

**Minutes of the meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 27 FEBRUARY 2014**

The meeting commenced at 1.01PM

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton (arrived 1.55pm), Cr D McCann, Cr J McGregor, Cr C Manchester, Cr K Morris, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Finance & Administration), Mr C Perry (Manager Distribution & Construction) Mr G Finlayson (Acting Manager Technology) Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology has been received from Cr Dennis Palmer for this meeting.

14/001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and McCann that leave of absence be granted to Cr Palmer.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

No interests were declared at this time.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2013

14/002 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Manchester that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2013 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Grant noted that an update on the Data Acquisition Contract and an update on the Land matter would be discussed in Closed Session.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions were received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

14/003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Templeton that Council consider the late report of New Connection Fees.

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8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairperson did not submit a Chairpersons minute to the meeting.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

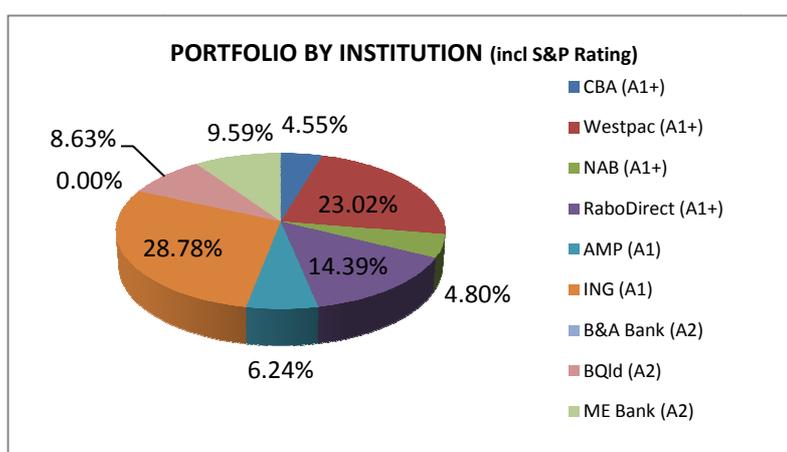
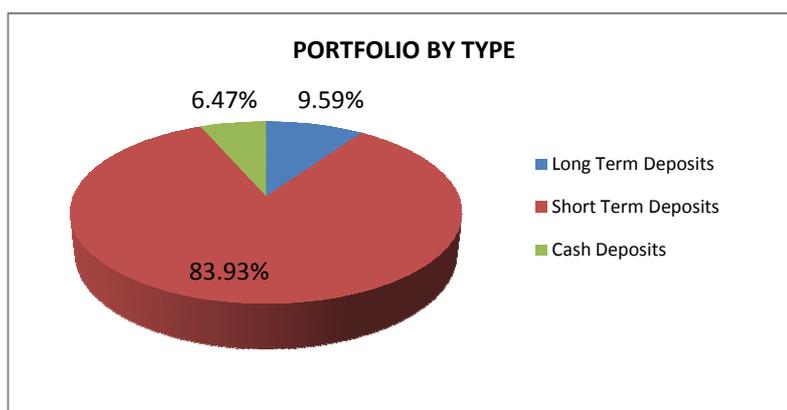
14/004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & 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 January 2014:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				9.59%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	3.92%	27/10/15	9.59%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	17,500,000.00				83.93%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	189	4.15%	3/02/14	4.80%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,200,000.00	181	3.87%	3/02/14	5.76%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,800,000.00	210	4.09%	17/02/14	8.63%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	182	3.91%	3/03/14	7.19%
Members Equity Bank	900,000.00	280	4.23%	31/03/14	4.32%
Bank of Queensland	800,000.00	210	3.80%	14/04/14	3.84%
Members Equity Bank	500,000.00	224	3.73%	12/05/14	2.40%
Members Equity Bank	600,000.00	279	4.03%	12/05/14	2.88%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	281	3.95%	10/06/14	4.80%
AMP Bank	900,000.00	181	3.90%	10/06/14	4.32%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	280	3.75%	21/07/14	4.80%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	182	3.80%	21/07/14	4.80%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	365	3.97%	19/08/14	7.19%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	365	3.85%	30/09/14	4.80%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,500,000.00	365	3.92%	4/11/14	7.19%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,300,000.00	365	3.92%	11/11/14	6.24%
Cash Deposits	1,349,684.59				6.47%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	500,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	2.40%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	400,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	1.92%
CBA Premium Business A/c	449,684.59	At Call	Various	N/A	2.16%
	20,849,684.59				100.00%

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

Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2013	138,738.83
Plus Deposits	
December	2,996,990.66
January	3,589,328.67
Less Payments	
December	2,872,418.78
January	3,383,486.32
 Cash Book balance as at 31 January 2014	 469,153.06
 Less Outstanding Deposits	 71,974.80
Plus Unpresented Cheques	52,506.33
 Bank balance as at 31 January 2014	 449,684.59

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).

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

14/005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 January 2014:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	128,442.48	12,666.62	407,539.61	548,648.71
Consumption Charges	299,349.08	29,961.20	1,170,903.74	1,500,214.02
Deferred Headworks	241,108.00	0.00	9,471.00	250,579.00
Sub-Totals	668,899.56	42,627.82	1,587,914.35	2,299,441.73
Less Overpayments Received				-142,156.38
Total Outstanding				2,157,285.35
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				-547,409.53
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				-250,579.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				1,359,296.82

It should be noted that these figures include the latest retail accounts issued, with the payment due date being 6 February 2014.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 WATER DEBTOR WRITE-OFF (79916)

14/006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that to avoid further hardship, Council write off \$647.04 from account 79916 for unexplained consumptions for the December 2012 and March 2013 quarters. Further, the Health Service and customer be advised that this is a one-off grant and that the customer be encouraged to monitor their water consumption.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

A letter of support has been received from a Health Service for a customer seeking relief from their outstanding account. The customer has minimal income and an underlying medical condition. The account balance is \$1,013.19.

Accounts were being paid until the issue of accounts for the December 2012 and March 2013 quarters when higher than normal usage was recorded. These accounts for

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\$1,153.92 (601kl) and \$524.16 (273kl) respectively have caused the customer financial stress. Consumption before and after this period have ranged from 56kl to 152kl per quarter.

Council has previously provided 50% reductions between excessive bills and normal consumption that was considered to be beyond a customer's reasonable control. In a specific case, Council provided a residential customer the benefit of the doubt for an unexplained consumption.

It is suggested that a 50% reduction (\$647.04) between the excessive bills and previous year's comparative consumptions be considered.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.4 WATER PRODUCTION COSTS (G35201005)

14/007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that the report detailing Council's production cost comparatives as at 31 January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report provides a comparison of Council's production costs as at 31 January 2014, with the previous two years. It also shows the relationship between production costs and production volumes. A separate report on production volumes is presented elsewhere in the business paper.

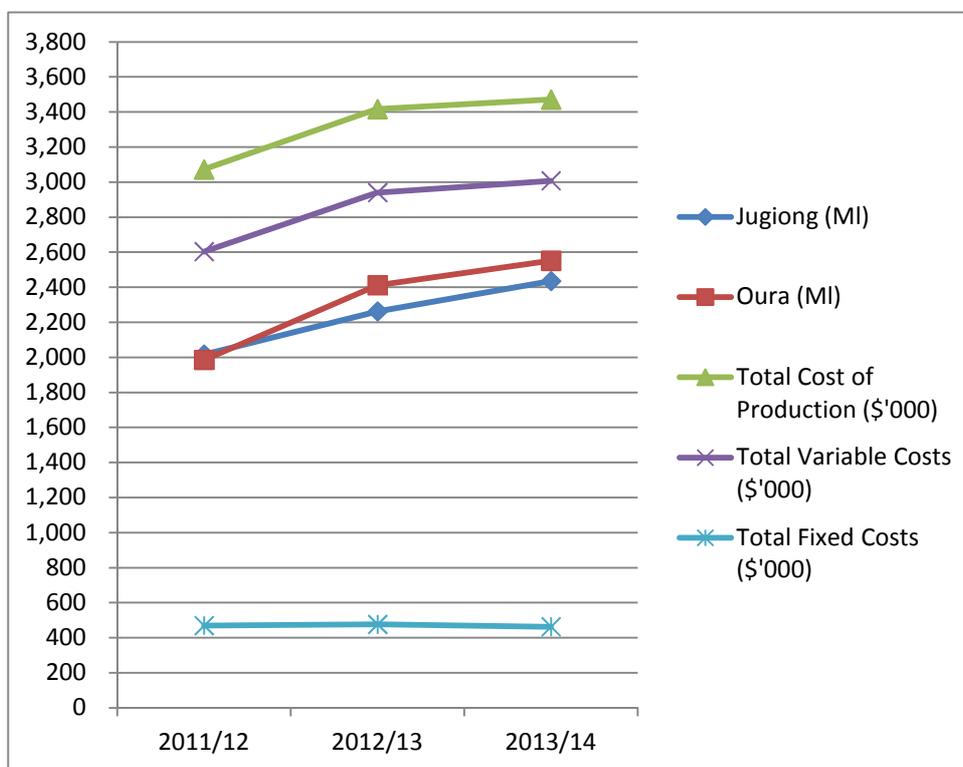
YTD Production Cost Comparisons through January

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	% Change
Production Volumes (MI)				
Jugiong (MI)	2,015	2,262	2,435	7.65%
Oura (MI)	1,985	2,411	2,551	5.81%
Other (MI)	452	560	589	5.18%
Total	4,452	5,233	5,575	6.54%
Cost of Production (\$'000)				
Mains Operation	227	275	254	-7.64%
Reservoirs Operations	26	29	31	6.90%
Pumping Stations & Bores Operations	8	8	8	0.00%
Treatment Operations	208	164	170	3.66%
Total Fixed Costs (\$'000)	469	476	463	-2.73%
Mains Maintenance (Recurrent)	688	603	587	-2.65%
Reservoirs Maintenance (Recurrent)	153	98	87	-11.22%
*Pumping Stations & Bores Energy	1,104	1,597	1,701	6.54%
Pumping Stations & Bores Maint (Recurrent)	439	385	362	-5.97%
Treatment Chemical Costs	148	160	176	10.00%
Treatment Maintenance	71	97	94	-3.09%
Total Variable Costs (\$'000)	2,603	2,940	3,007	2.29%
Total Cost of Production (\$'000)	3,072	3,416	3,470	1.59%

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*It should be noted that these expenditure comparisons can be slightly distorted by timing issues of creditor payments.

Given the significance of energy costs on the total cost of production, and the timing of electricity invoice payments, the current year's energy cost has been estimated by applying the percentage increase in production volumes to last year's comparative cost.



Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.1.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2013
(G35201005)**

14/008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 December 2013 be received and noted with the variations to income and expenditure adopted as the revised Budget estimates for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report 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 December 2013 and is attached for Council's consideration.

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The budget review statement is provided in two formats. The first being by type and reflective of how the end of year Income Statement is reported. The second being by activity as Special Schedule 3 is reported in the Financial Statements.

At the September Review, Council's budgeted Operating Result before Capital Items forecast a surplus of \$1,852,000. The December QBR result, as presented, reflects an increase from that projected at September by \$1,455,000, resulting in a budgeted surplus result of \$3,307,000.

The major components of the reviewed surplus are listed below:

- Increases in residential (\$180k) and non-residential (\$637k) water sales based on the expected impact the water meter replacement program will have on recorded usage and the anticipation of increased demand from customers in comparison to last year;
- Headworks contributions (\$150k) have increased based on contributions received to-date;
- GWCC500 Wildlife Corridor (\$100k) operating budget approved by Council at the December meeting;
- On-costing of labour and administrative costs are charged to operating and capital works. The income generated is then offset against these costs. This contribution was underestimated (\$320k) in preparing the original budget; and
- Budgets for mains maintenance (\$150k) and pumping maintenance (\$70k) have been reduced as works staff have been concentrating on capital works projects, in particular the meter replacement program.

Notes detailing December QBR variations to the operating result are listed on page 5 of the review statement.

Councillors will note changes to the Capital Budget Review Statement of \$1.078 million. The changes are as follows:

- \$1.1m is provided as an estimated cost to roll-out the data network infrastructure;
- \$525k is reinstated to the budget in relation to mains replacement at Oura no.2. This budget had been doubled up in the Capital Works Progress report in August, but was correct in the budget papers. The adjustment to remove it from the budget was made in error;
- \$462k in programmed works has been removed from this year's budget as a result of the priority given to meter replacement and the data network rollout. These items are detailed in the Capital Works Progress report; and
- \$85k budgeted for the installation of telemetry equipment at Temora, Junee Reefs and Gidginbung Bypass has been removed pending a review of the entire SCADA system.

Notes detailing December QBR variations to the capital budget are listed on page 7 of the review statement.

Please refer to the attached statements for financial details and accompanying notes.

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 DECEMBER 2013 / JANUARY 2014 (G95507005)

14/009 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and McGregor that the Works Report for December 2013 and January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Distribution & Construction

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
65.	2/12	-	-	West Wyalong, Neeld Street	100	-	100	Split Pipe
66.	7/12	7.00	8.30	Binya, Hughenden Road	100	20	50	Split Pipe
67.	8/12	10.00	14.30	Stockinbingal, Cambria Street	150	2	10	Hole In Pipe
68.	10/12	12.30	15.30	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	80	Hole In Pipe
69.	10/12	11.00	12.00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
70.	10/12	13.00	14.30	Weethalle, Fishers Lane	100	-	5	Split Pipe
71.	11/12	15.30	16.30	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	80	-	150	Split Pipe
72.	16/12	6.30	11.00	Matong, Junee Road	100	-	2	Joint Failure
73.	19/12	11.00	1.00	Matong, Deepwater Road	100	-	2	Joint Failure
74.	20/12	13.30	17.30	Wyalong, Slee Street	100	6	80	Split Pipe
75.	22/12	17.30	21.30	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	50	250	Split Pipe
76.	23/12	13.00	16.00	Barellan, Old Narrandera Road	100	15	10	Split Pipe
77.	24/12	10.00	12.00	Wallenbeen, Grey Street	100	-	10	Split Pipe
78.	27/12	15.30	21.30	Harden, Harden Jugiong Road	375	-	10	Hole In Pipe
79.	27/12	11.30	14.30	Barmedman, Queen Street	100	-	5	Joint Failure
80.	28/12	11.00	12.00	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
81.	30/12	10.30	11.30	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	-	2	Hole In Pipe
82.	30/12	23.30	2.15	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	9	20	Joint Failure
83.	31/12	7.30	10.00	Matong, Junee Road	100	8	20	Joint Failure
84.	1/01	12.00	2.30	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
85.	2/01	9.00	12.30	Coolamon, Mirrool Street	100	20	5	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
86.	4/01	9.00	11.00	Junee, Cox Street	100	5	100	Split Pipe
87.	6/01	15.00	16.00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
88.	6/01	14.00	15.00	Naradhan, Hannan Road	150	-	5	Split Pipe
89.	6/01	-	-	Marrar, Marrar Road	100	-	1	Hole In Pipe
90.	6/01	-	-	Matong, Pine Street	100	-	1	Other
91.	6/01	17.00	19.00	Junee, Fitzroy Street	100	30	100	Split Pipe
92.	8/01	5.30	1.30	Coolamon, Wade Street	100	15	3	Split Pipe
93.	8/01	9.00	11.00	Marrar, Coursing Park Road	150	-	200	Split Pipe
94.	9/01	15.30	18.00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	-	200	Split Pipe
95.	10/01	8.00	10.00	Matong, Deepwater Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
96.	12/01	7.00	9.00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	-	3	Split Pipe
97.	12/01	12.45	16.30	Ungarie, Murial Street	100	-	50	Split Pipe
98.	13/01	16.00	17.00	Temora, Goldfields Way	50	-	2	Split Pipe
99.	13/01	12.00	2.00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	1	Split Pipe
100.	13/01	10.00	12.00	Coolamon, Mirrool Street	100	-	1	Split Pipe
101.	15/01	9.30	13.30	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	-	10	Split Pipe
102.	15/01	9.00	12.00	Matong, Matong Street	100	-	2	Split Pipe
103.	16/01	1.00	5.30	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	50	250	Split Pipe
104.	16/01	8.30	11.30	Coolamon, Coolamon Ardlethan Road	150	2	1	Joint Failure
105.	20/01	-	-	Coolamon, Wattle Lane	100	-	1	Joint Failure
106.	21/01	7.30	12.00	Weethalle, Talleeban Road	100	-	100	Split Pipe
107.	21/01	13.30	15.30	Weethalle, Jansens Lane	80	-	20	Split Pipe
108.	21/01	8.00	9.30	Barmedman, Loftus Street	150	-	5	Split Pipe
109.	22/01	9.30	12.00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	-	200	Split Pipe
110.	24/01	15.30	20.00	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
111.	27/01	7.00	19.00	Marrar, Turners Lane	80	5	500	Split Pipe
112.	28/01	9.30	12.00	Temora, Victoria Street	100	-	5	Split Pipe
113.	28/01	12.30	16.30	Temora, Warre Warral Lane	100	30	10	Joint Failure
114.	28/01	9.00	11.00	Marrar, Bussenschutts Lane	50	-	2	Split Pipe
115.	28/01	11.00	12.30	Coolamon, Wattle Lane	100	-	2	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
116.	29/01	11.00	13.00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
117.	29/01	8.30	10.30	Weethalle, Woolners Lane	80	-	100	Hole In Pipe
118.	29/01	10.45	12.45	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
119.	29/01	12.00	15.00	Barellan, Martin Street	50	-	5	Split Pipe
120.	30/01	11.00	15.30	Marrar, Bussenschutts Lane	50	2	1	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

11/12/2013	Gilgal Rd Cootamundra
13/12/2013	June Licorice Factory
16/12/2013	Percy Street Old Junee
16/12/2013	Percy Street Old Junee
19/12/2013	Neeld Street West Wyalong
20/12/2013	Kurrajong Street West Wyalong
20/12/2013	Garland Street Coolamon
8/01/2014	Milvale Road Temora
9/01/2014	Milvale Road Temora
15/01/2014	Twynam Street Temora
21/01/2014	Gilgal Road Cootamundra
24/01/2014	Curtis Lane Coolamon
28/01/2014	Jugiong Road Cootamundra
29/01/2014	Jugiong Road Cootamundra
31/01/2014	Iverach Street Coolamon

A total of 146 service difficulty and fault reports were received for December 2013/January 2014.

Construction & Major Maintenance

The following significant works were undertaken in December 2013/January 2014

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- All potable water 20mm and 25mm meter replacements have been completed in both Southern and Northern Areas
- Commenced replacement of 32mm 40mm and 50mm meters
- Completed meter reading in Southern/Northern areas
- Main upgrade Wade Street Coolamon Stage 1 & 2 complete
- Completed 100mm main extension for Fire Service Curtis Street Coolamon
- Completed 10 New Services Coolamon and Junee town and rural
- Junee Reefs Booster Pump outboard bearing failed causing excess vibration and noise – bearing replaced and tested.
- General pump checks – Preventative maintenance, checking vibration, noise, temperatures, lubrication across the scheme
- Bird and pest proofing/sealing reservoirs – water quality issue
- Check the operations of PRV's and Sustainers in the Junee and Frampton areas
- Repaired leak on Jugiong service ring main
- Temora Area - Fabricated stainless steel pipework for fire services
- Oura Pump Station - Checked alignment of pumps due to movement of pipework
- Investigate and repair Soda Ash dust extractor at Jugiong Filtration Plant

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

14/010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Templeton that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 January 2014:

Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Expend to 30/06/13 (\$)	2013/14 Budget (\$)	YTD Expend (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
New System Infrastructure Assets									
Site / Easement Acquisition	Opportunistic budget per year	1/07/13	30/06/14	70,000	0	70,000	53,371	53,371	In progress

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Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Expend to 30/06/13 (\$)	2013/14 Budget (\$)	YTD Expend (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
Electrical Office Demountable	Temora Office	1/07/13	30/06/14	35,000	0	35,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Extension	Opportunistic budget per year	1/07/13	30/06/14	50,000	0	50,000	14,694	14,694	Dan Curtis Ln Coolamon, Kitchener Rd Temora
Additional Storage	Junee	1/07/11	30/06/14	2,500,000	100,963	2,400,000	1,244,486	1,345,449	In progress
Infrastructure Asset Renewals									
Depot Reconfiguration	Temora Works Depot	1/07/13	30/06/14	500,000	0	500,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Bore Construction	Oura Bores	1/07/10	30/06/14	1,185,000	23,491	1,135,000	34,123	57,614	Preliminaries in progress. Contract awarded
Major Electrical Upgrade	Jugiong No.1 Pump Station	1/07/09	31/10/13	2,130,000	1,361,243	129,100	131,489	1,492,732	Completed.
Regrade & Seal Road, Fencing	Jugiong Treatment Plant	1/07/12	31/10/13	99,000	69,912	29,000	34,591	104,503	Completed.
Replace Control System	Jugiong Filtration Plant	2/04/10	31/10/13	500,000	308,714	128,200	91,144	399,858	Completed - awaiting final claim from contractor.
Internal Painting & Fittings Replacement	Jugiong Filtration Plant	1/07/13	30/06/14	50,000	0	50,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Coursing Park	1/05/13	30/08/13	140,000	92,993	47,000	27,422	120,415	Completed
Mains Replacement	Strathmores to McKenzies Ln	1/05/13	30/08/13	50,000	4,529	45,000	42,618	47,147	Completed
Mains Replacement	Pattersons Ln	1/06/13	30/08/13	27,000	435	27,000	26,746	27,181	Completed.
Mains Replacement	Olympic Way Cootamundra	1/07/13	30/06/14	40,000	0	40,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Suttons Ln Cootamundra			80,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Black Gate Rd Cootamundra	1/07/13	30/06/14	32,000	0	32,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Cowabbie St Coolamon			58,500	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Loughnan St Coolamon	1/07/13	28/02/14	45,500	0	45,500	5,003	5,003	In progress
Mains Replacement	Wade St (1) Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	53,229	53,229	Completed - an additional 120m added to job
Mains Replacement	Wade St (2) Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	28,997	28,997	Completed
Mains Replacement	Stinson St Coolamon			33,800	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Mann St Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	0	0	Not yet commenced

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Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Expend to 30/06/13 (\$)	2013/14 Budget (\$)	YTD Expend (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
Mains Replacement	Deepwater Rd Matong	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Grong Grong Rd Matong	1/07/13	30/06/14	19,500	0	19,500	0	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Waterview St Ganmain	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Pumps Major Maintenance Program	Throughout Distribution Area	1/07/13	30/06/14	221,000	0	221,000	60,795	60,795	In progress
Pumps Replacements (2)	Mt Daylight	1/07/13	30/06/14	50,000	0	50,000	1,321	1,321	In progress
Pump Stn Valve Replacement Program	Mt Daylight	1/07/13	30/06/14	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Replacement, Augmentation, Improvement	Jugiong Pump Stations			200,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
High Voltage Customer Agreement Upgrade	Jugiong Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	80,000	0	80,000	0	0	Under negotiation
Air-conditioning	Jugiong Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Power Factor Correction	Oura Pump Stations			90,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Isolation Valve	Oura Pump Stations	1/07/11	31/12/13	20,000	7,154	13,000	0	7,154	In progress
Electronic Actuator	Oura Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Air-conditioning	Oura Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	11,000	0	11,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Electrical Panel Upgrade	Garoolgan Pump Station	1/07/13	30/06/14	38,000	0	38,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Air-conditioning	Ariah Park Pump Station	1/07/13	30/06/14	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	Not yet commenced
Electrical Spares	Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	36,500	0	36,500	0	0	Not yet commenced
Reservoir Rehabilitation	Barellan Reservoir	1/07/12	31/10/13	250,000	209,073	41,000	40,359	249,432	Completed
Water Meter Replacement Program	Throughout Distribution Area	1/07/13	30/06/16	2,140,000	65,423	810,000	714,303	779,726	In progress
Data Network Roll-out (Trial)	Selected trial locations			30,000	0	30,000	4,252	4,252	Completed
Data Network Roll-out (Phase 2)				200,000	0	200,000	62,835	62,835	In progress
Data Network Roll-out - Full Installation	Throughout Distribution Area	17/02/14	30/06/14	1,100,000	0	1,100,000	0	0	About to start. Contract being finalised

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Please note that the following jobs, totalling \$462,300 have been recommended for deferral from this year's capital budget in the December Quarterly Budget Review:

- Mains replacement - Suttons Ln, Cootamundra \$80,000
- Mains replacement - Cowabbie St, Coolamon \$58,500
- Mains replacement - Stinson St, Coolamon \$33,800
- Jugiong Pump Stations Improvements \$200,000
- Oura Pump Stations Power Factor Correction \$90,000

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

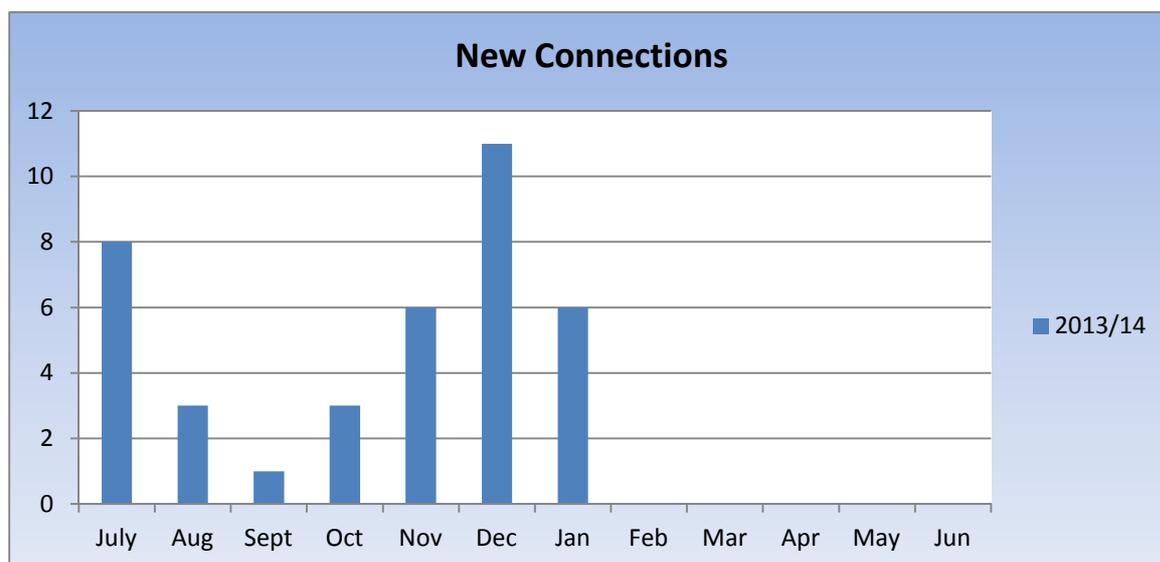
9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

14/011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

This financial year there have been 38 new water service connections to 31 January. Additionally, a new 100mm fire service was installed in December.

The following graph shows the number of new connections per month:



The following table shows the status of applications received and the number of new connections as per their charging classification, reported on a shire basis.

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Shire	Applications				Charging Classification			
	Received	Connected	Rejected	Pending	Res	N-Res Rural	N-Res Hi Vol	N-Res Other
Bland	6	6		0	6			
Coolamon	14	13		1	12			1
Cootamundra				0				
Junee	22	12		10	8	2		2
Narrandera	1			1				
Temora	16	7		9	6	1		
Totals	59	38	0	21	32	3	0	3

Of the 21 pending applications; 5 have been accepted with work orders issued and 9 letters of offer have been made. The remaining applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

14/012 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the report detailing Council's year to date water production status as at 30 January 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

This report is presented for information on Council's year to date water production status as at 30 January 2014.

The table below provides an analysis of water production to date, measured against the estimated production figures used to estimate water sales for the year.

The monitoring of these production figures provide an early indication as to how Council's sales are potentially tracking for the year, given that the bulk of actual sales figures are only available after quarterly meter reads.

Source	Max Extraction (Ml)	Production Figures through January			
		Est Prod'n	Prod'n YTD	Variance	Percent
Jugiong	5,590	2,123	2,435	312	14.7%
Oura	6,000	2,180	2,551	371	17.0%
Other	1,222	490	589	99	20.2%
Totals	12,812	4,793	5,575	782	16.3%

The above comparison shows the results of consecutive days of extremely hot weather in December and January along with the lack of any significant summer rainfall over the entire supply area.

The attached graphs show water production comparatives between this year, last year and the estimate for Councils two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW RESPONSE (G45407005)

14/013 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that Council authorise the General Manager to submit an independent response to the review based on the benefits of county councils based on business principles.

Report prepared by the General Manager

The NSW Local Government Review report as attached electronically has negative implications for GWCC. These include a proposed merger with Riverina Water and loss of self determination and core functions.

The General Manager met with general managers from the other water County Councils in Sydney to discuss the review.

The General Manager offered to author a joint submission for the water county councils. This offer was accepted on the proviso that the draft was acceptable.

Recommendation

That Council authorise the General Manager to submit a response to the review based on the benefits of county councils based on business principles.

Council authorise in addition that the General Manager author and negotiate a joint submission with the other water county councils.

9.3.3 BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN (G05601505)

14/014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Morris that Council:

1. Review the performance tables from the BASP
2. Indicate any actions that require prioritisation by the end of March.

Report prepared by Business Enterprise Officer

Business Activity Strategic Plan (BASP) Performance Tables

The BASP is the primary driver for the Delivery Program and Operational Plan and is the pre-eminent document for GWCC Board Term. The BASP also drives the resourcing strategy determining the resources needed to complete yearly and longer term objectives/actions.

This report contains the reviewed performance tables of the BASP for council consideration. The 2013/2014 Operational Plan Actions have been evaluated against GWCC Strategies and Delivery Programs, with outcomes recorded.

Recommendation

That council

1. Review the performance tables from the BASP
2. Indicate any actions that require prioritisation

Cr Clinton arrived at the meeting at 1.55pm

**9.3.4 Savewater!® Alliance MEMBERSHIP AND WATER REFILL STATIONS
(G30058005)**

14/015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that council:

1. Approve installation of 1 water refill station per GP council to strengthen community ties and promote GWCC in the community.
2. Approve Savewater!® Alliance membership and to supply 8 water refill stations.
3. Approve the General Manager to write to the 8 Constituent Councils with a letter of offer outlining the conditions of the water refill stations.

Report prepared by Business Enterprise Officer

This report outlines the opportunity for council to strengthen community ties and promote GWCC through the installation of 1 water refill station per GP council area.

This project will also enhance the GWCC and GP council relationship through collaboration and offers community members fresh drinking water in prominent areas.

Total price for ordering 8 units is \$28,800 plus GST, however with membership this is reduced to \$17,240 plus GST (membership cost is \$8,500 per annum). Delivery cost is \$699 + GST per pallet (4 units per pallet). Total saving to council is \$1,660.

Savewater units are competitively priced: Aquafil units are priced at \$5,428 plus GST and delivery.

Recommendation

1. Approve installation of 1 water refill station per GP council to strengthen community ties and promote GWCC in the community.
2. Approve Savewater!® Alliance membership and to supply 8 water refill stations

9.3.5 WATER CONNECTION FEES (G95151005)

14/016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann:

1. That the following proposed connection fees been applied to the remainder of the 2013/14 financial year:

	Current Fee (\$)	Proposed Fee (\$)	Difference (\$)
20mm Connection	1,950.00	1,450.00	500.00
25mm Connection	2,420.00	1,600.00	820.00
32mm Connection	2,890.00	2,030.00	860.00
40mm Connection	3,200.00	2,420.00	780.00

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50mm Connection	3,825.00	2,855.00	970.00
> 50mm Connection	At Cost	At Cost	

2. That partial refunds be provided to new customers who have paid the current fee for 2013/14.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

In April 2011, a review of the water connection cost, found that the average cost was almost double the fee at that time (\$1,800 v \$1,000 for a 20mm connection). Costs can vary depending on the location, proximity to the main and whether an under bore is required. The fee was set at \$1,250 for a 20mm connection for the 2011/12 financial year with annual increments in the fee of 25% for 4 years.

Following a recent complaint, another review was undertaken. Through efficiencies gained, particularly as a result of the acquisition of a vacuum trailer in June 2013, the average cost of a 20mm connection is now estimated at approximately \$1,450. Council currently charges \$1,950.

Given this variance, it is appropriate to amend this fee and provide refunds for new customers who have been connected this year. There have been 38 new water service connections to 31 January, with 14 others in the process of being connected. The value of refunds is approximately \$26,000.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.6 NEXT MEETING

14/017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Manchester that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Thursday 24 April 2014 be rescheduled to Thursday 8 May 2014 at 1.00pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24 April 2014 however it is proposed that this be moved to Thursday 8 May 2014 to avoid conflicting with the Easter and Anzac Day holidays.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr McGregor queried the bore levels across the scheme. Chris Perry confirmed that bores are performing well and maintaining their levels.

Cr Templeton asked if Council would consider funding a water tank for the Naradhan Public Hall. To be discussed in Closed Session.

Staff members Tim McClellan, Chris Perry and Greg Finlayson left the meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION 2.36PM

14/018 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Manchester that Council meet in closed session.

UPDATE ON THE DATA ACQUISITION CONTRACT AND A LAND MATTER

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.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED IN CLOSED SESSION

14/019 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that Council donate funds to the Naradhan Residents Trust for the purchase of a 5000 gallon tank for the Naradhan Public Hall.

OPEN SESSION 3.30PM

14/020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris 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 3.31pm.
