

**Minutes of Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 26 APRIL 2018**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr M Stadtmiller,
Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Hancock (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr
T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr Ian Graham (Corporate Services Manager), Mrs A
Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

An apology from Cr K Morris was accepted and noted.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2018, 22
MARCH 2018**

18/024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the minutes of the meetings
held on the 22 February 2018 and 22 March 2018 having been circulated and read by
members be confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

10. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Chairperson Palmer provided the following minute:

Goldenfields Water County Council welcomes and congratulates Mr Darryl Hancock on his appointment as our new General Manager. Darryl has almost 15 years experience in the water utility industry. His most recent position was Acting General Manager of Mid Coast Water.

His qualifications include a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Environmental and Business Management (MEMB). We are fortunate to have attracted such a qualified and experienced management professional to the role of General Manager.

The Board strongly believe that as General Manager, Darryl will continue to build on Goldenfields Waters commitment to be innovative leaders who provide our communities vital water infrastructure through efficiency, technical excellence and environmental responsibility. We look forward to working with Darryl and offer him our full support.

My sincere thanks to Mr Allan Tonkin for his term as interim General Manager. His commitment and dedication allowed the smooth operation of Goldenfields Water during a challenging time as we not only recruited a General Manager, but also appointed a new Chairperson. Personally I am very grateful for the assistance and guidance Allan provided under these circumstances and I also appreciate and thank all staff members for their support during this time.

Goldenfields Water County Council will continue to manage our regions water infrastructure in an enthusiastic manner to ensure we remain an industry leader.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.03am

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

18/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

11.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

11.1.1. WATER DEBTOR

18/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that the consumer be advised that the debt stands. In recognition of the circumstances the application of interest be will waived for this amount and they be given the equivalent period of time to pay the debt. Any further debts will be subject to normal recovery and interest charges.

Report Prepared by Acting Administration Coordinator

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

(b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

18/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that 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.

12. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

12.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY COPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

12.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

18/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 March 2018 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Accountant

BACKGROUND

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

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REPORT

Council's investment portfolio increased by \$2,100,000 to \$48.55 million during February and March. The profile of Council's investments held at 31 March 2018 is detailed below:

	Rating	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Purchase Date	Maturity Date
Long Term Deposits		41,000,000.00				
CBA	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/15	20/04/18
Westpac Banking Corporation	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.04%	24/06/15	25/06/18
Bank of Queensland	A2	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.00%	29/10/15	29/10/18
ING Direct	A-	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.18%	18/03/16	20/03/19
Newcastle Permanent	BBB	2,000,000.00	1,096	3.08%	08/06/17	8/06/20
Westpac Banking Corporation	A1+	2,000,000.00	1,097	3.01%	12/07/17	13/07/20
Bank of Queensland	A2	2,000,000.00	1,462	3.45%	12/07/17	13/07/21
Westpac Banking Corporation	AA-	1,000,000.00	1,099	3.06%	25/09/17	28/09/20
Bank of Queensland	BBB+	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	07/11/17	09/11/20
Rural Bank	BBB+	3,000,000.00	1,097	2.95%	06/12/17	07/12/20
ING Direct	A	3,000,000.00	728	2.91%	11/12/17	09/12/19
ING Direct	A	3,000,000.00	733	2.87%	20/12/17	23/12/19
Rural Bank	BBB+	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.10%	09/01/18	11/01/21
Rural Bank	BBB+	3,000,000.00	1,096	2.86%	14/02/18	14/02/20
Police Credit Union SA	NR	1,000,000.00	730	3.02%	21/03/18	23/03/20
Police Credit Union SA	NR	2,000,000.00	1,096	3.15%	21/03/18	22/03/21
Australian Military Bank	NR	1,000,000.00	1,096	3.20%	29/03/18	29/03/21
Short Term Deposits		5,000,000.00				
Auswide Bank	A2	1,000,000.00	365	2.82%	20/06/17	20/06/18
Bank of Queensland	A2	1,000,000.00	365	2.70%	12/07/17	12/07/18
B & A Bank	A1-	1,000,000.00	365	2.57%	10/08/17	10/08/18
Auswide Bank	A2	1,000,000.00	365	2.70%	04/12/17	04/12/18
Members Equity	A2	1,000,000.00	183	2.65%	09/01/18	09/07/18
At Call Deposits		2,550,000.00				
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	N/A	2,550,000.00	At Call	1.45%	N/A	N/A
Total Value of Investment Funds		48,550,000.00				

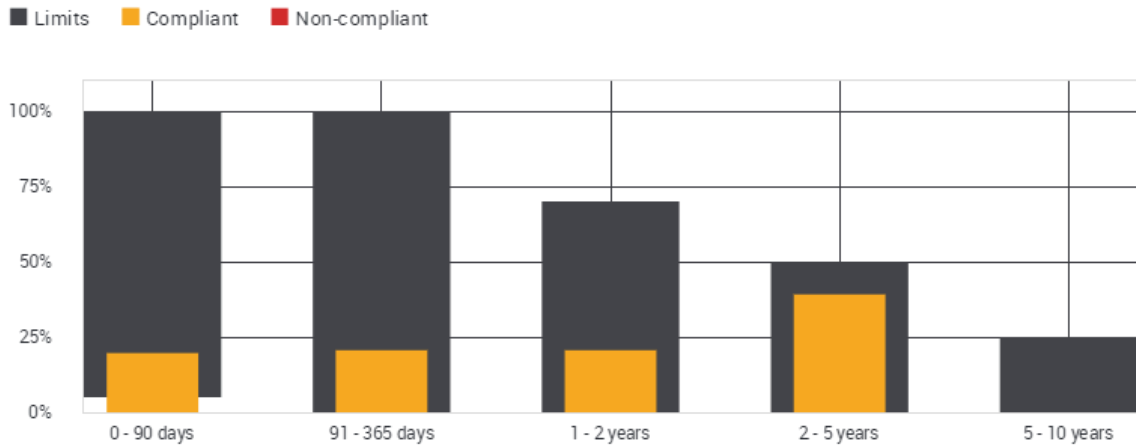
For the months of February & March, the deposit portfolio provided a solid return of +0.25% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.14% (actual). The strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3% p.a.

Over the past 12 months, the deposit portfolio returned +3.18% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 1.45% p.a. This has been very strong given deposit rates reached their all-time lows and margins have generally contracted over the past 18-24 months.

TERM TO MATURITY

The percentage of investments maturing over the next ten years is detailed in the graph below.

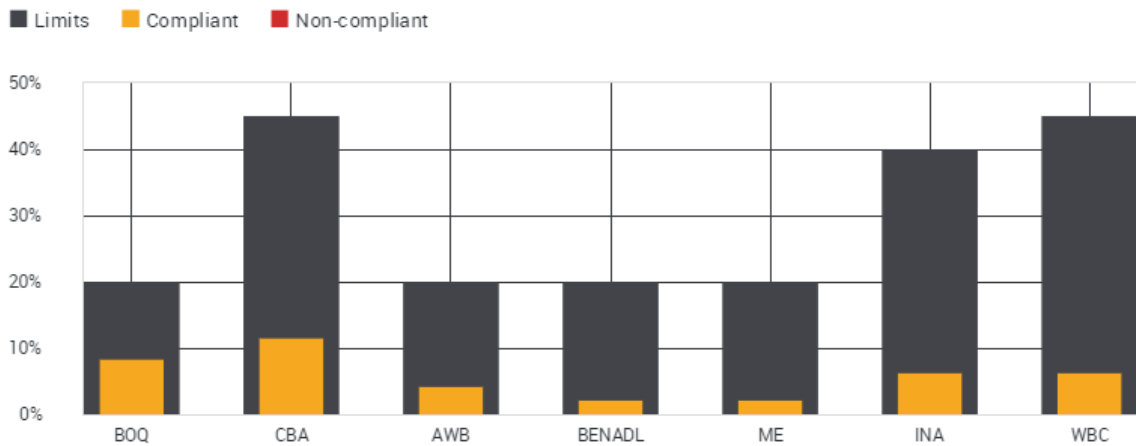
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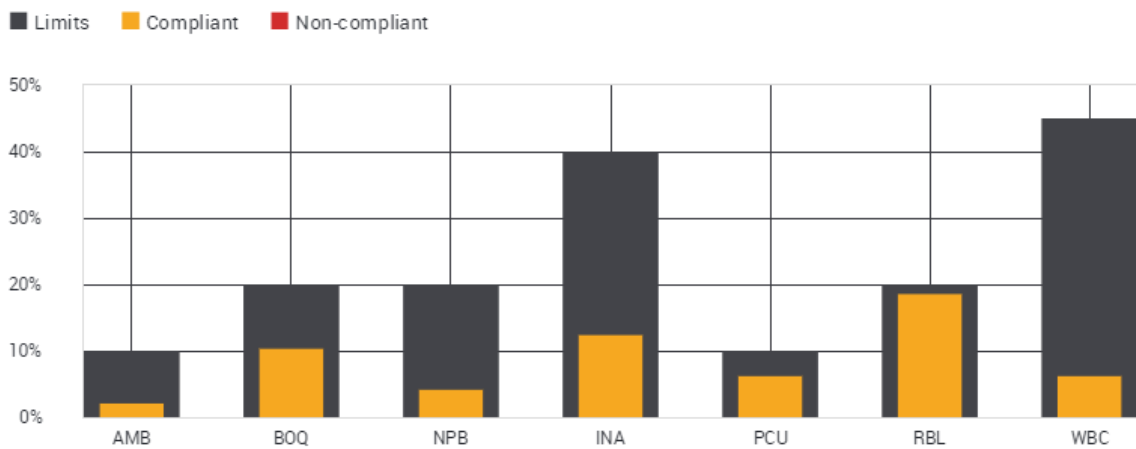
COUNTER PARTY COMPLIANCE

The below graphs compare investments with each financial institution to the limits included in Council's Investment Policy.

Counterparty compliance: short-term holdings



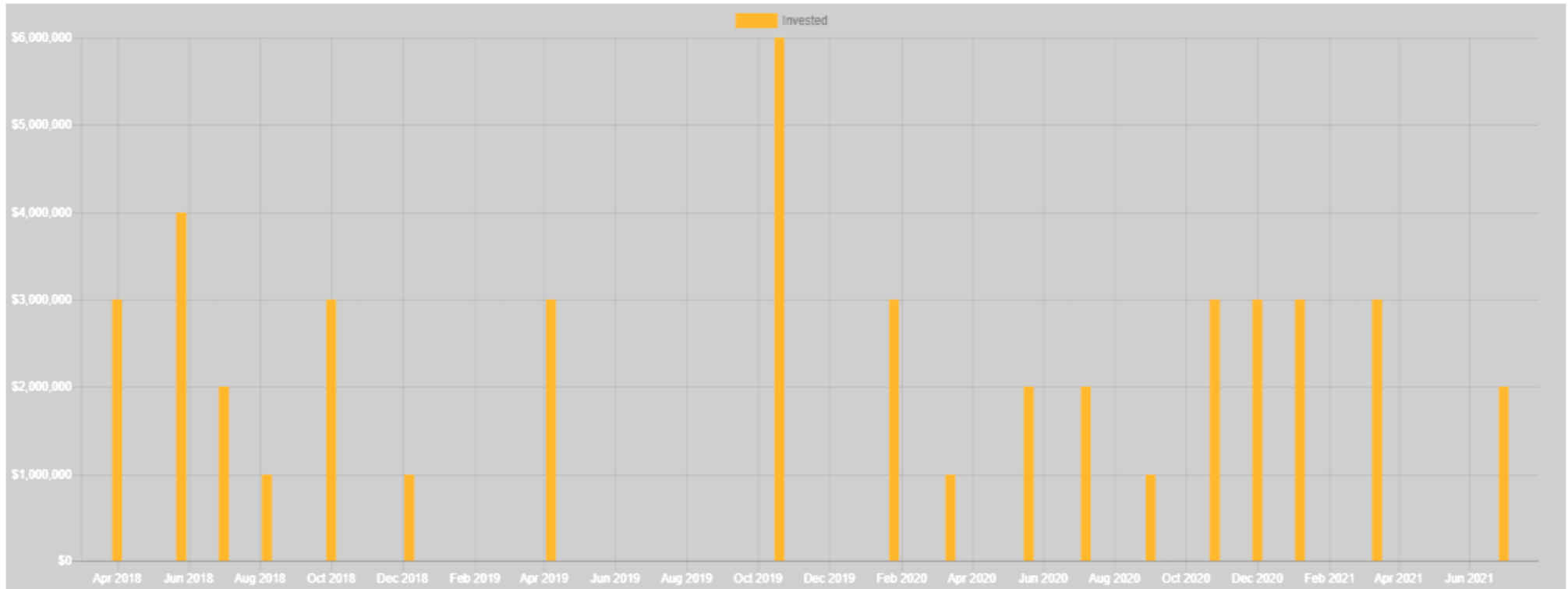
Counterparty compliance: long-term holdings



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CASHFLOW ANALYSIS - MATURITIES

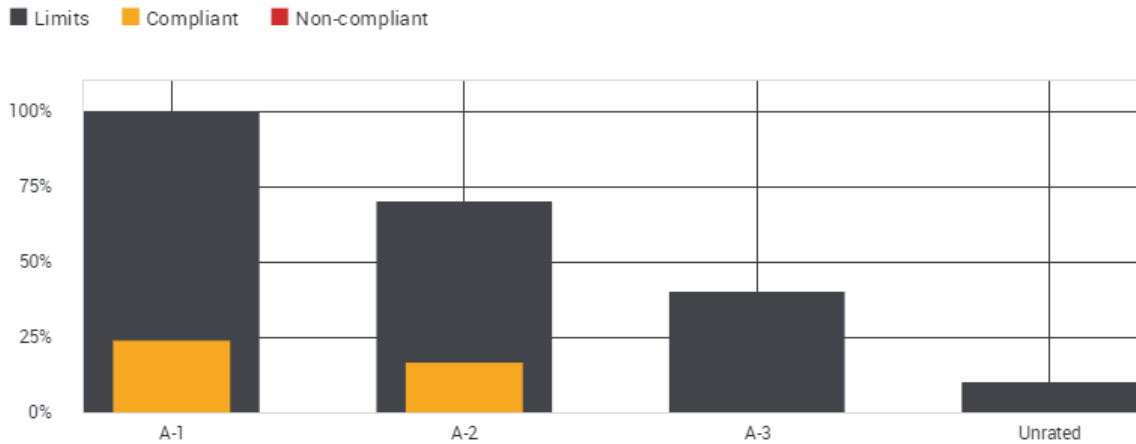
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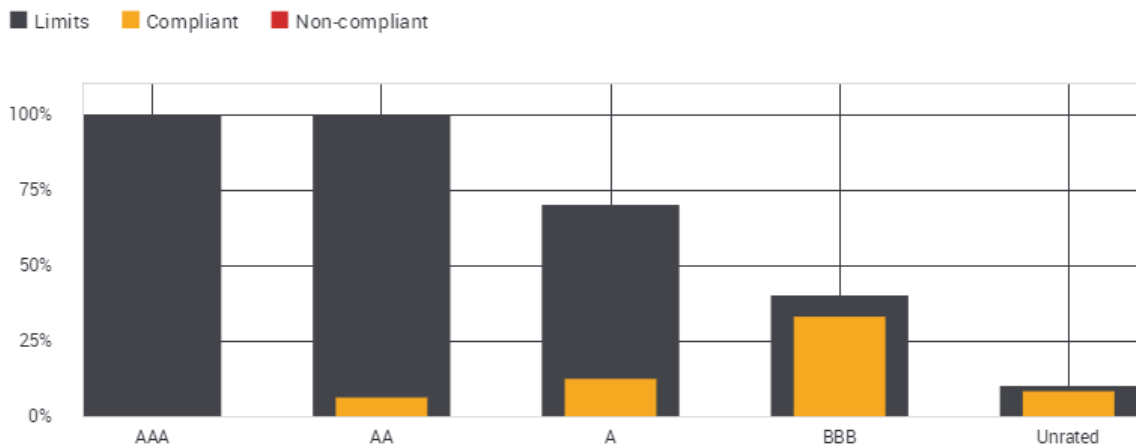
CREDIT QUALITY COMPLIANCE

The below graphs compare investments with each investment rating category to the limits included in Council's Investment Policy.

Credit quality compliance: short-term holdings



Credit quality compliance: long-term holdings



Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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12.1.2. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS (G35201005)

18/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the report detailing Council's capital works program as at 31 March 2018 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Accountant

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents an important part of Council's activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works. Water mains are a significant part of the annual program and are also reported in more detail.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2018.

Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS		2017/18 ESTIMATE	ACTUAL 31/03/2018	COMMITTED
CAPITAL INCOME				
Proceeds Funding				
Sale of Plant		690,000	428,545	-
Total Proceeds Funding		690,000	428,545	-
Total Income		690,000	428,545	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
New System Assets				
Plant & Equipment		1,765,000	1,465,985	-
Future Capital Project Investigations		100,000	1,095	-
Developer Paid Mains		40,000	96,378	-
Mains		220,000	25,252	-
Mandamah		3,590,000	791,714	-
Reservoirs		-	-	-
Pumping Stations		-	6,022	-
Treatment		62,000	33,528	-
Bores		170,000	37,435	-
Service Meters		200,000	220,937	-
Backflow Devices		750,000	605,641	-
Intangibles		1,044,500	528,801	-
Land & Buildings		700,000	669,175	-
Total New System Assets		8,641,500	4,481,963	-
Renewals				
Mains		810,500	282,423	-
Reservoirs		560,000	220,150	-
Pumping Stations		2,298,000	1,047,807	-
Treatment		150,000	185,991	-
Bores		-	137,424	-
Service Meters		145,000	85,492	-
Plant & Equipment		103,600	115,125	-
Land & Buildings		80,000	62,008	-
Total New System Assets		4,147,100	2,136,420	-
Total Expenditure		12,788,600	6,618,383	-

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Goldenfields Water County Council			
CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS			
		2017/18 ESTIMATE	ACTUAL 31/03/2018
NEW MAINS & RENEWALS			
Developer Paid			
Annual Budget		40,000	
<i>Developer Paid Design</i>			1,143
<i>Barellan Bendee Street</i>			7,040
<i>Temora Spitfire</i>			31,397
<i>Wyalong Wooten Street</i>			3,362
<i>Plemmings Subdivision</i>			21,386
<i>Junee Abatoirs</i>			1,646
<i>Bygoo Road Ardlethan</i>			25,330
<i>Gray Street Temora</i>			5,074
			96,378
New System Asset Mains			
Annual Budget		220,000	
<i>Uley Lane Stage 2</i>			18,248
<i>Orr to Booth Street Coolamon</i>			7,004
			25,252
Mandamah			
Annual Budget		3,590,000	791,714
			791,714
Renewal Mains			
Annual Budget		810,500	
<i>Fishers Lane</i>			7,255
<i>Rosehill</i>			233,637
<i>Cootamundra Temora Road</i>			-
<i>Valve Replacement</i>			41,531
			282,423
Total Expenditure		4,660,500	1,195,767

Attachments: Nil.

Tabled Items: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.1.3. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – MARCH 2018 (G35201005)

18/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2018 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Accountant

BACKGROUND

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council to revise estimates of income and expenditure in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The review is for the quarter ending 31 March 2018 and is attached for Council's consideration.

REPORT

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

The anticipated Operating Result for the 2017/18 Financial Year is \$3,693,000. The Operating Result was originally budgeted for a surplus of \$5,223,000. Proposed March quarterly review adjustments relate to the following:

1. General Revenue

1.1 User Charges & Fees

A budget increase of \$240,000 is required to account for the additional income council will receive as a result of unanticipated Private Works on water mains for our constituent councils. The corresponding costs of undertaking the works results in a \$240,000 increase to Other Expenses.

Operating Revenue	User Charges & Fees	Private Works	\$240,000
Operating Expenditure	Materials & Contracts	Private Works	(\$240,000)
		Impact on surplus	\$0

2. Operating Expenditure

2.1 Employee Costs

A budget increase of \$310,000 is required to Employee Costs to accommodate for the costs, including salaries, relocation costs, training and recruitment associated with Council's organisational restructure.

Operating Expenditure	Employee Costs		\$330,000
		Impact on surplus	\$(330,000)

2.2 Depreciation

The 2016/17 Water Infrastructure asset revaluation resulted in a reassessment of the replacement values, useful life and remaining useful life of Council’s water infrastructure assets. These valuations are undertaken every four years as a requirement from the Office of Local Government. As a result of the revaluation an increase of \$1,200,000 is required to meet the additional depreciation.

Operating Expenditure	Depreciation		\$1,200,000
		Impact on surplus	\$(1,200,000)

Capital Budget Review Statement

The anticipated capital works budget remains unchanged at \$12,789,000.

Attachments: March Quarterly Budget Review Statement (01/01/2018 – 31/03/2018)

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation results in a net decrease in operating surplus of \$1,530,000 and net decrease in cash surplus of \$330,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.1.4. DEBT RECOVERY UPDATE (G40350505)

18/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that the update on Council’s debt recovery process be noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

BACKGROUND

Council has been using the services of an external debt collection company, Outstanding Collections, since June 2017 to assist in the recovery of monies that are overdue for water related fees, charges and other debts in line with Council’s Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy.

REPORT

Since engaged, 321 accounts with a total debt of \$468,571 have been referred to Outstanding Collections for further recovery action. These customers exceeded the allowable Final Notice timeframe to make payment or put a payment arrangement in place.

At 31 March 2018 Council has recovered \$283,212. Furthermore, 51 customers with a total debt of \$119,926 have current payment arrangements in place with Council.

The overall result for Council is a debt recovery performance (debt either paid in full or under a payment plan) of 86% up to 31 March 2018.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

12.2.1. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION NOTIFICATIONS (G40203005)

18/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that Council note the tabling of the Related Party Transaction Notifications.

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has determined that AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures apply to government entities, including local government.

Related parties include Council's key management personnel, their close family members, and any entities that they or any of their close family members control or jointly control. A related party transaction is any transaction (whether a transfer of resources, services or obligations) between the reporting local government and any of the related parties, whether monetary or not.

In the annual financial statements councils must disclose related party relationship, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments.

REPORT

Key Management Personnel – elected members, the general manager, directors and managers are required to complete Related Party Transaction Notifications disclosing any existing or potential related party transaction to assist Council in compliance with its statutory obligations.

Related Party Transaction Notifications are tabled biannually to ensure the requirements are met.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Related Party Transactions – Cr M Stadtmiller and Mr D Hancock

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.2. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS (G40203005)

18/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that Council note the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest Returns

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

Under section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, councillors and designated persons (staff) must provide a declaration of pecuniary interest as contained in the prescribed form.

REPORT

Declaration of Pecuniary interest returns must be completed and lodged with the General Manager within three (3) months after becoming a councillor or designated person, or alternatively a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June is required to lodge their pecuniary interest return with the General Manager by 30 September each year.

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

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Pecuniary Interest Returns – Mr Allan Tonkin and Mr Darryl Hancock

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.3. ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY (G05600501)

18/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McCann that Council endorse the Draft Asset Management Policy

Report prepared by Engineering Officer

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council manages an asset base valued at approximately \$392 million enabling it to supply quality drinking water to the region. In recent years Council staff have been actively reviewing the management of these assets in order to gain a better understanding of condition, criticality, and remaining life.

REPORT

Council's suite of asset management documentation is due for review. The recent Audit Management Letter identified shortfalls in asset management procedures. The obvious place to start is at the top with a review of the Asset Management Policy.

The Asset Management Policy is a 'high level' document outlining Councils commitment to asset management through sustainable management approaches, and meeting levels of service. It defines council's asset management principles, and legislative requirements. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of Council and the asset management staff. The policy is council's commitment to maintaining assets in a sustainable manner.

Council staff have engaged Oranasoft to complete an asset management policy and procedure. Attached for councils consideration is the Draft Asset Management Policy.

Attachments: Draft Asset Management Policy

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.4. REVIEW OF THE GWCC TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM (G04050505)

18/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair

1. That GWCC finalise its current commitment to the program and not continue with an extension or new co-funded trainee program.
2. That the GWCC Community Education and Engagement Officer prepare an outline of an annual education and engagement plan for consideration.

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

The first recorded mention of the Goldenfields Water County Council Traineeship Program was in the closed session of the Goldenfields Water County Council meeting held on the 5 June 2014, when council resolved the following;

14/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that:

1. Council approve a budget of \$600K over a three year period for the scheme and
2. The General Manager approach each Council to explain the scheme.

REPORT

**Letters of Offer – Goldenfields Water County Council Data/GIS Traineeship
Scheme and responses from constituent Councils.**

On the 28 November 2014 letters (see attachment 1) explaining the proposed traineeship scheme were sent to the following Constituent Councils;

- Cootamundra Shire Council
- Riverina Local Land Service
- Temora Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council
- Bland Shire Council
- Young Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Harden Shire Council

From the letters of offer it appears the main aim of the traineeship scheme was;

- To produce high quality trainees with up to date data/GIS skill-sets and integrate the use of Goldenfields Waters Data Acquisition Network into the regions management. The duration of the traineeship would be 3 years and Goldenfields Water would contribute \$25K per year to each Constituent Council that took up the offer.

There were a number of requirements placed on the host employer/Constituent Councils as follows;

- Trainees must be made available for 4 monthly visits to Goldenfields Water for updating on the latest innovations and feedback on required sensors for use in the trainee's workplace.
- Position description include significant desk or field component relating to Goldenfields Water Data/GIS (30%)
- Trainee must apply GIS/data skill-sets 3 days per fortnight (averaged on a yearly basis).
- Must be written into host employers training plan.
- Position Description must be submitted to Goldenfields Water 5 days prior to advertising for written approval.

On the 2 December 2014 Temora Shire Council accepted the offer and attached a position description (see attachment 2) for a trainee Sewer and Plumbing Officer. Temora Shire appointed a trainee on the 22 December 2014 as an Assistant Sewer and Plumbing Officer

Cootamundra Shire Council declined the offer citing budgetary concerns and that the integration of the Goldenfields Water County Council Data Acquisition network was not in their best interest.

Junee Shire replied on the 23 December 2014 noting;

- a) They have a mutual desire to attract a trainee in the same field.
- b) They would like to appoint another trainee in 2016.

Coolamon Shire accepted the offer on the 22 December 2014. Coolamon Shire also provided a position description that included position objectives similar to the

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Goldenfields Water County Council proposal. Their Trainee was appointed on the 27 February 2015 with a condition of continued employment being accepted by the University of Tasmania in a Graduate Diploma of Infrastructure Asset Management.

Bland Shire Council accepted the offer and appointed a trainee on the 27 February 2015. Their position description focused on GIS and information technology that met the position objectives proposed by Goldenfields Water County Council.

Payment Schedule for Appointed Trainees

In July 2015 a payment schedule for appointed trainees commenced.

It appears that Junees were unsuccessful in their attempt to appoint a suitable trainee. In November 2015 Junees sought approval to re-advertise the position which was approved by Goldenfields Water County Council on the 2 December 2015.

In July 2016 Goldenfields Water included Junees in the payment schedule starting later than the other 3 Councils and therefore extending the date of their final payment in 2018. Junees appointed a Trainee Asset Accountant in January 2016.

Review of the Success of the Co-funded Traineeship Project

On the 25 July 2017, Goldenfields Water wrote to each of the four participating Councils asking the following questions;

- i) The value of the financial contribution to your Council?
- ii) Your interest in seeing the scheme continue?
- iii) What has been successful? and
- iv) Any improvements you would like to see?

Year	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Payment Schedule	June -15	June-16	June-17	June-18
Temora Shire Council	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
Coolamon Shire Council	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
Bland Shire Council	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
Total	\$37,500	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$37,500.00

On the 9 August 2017 Coolamon Shire responded to the request above noting the

following;

- i) Internal employment changes reduced the effectiveness of the position with the trainee Asset Manager going on maternity leave and recently resigning.
- ii) Coolamon are committed to the traineeship position and have employed a new trainee
- iii) The initial trainee did not attend Goldenfields Worksite or work in the GIS environment, hence concern about the benefits for Goldenfields Water.
- iv) Coolamon will accept any decisions Goldenfields Water make in the future of the program.

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On the 18 August 2017 Temora Shire Council responded noting the following;

- i) The co-funded traineeship allowed them to employ a trainee Sewer and Plumbing Officer who successfully completed a certificate III in Water Operations and is now a valued employee.
- ii) The employer did not meet the requirements in relation to quarterly visits or the GIS/Data components of the original plan.
- iii) Noted that there minimal benefits to Goldenfields Water in the projects current format.

On the 28 August 2017, Bland Shire responded noting;

- i) The scheme was successful with a better understanding between Councils and Goldenfields Water.
- ii) There would be benefit if the traineeship continued (No expectation)
- iii) The trainee only visited Goldenfields water once and did not receive any training on the use of sensors in the Bland LGA.

Junee Shire Council responded verbally noting;

- i) It was a great project.
- ii) The trainee did not visit Goldenfields Water County Council hence did not achieve the original goal.
- iii) Their trainee has been appointed to a permanent position.
- iv) They would participate if the project continued.

Summary of the feedback

It appears that whilst the initial concept had merit, none of the traineeship delivered on the cross-fertilization of GIS and Goldenfields skill sets. The four recipient Councils all benefited from a co-funded traineeship but could not identify any direct benefit to Goldenfields Water.

Based on the information obtained it is recommended that Goldenfields Water finalise its current commitments to the program and not continue with an extension or new co-funded trainee program.

With the commencement of the Community Education and Engagement Officer Position and adoption of the Goldenfields Water Community Engagement Strategy 2017-2021 there is an opportunity to re-allocate part of the traineeship program budget towards relationship-fostering Opportunities.

To explore this idea it is recommended that the Community Education and Engagement Officer prepare an outline of education and engagement activities to the value of \$50000 per annum.

Attachments: Attachment one - Letter of Offer GWCC Data/GIS Traineeship Scheme, Attachment two – Position Description Trainee Sewer & Plumbing Officer

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.5. DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/2019 (G05601005)

Cr Armstrong sought justification on the fee for processing of dishonoured cheques.

Mr Graham took the matter on notice and will report back to Council.

18/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2018-2019 incorporating the 2018-2019 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

The 2017-2021 Delivery Program and 2017-2018 Operational Plan were 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 year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The 2018-2019 Operational Plan is the second annual subset of the 2017-2021 Delivery Program and has been amended to reflect actions carried over from 2017-2018.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2018-2019 Operational Plan incorporating the 2018-2019 budget and annual fees and charges are now presented in draft for Council's consideration prior to being placed on public exhibition.

The 2018-2019 Operational Plan estimates an operating result of \$3.3M before capital items.

Attachments: Draft 2018/2019 Operational Plan incorporating the 2018-2019 budget and annual fees and charges.

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 June 2018 at 1.00pm.

Cr McGlynn moved a motion that the meeting scheduled to be held Thursday 28 June 2018 commence at 10.00am and that all future ordinary meetings commence at 10.00am.

Cr Stadtmiller seconded the motion.

18/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Stadtmiller that the meeting scheduled to be held Thursday 28 June 2018 commence at 10.00am and that all future ordinary meetings commence at 10.00am.

14. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Stadtmiller sought and was provided clarification regarding Goldenfields Water's non potable water scheme.

Cr McCann sought and was provided information pertaining to Councils infrastructure and potential capacity for supply.

Cr McGlynn commended the work being conducted at Mandamah.

Cr McGlynn suggested Goldenfields Water consider additional publicity of the good work being undertaken by Goldenfields Water through local media.

15. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting closed at 11.17am
