

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held in the TEMORA office on 23 June 2011**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr J Macaulay, Cr C Manchester, Cr J McGregor, Cr K Morris, Cr J O'Brien and Cr D Palmer.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Wearne (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Administration), Mr B West (Manager Engineering), Mr C Perry (Acting Manager Production & Distribution) and Miss K Turner (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr Mangelsdorf.

11/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Macaulay that leave of absence be granted.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this time.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2011

11/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2011, having been circulated and read by the members, be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No Business Arising from the Minutes was raised.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

No requests for public access were received.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions were received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

No late reports were received.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

With this meeting being the last for the current General Manager, on behalf of Council the Chairman thanked the General Manager for his contribution to Council over the years and wished him well for his future endeavours.

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9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

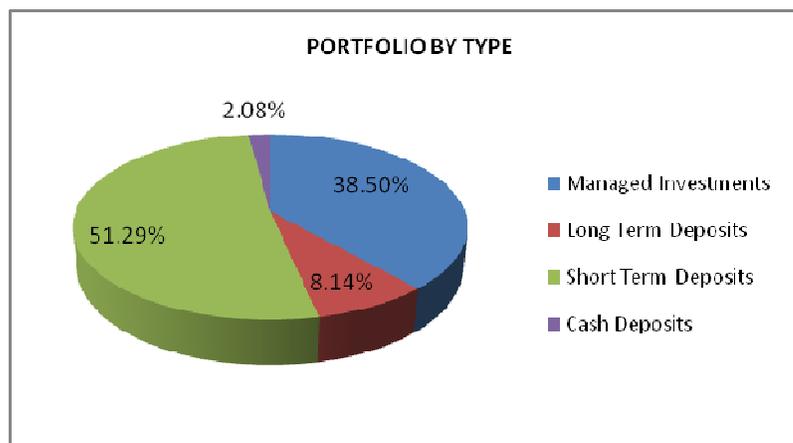
9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

11/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31 May 2011 be received and noted.

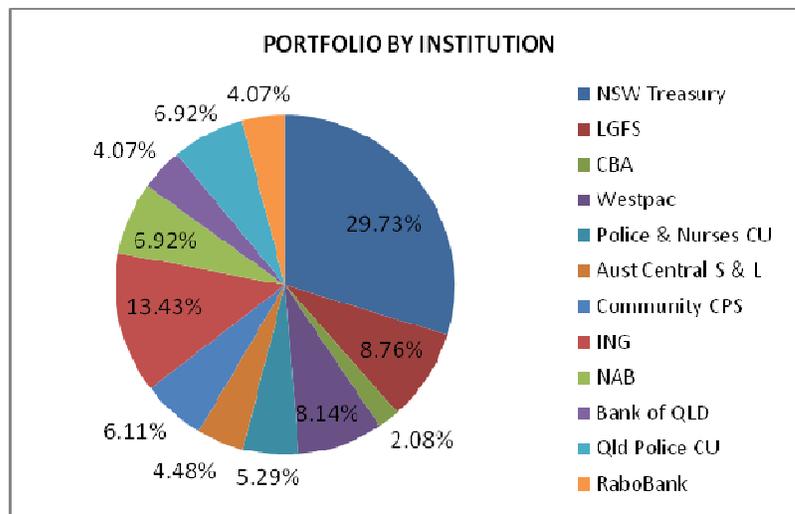
Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 31 May 2011:

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Managed Investments	9,458,250.98				38.50%
NSW Treasury Hour Glass Facility	7,305,180.45	At Call	5.16%	N/A	29.73%
LG Financial Services FOCF	2,153,070.53	At Call	5.52%	N/A	8.76%
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				8.14%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	6.26%	27/10/15	8.14%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	12,600,000.00				51.29%
Community CPS Australia	1,500,000.00	90	6.15%	6/06/11	6.11%
Police & Nurses Credit Union	1,300,000.00	60	5.86%	27/06/11	5.29%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	88	5.80%	11/07/11	4.07%
Qld Police Credit Union	1,700,000.00	60	5.84%	26/07/11	6.92%
National Australia Bank	1,700,000.00	92	5.89%	2/08/11	6.92%
Aust Central Savings & Loans	1,100,000.00	89	6.07%	23/08/11	4.48%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,800,000.00	180	6.26%	30/08/11	7.33%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	181	6.35%	7/11/11	6.11%
Rabobank Australia	1,000,000.00	364	6.50%	9/05/12	4.07%
Cash Deposits	510,021.46				2.08%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	300,000.00	At Call	4.70%	N/A	1.22%
CBA Premium Business A/c	210,021.46	At Call	Various	N/A	0.85%
	24,568,272.44				100.00%



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Movements within Bank account for the reporting period (\$)

Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2011	10,107.33
Plus Deposits	
April	3,733,939.53
May	5,863,537.17
Less Payments	
April	3,328,575.31
May	6,073,158.89
Cash Book balance as at 31 May 2011	205,849.83
Less Outstanding Deposits	2,516.72
Plus Unpresented Cheques	6,688.35
Bank balance as at 31 May 2011	210,021.46

It is hereby certified that the above investments have been secured in accordance with:

- Local Government Act, 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005;
- Investment Order – dated 12 January 2011; and
- Council's Investment Policy (adopted 28/4/2011).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.2 OUTSTANDING DEBTORS (G35307005)

11/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that the report detailing Council's outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

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This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2011:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	31,843.14	6,331.82	29,054.55	67,229.51
Consumption Charges	74,674.35	24,301.73	128,294.09	227,270.17
Deferred Headworks	76,800.00	0.00	13,200.00	90,000.00
Sub-Totals	183,317.49	30,633.55	170,548.64	384,499.68
Less Overpayments Received				-139,646.75
Total Outstanding				244,852.93
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				0.00
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				-90,000.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				154,852.93

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT (G25101005)

11/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that Council endorse the actions of the Chairman and General Manager in finalising contractual arrangements with Origin/Country Energy for the supply of electricity to Council's contestable sites for the next three years, commencing from 1 July 2011.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

As previously reported, Goldenfields Water was included in the joint REROC tender for the supply of electricity to its contestable sites. The following are excerpts from the report to the REROC meeting held on 24 May 2011 from Michael McCauley, Business Manager, REROC:

"Tenders for the supply of retail electricity were called by REROC on behalf of participating member Councils and various non-member organisations. The tender process was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. Coolamon Shire Council administered the calling and opening of the tenders.

Tenderers were invited to submit fixed prices for a one (1), two (2) or three (3) year period and were to include green energy, environmental charges (Government), metering and other applicable pricing in their response. Additionally, street lighting was included in the tender process. Indicative energy consumption for participating sites was provided in the tender specification.

At the time of closure, there were three (3) tenders received; being from EnergyAustralia, Powerdirect and Country Energy/Origin. Powerdirect were the only retailer to submit fixed prices for 1, 2 or 3 years. Both EnergyAustralia and Country Energy/Origin submitted fixed prices for each of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

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For each of the one (1), two (2) and three (3) year periods, the prices submitted by Country Energy/Origin are clearly the best alternative for the participants. Accordingly it will be recommended that Country Energy/Origin be awarded the contract. The question that remains is whether that contract be for a 1, 2 or 3 year period.

When considering whether to enter into a 1 or 3 year contract, it must be remembered that all three retailers have quoted figures in excess of 7c/kwh for the 2 and 3 year periods. It would appear that electricity costs have been fairly static over the past 2 years but are expected to increase in the future. This coupled with the certainty (for budgetary purposes) of a fixed price leads me to recommend that participants enter into a three (3) year contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

That participating Council's purchase their retail electricity from Country Energy/Origin for a 3 year period commencing 1 July 2011 at the rates detailed in the body of the report."

Unfortunately, the General Manager was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflicting award negotiation meeting, but it was confirmed that the meeting passed the above recommendation. Country Energy/Origin was obviously the preferred option for GWCC.

The following is a summary of the pricing submitted, together with pricing under the Government contract and comparisons with current charges:

Tender 1	Peak	Shoulder	Off Peak
Year 1 Fixed: 1/7/2011 - 30/6/2012	6.9598c/kwh	6.9146c/kwh	3.0665c/kwh
Year 2 Fixed: 1/7/2012 - 30/6/2013	7.6624c/kwh	7.7704c/kwh	3.1477c/kwh
Year 3 Fixed: 1/7/2013 - 30/6/2014	7.5013c/kwh	8.4300c/kwh	3.1593c/kwh
Metering Charges	\$850 / meter pa		

Tender 2	Peak	Shoulder	Off Peak
Year 1 Fixed: 1/7/2011 - 30/6/2012	6.724c/kwh	6.724c/kwh	2.856c/kwh
Year 2 Fixed: 1/7/2012 - 30/6/2013	7.002c/kwh	7.002c/kwh	2.913c/kwh
Year 3 Fixed: 1/7/2013 - 30/6/2014	7.247c/kwh	7.247c/kwh	2.897c/kwh
Metering Charges	\$600 / meter pa		

Country Energy / Origin	Peak	Shoulder	Off Peak
Year 1 Fixed: 1/7/2011 - 30/6/2012	6.2470c/kwh	6.2470c/kwh	2.6224c/kwh
Year 2 Fixed: 1/7/2012 - 30/6/2013	7.0153c/kwh	7.0153c/kwh	2.6904c/kwh
Year 3 Fixed: 1/7/2013 - 30/6/2014	7.2255c/kwh	7.2255c/kwh	2.9283c/kwh
Metering Charges	\$912.50 / meter pa		

Government Contract	Peak	Shoulder	Off Peak
Year 1 Fixed: 1/7/2011 - 30/6/2012	6.9814c/kwh	6.5888c/kwh	2.7732c/kwh
Year 2 Fixed: 1/7/2012 - 30/6/2013	7.8614c/kwh	7.4964c/kwh	2.8614c/kwh
Year 3 Fixed: 1/7/2013 - 30/6/2014	7.9883c/kwh	8.2474c/kwh	2.9275c/kwh
Metering Charges	\$850 / meter pa		

Current Charges (GWCC) *	Peak	Shoulder	Off Peak
1/7/2010 - 30/6/2011	7.5108c/kwh	7.5108c/kwh	3.2741c/kwh

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* The current contract with Energy Australia was obtained through the tender process conducted by Council in 2009.

Since the REROC meeting, Council has been in contact with Country Energy to organise the contractual arrangements. In order to have everything ready to go from 1 July and after consulting the Chairman, the General Manager completed arrangements by signing off on the contract.

While there is a reasonable reduction in the price per kilowatt hour for Council's contestable sites, there is no reason at this stage to amend the budget for 2011/12 as Council's electricity usage can fluctuate dramatically with water demand. The budget will continue to be monitored throughout the year.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 APRIL / MAY 2011 (G95507005)

11/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the Works Report for April and May be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
310.	1/4	-	-	Gray St, Wallendbeen	100	-	1	Joint Failure
311.	1/4	3.00	4.00	Oura Rd, Wantabadgery	300	20	5	Other
312.	2/4	4.00	7.00	Dunrobin St, Coolamon	100	10	10	Split Pipe
313.	2/4	3.00	6.00	Cowabbie St, Coolamon	100	3	50	Split Pipe
314.	3/4	7.00	8.00	Boundary Rd, Marrar	80	10	30	Split Pipe
315.	6/4	8.00	9.30	Kingdom Dr, Coolamon	100	-	10	Other
316.	8/4	4.30	7.30	Dirnaseer Rd, Illabo	80	-	150	Joint Failure
317.	8/4	-	-	Newell Hwy, Mirrool	100	-	10	Split Pipe
318.	8/4	10.00	1.00	Marrar Pinnacle Reservoir Marrar	150	100	-	Joint Failure
319.	8/4	-	-	Bootoowa Rd, Naradhan	80	-	20	Hole in Pipe
320.	8/4	-	-	Bogan Gap Rd, Naradhan	80	-	20	Split Pipe
321.	8/4	-	-	De Boos Ln, Barmedman	100	-	50	Split Pipe
322.	12/4	-	-	Suttons Ln, Cootamundra	100	-	5	Split Pipe

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		Off	On					
323.	15/4	7.00	1.00	Oura Rd, Wantabadgery	300	-	-	Split Pipe
324.	18/4	-	-	Blackgate Rd, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe
325.	19/4	6.00	9.00	Coursing Park Rd, Marrar	80	-	-	Split Pipe
326.	20/4	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
327.	20/4	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
328.	20/4	2.00	4.00	South Boundary Ln, Matong	250	-	-	Joint Failure
329.	21/4	-	-	Pikedale Ln, Old Junee	-	-	200	Other
330.	28/4	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe
331.	3/5	-	-	Rose Hill Rd, Cootamundra	300	-	2	Split Pipe
332.	3/5	-	-	Kingsvale Rd, Kingsvale	300	-	2	Joint Failure
333.	3/5	9.00	12.00	Crudens Ln, Old Junee	150	-	50	Split Pipe
334.	5/5	12.00	2.00	Cowabbie St, Coolamon	100	-	100	Split Pipe
335.	5/5	-	-	Monia Gap Rd, Naradhan	80	-	10	Split Pipe
336.	5/5	-	-	Matong St, Matong	100	-	10	Split Pipe
337.	5/5	-	-	Bussenschutts Ln, Marrar	20	-	-	Other
338.	6/5	-	-	Roediger's Ln, Junee	200	-	2	Split Pipe
339.	6/5	-	-	Echo Ln, West Wyalong	80	-	10	Split Pipe
340.	6/5	-	-	Roediger's, Ln Junee	200	-	-	Split Pipe
341.	9/5	-	-	Junee Rd, Marrar	20	-	-	Other
342.	10/5	-	-	Merribee Rd, Garoolgan	100	-	1	Other
343.	11/5	-	-	Neeld Ln, Wyalong	100	-	50	Other
344.	12/5	-	-	Ganmain Rd, Grong Grong	100	-	20	Split Pipe
345.	13/5	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Hole in Pipe
346.	14/5	-	-	Coursing Park Rd, Marrar	80	-	-	Split Pipe
347.	14/5	-	-	Kameruka Ln, Eurongilly	20	-	20	Split Pipe
348.	15/5	2.00	6.00	Wheel of Fortune Rd, Oura	-	-	20	Other
349.	17/5	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint Failure
350.	19/5	-	-	Slee St, West Wyalong	150	-	-	Hole in Pipe
351.	19/5	-	-	Turners Ln, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
352.	19/5	-	-	Turners Ln, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint Failure
353.	20/5	-	-	Olympic Hwy, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
354.	21/5	-	-	Holbrook St, Temora	100	-	50	Split Pipe
355.	21/5	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
356.	23/5	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe
357.	24/5	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
358.	24/5	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
359.	26/5	5.30	11.30	Mt Daylight Rd, Naradhan	150	-	20	Joint Failure
360.	27/5	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
361.	30/5	-	-	Suttons Ln, Cootamundra	100	-	5	Split Pipe
362.	30/5	-	-	Coursing Park Rd, Marrar	150	-	10	Split Pipe
363.	31/5	-	-	Wagga Rd, Junee	50	-	2	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

5/04/2011 89 Regent Street, Junee.
 5/04/2011 137 Polaris Street, Temora.
 14/04/2011 12 Elizabeth Street, Junee.
 14/04/2011 13 Ashton Street, Temora.
 18/04/2011 65 Haig Street, Temora.
 6/05/2011 Tenefts Street, Temora.

Other Problems:

4/05/2011 101 Wade Street, Coolamon – cloudy water.

A total of 73 service difficulty and fault reports were received for April / May.

Construction & Major Maintenance

The following significant works were undertaken in April / May 2011:-

- Serviced ACV's and PRV's across the scheme.
- Serviced and inspected vehicles and small plant.
- Worked on No.2 pump and motor at Demondrille and North Weethalle.
- Worked on pump at Rosehill.
- Installed new reflux valve on No.2 pump at Oura.
- Conducted maintenance at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.
- Fabricated new extendable davit arms and bases.
- Installed RHS under ridge of roof to prevent flexing and cracking at Junee Balance Tank.

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- Fabricated cover for PRV at Old Temora Road.
- Finished off reservoir hatches and sealed around the hatches on Mt Daylight Reservoirs.
- Fabricated pit lids.
- Fabricated racks, fitted radios, toolboxes and lights to distribution vehicles during changeover.
- Fabricated 150mm FI/FI spacer and 150mm blanking flange for Temora East Reservoir.
- Repaired Coolamon excavator trailer.
- Welded socked onto pipe and installed air valve on Wombat Hill Reservoir.
- Installed safety eye on reservoir to prevent falling and assist in abseiling at Junee Balance Tank.
- Repaired and refurbished whirly birds at Naradhan Reservoir.
- Fabricated 50mm FI/Soc connector and modified stands for pipework at Barmedman.
- Machined new parts for Demondrille pump.
- Serviced foot-valve and reflux valve at Hylands Bridge.
- Replaced stop valves at North Weethalle.
- Changed ACV and installed adjustment bolt in the top of valve at Marrar.
- Serviced Eurollie Road No.2 pump.
- Finished cut-ins for pipe relocations at Rankin Springs Road Weethalle.
- Cut-in stop valve for extension in Vesper and Loftus Streets Temora.
- Carried out work on air valves from Hannan to North Weethalle.
- Installed new air valves in Malebo Range Temora.
- Installed services to new water main in Waterview Street Ganmain.
- Installed new magflow at Mt Daylight Pump Station.
- Began meter reading.
- Cut-in, commissioned and laid 100mm bypass line at Temora High Level Reservoir. Also backfilled and cleaned up site.
- Continued Barmedman main replacement, including under-boring of Mary Gilmore Way and installing pipe work under roadway.
- Completed 100mm main extension and pressure tested in Loftus Street Temora.
- Conducted various tasks on the Tenandra pipeline.
- Laid remaining pipe to complete pipeline to Barmedman Reservoir, charged and prepared main for chlorination.
- Completed 100mm main relocation for Coolamon Shire Council, installed services, pressure tested and chlorinated.
- Cleaned up around Jugiong No.1 Pump Station following storm damage.
- Delivered pipe and fittings to Wyalong in preparation for next project.
- Carried out swabbing of Oura main.
- Carried out flushing of Junee, Coolamon, Ganmain, Matong and Grong Grong mains.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

11/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Macaulay that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2011:

Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
New System Assets						
Site Acquisition	Betric Reservoir	1/7/2008	30/9/2010	9,635	9,648	Completed
Iron / Manganese Minimisation	Oura & Matong Systems	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	0	0	Has been shifted back to 2012/13
Site Acquisition / Construct Radio Facilities	\$10k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	10,000	0	Earmarked for Council's contribution to the development of the Rosemont Radio Site in conjunction with the NSWFB
Mains Extension	\$50k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	0	N/A	\$50k has been allocated to the following 2 capital works job + \$8k from Mains Replacement vote
Mains Extension	Mann St Coolamon	1/2/2011	30/4/2011	28,000	27,906	Completed - \$8k trfd from Mains Replacement vote
Mains Extension	Temora Reservoir Bypass Line	1/4/2011	31/5/2011	30,000	24,489	Completed
Mains Extension	Loftus St Temora	1/7/2011	30/9/2011	20,000	0	Shifted to 2011/12 due to some delays in other construction works
Additional Storage	Junee	1/1/2011	30/6/2013	7,000,000	1,500	Preliminary site inspection and plans begun. Discussion with landholder regarding land purchase commenced
Additional Storage	Oura	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	2,000,000	0	Shifted back to 2012/13
Renewals						
Bore Construction or Replacement	Oura Bores	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	300,000	0	Meurer Bore - Admin issues finalised, Kelly Bore - still with solicitors
Depot Upgrade	Cootamundra Depot	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	160,000	11,520	Final works currently being undertaken
GWCC costs for Inlet / Outlet Replacement	Cowangs Reservoirs	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	20,000	3,396	Inlet / outlet replacement included in Cowangs to Bauloora contract (additional \$600k - 2011/12)

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Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
Major Upgrade	Jugiong No.1 Pump Station	1/7/2009	30/6/2013	6,000,000	41,050	Tender temporarily delayed due to land matters
Mains Replacement	Aerodrome Ln & Roe Diggers Rd, Junee	1/4/2010	31/12/2010	290,000	288,613	Completed
Mains Replacement, Augmentation	\$1m budget/yr to be programmed as priorities determine	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	264,000	N/A	\$708k has been allocated to the following 8 capital works jobs. \$8k has been reallocated to a Mains Extension job. \$284k reallocated to 2011/12
Mains Replacement	Wyalong Depot	1/5/2011	30/6/2011	150,000	41,385	Programmed for completion this year
Mains Replacement	Fuel Depot, West Wyalong	1/8/2010	15/10/2010	42,000	41,050	Completed
Mains Replacement	Main St & part of Deep Water Rd, Matong	1/8/2010	31/12/2010	60,000	59,894	Completed
Mains Replacement	Demondrille PS Pipework	16/5/2011	30/8/2011	150,000	0	Gear ordered, completion now expected July / Aug
Mains Replacement	Barnedman Reservoir Pipework	1/2/2011	30/4/2011	200,000	126,212	Programmed for completion this year
Mains Replacement	Melvorn Lane, Junee	1/4/2011	30/4/2011	65,000	50,548	Completed
Mains Replacement	Waterview St, Ganmain	1/5/2011	9/6/2011	25,000	22,478	Completed - \$25k trfd from Melvorn Lane vote
Mains Replacement	Nixon Park, Temora (\$14k cont TSC)	1/5/2011	30/6/2011	30,000	8,600	In progress - waiting for notification from Temora Shire
Site / Easement Acquisition	\$50k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	80,000	91,618	Progressing well - an additional \$30k was vote at Dec QBR
Mains Replacement	Cowangs - Bauloora	1/4/2010	31/5/2012	15,600,000	728,306	Awaiting finalisation of land matters
Replace Control System	Jugiong Filtration Plant	2/4/2010	30/6/2012	500,000	6,371	Shifted to 2011/12 due to delays in the tender process
Reservoirs Painting	Temora Reservoir	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	370,000	8,386	In progress
Reservoir Rehabilitation Program	Various Reservoirs	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	600,000	136,046	5 completed. Contractor to return in May/June to do 3 more.
Replace Pump	Hylands Bridge Pump Station	1/7/2010	30/6/2011	20,000	9,316	In progress
Recondition / Replace Bore Pump	Oura Bores (No.4 & 6 Pump)	1/6/2011	31/12/2011	55,000	0	In progress

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICING PLANS (G60400505)

11/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that Council adopt the Development Servicing Plans, April 2011, as circulated.

Report prepared by General Manager

Pursuant to Minute 11/038 from Council's April Meeting, the Draft Development Servicing Plans have been amended and advertised for comment. The closing date for comments was 6 June 2011 with no submission being received by that date.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 2011/14 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (G05601005)

MOVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council adopt the Management Plan and Budget for 2011/14 applying the 13% increase with differential pricing model option that was considered at the Estimates Workshop held on 8 April 2011.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Crs O'Brien and Morris that

1. Council adopt the Management Plan and Budget for 2011/14 as circulated.
2. Expense and capital items budgeted for in the 2011/12 financial year be authorised for expenditure.

The **AMENDMENT** was put and was **CARRIED**.

11/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Morris that

1. Council adopt the Management Plan and Budget for 2011/14 as circulated.
2. Expense and capital items budgeted for in the 2011/12 financial year be authorised for expenditure.

Report prepared by General Manager

Pursuant to Minute 11/035 from Council's April Meeting, the 2011/14 Draft Management Plan has been amended and advertised for comment. The closing date for comments was 6 June 2011.

Correspondence was also forwarded to the General Manager of each constituent council pursuant to Minute 11/036 which provided additional information regarding the Draft Plan and included the offer for representatives from Goldenfields to meet with them. The General Managers of Cootamundra, Harden and Young Shire Councils took up the offer with three separate meetings being held in late May and early June. The meetings afforded the opportunity to have some open and frank discussions and for myself and the

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Manager Administration to put forward more succinctly Goldenfields position regarding the Draft Plan.

Two submissions to the Draft Plan were received by the closing date and copies of these are attached. Extensions of time were requested (and granted) to the General Managers of Harden and Junee Councils; however at the time of writing no additional submissions had been received. Should these be received prior to meeting day then they will be tabled.

Both submissions received question the percentage increase in prices, the potential for this to reduce customer consumption and the potential impact this may have on the sustainability of Goldenfields. Not surprisingly, such comments are similar to those that Council has debated.

Since the adoption of the Draft Plan, an omission relating to the fees and charges for the supply of information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 has been found. It is a requirement of this Act that a council publicly display information about itself, what documents are available upon request and what fees can be incurred by the applicant. Such information is currently available on the GWCC Public Website however the applicable fees and charges were not included in Appendix C of the Draft Plan. The table below shows the current fees and it is proposed that these not be changed.

Nature of Application	Application Fee	Processing Charge
Access to records by an individual concerning their personal affairs	\$30 *	\$30 per hour after first 20 hours *
All other requests	\$30 *	\$30 per hour *
Internal review	\$40 */**	Nil
Amendment of records	Nil	Nil

These fees have now been incorporated into Appendix C and as no changes are proposed the amendment is considered immaterial.

Recommendation

1. Council adopt the Management Plan and Budget for 2011/14 as circulated, including any amendments in relation to submissions received from the public.
2. That expense and capital items budgeted for in the 2011/12 financial year be authorised for expenditure.

9.3.3 MAKING CHARGES FOR 2011/12 (G05601005)

11/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and O'Brien that

Water Charges

Council make the following Water Charges for the year 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Service	Fee (\$)
Access Charges (Annual)	
Residential	
20mm Connection	150.00
25mm Connection	234.38
32mm Connection	384.00
40mm Connection	600.00
50mm Connection	937.50

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Service	Fee (\$)
80mm Connection	2,400.00
Non-Residential Rural	
20mm Connection	257.50
25mm Connection	402.34
32mm Connection	659.20
40mm Connection	1,030.00
50mm Connection	1,609.38
80mm Connection	4,120.00
Non-Residential Other	
20mm Connection	206.00
25mm Connection	321.88
32mm Connection	527.36
40mm Connection	824.00
50mm Connection	1,287.50
80mm Connection	3,296.00
100mm Connection	5,150.00
Non-Residential High Volume Monthly	
20mm Connection	257.50
25mm Connection	402.34
32mm Connection	659.20
40mm Connection	1,030.00
50mm Connection	1,609.38
80mm Connection	4,120.00
100mm Connection	6,437.50
150mm Connection	14,484.38
Non-Residential Bulk Councils	
68% of 20mm Res charge (/equivalent no. of 20mm connections)	102.00
Vacant Unconnected Properties	
20mm Connection (applicable to new subdivisions after 1/07/11)	150.00
Consumption Charges (per kilolitre)	
Residential Charge all consumption	1.83
Non-Residential Rural all consumption	1.64
Non-Residential Other all consumption	1.74
Non-Residential High Volume Monthly all consumption	1.64
Non-Residential Bulk Council all consumption	1.24
Standpipe Water Sales (Commercial, Portable & Temporary)	3.66
Maximum Retail Charge for Standpipe Water Sales	4.87

Interest on Overdue Charges

Council make the Interest Rate on overdue charges the maximum allowable for the year 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

It is necessary for Council to pass a formal resolution adopting the charges for Goldenfields Water County Council for the 2011/12 financial year, as proposed in Council's Draft Management Plan.

Please note that at the time of this report, the Division of Local Government had still not released what the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue charges for 2011/12.

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 CRITICAL WATER AVAILABILITY FOR 2010/11 (G95809505)

11/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the Critical Water Availability report to the end of May 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

Included in the Business Paper (refer attached) are the water production graphs for the five sources and the three bulk councils to the end of May 2011. Table 1 below provides more detail on the total consumption during the period.

Table 1 - Period - 1 July 2010 to 26 May 2011

Source	Current Allocation (%)	YTD Consumption	YTD Maximum Allocation	Revised YTD Maximum Allocation	Percentage of Revised Allocation
Jugiong	100%	2,945	5,235	5,235	56.26%
Oura	100%	2,875	5,684	5,684	50.58%
Mt Arthur	100%	333	733	733	45.43%
Mt Daylight	100%	164	278	278	58.99%
Hylands Bridge	100%	89	159	159	55.97%
Total All Sources		6,406	12,089	12,089	52.99%
Cootamundra	100%	539	1,464	1,464	36.82%
Harden *	100%	394	1,140	1,140	34.56%
Young	100%	863	1,948	1,948	44.30%

NB:

YTD Consumption for Harden does not include Harden Minor Consumers.

The total year to date consumption as at the end of May 2011 is running at 53% of allocations and remains significantly below the 13 year average and consumption predictions.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 NSW OFFICE OF WATER – DRAFT WATER SHARING PLAN FOR MID-MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER (G95809505)

11/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that

1. Council make a submission to the Draft Water Sharing Plan for Mid-Murrumbidgee Groundwater when it is released for public comment.
2. During the display period Council endeavour to meet with the Minister for Primary Industries to promote its position.

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Report prepared by General Manager

As reported to the October 2010 meeting, there exists a ten-year water sharing plan for the regulated Murrumbidgee River surface water, which runs to 30 June 2013. Currently there is no plan for groundwater within the Mid Murrumbidgee. The NSW Government started making various water sharing plans in 2004 for unregulated streams and aquifers. They have now commenced the process for the Mid-Murrumbidgee and others and are aiming to complete a range of water sharing plans in 2011. This planning is now for the 10 year interim period before the Murray-Darling Basin Plan comes fully into effect as opposed to the previous 5 year timeframe.

Officers from Goldenfields Water (GWCC) and Riverina Water (RWCC) met with officers from the New South Wales Office of Water (NOW) in mid May to discuss the proposed draft plan which provided us with the opportunity to further discuss our previously submitted comments. The meeting was productive with the following points noted:

- The draft water sharing plan has been adopted by the Regional Panel and the Minister will soon approve it to go on public exhibition for 6 weeks from late July or early August 2011. (**NB:** The Minister responsible for the water portfolio is now the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson)
- The panel has taken note of submissions and efforts by GWCC and RWCC and given some advantages, but is proposing that the Long Term Average Annual Extraction Limits (LTAAEL) will be less than the current Water Access License (WAL).
- The panel has made Zone 2 a separate management area within the Mid-Murrumbidgee and has also made Local Water Utilities (LWU) LTAAEL's separate from other license holders within the zone. (a very good outcome)
- Prohibit trade into Zone 2
- The LTAAEL for LWU's in Zone 2 is 16,998 ML/a.
- The proposed GWCC LTAAEL, is based on the highest 5 year rolling average in the past 10 years (being 2002/03 – 2006/07) and is 4,580 ML/a.
- GWCC's biggest year was 2002/03 being 4,856 ML/a
- The irrigators in Zone 2 are managed separately from town water. They have WALs totalling 7,500, maximum usage of 2,600 ML/a and a LTAAEL of 2,766 ML/a.
- Water sharing plans normally go for 10 years. These interim groundwater plans are now for 10 years. For long terms planning purposes such as Integrated Water Cycle Management, Council should assume that the same numbers will be repeated for the next 30 years.
- There is a proposed rule that states you can exceed your LTAAEL by up to 10% without consequences. However GWCC and RWCC have generally agreed that this should be held as a contingency for extraordinary circumstances.

The method of calculation of the LTAAEL while transparent is based on historical use and does not factor in potential growth within the area. This issue has been raised with NOW with the response being that it should be included in any submissions made when the plan is on public display.

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It would be in Council's interests to make a submission at the appropriate time and make personal representations to Minister Hodgkinson as well.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.6 COUNCILLORS FEES FOR 2011/12 (G40202005)

11/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the report on Councillors Fees be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

Council has received advice through the Local Government Weekly 18/11 dated 13 May 2011 that fees for councillors and mayors are set to rise by 4.2% from 1 July 2011 following the recent Determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Goldenfields Water is categorised "S4" and therefore the range of annual fees are:-

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor / Member	\$1,500	\$8,320
Chairperson	\$3,220	\$13,660

Council previously resolved (Minute 09/062) at its June 2009 meeting "*that for the remaining term of this Council the remuneration level for Councillors and the Chairman be set at 75% of the maximum allowable as determined from time to time by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal*".

The table below sets out the changes that will occur as of 1 July 2011:

	2010/11	2011/12
Councillor	\$5,985	\$6,240
Chairman	\$9,833	\$10,245

The 2011/12 Draft Budget was prepared allowing for a 4.0% increase. The variation of \$147 in total will be incorporated into the September Quarterly Budget Review.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

The Manager Administration declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3.7 as the appointee referred to in the report and offered to leave the meeting at 11.23am.

The Chairman deemed this unnecessary as the matter was of a procedural matter only.

9.3.7 RECRUITMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER (G70603020)

11/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that

1. Council formally accept the resignation of Mr Paul Wearne from the position of General Manager and that he be furnished with a Reference under Seal.

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2. In accordance with section 336(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Mr Tim McClellan be appointed to the position of Acting General Manager effective from Friday 8 July 2011.
3. With the exception of the items listed in Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 which are specifically reserved to Council for determination, Council delegate to Mr. Tim McClellan, for such time as he holds the position of Acting General Manager, all of the functions of the Council.
4. The salary payable to Mr McClellan whilst undertaking the role of Acting General Manager be set at the equivalent of that presently paid to the outgoing General Manager.
5. Council engage the services of Local Government Management Solutions to assist with the recruitment of a General Manager.

Report prepared by General Manager

As a consequence of the advice of 7 June regarding the resignation of the current General Manager, Council will need to undertake the recruitment of a General Manager and will also need to appoint a person to act in the vacant position until the process is completed. Section 336 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

“If a vacancy occurs in the position of general manager, the council must immediately appoint a person under section 334 to the vacant position or appoint a person to act in the vacant position.”

Previously during periods when the General Manager has been on leave the Manager Administration has assumed the role of Acting General Manager under delegated authority in accordance with section 378 and it recommended that Council formally appoint Mr Tim McClellan to this position on an interim basis.

Also the Delegations of Authority to the resigning General Manager were specific to him and such authority should now be delegated to the Acting General Manager with the exception of those that specifically cannot be delegated by Council in accordance with section 377.

Given the timeframe until my departure and the potential for applicants for the General Manager's position coming from within Council's existing workforce it is suggested that Council enlist the services of a suitably qualified and experienced consultant to assist with the recruitment process. After consulting the Chairman, I have taken the liberty of seeking expressions of interest from 3 individuals/organisations experienced in the field. Formal responses received are enclosed as Attachments 9.3.7.A to 9.3.7.C. All 3 have considerable experience and could ably undertake the process. Consequently the decision ultimately comes down to price with Local Government Management Solutions submitting the lowest quotation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

11/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council look at engaging the services of an independent experienced water manager to overview Council's structure and operations and this be initiated as soon as possible.

9.3.8 LGSA WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2011 (G05055010)

Report prepared by General Manager

The 2011 LGSA Water Management Conference will be held at Grafton from Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 September. Previous conferences have been attended by Councillors and staff and have been informative. So that registrations forms can be submitted and travel arrangements made, I seek an indication from Council who will be attending on behalf of Goldenfields. In past years the General Manager and another staff member have attended. A copy of the Draft Program is attached (Attachment 9.3.8.A) for the information of Councillors

Recommendation

That Council nominate attendees for the 2011 Water Management Conference.

Council nominated the Chairman, Cr McGregor, the Acting General Manager and another staff member to represent Council at the 2011 LGSA Water Management Conference.

9.3.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DESTINATION 2036 WORKSHOP (G05055005)

Report prepared by General Manager

The NSW Division of Local Government has recently issued personal invitations to the Chairman and General Manager to attend a Local Government – Destination 2036 Workshop to be held in Dubbo on 17 and 18 August 2011 with the “Expression of Interest” forms to be returned by 10 June 2011.

As the Chairman has also received an invitation as the Mayor of Temora Shire Council and that the current General Manager will no longer be with Council a reply was sent expressing Council's interest in attending. Given the importance of Goldenfields being represented at such an event it is suggested that Council nominate attendees.

Recommendation

1. That Council nominate one Councillor to represent it and attend the workshop.
2. That Council endorse the Manager Administration's attendance at the workshop.

Council nominated Cr O'Brien and endorsed the Manager Administration's attendance to represent Council at the Local Government – Destination 2036 Workshop.

The Chairman vacated the Chair and left the meeting at 12.00pm. The Deputy Chairman took the Chair.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 12.02pm.

9.3.10 REVIEW OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS (G40350505)

11/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Manchester that the Review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW report be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

Councillors may be aware via their respective general purpose councils that the Division of Local Government (DLG) issued on 1 June 2011 a Discussion Paper on the Review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW. The Paper gives a brief history and evolution of the current Code and presents options for consideration and/or inclusion in any revised code. These options generally relate to political donations and Conduct Review Committee appointments and responsibilities. A copy of the discussion paper is available to Councillors on request.

Council adopted the Model Code of Conduct in October 2008 with this adequately meeting its needs to date. It is envisaged that should a revised Code be issued by the DLG then Council would again adopt it.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.11 COWANGS RESERVOIR TO BAULOORA RESERVOIR PIPELINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (G95207002)**

11/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that

1. The progress report for the Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir Pipeline Replacement Project be received and noted.
2. The listed variations to Contract No. 1/2010 be approved.

Report prepared by Manager Engineering

Unresolved project issues which made it prudent to delay commencement of the construction project have now been resolved to the extent, that at acceptable risk to Council, a formal letter of acceptance has now been forwarded to Leeds Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd. Leeds have revised their 26 week construction program, showing pre-construction activities commencing this month, pipe laying commencing in July and completion in December.

The compulsory easement acquisition process has been discontinued as signed easement agreements have been received from 33 landowners. The remaining 2 landowners have committed to the project with the agreements awaiting the appropriate signatories. As advised previously, to ensure that consistent compensation criteria has been applied to all properties through which the pipeline passes, additional valuations have been received for those properties which previously had signed agreements but were not subject to a full detailed valuation.

Council has been issued with an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit to undertake sub-surface archaeological investigation and allows for the collection and relocation of Aboriginal objects to undisturbed ground. Consultants are continuing to negotiate with interested Aboriginal representatives to act as advisors when undertaking the sub-surface investigation. It is expected that the salvage works will not significantly impact on the construction program.

Due to the significant impact of this project on the community, i.e. directly affected and nearby landowners, motorists and even pedestrians, it is intended to supplement the Community Liaison Protocol that was included in the tender documents for the

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construction of the project with a community information or complaints phone line, a GWCC project website and a bi-monthly construction update fact sheet.

Variations to Contract No. 1/2010 for Consultancy Services for the above Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir Pipeline Replacement Project awarded to GHD at the tendered price of \$875,441 are summarised below.

Variation Description	Variation Amount
V1 Noise Monitoring	\$22,190.00
V2 Ecology Spring Survey	\$24,042.00
V3 Heritage Salvage Activities	\$146,100.00
V4 Additional Survey	\$3,375.00
V5 Additional Landowner Negotiations (at Cost)	\$25,388.22 to date
V6 Route Realignment Investigation	\$4,730.00
V7 Survey of Realignments	\$9,000.00
V8 Full Valuation Reports	\$35,815.00

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.12 SANDBLASTING AND REPAINTING THE TEMORA RESERVOIR (G95208005)

11/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the progress report on Sandblasting and Repainting the Temora Reservoir be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Engineering

The contractor, RMP Abrasive Blasting has completed the majority of the internal works consisting of minor welding and grinding repairs, sandblasting, priming and repainting. Once cured, the internal coating will be tested for porosity and thickness. Following satisfactory completion of the testing, the overflow, internal fittings and roof will be reinstalled and the reservoir repainted externally.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.13 CONCRETE RESERVOIR REHABILITATION (G95208005)

11/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and McGregor that the progress report on Concrete Reservoir Rehabilitation be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Engineering

Council resolved at its December 2010 meeting (Minute 10/140) to extend the contract of Preservation Coatings Australia Pty Ltd, at the current accepted tendered rates to repair three additional reservoirs; Junee Balance Tank, Beach Street Junee Reservoir and Bauloora No.1 Reservoir.

Preservation Coatings Australia Pty Ltd have now returned and are currently undertaking repairs to the Junee Balance Tank in Albert Street.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.14 TENDER 03/2010 JUGIONG HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE
(G25406505)**

11/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that

1. Council accept the Lump Sum tender of \$1,402,400 (GST exclusive) submitted by Great Southern Electrical as the maximum amount payable for Tender 3/2010 - Design and Construction of an 11,000 Volt Power Distribution Line, Transformer Sub Yard and Associated Works at Jugiong WTP.
2. Council authorise the General Manager to formally accept the Design and Preliminaries component of the submitted prices.
3. Council, subject to agreement between the Contractor and the General Manager of an appropriate route, authorise the General Manager to accept a Construction component price less than that referred to in 1 above.

Report prepared by Electrical Services and Technical Support Officer

Tender for the project closed on 9 June 2011 with Council receiving only one conforming tender.

The background to this project is:-

- The original project for the design of an 11,000 volt distribution line and sub-station to supply the Jugiong Filtration Plant was awarded to Northrop Engineering of ACT.
- The contract was terminated by Council after the consultant failed to meet its contractual obligations.
- From the limited information provided and after consultation with relevant authorities including the RTA, Harden Shire Council, Department of Lands and Country Energy, a preferred option and route was included in the tender specification that were readvertised as a Design and Construction tender.
- The mandatory site meeting held at Jugiong in January 2011 was attended by seven companies/organisations.
- During this meeting it became apparent that the main concern of the contractors was the route proposed by the original consultant particularly in relation to encroachment into road reserves that had occurred over time.
- Taking on board these concerns, Council engaged a surveyor to undertake an accurate survey of the proposed route resulting in additional information (building encroachment on reserves etc) necessitating the requirement to investigate alternative routes.
- Modifications to the specifications were made to include alternative routes and issued to all companies that attended the mandatory site meeting.

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- A second site meeting was held to discuss the findings in May 2011 at which representatives from three companies were present.
- At the formal opening of tenders conducted on 10 June 2011, one tender was received being from Great Southern Electrical from Wagga Wagga for a Lump sum of \$1,542,640 (GST inclusive).
- Representatives of the company were invited to an interview on Wednesday 15th June 2011 to discuss the tender submission with Council's staff. At this meeting Great Southern Electrical (GSE) adequately responded to all matters raised.
- Subsequent contact with nominated Referees has verified their ability to perform the work.

GSE is a local company and is also Council's Accredited Service Provider (ASP) for high voltage switching, repairs and maintenance. They have satisfactorily completed work for Council and other government departments in the past and are currently undertaking a similar project at Kapooka Army Base for the Department of Defence.

During the interview process a number of options were discussed that GSE considered could potentially result in a construction cost of less than those submitted citing the construction price submitted being the "worst case scenario".

With the above in mind, a degree of flexibility is required for staff to be able to negotiate the construction component of the contract to obtain the best value for Council.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.15 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 August 2011 at Council's Temora office commencing at 1.00pm.

9.3.16 LATE ITEM: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM FUNDING (G40203005)

Report prepared by General Manager

The General Manager made reference to an email received on Wednesday 22 June 2011 from the Local Government Shires Association regarding a training session for Councillors and senior staff on Local Government Reform Funding.

Recommendation

That Council nominate attendees for the Local Government Fund workshop to be held at Cootamundra on 27 July 2011.

Council nominated Crs Palmer and Macaulay to represent Council at the Local Government Fund workshop to be held in Cootamundra on 27 July 2011.

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10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Manchester endorsed the comments made by the Chairman at the beginning of meeting regarding the General Manager.

Cr O'Brien sought and was provided with information regarding an unauthorised connection in the Coolamon Shire area. The General Manager confirmed that a recommendation will be put to the August Council Meeting to resolve the matter.

11/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that support in principle be given for an additional connection subject to confirmation that Council's standard levels of service can be provided at the proposed connection point.

Cr McGregor thanked the General Manager for his cooperation throughout the years and wished him well for the future.

Cr Palmer sought and was provided with information regarding a subdivision approved by Cootamundra Shire Council that requires the supply of water; although new connections in this area are not available at this present time. The General Manager confirmed that a recommendation will be put to the August Council Meeting to resolve the matter.

11/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that in this instance given Council's previous advice of 1998, support in principle be given for an additional connection subject to confirmation that Council's standard levels of service can be provided at the proposed connection point.

11. CLOSED SESSION – 12.37PM (pink pages)

11/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Palmer that Council meet in Closed Session.

11.1 GOLDENFIELDS AWARD NEGOTIATIONS (G70204505)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under 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.

11/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Macaulay that

1. The report on award negotiations be received and noted.
2. The USU be advised Council's final position in relation to percentage increases in rates of pay and additional percentage increases in superannuation contributions over and above those required by the Superannuation Guarantee Limit during the term of the Goldenfields Enterprise Award 2010 be as set out below:

Applicable Date	% Increase in Rates of Pay	% Increase in Superannuation Contribution
1/11/2010	3.0	0.0
1/07/2011	4.25	1.0
1/07/2012	3.75	1.0
1/07/2013	3.75	1.0

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3. Should the above not be accepted by the USU membership then the General Manager be authorised to enlist the assistance of the Industrial Relations section of the Local Government & Shires Association of NSW to seek a hearing before the NSW Industrial Relations Commission.

OPEN SESSION – 12.43PM

11/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 12.44pm.
