or part thereof)	\$90.00	\$95.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Annual Hire (per annum of part thereof - nil consumption allow)	\$350.00	\$368.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 501	N
All Portable Standpipe Water Sales - per kilolitre - Commercial, Portable & Temporary	\$4.00	\$4.20	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N
Maximum Retail Charge - per kilolitre - Standpipe / Filling Station Water Sales	\$5.30	\$5.57	Local Government Act 1993   Section 502	N

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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## Connection & Developer Charges

### Water Connection & Development Proposals

Assess development proposals (incl subdivision, strata & community/neighbourhood plans - per connection) incl site inspection

Single connection	\$315.00	\$330.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Up to 5 connections	\$245.00	\$257.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
6 to 15 connections	\$220.00	\$231.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
16 to 30 connections	\$190.00	\$200.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
> 30 connections		POA	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

### Infrastructure Charges

Equivalent Tenement (ET) = 250 kilolitres per annum

Retail DSP areas (per ET)	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
Bulk Council DSP areas (per ET)	\$7,134.00	\$7,134.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N

### Augmentation Charges - Tapping, Service and Meter Charges

**Downsizing a Connection:** half the regular cost of the resultant connection size

**Augmentations:** additional charges may apply where Dial Before You Dig indicates other services that require external location

20mm Connection	\$1,900.00	\$1,995.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
25mm Connection	\$2,100.00	\$2,205.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
32mm Connection	\$2,750.00	\$2,888.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
40mm Connection	\$3,200.00	\$3,360.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
50mm Connection	\$3,750.00	\$3,938.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N

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Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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### Augmentation Charges - Tapping, Service and Meter Charges [continued]

> 50mm Connection		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
20mm Connection where service pipe has already been laid	\$380.00	\$400.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
25mm Connection where service pipe has already been laid	\$480.00	\$504.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000)   Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 1 Quarterly Charge: \$132.75	\$531.00	\$531.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 2 Quarterly Charge: \$132.75	\$521.00	\$531.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 3 Quarterly Charge: \$132.75	\$511.00	\$531.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 4 Quarterly Charge: \$131.25	\$500.00	\$525.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 552	N

## Customer Services

### Bulk Customer Charges

Bulk Customer - Backflow Device Testing (per device) plus additional hourly rates may apply	\$355.00	\$373.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Backflow Installation	\$1,910.00	\$2,010.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Trunk Main New Connection	\$13,738.00	\$14,425.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Trunk Main Relocation During Construction Fee	\$6,312.00	\$6,628.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

### Backflow Prevention

\*Charges apply to 20mm installation. Larger sizes charged at cost.

Installation of RPZD device (incl cost of device)*	\$1,030.00	\$1,080.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Inspection & Testing of Backflow Prevention Device (per device) plus additional hourly charges may apply	\$355.00	\$373.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Installation of Double Check Valve*	\$281.00	\$295.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Yearly Servicing of Double Check Valve	\$69.00	\$72.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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### Pipe Locations

Locate Only (min 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$160/hr)		Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Locate and Expose (min 24 hours notice) (min 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$160/hr)		Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

### Engineering Services

Site Inspections (per visit)	\$320.00	\$335.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Pressure and Flow Test	\$360.00	\$380.00		N
Pressure Testing of New Mains	\$875.00	\$919.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Chlorination / Disinfection of New Mains (per service)	\$875.00	\$919.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Cutting in of New Mains		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Attend Bursts or Emergency Repairs - during developer defect liability period		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Site Survey (per day)	\$960.00	\$1,010.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Design and Drafting including Plans (per day)	\$1,050.00	\$1,102.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Review Developer Designs and Documentation		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Engineering Consult per hour (min 1 hour)	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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### Private Works

Private Works Admin Fee		10% (Max \$500)	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	Y
Hire rates for Labour, Plant & Equipment		POA	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	Y

### Other Charges

#### Administrative Fees

##### Administration

Statutory Charges, to be determined.

S603 Certificate - Search Enquiry Certificate Fee (State Govt scheduled fee) - per property	\$90.00	\$95.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 603	N
S603 Certificate Urgency Fee - process in less than three working days (incl Certificate)	\$180.00	\$190.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 603 and Section 608	N
Restriction / Disconnection Attendance Fee - Permanent or Temporary (non-payment of account or at customer request)	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Reconnection Fee after Temporary Restriction / Disconnection	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Debt Recovery Attendance Fee (serving notices)	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

#### Meter Test Deposit

Non-refundable if meter registers less than 4% more than the correct quantity

20 or 25mm meter	\$154.00	\$162.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
32 or 40mm meter	\$234.00	\$246.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
50 or 80mm meter	\$258.00	\$271.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
> 80mm meter	\$310.00	\$325.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

#### Special Meter Reading

Refundable if routine reading by Council is in error

Routine service (min 48 hours notice)	\$93.00	\$98.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Same Day Service	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Special Enquiry/Certificate/Attendance Fee per hour (min 1 hour)	\$160.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

#### Other

Interest on Overdue Accounts (State Govt scheduled rate)		9% <del>6%</del>	Local Government Act 1993   Section 566	N
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Name	Year 22/23 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
<b>Other</b> [continued]				
Processing of Dishonoured Cheques	\$55.00	\$55.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Processing of Dishonoured Direct Debit (initial \$0, each subsequent dishonour)	\$25.00	\$25.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Reallocate Electronic Payment of Water Account	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Copy of Documents (per copy) when freely available from website	\$35.00	\$37.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A4 Black & White	\$0.50	\$0.50	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A4 Colour	\$2.00	\$2.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A3 Black & White	\$1.00	\$1.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A3 Colour	\$3.00	\$3.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Copy - Water Notice	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Copy - Water Account Financial Data	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N
Copy - S603 Certificate	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993   Section 608	N

### Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Requests

Statutory Charges, to be determined.

Application Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009   Section 41	N
Processing Charge (/hr after first 20hrs)	\$30.00	\$30.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009   Section 64	N
Internal Review	\$40.00	\$40.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009   Section 85	N
Amendment of Records		No Cost		N

**NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 10.00am

**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

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

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The meeting commenced at 10.04am

**PRESENT**

Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr J Piper, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr A White.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr J Chapman (Corporate Services Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that a leave of absence be granted to Cr G Sinclair.**

**2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

Nil

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

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**6. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/012 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Piper and McAlister that the minutes of the meetings held on 23 February 2023, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**12. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

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

Nil

**14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

Nil

**15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.06am**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and the public.

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/013 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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**16. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**16.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**

**16.1.1. ENERGY CONTRACT UPDATE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/014 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the Board note the information provided within the report regarding new energy Agreements negotiated with Shell Energy.

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

*Commercial information of a confidential matter that would, if disclosed:*

*(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*

**16.1.2. OURA WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES – DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RESERVOIRS AND MULTI-TRAY AERATOR TENDER –  
02/2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board approve:

- a. To award the Design & Construction lump sum contract for the Oura Reservoirs and Aerator Tender to Quay Civil Pty Ltd for \$10,536,418.92 ex GST\***
- b. Authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Quay Civil Pty Ltd**
- c. Approve an updated budget allocation of \$12,643,702.70 noting an allowance of 20% contingency as detailed in the report.**

*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:*

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*(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it,*

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**16.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER**

**16.2.1. JINDALEE FEEDLOT EXPANSION – REQUEST FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
BENEFIT CONSIDERATION**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/016 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and Morris that the Board:

- 1. Note the information provided within the report and attachments**
- 2. Decline to offer a reduction in Developer Infrastructure Charges to Teyes Australia Southern Pty Ltd, for Jindalee Feedlot, Springdale, Lot 1 DP 572118**

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

**16.2.2. WOMBAT RESERVOIR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT TENDER – 01/2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/017 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and Piper that the Board:

- 1. Pursuant to section 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the County Council declines to accept any of the tender submissions in response to Tender 01/2023 Wombat Reservoir Design and Construct Tender, and**
- 2. Pursuant to section 178(3)(a) of the Regulation, cancel the proposal for the contract**

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

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

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/018 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and Callow that there being no further confidential items that the Board revert back to Open Session, and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

*11.00am – Confidential Session exited.*

*The General Manager read out the resolutions made in CONFIDENTIAL session*

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**17. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL**

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

**17.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/019 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

**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 increased by \$597,423.43 from \$36,345,841.09 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to \$36,943,264.52 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Cash and Investment Portfolio**

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	16/12/2022	5/04/2023	110	3.83	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	16/12/2022	5/04/2023	110	3.91	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	28/04/2022	3/05/2023	370	2.73	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	9/02/2023	11/05/2023	91	4.03	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	3.37	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Southern Cross Credit Union	At Maturity	8/03/2023	26/06/2023	110	4.30	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.55	2.89	\$1,033,710
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	2.89	\$10,208
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$1,899,347
<b>TOTAL:</b>										<b>\$36,943,265</b>

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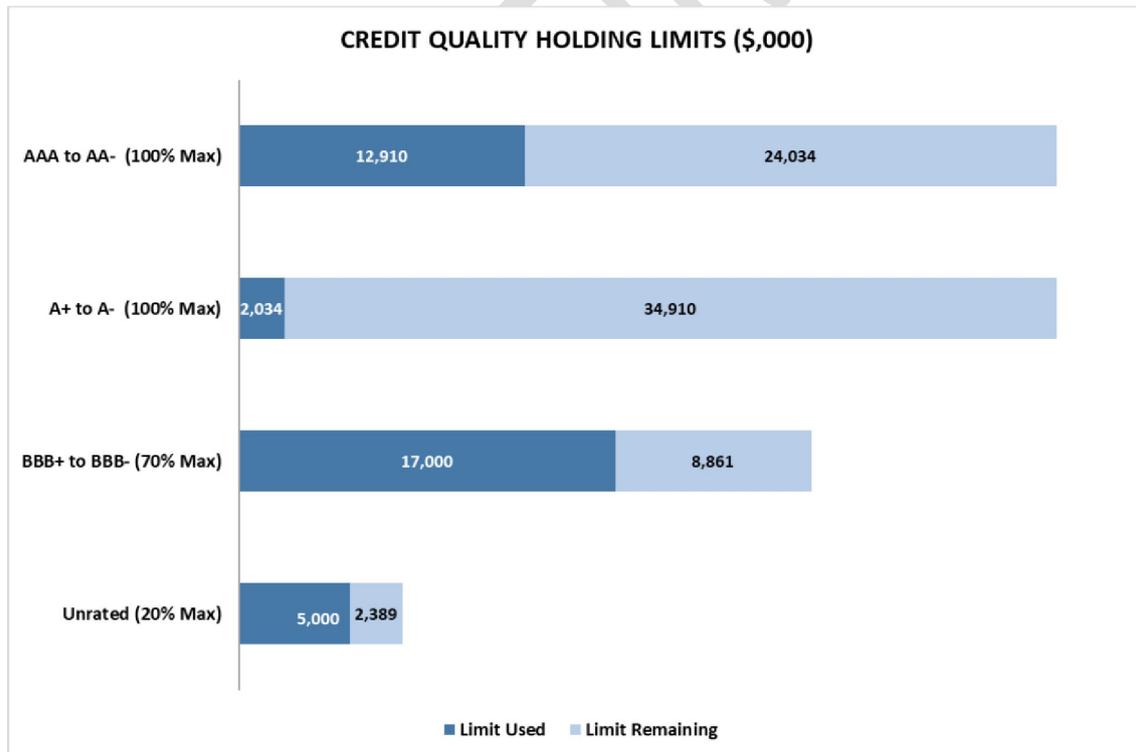
**Portfolio Performance**

Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio underperformed by 0.11% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for March was 3.61%.

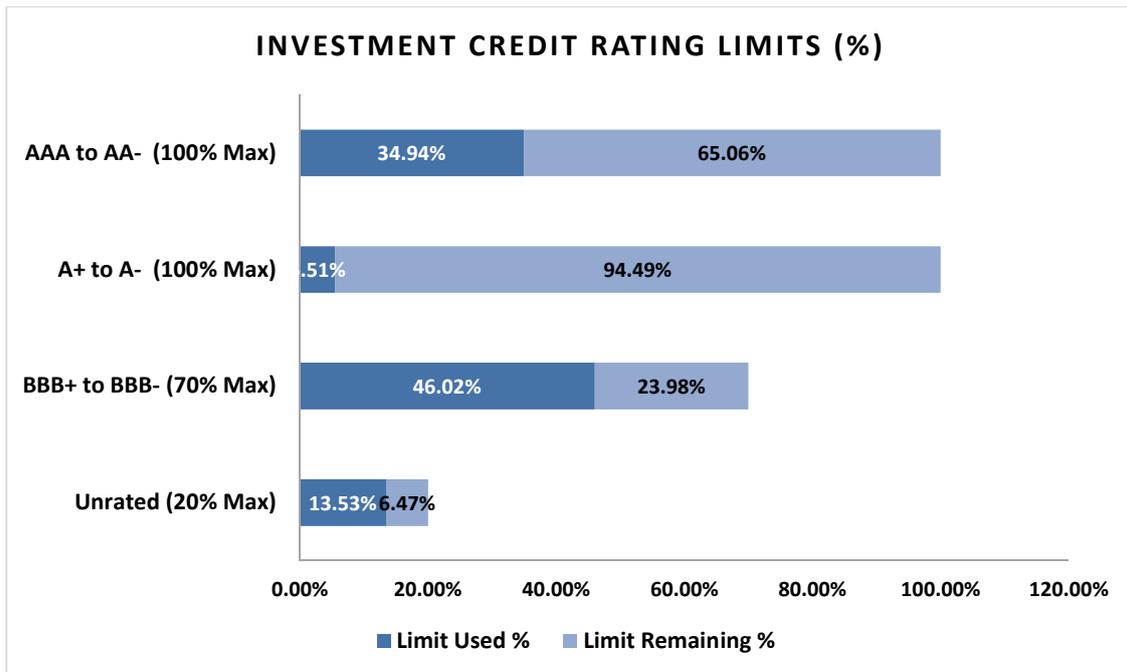
<b>Total Cost</b> <b>36,943,265</b>	<b>Yearly Interest Received</b> <b>477,073</b>	<b>Weighted Average Term</b> <b>280 days</b>
<b>Total Portfolio Value</b> <b>37,288,251</b>	<b>Monthly Interest Received</b> <b>47,864</b>	<b>Weighted Average Yield</b> <b>3.61%</b>

**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.



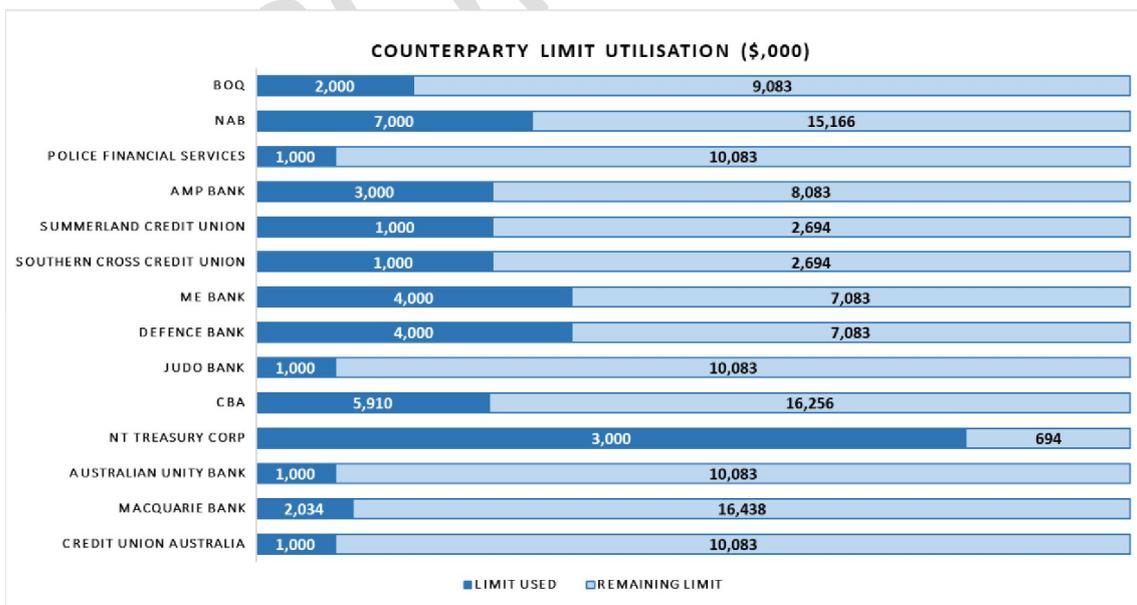
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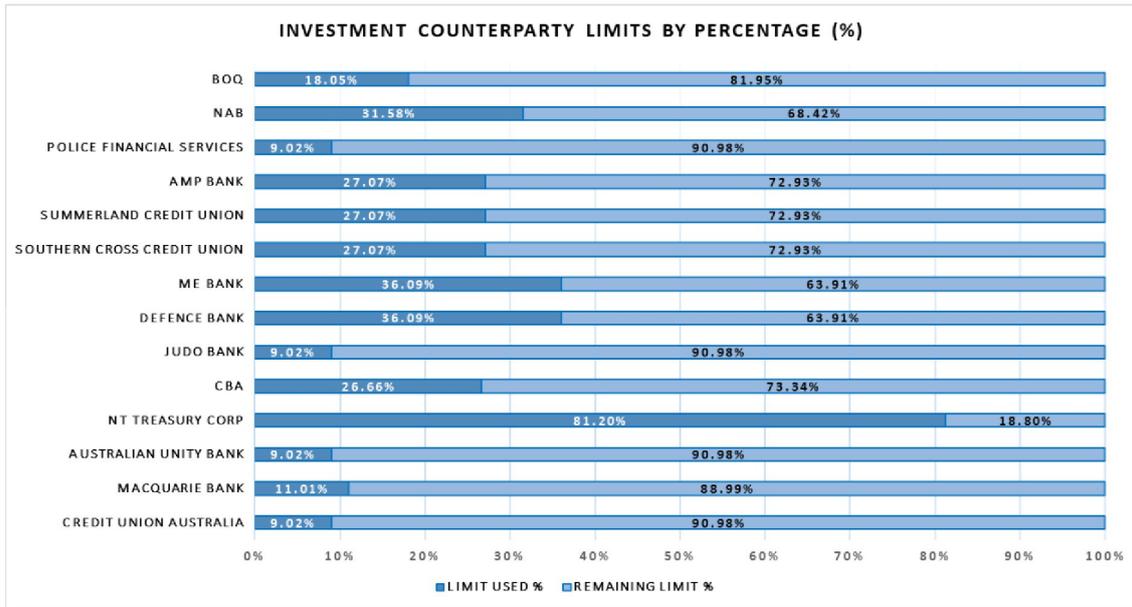
**Counter Party Compliance**

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

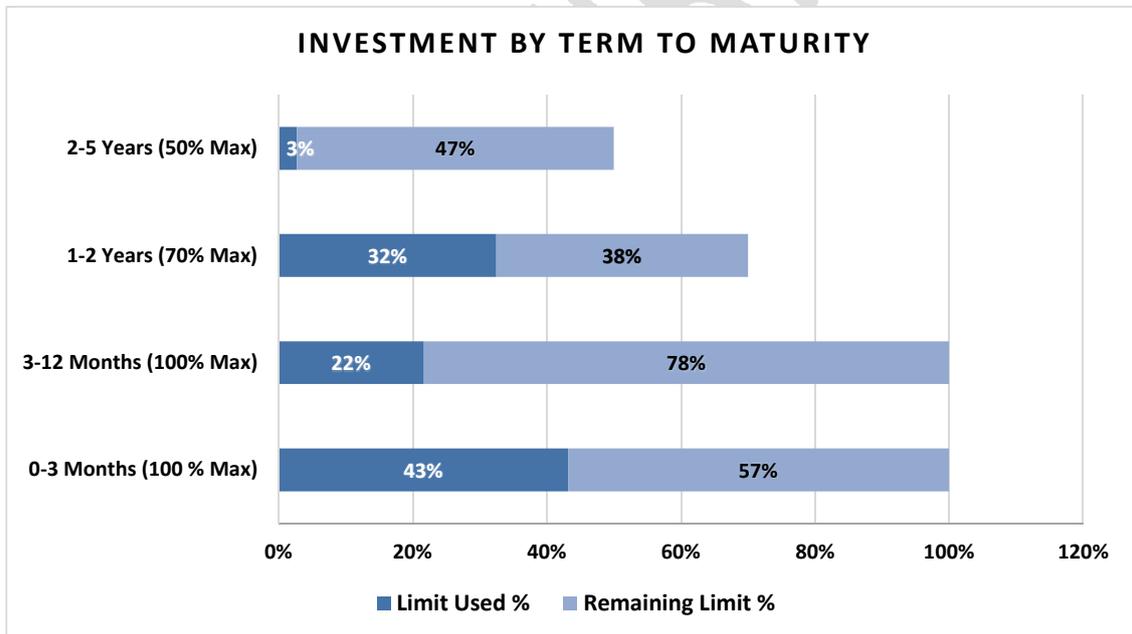
Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.



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**Term to Maturity**



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

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**Application of Investment Funds**

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

<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,830,127
Infrastructure Replacement	16,363,217
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>15,257,427</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,943,265</b>

**Declaration**

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

Signed



John Chapman  
Responsible Accounting Officer

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Council’s cash and investment portfolio increased by \$597,423.43 from \$36,345,841.09 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to \$36,943,264.52 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**17.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/020 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st March 2023 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

Capital Works represents an important part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details expenditure and progress for the year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

**REPORT**

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Following the recommendation from the ARIC meeting of 23 February 2023, additional information is being provided to inform Council on progress with major projects to date.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Capital Works Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**17.1.3. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2023**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/021 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Callow and McAlister that the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2023.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, for the purpose of periodically reviewing and revising estimates of income and expenditure.

**REPORT**

The Quarterly Review of Council's Budget for the period ended 31 March 2023 is submitted for examination by Council.

The revised operating result for 2022/23 anticipates a deficit of \$1,913,000. The anticipated operating result for 2022/23 as reviewed in the December 2022 Quarterly Budget provided for

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a deficit of \$1,778,000. The anticipated operating result as adopted in the original budget provided for a deficit of \$1,738,000. Proposed adjustments are detailed below.

The Capital Works expenditure is not included in the Operating Result and is an additional outlay. Further detail about capital works can be found in the Capital Works Progress Report item of the business paper.

Proposed March 2023 quarterly review adjustments:

**Operational Additional Income**

- (\$336,000) Interest on Investments

**Operational Additional Expenditure**

- (\$400,000) Continuation of IWCM Strategy - Public Works Advisory Contract – project approved by Council in February 2021, not previously carried over

**Capital Expenditure**

Additional Expenditure

- (\$87,000) Mains - Developer Paid
- (\$37,000) Mains - Reticulation
- (\$17,000) Mains - Rural
- (\$140,000) West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station
- (\$430,000) Microwave link sites for Scada
- (\$22,000) Residences Assets Replacements/Upgrades
- (\$2,000,000) Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction
- (\$70,000) Jugiong CWPS1 P1 and P2 Inlet Manifold 2022
- (\$147,000) Oura Bore 4 - Emergency Bore Reline
- (\$57,000) Jugiong PLC Upgrade
- (\$35,000) Jugiong Compressor
- (\$70,000) Jugiong WTP - Valve & Pneumatic Upgrade

Reduction in Expenditure

- (\$600,000) Wyalong Standpipe Res
- (\$15,000) New GPS
- (\$1,300,000) Thanowring Road Pipeline
- (\$413,000) Aria Park Pump Station Investigation
- (\$2,300,000) Oura Reservoirs and aerator
- (\$800,000) Reservoir Full Renewals - GWCC Wide
- (\$1,500,000) Jugiong High Voltage
- (\$30,000) Internal Adhoc Renewals

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation has increased Council's Operating deficit by \$64,000 and decreases Capital Works Expenditure by \$3,846,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Quarterly Budget Review 31-03-23

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**17.1.4. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Morris and Callow that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012.

The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

**REPORT**

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 23 February 2023. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Minutes of ARIC Meeting 23 February 2023.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**17.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER**

**17.2.1. PLANT PURCHASING**

**Report prepared by Operations Manager**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/023 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White That the Board approve \$350,000 for plant purchases for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

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**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approve \$350,000 for plant purchases for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**REPORT**

Permission is sought from the Board to commit \$350,000 now for plant purchases (commercial vehicles) for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, so that orders can be placed in the system.

In the current environment Council is still experiencing difficulties in delivery of commercial vehicles due to disruptions at Australian ports. Apparently, there are not enough car transporters on the eastern seaboard to deliver the current storage of vehicles at the ports.

Supply through to delivery of commercial vehicles is still lagging between 3 to 6 months, not including port disruptions.

As such it is recommended to place orders in the system now due to lengthy delays in the supply chain.

**FINANCIAL IMPAST STATEMENT**

The recommendation will commit \$350,000 capital expenditure to the 2023/2024 budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

**17.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**

**17.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/024 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Production and Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

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**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**

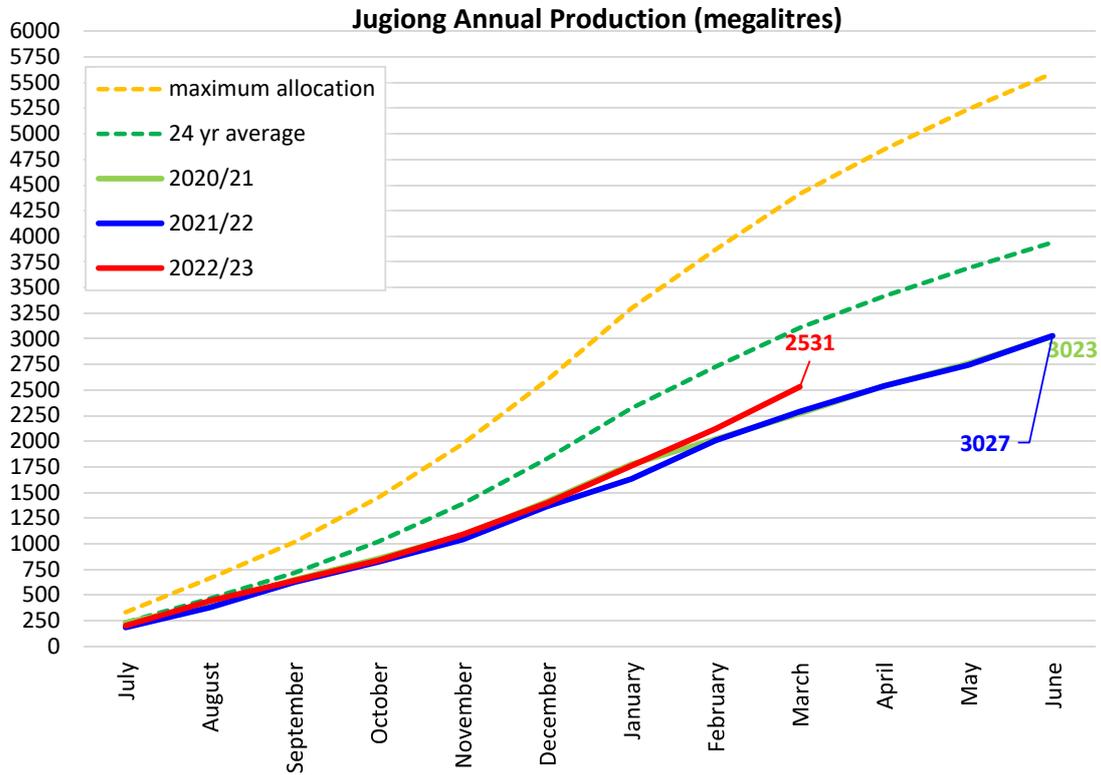
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

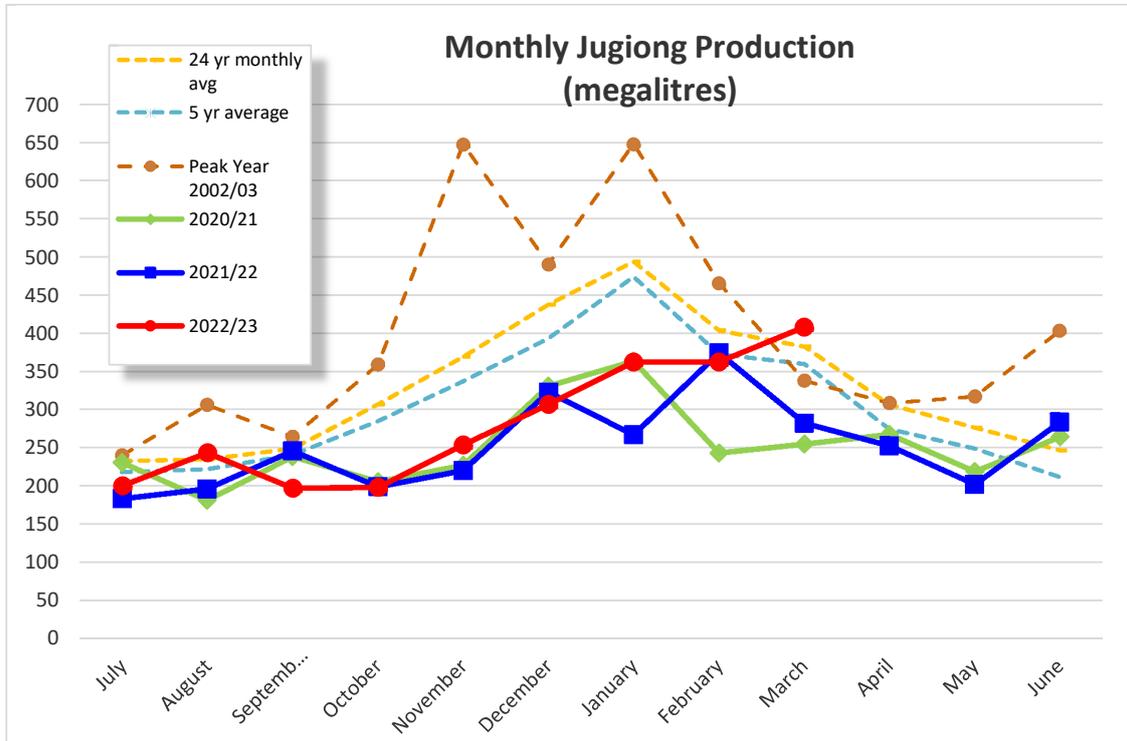
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Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 2531ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the same period in the 2021/22 FY where 2289ML was extracted. An increase of 242ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 199ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September, where only 197ML was extracted and treated. October saw an extraction of 198ML. November through to January saw a gradual increase in production as we moved into the warmer months. November (254ML), December (307ML) and January (362ML). February had a similar production to January (362ML) before a slight increase in March (408ML) extracted.



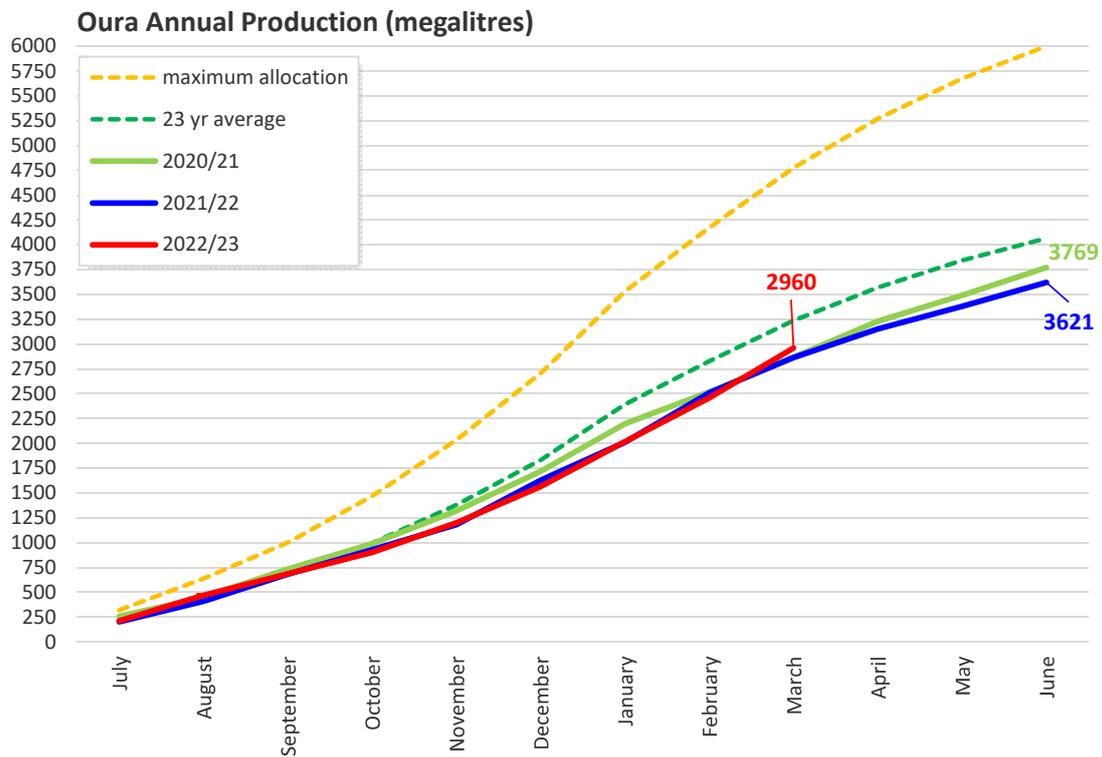
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**Oura Drinking Water Scheme**

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.

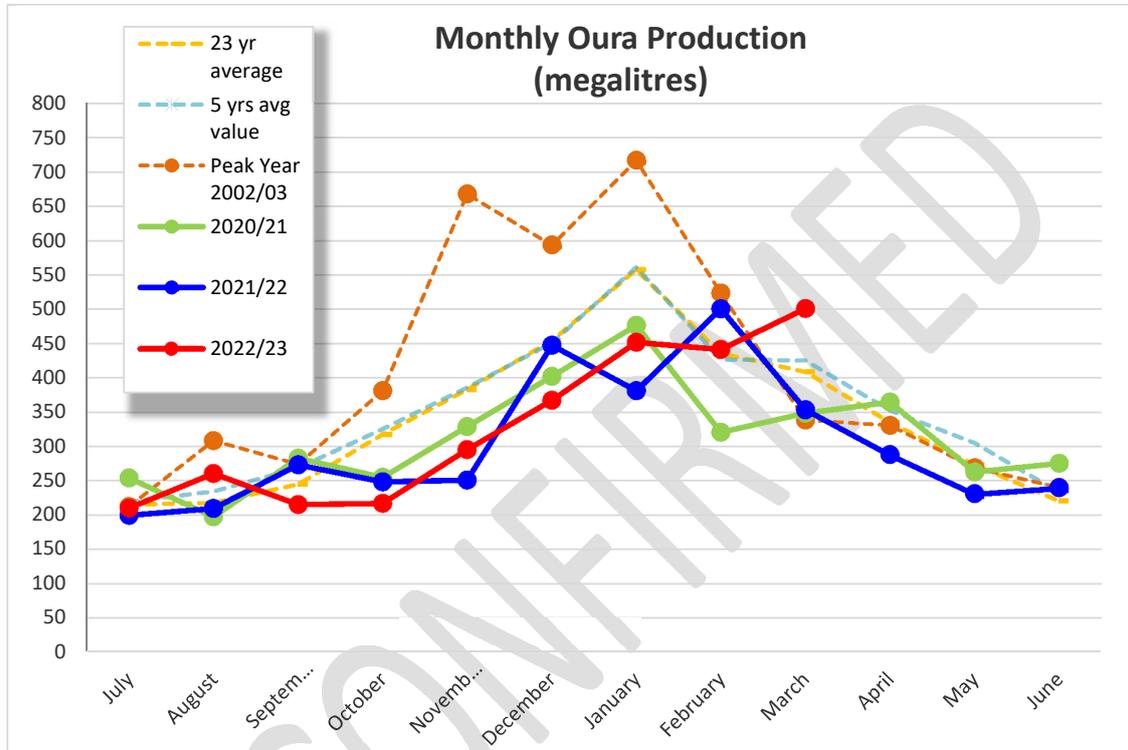
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 2960ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a slight increase in production compared to last FY where 2865ML of water was extracted for the same period. A increase in production of 95ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September saw only 215ML extracted. October saw a further decrease where only 217ML was extracted. November through to January saw further production increases as we move into the warmer months. November (295ML), December (367ML) and January (452ML). February was slightly lower in production with (441ML) extracted before an increase in March saw (501ML) extracted from the Oura Bores.

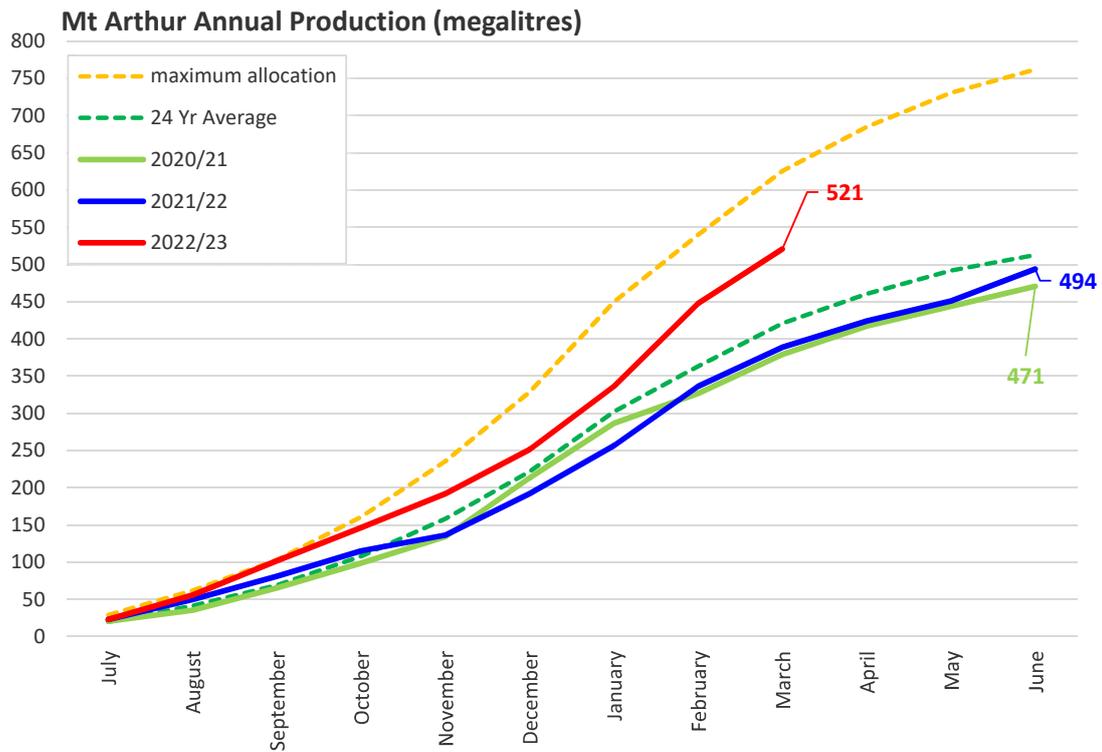


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**Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme**

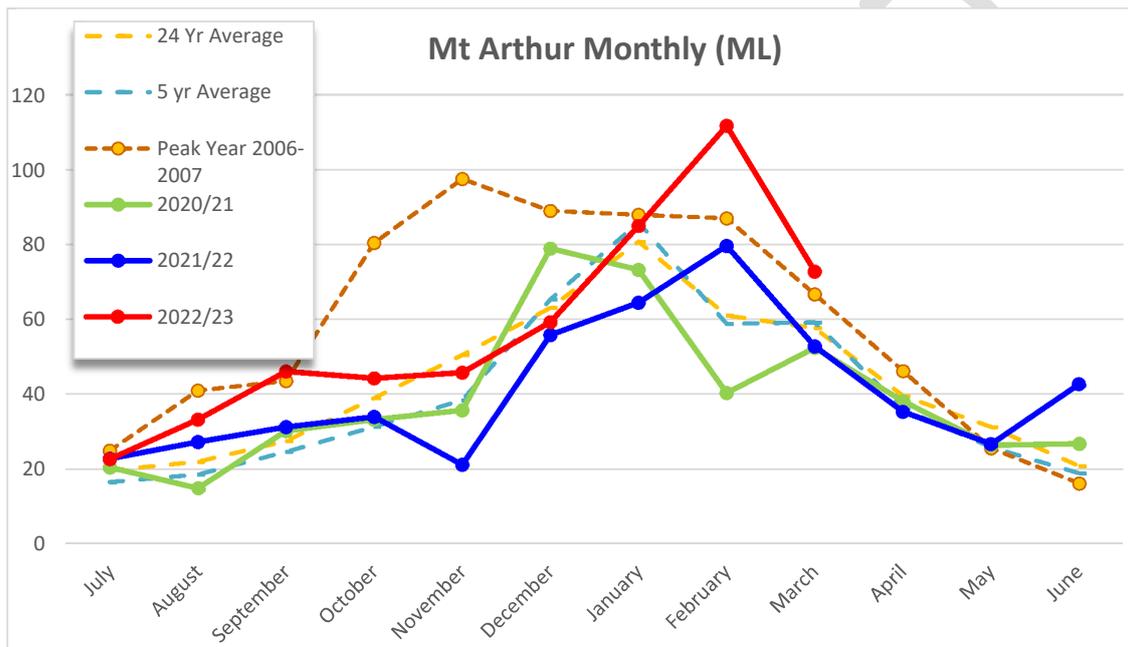
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 521ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 389ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 132ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending slightly higher to previous years.



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Mt Arthur monthly water production started very consistently to the previous years with 23ML of water extracted from the bores in July before a significant increase in the following 2 months, August saw 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. October saw a slight decrease with 44ML extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. November through to January saw a steady increase every month as we move into the warmer months. November (46ML), December (59ML) and January (85ML) extracted. However; February data indicates a large spike in production where 112ML was extracted before a reduction in Production for March (73ML). This large spike during our peak demand time was attributed to a significant leak within the Coolamon township between 10 February to the 25<sup>th</sup> February. This leak is the second large leak within the Mt Arthur water supply scheme this financial year attributing to around 30ML of non-revenue water loss.



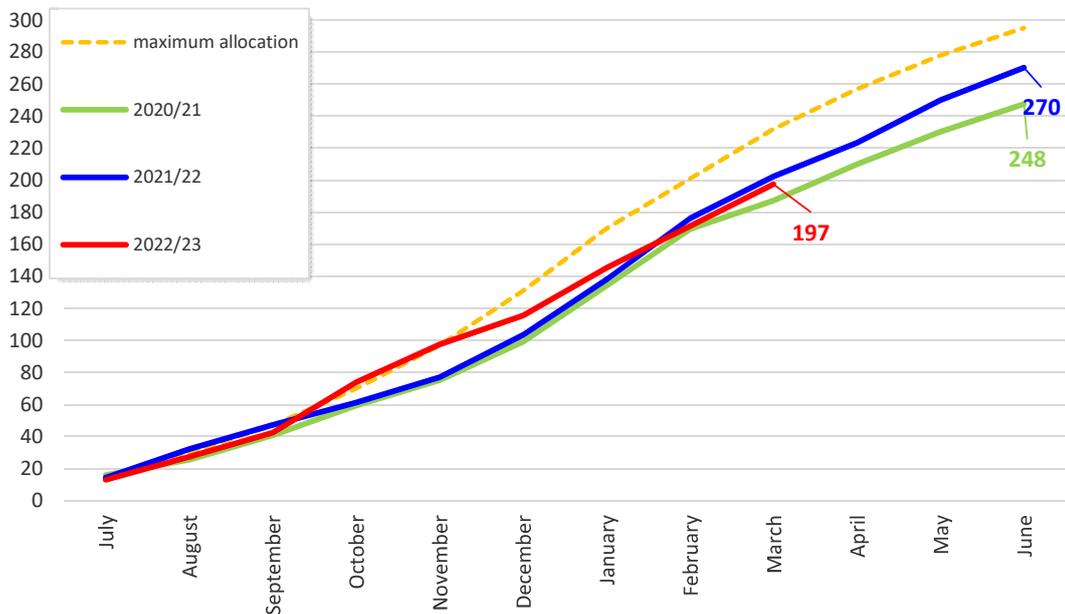
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**Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme**

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

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year, 197ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 5ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 202ML was produced over the same period. The steep increase in September/October indicates that a burst was evident in the scheme, interrogation of ClearSCADA pump run times indicates a pump had run for a long period of time also indicating a burst in the scheme. The burst was located on Harts Lane within the Mt Daylight scheme, again prolonged wet weather made it difficult to access and locate the burst.

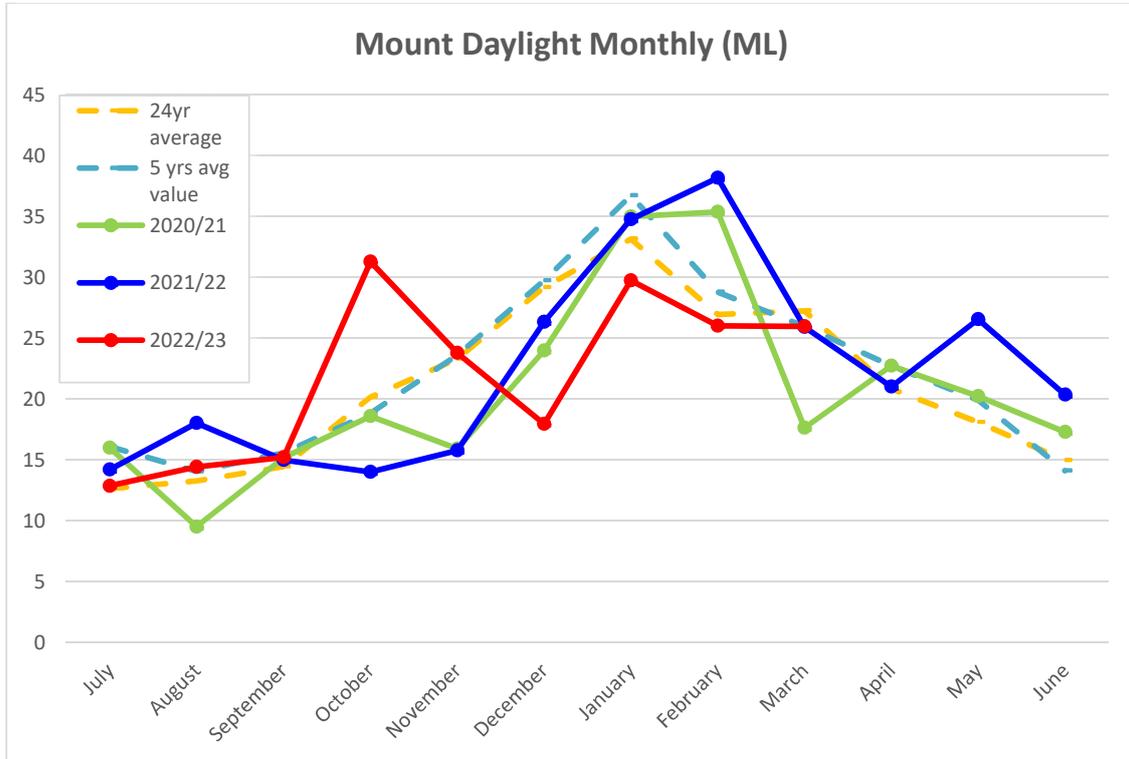
**Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)**



The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores have started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML, September was steady with 15ML extracted before a dramatic increase for October where 31ML was extracted, as

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indicated this increase correlates to a burst in the system which has been located and fixed. November through to January has seen some inconsistencies with production. These inconsistencies correlate to the prolonged period of flooding experienced at the bores. The period November and December saw a decrease in monthly extractions as both bores were under floodwater for up to 4-6 weeks. November saw 24ML produced with a further decrease in December where 18ML was produced. January saw an increase in production (30ML) as both bores were once again available for production as flood waters receded. February and March have been very consistent with (26ML) extracted for each of these months.

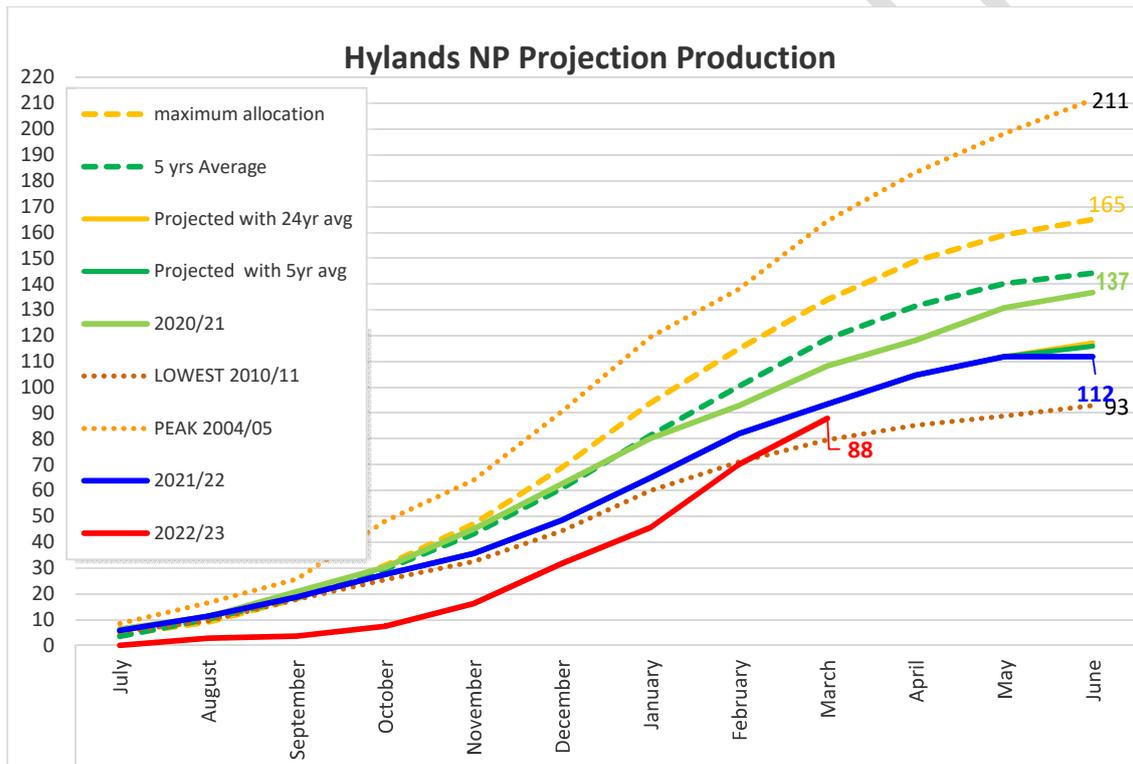


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**Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable**

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.

Nine months into the 2022/23 financial year only 88ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel maintenance and pump issues during August/September. The Hylands Bridge Scheme has the ability for cross connection of supply from the Oura scheme at Barellan. When maintenance is undertaken on the channels supply for Barellan is cut over to the Oura scheme to maintain supply.



**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**17.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**17.4.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and McGlynn that the Board:**

- 1. Nominate Cr Stadtmiller and Cr Callow to attend the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference**
- 2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:

1. Nominate attendees for the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference
2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

The annual Local Government NSW Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

**REPORT**

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference is being held at Parkes on 26 June to 28 June 2023.

The draft program for the event is attached.

Nominations for attendance are sought from the Board to allow registration and booking arrangement to be made.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft LGNSW Water Conference Program.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**17.4.2. 2023 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/026 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the report detailing 2023 Staff Survey Results be received and noted.

Report prepared by Human Resources Coordinator

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report detailing 2023 Staff Survey Results be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

The Staff Survey is an anonymous questionnaire that captures staff feedback on issues critical to the organisations success.

The survey provides staff with an opportunity to have their say independently and anonymously on key employee concerns that exist within the organisation.

**REPORT**

The 2023 Staff Survey commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> February and concluded on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with 79% of staff completing the survey.

The 2023 results have moderated post Covid, joining a downward trend across a number of councils and other organisations. The results can be viewed as a call to action.

The results of the 2023 survey saw only one (1) of the previous six (6) “High Performance” outcomes & drivers from the 2020 survey remain:

- Teamwork

The remaining five (5) “High Performance” outcomes & drivers from 2020 all moved to “Medium Performance” in 2023:

- Resources
- Values
- Health & Safety
- Pay & Benefits
- Supervision

In 2023 we saw a total of eight (8) “Low Performance” outcomes & drivers. Going forward we see this feedback as an opportunity for Council to make improvements particularly in areas of Leadership, Processes and Respect.

Training is already scheduled for those in leadership positions to undertake Working with Emotional Intelligence Training.

Management is in the process of developing an action plan going forward.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

**17.4.3. DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Morris that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an Operational Plan including an annual budget and annual fees and charges to be adopted before the beginning of each financial year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The 2023/2024 Operational Plan is the second subset of the 2022-2026 Delivery Program.

**REPORT**

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2023/2024 Operational Plan incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges is now presented in draft for Council's consideration, prior to being placed on public exhibition.

All fees and charges have been increased by 5% for the 2023/24 financial year (except statutory fees and charges determined by other government agencies and authorities).

Major cost/income variations include a 25% increase to electricity prices, and water sales projections of 7,520ML.

The 2023/2024 Operational Plan estimates a net operating result of \$111,000.00.

The Delivery Program was reviewed during the preparation of the Operational Plan, with no alterations being required.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**17.4.4. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**23/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White that Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's resolutions are implemented efficiently and in a timely manner.

**REPORT**

After a Council meeting is held, actions required from the resolutions made are listed and distributed to the Management Team for their attention. This list is included on the fortnightly Management meeting agenda to ensure timely completion of tasks.

The resolutions update table attached is provided to the Board to deliver an overview of the tasks completed since the previous meeting and to identify any outstanding tasks that still require action. This allows greater transparency for the Board into the actioning of the resolutions made and a timely reminder for Management to progress these actions.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Council Meeting Resolution Action Table

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

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**18. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 June 2023 at 10.00am.

**19. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11.28am

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