

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong (via video conference), Cr B Callow (via video conference), Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris (via video conference), Cr M Stadtmiller (via video conference), Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that the there are no leave of absence or apologies.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Chairperson Palmer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.1.3 Rosehill Pipeline construction project, due to a relative being engaged by an organisation that has provided a tender. Chairperson Palmer will leave the meeting while this matter is deliberated. Deputy Chairperson McCann will Chair the meeting during deliberation of item 13.1.3.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 21 February 2020

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Morris that the minutes of the meetings held on the 21 February 2020, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that the late report North Weethalle Reservoir Site Land Acquisition be accepted.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

COVID-19 - It is truly unprecedented times we are living in with the COVID-19 pandemic. As a provider of an essential service Goldenfields Waters operations have continued, albeit with modifications to the way staff work. Goldenfields have taken many precautions to guarantee compliance with restriction directives and to ensure staff are safe and continue to be gainfully employed.

This includes:

- Social distancing and hygiene measures
- Provision of PPE – sanitiser, disinfectant wipes, gloves etc
- Closure of the office to the public
- High risk staff directed to work from home
- Staff who can work from home are working from home. Critical function teams like Water treatment plant operators have been split and staff groups have been separated to reduce potential cross-contamination of staff.
- All work travel outside the supply area has ceased
- Non-critical site visits have been minimised
- Public communications have been issued to assure the public of continuing water supply and service
- Meetings being run via online conferencing facilities, such as Zoom

I commend, and thank staff on the way they have adapted to the changed circumstances and continued to ensure the on-going operation of Goldenfields Water.

Passing of Jamie Gordon

On Thursday 16 April Goldenfields Water sadly lost friend and team mate Jamie Gordon.

Jamie has been a valued member of Goldenfields since April 2008 and will be greatly missed. Over the last 12 years Jamie has made a significant contribution to GWCC, both in his work on the IT network, as well as personally to his fellow staff members through his involvement in the USU and as a friend. He was always available to share a friendly ear and advice.

We offer our deepest condolences to Jamie's mother, Judy, as well as their extended family, and ask that you keep them in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

Jamie's passing has had a profound effect on Goldenfields staff. The current restrictions make this even more challenging as people are prevented from gathering together to mourn the loss of Jamie and to celebrate his life. Goldenfields will arrange a suitable function when restrictions are eased to allow staff to come together and honour Jamie.

We will now observe a minutes silence in Jamie's honour.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 2.10pm

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Stadtmiller that Council move into Confidential Session.

13. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

13.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

13.1.1. MATONG PRODUCTION BORE CONSTRUCTION – CONTRACT 01/2020

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

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the Board;

1. Accept the alternate offer provided by Water Resources Drilling Ltd for \$280,240.00 ex. GST as per the outcomes of the tender evaluation assessment, in accordance with Section 178 (1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

13.1.2. ROSEHILL UPDATE AND ACQUISITION

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

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the Board note the information provided within the report.

13.1.3. ROSEHILL PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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

2.20pm - Chairperson Palmer vacated the Chair to Deputy Chairperson McCann.

Chairperson Palmer left the meeting having declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that the Board:

- 1. Note the information provided within the report in terms of risk to Council**
- 2. Decline to accept any of the tenders in accordance with Section 178 (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005**
- 3. Invite fresh tenders based on the same or different details in accordance with Section 178(3)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005**

The motion was put to a vote. Cr Stadtmiller abstained from voting due to not receiving a copy of the report prior to the meeting. The motion was carried.

2.22pm - Chairperson Palmer re-entered the meeting.

Chairperson Palmer resumed the Chair.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Armstrong that Council revert back to open session and the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

14. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

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

14.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

14.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st March 2020 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st March 2020 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

Council's investment portfolio increased by \$3,250,000 from \$51,000,000 as at 31st January 2020 to \$54,250,000 as at 31st March 2020. The increase is mainly attributable to water sales income being received from the December 2019 quarterly accounts.

Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	A-	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	10/12/2019	7/04/2020	119	1.60	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	AMP Bank	Annual	16/05/2019	15/05/2020	365	2.35	0.99	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/11/2019	12/05/2020	182	1.80	0.80	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/11/2019	12/05/2020	182	1.80	0.80	\$2,000,000
FRTD	BBB	Newcastle Permanent	Quarterly	8/06/2017	9/06/2020	1097	3.21	0.69	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	Auswide Bank	At Maturity	20/06/2018	22/06/2020	733	3.00	0.99	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	Westpac	Annual	12/07/2017	13/07/2020	1097	3.01	0.99	\$2,000,000
TD	A	ING Direct	Annual	20/12/2019	5/08/2020	229	1.60	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	27/02/2020	10/09/2020	196	1.60	0.99	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	Westpac	Quarterly	25/09/2017	28/09/2020	1099	3.06	0.99	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	BOQ	Annual	7/11/2017	9/11/2020	1098	3.00	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	Rural Bank	Annual	6/12/2017	7/12/2020	1097	2.95	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	A-	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	17/03/2020	16/12/2020	274	1.60	0.80	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	Rural Bank	Annual	9/01/2018	11/01/2021	1098	3.10	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	National Australia Bank	At Maturity	14/02/2020	16/02/2021	368	1.50	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	NR	Police Credit Union SA	Annual	21/03/2018	22/03/2021	1097	3.15	0.99	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	AMP Bank	At Maturity	19/03/2020	25/03/2021	371	1.80	0.99	\$2,000,000
TD	NR	Australian Military Bank	Annual	29/03/2018	29/03/2021	1096	3.20	0.99	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	Westpac	Quarterly	24/04/2018	27/04/2021	1099	3.13	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB	P&N Bank	Annual	27/06/2018	28/06/2021	1097	3.15	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2017	12/07/2021	1461	3.45	0.99	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB+	BOQ	Annual	29/10/2018	29/10/2021	1096	3.00	0.99	\$3,000,000
TD	BBB+	BOQ	Annual	12/07/2018	12/07/2022	1461	3.50	0.99	\$1,000,000
CASH	BBB	ME	Monthly				0.85	0.25	\$2,000,000
CASH	AA-	CBA	Monthly				0.45	0.25	\$1,250,000
TOTAL:									\$54,250,000

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

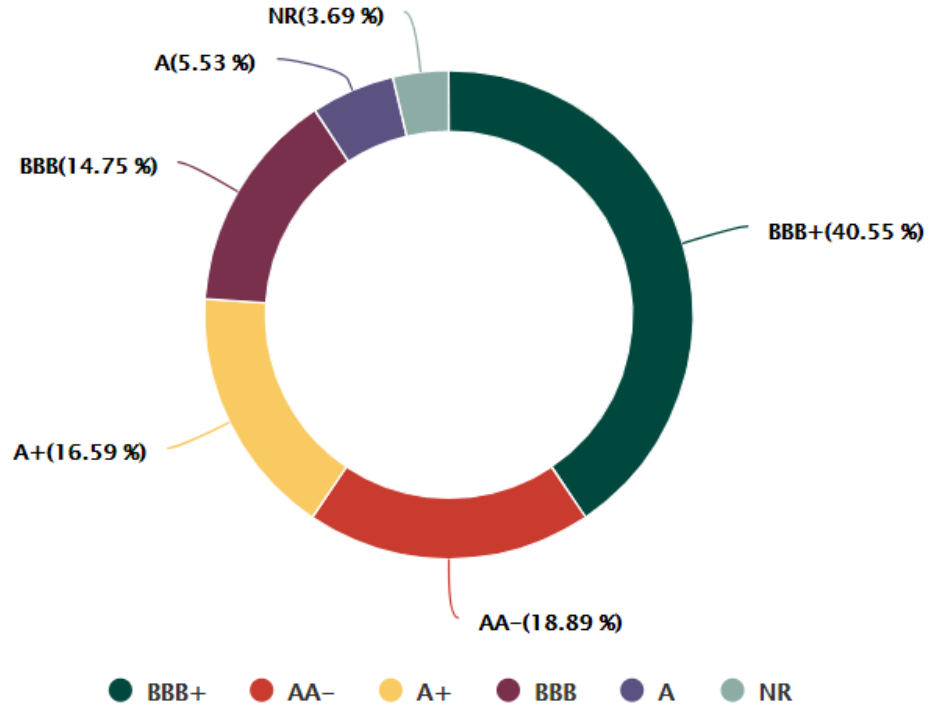
Term Deposit - BBSW

Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio outperformed the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 170%. The average weighted yield for March was 2.23%, over an average weighted term of 251 days, with a benchmark of 0.90 %. This strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3% pa.

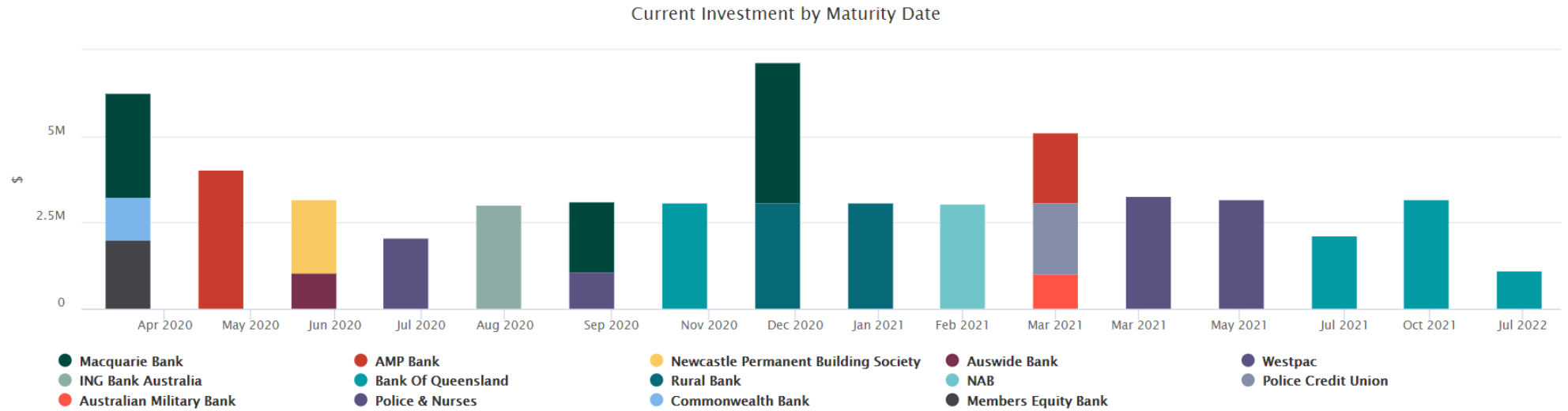
Total Cost	Total Accrued Interest	Weighted Average Term
54,250,000	815,221	255 Days
Total Value	Monthly Accrued Interest	Weighted Average Yield
54,250,000	95,406	2.23%

Long Term Credit Rating



Term to Maturity

Council's investment portfolio maturities shown graphically below:



14.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Morris that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2020 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2020 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the Capital Works Program year to date progress as at 31 March 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 March 2020

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.3. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 March 2020.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 March 2020.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012. The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the draft Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Charter, meeting minutes will be reported regularly to Council.

REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee met on 2 March 2020. 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 2-3-20.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.4. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2020

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Sinclair that the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2020.

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 2020.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, 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 2020 is submitted for examination by Council.

The anticipated Operating Result for 2019/20 is a surplus of \$3,543,000. The anticipated Operating Result as adopted in the December 2019 quarterly review was a surplus of \$2,943,000. Proposed adjustments are detailed below.

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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 2020 quarterly review adjustments:

Operational Expenditure

- \$400,000 increase in interest income
- (\$500,000) reduction in operational wages
- \$500,000 increase in budgeted depreciation
- (\$200,000) reduction in other expenses

Capital Expenditure

- (\$65,000) reallocation of New IT equipment
- \$33,000 addition of construction crew vehicle
- (\$100,000) reallocation of new intangibles to operations
- (\$250,000) Mandamah Stage 2 completed under budget
- \$80,000 increase in Developer paid mains
- (\$70,000) decrease in Backflow installations to be completed under budget
- \$11,000 reallocation from IT Equipment new
- \$245,000 addition in Plant Renewals brought forward to 2020
- (\$50,000) reallocation of renewal intangibles to operations
- \$100,000 reallocation to Mt Arthur Investigation from Trunk Scouring
- (\$80,000) reduction to Thanowring Design completed under budget
- (\$1,400,000) deferral of Rosehill Pipeline Upgrade
- (\$190,000) reduction to Bootowa Road completed under budget
- (\$200,000) reduction to Roediggers Lane completed under budget
- (\$110,000) reduction to Mains Renewal Projects completed under budget
- (\$100,000) reallocation of Mt Arthur Trunk Scouring to Investigation
- \$250,000 addition of Critical Valves for Oura per February 2020 Council meeting
- (\$500,000) deferral of Rosehill Pump Station
- (\$20,000) reduction for Water Instrumentation completed under budget
- (\$90,000) deferral of Meter and Taggle renewal
- (\$40,000) deferral of Bulk Meter renewal
- (\$250,000) deferral of Oura HV System and Pump Replacement
- (\$22,000) reduction of Coolamon Cathodic Protection completed under budget
- (\$130,000) deferral of Oura Bore 6 renewal
- \$213,000 addition of Plant Sales brought forward to 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases Council's Operating Result by \$600,000 and reduces Capital Works Expenditure by \$2,948,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Quarterly Budget Review 31-03-20.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.5. INVESTMENT POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that the Board adopts the revised PP004 Investment Policy.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP004 Investment Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

The Office of Local Government issued Investment Policy Guidelines in May 2010 for NSW Councils, outlining requirements for an investment policy to ensure Council's investments are dealt with in a prudent and appropriate manner.

PP004 Investment Policy was included on the December 2019 Council meeting agenda. Council referred this policy to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for review prior to adoption.

REPORT

PP004 Investment Policy was presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 2 March 2020 for review and endorsement. The Committee endorsed the attached policy.

Proposed amendments to the current policy include:

- Revising the review period to once per Council term (4 yearly), from annual
- Amending policy wording to be in line with the OLG Investment Policy Guideline's sample policy
- Adding portfolio framework limits detailing maximum holding limits for investments within Council's portfolio

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP004 Investment Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.1.6. WATER BILLING CONCESSIONS COVID-19

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and McCann that the Board endorse suspending overdue interest and extending the due date for payment of quarter three water accounts until 30 June 2020, for all residential and commercial customers, with the exception of bulk customers.

WATER BILLING CONCESSIONS COVID-19

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board endorse suspending overdue interest and extending the due date for payment of quarter three water accounts until 30 June 2020, for all residential and commercial customers, with the exception of bulk customers.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Water accounts for the third quarter of the 2019/20 financial year are due to be issued to customers in April 2020. The current COVID-19 situation is impacting many customers financially, which could make collection of water accounts difficult for the foreseeable future.

REPORT

The current payment terms and policy of interest on overdue accounts may place unnecessary burden on customers paying their water accounts.

By extending the due date until 30 June 2020 (rather than late May 2020) and suspending overdue interest until this date (for the fourth quarter), Council will be able to provide some assistance to those customers suffering from financial pressure due to the current situation. This assistance can be provided at minimal cost to Council.

Over coming months Council will actively promote that customers contact customer service staff to make suitable payment arrangements and to apply for hardship if they meet the policy criteria.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation will reduce interest accrued on overdue water accounts by approximately \$20,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

14.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

14.2.1. MANDAMAH STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Mandamah Stage 2 Construction Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by the Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

02 Maximising Regional Water Supply

BACKGROUND

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

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

REPORT

Currently the construction crew has installed 30kms of the 66kms of water mains required for the completion of stage 2.

This consists of:

- 8km of 100mm OPVC pipe, along O'Briens Lane between Sutcliffes Lane and Mandamah Forest Road.
- 7km of 63mm HDPE pipe along Gardner's Lane and Weises Lane
- 2km of 200mm OPVC pipe along Sutcliffes Lane to Mandamah Forest Rd
- 13kms consisting of 150mm & 100mm OPVC & 63mm HDPE from Mandamah Forest Rd through to and under the Newell Highway, then South along Tyndalls Lane towards Beckom Rd
- Services are being connected to the relevant properties as the pipeline passes through
- Currently the Crew is continuing South along Cress Lane towards Beckom rd
- The expected completion date for stage 2 was originally June 2021, but due to our current rate of progress and weather permitting an earlier completion date is envisaged.
- Construction commenced in November 2017 and we are currently 20kms and 6 months ahead of our original predicted schedule
- Our current rate for stage 2 construction is approximately \$35 per metre, and the NSW reference rate is approx: \$80 per metre

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.2.2. VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Sinclair that the ongoing valve maintenance program report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in Service Provision
07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

The valve maintenance program commenced in October 2019.

REPORT

A total of 9001 valves have been identified within the supply area. These valves consist of:

- Scour valves
- Air valves
- Stop valves
- Hydrants

To date a total of 1700 valves have been inspected and cleaned. A number of these valves have also required maintenance, refurbishment and/or replacement. The townships of Temora, Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen, Springdale, Bethungra, Illabo and parts of Junee have been completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

14.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

03 Strategic Water Management

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

REPORT

Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

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

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

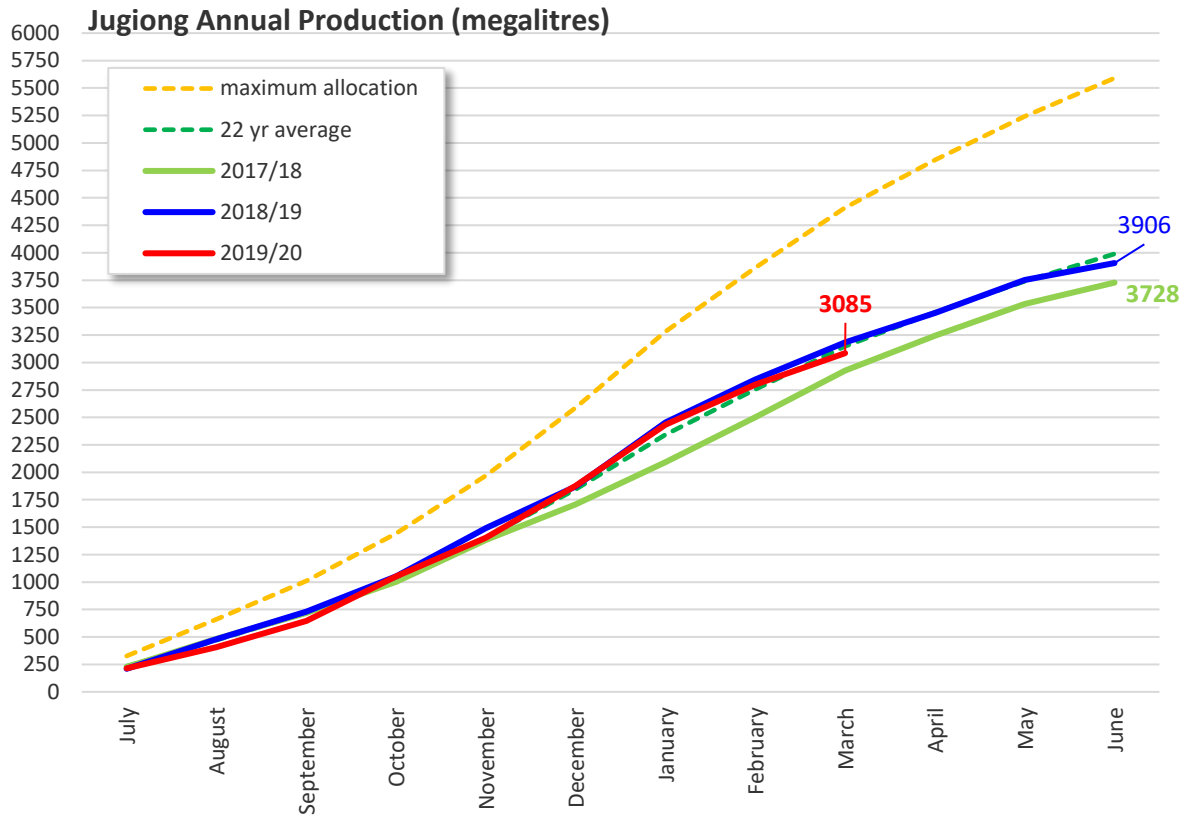
Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

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

For the period to the end of March 2020. Jugiong water production was 3085 ML, this is trending in a similar fashion to the same period last year. Water production for the period up

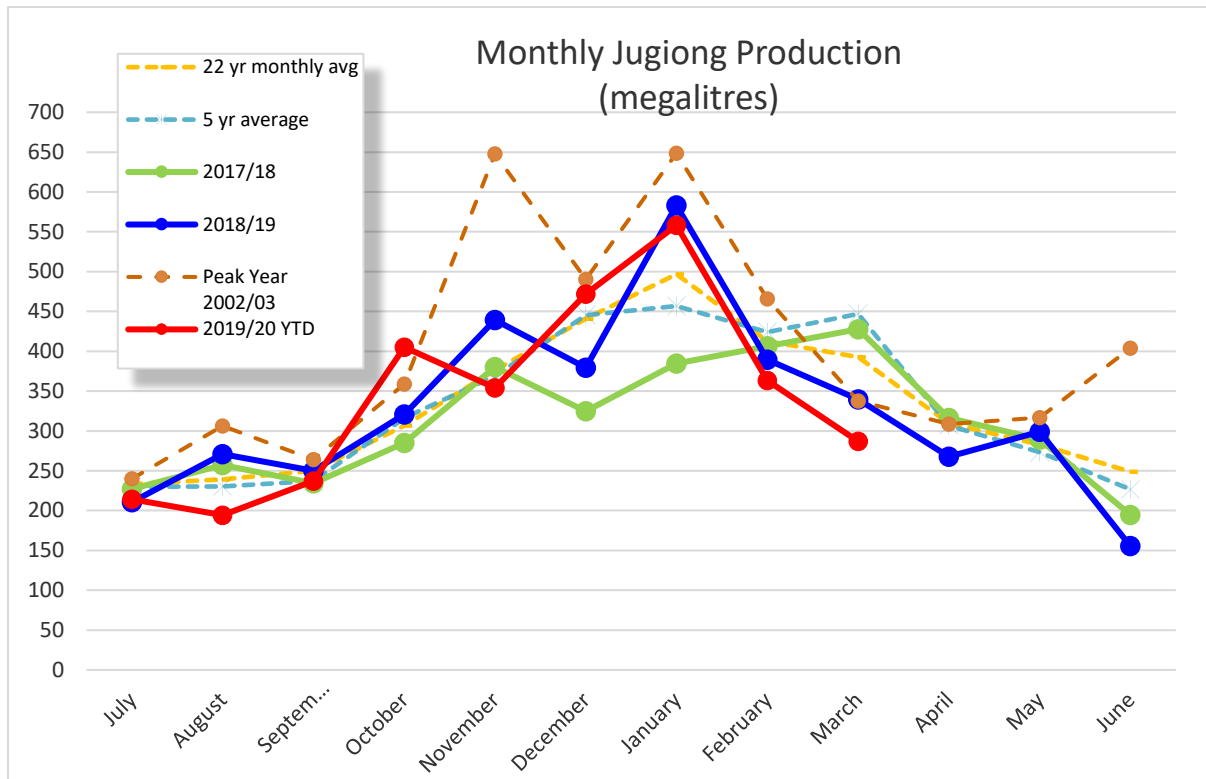
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to the end of March 2019 was 3183ML. Currently 2020 Water Production from the Jugiong WTP is 98ML lower compared to the same period of time in 2019.



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Jugiong monthly water production for February 2020 was 363ML and March 2020 was 287 ML. As can be seen below the monthly water production is beginning to decrease, this is due mainly to increased rainfall and unseasonal cooler weather towards the end of summer and early stages of Autumn.



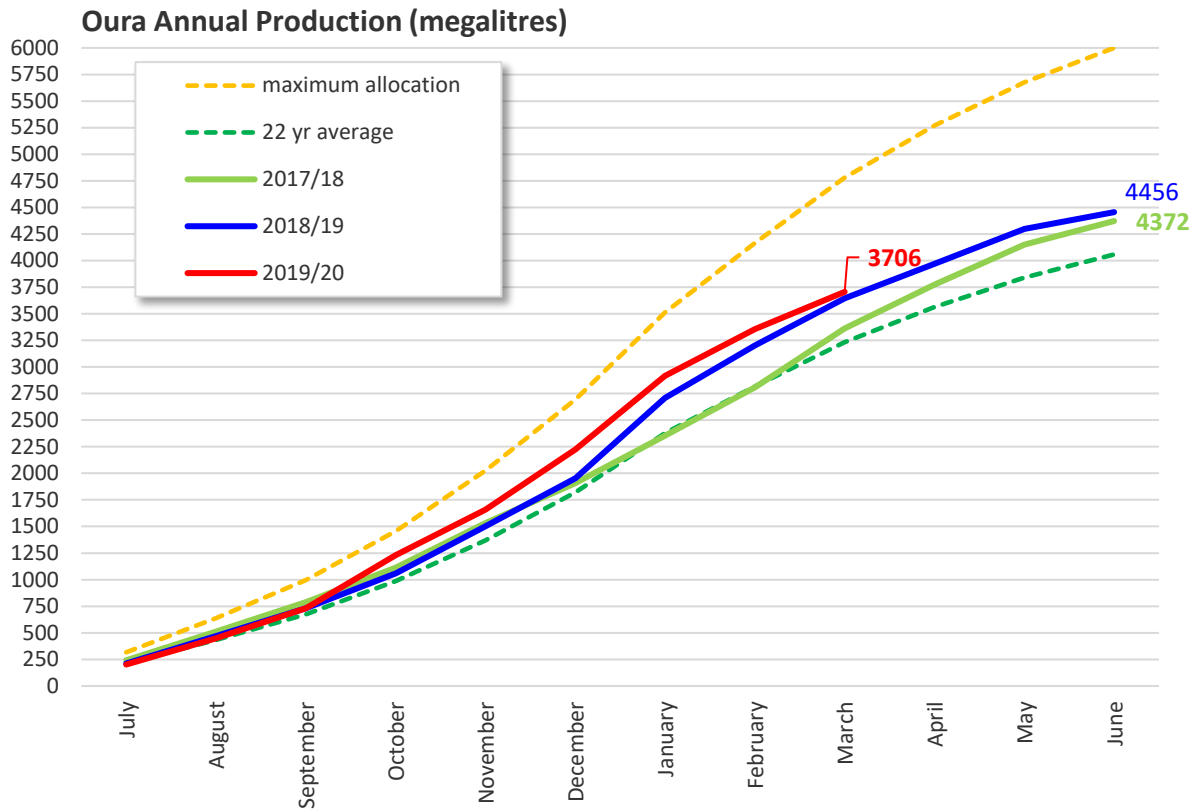
Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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

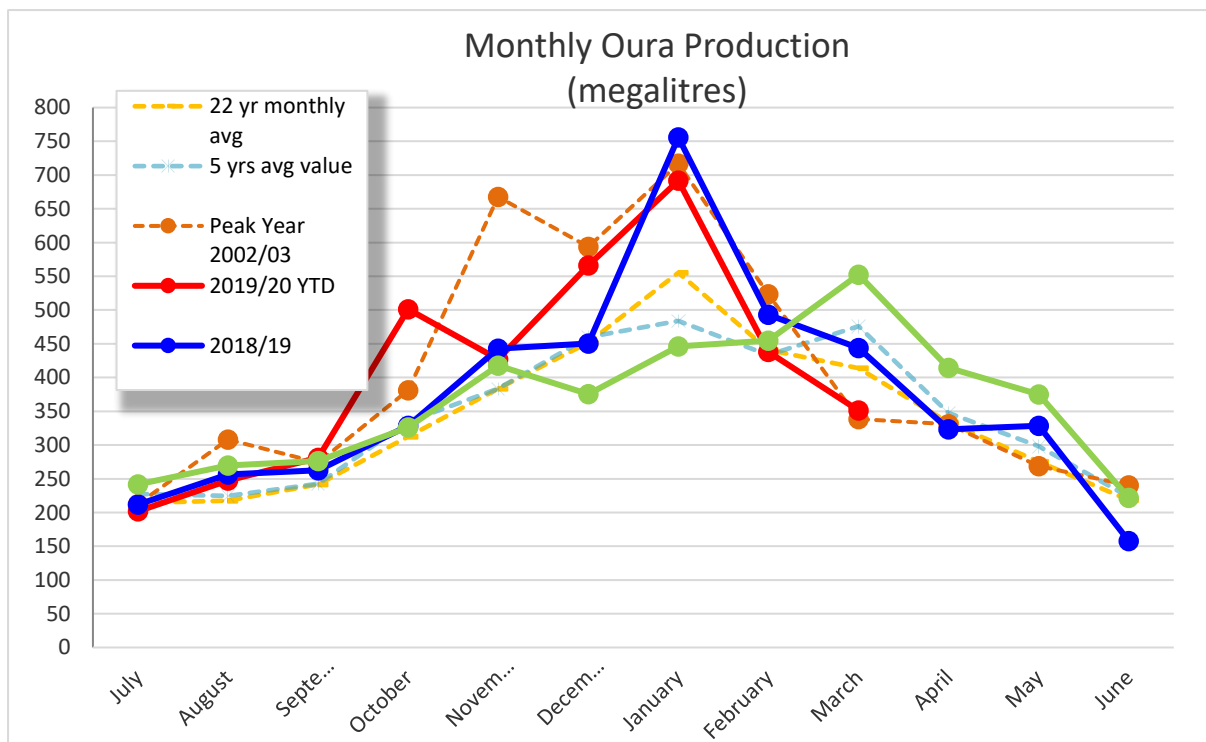
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the period to the end of March 2020. Water production from the Oura bores was 3706 ML, this is trending in a very similar fashion compared to the same period last year. Water production for the period up to the end of March 2019 was 3646ML. Therefore to the end of March 2020 an increase of 60ML has been extracted from the Oura bores as compared to the same period last year.

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Oura production for February 2020 was 438ML, and March 2020 was 351ML. A total of 789 ML for this period. As can be seen below the monthly water production is beginning to decrease, this is due mainly to increased rainfall and unseasonal cooler weather towards the end of summer and early stages of Autumn.

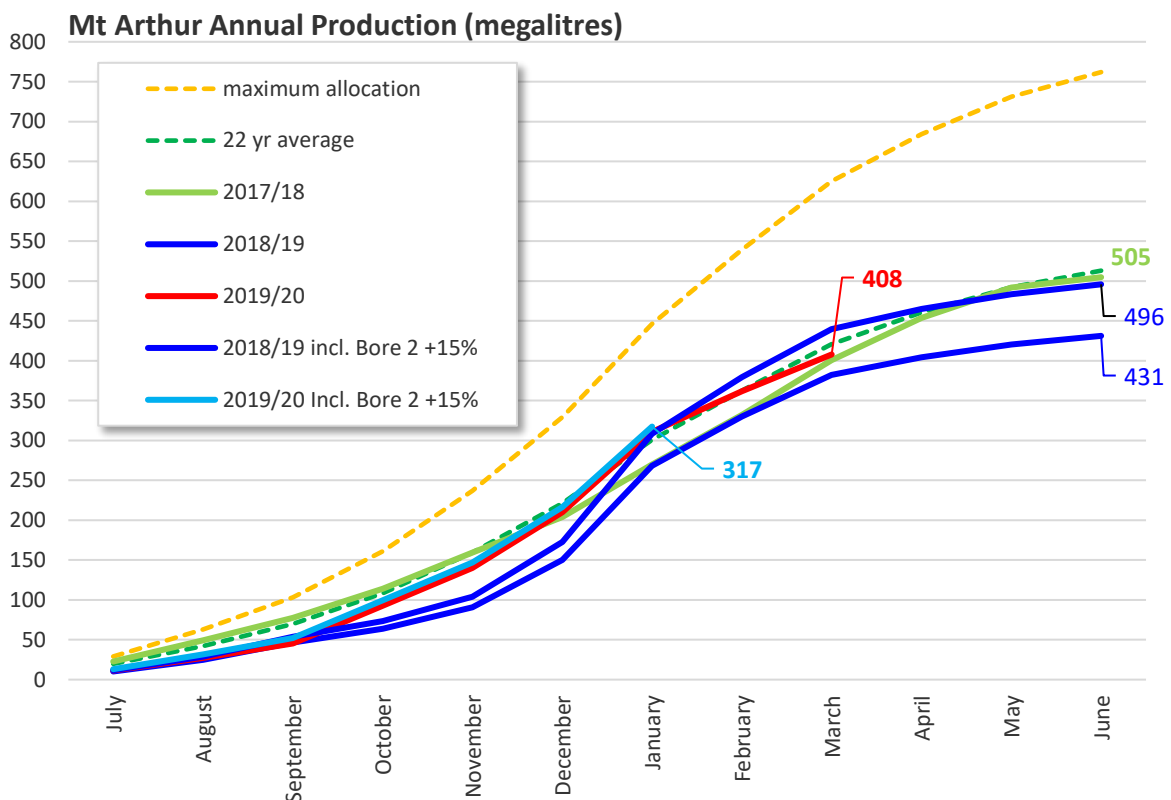


Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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

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

For the period to the end of March 2020, 408ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores this is higher than for the same period to the end of March 2019 (382ML). An increase of 26ML. As can be seen trending in a similar fashion to previous years.

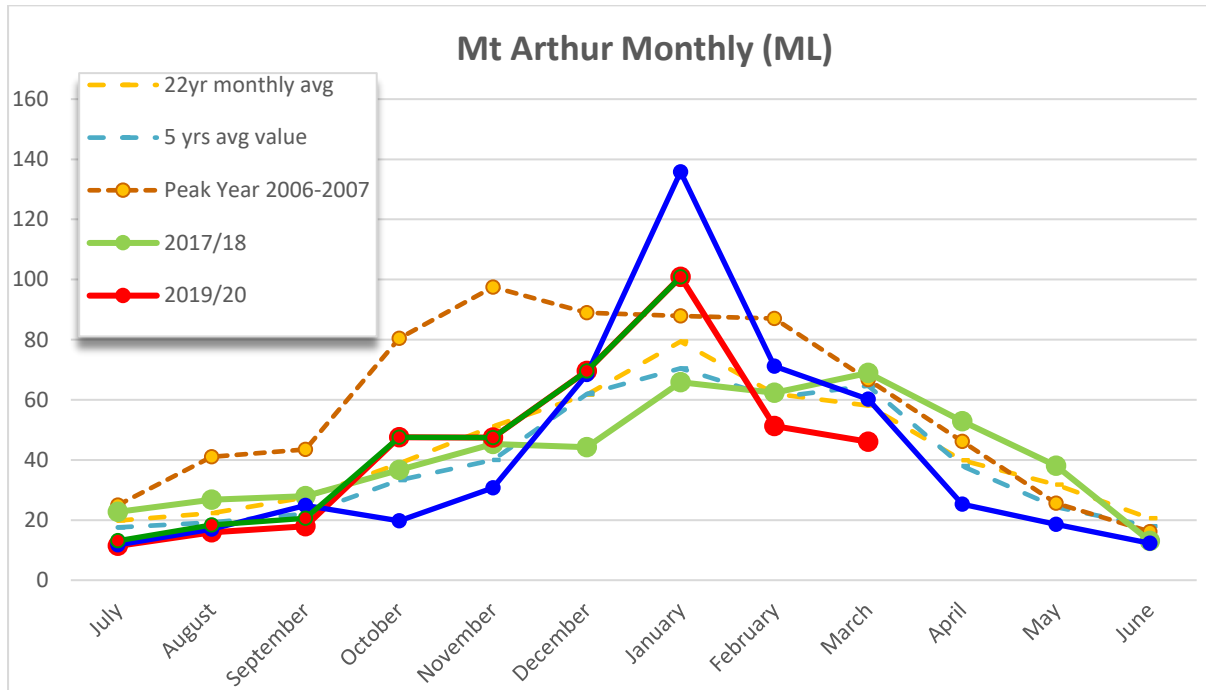


As the new Mag Flow meter has been operational at Mt Arthur, the necessity to report with a 15% variation is no longer required. 2019/20 data is now being reported as indicated.

Mount Arthur monthly water production for February was 51.21ML and March 2020 was 46.02ML. Similarly, Mt. Arthur monthly production is trending downwards this is due mainly to

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increased rainfall and unseasonal cooler weather towards the end of summer and early stages of Autumn.



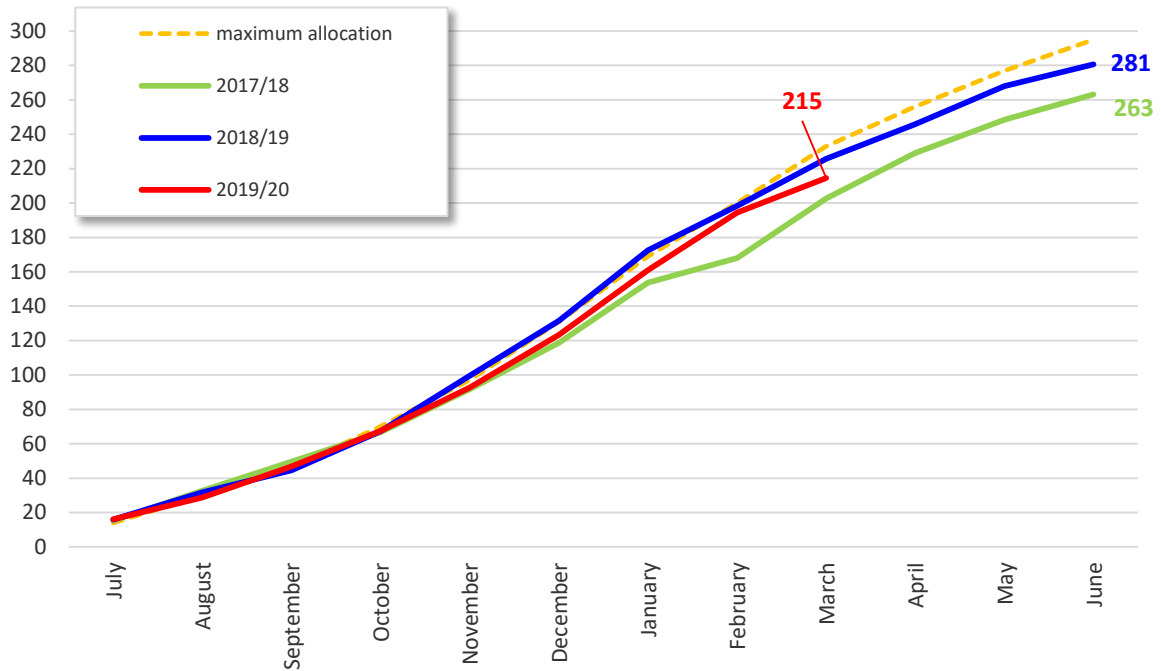
Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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

For the period to the end of March 2020, 215ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores. This is lower than the same period to the end of March 2019 (226 ML). Indicating a decrease of 11ML for the same period in 2018/19.

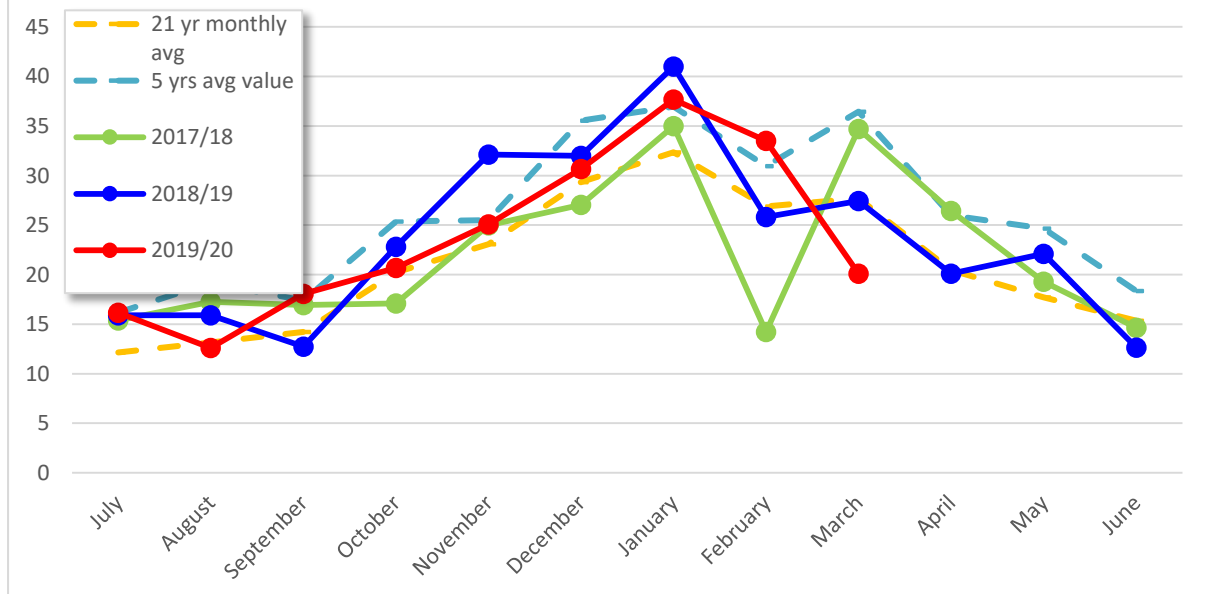
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Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)



Mount Daylight monthly water production for February 2020 was 33.52 ML and for March 2020 was 20.11ML. Water production from the Mt Daylight Bores is trending downwards this is due mainly to increased rainfall and unseasonal cooler weather towards the end of summer and early stages of Autumn.

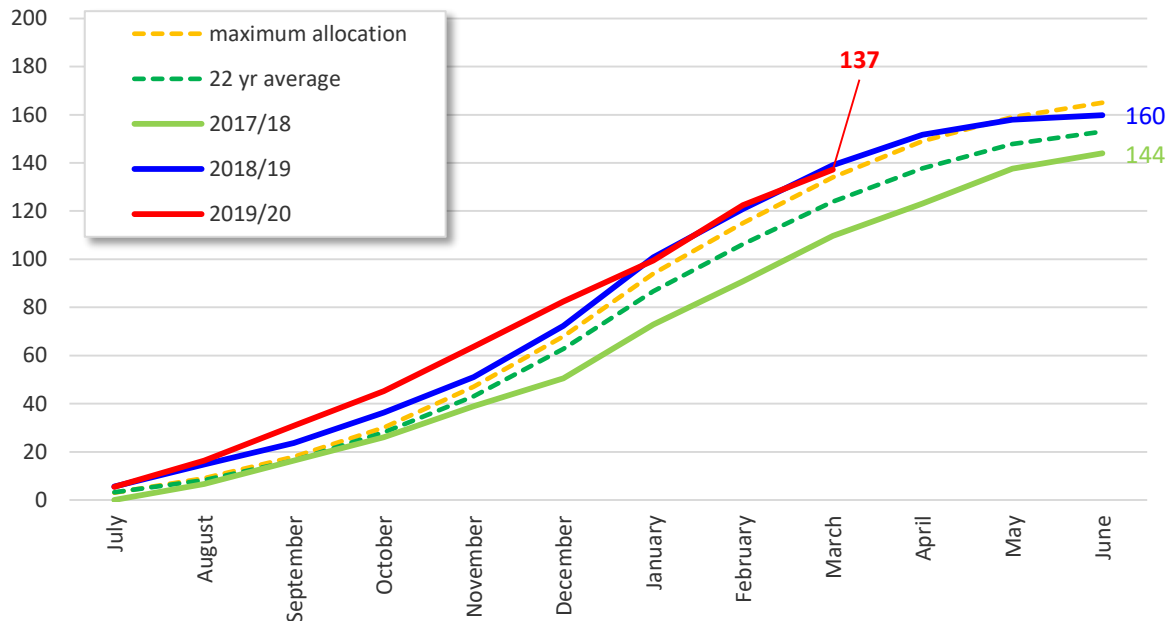
Mount Daylight Monthly (ML)



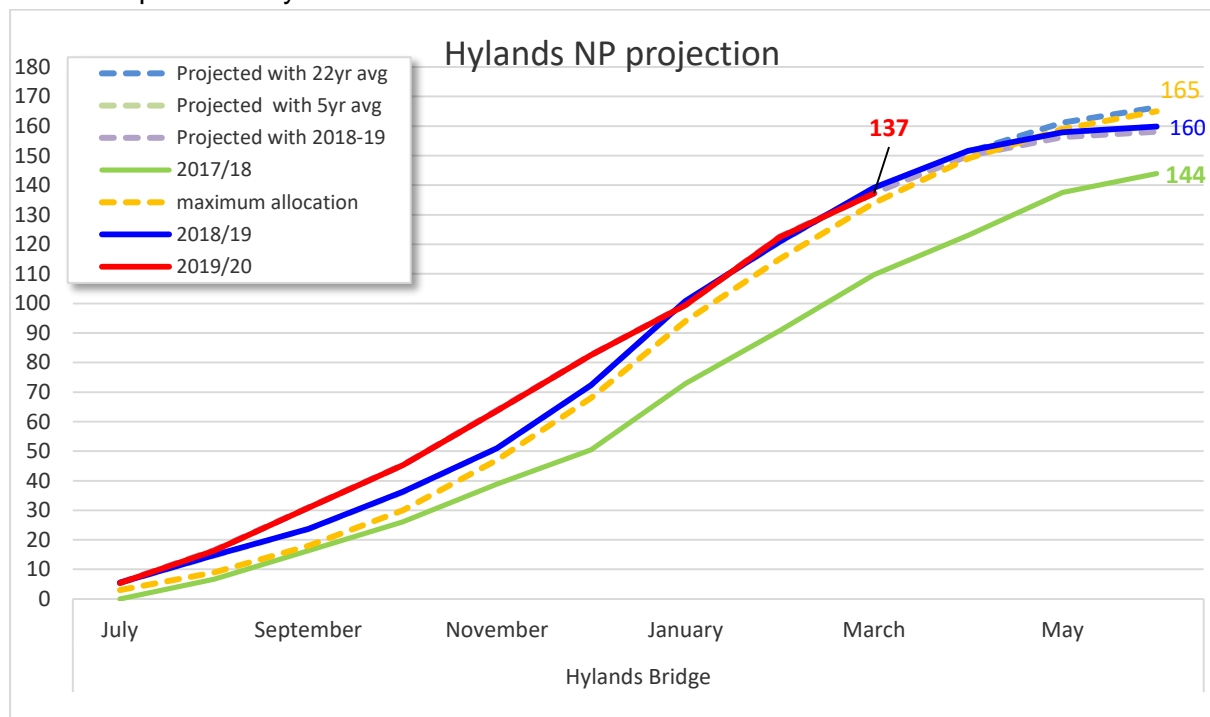
Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non Potable water to Barellan and Binya. For the period to the end of March 2020, 137ML of water has been extracted from Hylands Bridge scheme, this is a decrease for the same period to the end of March 2019 (139ML). A decrease in production of 2ML compared to the same period last year.

Hylands Bridge Annual Volume (megalitres)



Hylands Bridge Projections are as per the graph below. For the period to the end of March 2020, water production from the Hylands Bridge scheme is 137ML this is 2ML less than for the same period last year.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

14.4.1. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann that the Board adopts the revised PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy.

Cr Armstrong requested that items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 have an additional point included regarding record keeping. The General Manager concurred.

Report prepared by WHS Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Council adopted PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy in February 2018. The policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policies timeframe.

REPORT

PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy has been reviewed to provide more prescriptive guidelines. As such, the responsibilities of managers, supervisors and workers have been updated to allow for improved relatability.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

14.4.2. GOLDENFIELDS ENTERPRISE AWARD 2020

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstong and Morris that the report detailing Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award 2020 be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award 2020 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

08 Highly Skilled and Energetic Workforce

BACKGROUND

The Goldenfields Enterprise Award 2017 is due to expire 30 June 2020.

REPORT

Goldenfields' Award negotiation team comprising Human Resources, myself and a representative from LGNSW have been in discussions, together with unions and union representatives for several months regarding the draft Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award 2020.

This was an amicable process and consensus was reached in mid-February.

The application for the 2020 Enterprise Award was listed before the Industrial Relations Commission on 11 March 2020 and subsequently ratified.

The Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award 2020 will take effect as of the first full pay period on/after July 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The annual Award increases to remuneration have been factored into Goldenfields financial planning.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Goldenfields Water Enterprise Award 2020

14.4.3. DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021

Moved on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2020/2021 incorporating the 2020/2021 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

An amendment was moved by Cr McGlynn that Goldenfields Water increases fees and charges by 3% based on the current Delivery Program. A seconder for the motion was called with no response. The amendment lapsed with no seconder.

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Therefore the original motion was put to a vote. Cr McCann voted against the motion. The motion was carried.

BOARD RESOLUTION

20/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2020/2021 incorporating the 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 incorporating the 2020/2021 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

The 2017-2021 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2017 in accordance with Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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 2020/2021 Operational Plan is the last annual subset of the 2017-2021 Delivery Program.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2020/2021 Operational Plan incorporating the 2020/2021 budget and annual fees and charges are now presented in draft for Council's consideration, prior to being placed on public exhibition.

The 2020/2021 Operational Plan estimates a net operating result of \$247,000.

The 2017-2021 Delivery Program planned for Fees and Charges increasing by 3% per annum for the term of the program, 2020/2021 being the final year of that plan. Given the current circumstances, it is proposed that annual and usage charges not increase for 2020/2021. It is also proposed that fees involving some form of cost recovery for staff time and materials still increase by the 3% to cover increased costs incurred by Council.

Water sales have been estimated using average prior year usages, less a 5% margin. This is to allow for wet weather, given that a wet year could potentially reduce water sales by 30%, as occurred in 2010/2011.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2020/2021 Operational Plan

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 June 2020 commencing at 2.00pm.

16. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 3.04pm.