

**Minutes of the meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 8 MAY 2014**

The meeting commenced at 12.59pm

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr D McCann, Cr J McGregor, Cr D Palmer, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr Chris Manchester and Cr Kevin Morris for this meeting.

14/021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that leave of absence be granted to Cr Manchester and Cr Morris.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Andrew Clinton declared an indirect non pecuniary interest in relation to report on Review of Developer Servicing Plan, as Councillor for Junee Shire Council who may be considering subdivision plans.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2014

14/022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann & Templeton that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A congratulatory letter was received from Coolamon Shire Council for the Water Connection Fee reduction and refund passed at the February Council meeting.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions were received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORT

14/023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & Templeton that Council consider the late reports of:

Data Network Installation

Review of Developer Servicing Plan

Business Activity and Strategic Plan

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy

And that the Land Report be moved from Open Session to Closed Session.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Mr Grant welcomed and introduced Mr Chris Lasdauskas Manager of Technology to Goldenfields Water.

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

14/024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & McGregor that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

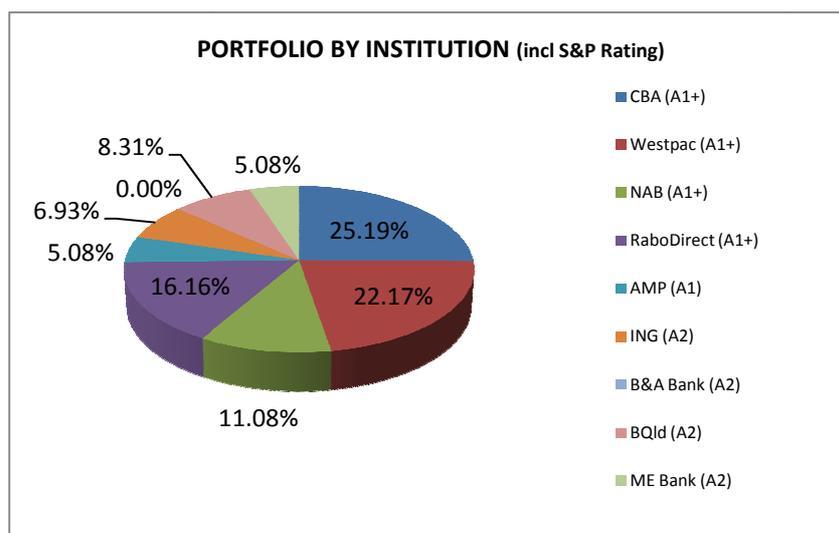
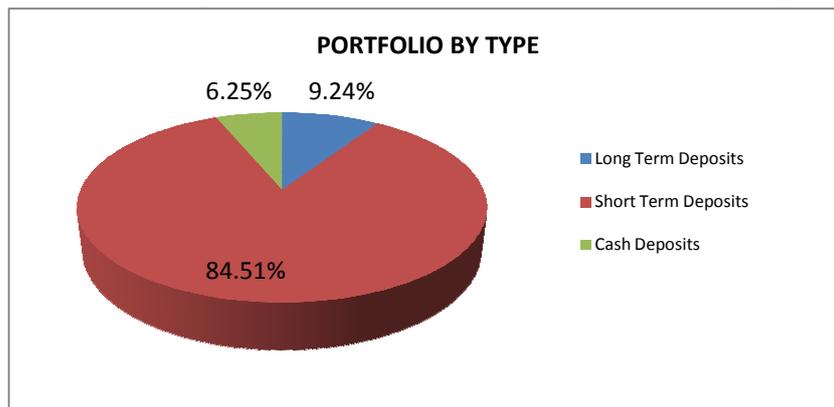
Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

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 March 2014:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				9.24%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	3.92%	27/10/15	9.24%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	18,300,000.00				84.51%
Bank of Queensland	800,000.00	210	3.80%	14/04/14	3.69%
Members Equity Bank	500,000.00	224	3.73%	12/05/14	2.31%
Members Equity Bank	600,000.00	279	4.03%	12/05/14	2.77%
Commonwealth Bank	1,800,000.00	98	3.90%	26/05/14	8.31%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	281	3.95%	10/06/14	4.62%
AMP Bank	900,000.00	181	3.90%	10/06/14	4.16%
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	126	3.75%	7/07/14	4.62%
Rabobank Australia	1,000,000.00	280	3.75%	21/07/14	4.62%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	182	3.80%	21/07/14	4.62%
Rabobank Australia	1,500,000.00	182	3.70%	5/08/14	6.93%
National Australia Bank	1,400,000.00	182	3.80%	5/08/14	6.47%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	365	3.97%	19/08/14	6.93%

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Commonwealth Bank	1,500,000.00	183	3.90%	19/08/14	6.93%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	365	3.85%	30/09/14	4.62%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,500,000.00	365	3.92%	4/11/14	6.93%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,300,000.00	365	3.92%	11/11/14	6.00%
Cash Deposits	1,354,433.86				6.25%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	50,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	0.23%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	200,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	0.92%
CBA Premium Business A/c	1,104,433.86	At Call	Various	N/A	5.10%
	21,654,433.86				100.00%



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

Cash Book balance as at 31 January 2014	469,153.06
Plus Deposits	
February	8,927,382.44
March	4,419,200.37
Less Payments	
February	9,199,632.94
March	3,520,758.87
Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2014	1,095,344.06

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Less Outstanding Deposits	2,759.04
Plus Unpresented Cheques	11,848.84
 Bank balance as at 31 March 2014	 1,104,433.86

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 WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

14/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Templeton that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

Cr Clinton queried deferred headworks charges and who they were available to.

Cr McGregor queried the interest on arrears. Mr McClellan requested time be allowed to investigate and reply.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

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

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	66,914.70	11,729.07	120,801.00	199,444.77
Consumption Charges	115,642.72	28,457.62	252,573.10	396,673.44
Deferred Headworks	241,108.00	0.00	9,471.00	250,579.00
Sub-Totals	423,665.42	40,186.69	382,845.10	846,697.21
Less Overpayments Received				-224,858.79
Total Outstanding				621,838.42
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				-235,930.07
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				-250,579.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				135,329.35

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.3 WATER PRODUCTION COSTS (G35201005)

14/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the report detailing Council's production cost comparatives as at 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

Cr Clinton congratulated Mr Grant and staff on the production of the report.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

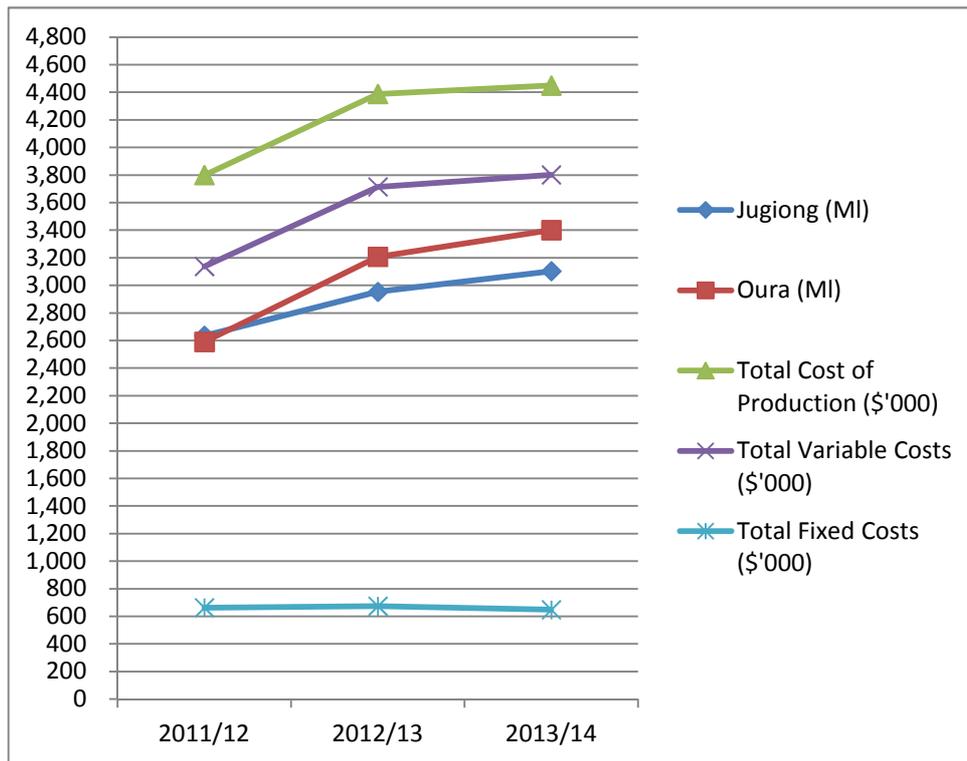
This report provides a comparison of Council's production costs as at 31 March 2014, with the previous two years. It also shows the relationship between production costs and production volumes. A separate report on production volumes is presented elsewhere in the business paper.

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

YTD Production Cost Comparisons through March

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	% Change
Production Volumes (MI)				
Jugiong (MI)	2,635	2,953	3,103	5.08%
Oura (MI)	2,590	3,207	3,400	6.02%
Other (MI)	589	743	799	7.54%
Total	5,814	6,903	7,302	5.78%
Cost of Production (\$'000)				
Mains Operations	298	361	327	-9.42%
Reservoirs Operations	28	31	35	12.90%
Pumping Stations & Bores Operations	57	56	58	3.57%
Treatment Operations	280	226	228	0.88%
Total Fixed Costs (\$'000)	663	674	648	-3.86%
Mains Maintenance (recurrent)	879	808	710	-12.13%
Reservoirs Maintenance (recurrent)	173	115	115	0.00%
Pumping Stations & Bores Energy	1,295	1,944	2,180	12.14%
Pumping Stations & Bores Maint (recurrent)	507	498	452	-9.24%
Treatment Chemical Costs	193	202	236	16.83%
Treatment Maintenance	90	147	108	-26.53%
Total Variable Costs (\$'000)	3,137	3,714	3,801	2.34%
Total Cost of Production (\$'000)	3,800	4,388	4,449	1.39%
Cost of Prod'n (cents/Kl of water produced)	65.36	63.57	60.93	-4.15%
Electricity Used YTD (MWh)	8,046	9,781	9,646	-1.38%
Electricity v Water Prod'n Ratio (MWh/MI)	1.38	1.42	1.32	-6.77%

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - MARCH 2014 (G35201005)

14/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann & Clinton that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2014 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 March 2014 and is attached for Council’s consideration.

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 December Review, Council’s budgeted Operating Result before Capital Items forecast a surplus of \$3,307,000. The March QBR result, as presented, reflects an increase from that projected at December by \$102,000, resulting in a budgeted surplus result of \$3,409,000.

The major components of the reviewed surplus are listed below:

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- Decrease in residential water sales of \$100k based on revised expectations following the 3rd quarter usage. The sales result is still expected to exceed the original estimate by \$404k;
- Interest income from investments was increased by \$50k at the December review. That increase is now not expected to be realised;
- Additional income expected from tapping fees (\$30k) and connection application fees (\$10k);
- Council received notification of a grant from the Riverina Local Land Service (\$11.5k) for its GWCC500 Wildlife project;
- Various adjustments to management costs resulted in an expected net saving of \$200k; and
- Budget reductions for mains maintenance (\$100k) and treatment costs (\$50k) have offset an expected increase in electricity costs of \$150k.

Notes detailing March 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 \$1.148 million. The changes are as follows:

- \$20k has been added to easement costs;
- \$450k has been removed from the Junee Reservoir construction budget; and
- \$718k of net adjustments in programmed infrastructure works.

Notes detailing March 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.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 FEBRUARY 2014 / MARCH 2014 (G95507005)

14/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Palmer that the Works Report for February and March be received and noted.

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Report prepared by Manager Distribution & Construction

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
121.	5/2	11.00	16.30	Coolamon, Loughnan Street	100	25	0.5	Split Pipe
122.	6/2	12.00	14.00	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	-	50	Hole In Pipe
123.	11/2	7.30	12.30	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	1	Split Pipe
124.	11/2	7.30	12.30	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	1	Split Pipe
125.	11/2	9.30	12.00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	0.5	Split Pipe
126.	14/2	14.00	16.00	Barellan, Yapunyah Street	100	15	10	Joint Failure
127.	14/2	11.00	13.00	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	-	25	Split Pipe
128.	15/2	8.00	11.00	Ungarie, Merrengreen Road	100	20	250	Joint Failure
129.	17/2	12.00	14.00	Junee, Hammond Street	100	10	100	Other
130.	18/2	11.00	14.00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	0.1	Split Pipe
131.	19/2	22.00	2.00	Illabo, Gregorys Lane	150	-	100	Split Pipe
132.	19/2	10.00	12.00	Coolamon, Mary Gilmore Way	80	2	1	Joint Failure
133.	20/2	8.30	11.30	Binya, Hulmes Road	150	-	5	Other
134.	21/2	7.30	11.30	West Wyalong, Whitakers Lane	100	-	5	Other
135.	21/2	12.30	15.30	Binya, Hughenden Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
136.	24/2	8.30	12.00	Temora, Coolamon Road	80	-	2	Split Pipe
137.	25/2	13.00	16.00	Junee, Park Lane	100	-	500	Split Pipe
138.	26/2	8.00	11.00	Ganmain, Spring Creek Road	100	-	2	Joint Failure
139.	27/2	11.00	12.30	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	1	Split Pipe
140.	27/2	13.30	16.00	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	80	-	30	Split Pipe
141.	27/2	13.30	16.00	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	80	-	30	Split Pipe
142.	28/2	11.30	13.00	Weethalle, Fishers Lane	100	-	50	Split Pipe
143.	4/3	8.00	10.00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
144.	4/3	10.00	12.00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
145.	13/3	15.30	16.30	Illabo, Old Sydney Road	150	-	100	Split Pipe
146.	13/3	2.30	6.30	Beckom, Deakin Street	100	16	100	Split Pipe
147.	18/3	11.00	13.00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	20	500	Split Pipe
148.	20/3	13.00	0.00	Junee, Roedigers Lane	200	-	200	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
149.	20/3	7.00	14.00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	375	-	20	Hole In Pipe
150.	21/3	16.30	22.00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	375	-	10	Hole In Pipe
151.	31/3	16.30	21.00	Harden, Substation Road	375	-	2	Joint Failure
152.	26/3	16.00	18.00	Cootamundra, Lismore Road	50	-	2	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

10/2/2014 Waterview Street Ganmain
 11/02/2014 Berembed Street Grong Grong
 11/02/2014 Balaro Street Grong Grong
 11/02/2014 Junee Street Grong Grong
 11/02/2014 Binya Street Grong Grong
 11/02/2014 Ethel Street Ungarie
 17/02/2014 Stinson Street Coolamon
 17/02/2014 Rannock Rd Coolamon
 17/02/2014 Cowabbie Street Coolamon
 18/02/2014 Ganmain Rd Coolamon
 24/02/2014 Olympic Highway Old Junee
 03/03/2014 McCraigs Lane Coolamon
 11/0/32014 Waratah Crescent Coolamon
 12/03/2014 Coolamon Rd Coolamon
 14/03/2014 Temora Rd Coolamon
 14/03/2014 Coolamon/Wagga Rd Coolamon
 14/03/2014 Lonsdale Lane Coolamon
 18/03/2014 Holden Street Coolamon
 20/03/2014 Stockinbingal

A total of 122 service difficulty and fault reports were received for February/March 2014.

Construction & Major Maintenance

- Main Upgrade Loughnan Street Coolamon
- 10 x 32mm meters installed Coolamon and Junee
- New service installed at Bethungra, Junee, Wantabadgery, Junee rural
- Started and completed Taggle instalments on 20mm meters in Coolamon reticulation except for the skipped meters
- Finish Meter reading rurals
- Jindalee Feed Lot – Removed 12.5L/second restrictor and replaced with a 13L/second restrictor
- Started and completed Taggle instalments on 20mm meters in Junee reticulation except for the skipped meters
- Main upgrade Mann Street Coolamon 90% completed
- Started and completed Taggle instalments on 20mm meters in Temora reticulation.
- Started and completed Taggle instalments on 20mm meters in West Wyalong reticulation.
- Serviced ACV and PRV within the scheme
- Replaced stop valves in pump stations in the Daylight area – 80% complete
- Summer maintenance - Changing oils and grease pumps
- Fabrication and installation of stainless steel spool pieces for new fire services across the scheme
- Coolamon – Replaced burnt out motor on transfer pump and investigate course, sent motor away for repair
- Junee Reefs - Fabricate and install protective cover for motor and pump
- Repairs to leaking 375mm reflux on raw water pumps at Jugiong
- **Machining meters to suit Taggle clamps**
- Jugiong WTP - repair and clean soda ash filter system
- Arrange all vehicle registration inspections
- Wombat Hill reservoir – Investigating and repairs to operation of level control valve
- Jugiong WTP – repairs to flocculators
- Tara pump station – replace leaking mechanical seal on No.2 pump
- Fabrication of stainless steel internal platform for Junee balance tank
- Weethalle town reservoir repairs and servicing of level control valve

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

14/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & McGregor that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

Cr Palmer queried the percentage of capital works that will be completed by the end of financial year.

Mr Grant has committed to provide meaningful figures when the financial year review is produced.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 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	90,000	79,150	79,150	In progress
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	19,590	19,590	Dan Curtis Ln Coolamon, Kitchener Rd Temora, Perserverance St West Wyalong
Additional Storage	Junee	1/07/11	30/06/14	2,500,000	100,963	1,950,000	1,843,653	1,944,616	Completed
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	610,000	47,352	70,843	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	131,500	131,489	1,492,732	Completed.
Manifold Replacement	Jugiong No.2 Pump Station	1/04/14	30/06/14	90,000	0	90,000	0	0	In progress
Regrade & Seal Road, Fencing	Jugiong Treatment Plant	1/07/12	31/10/13	99,000	69,912	34,600	34,591	104,503	Completed.
Replace Control System	Jugiong Filtration Plant	2/04/10	31/10/13	500,000	308,714	130,500	130,413	439,127	Completed
Internal Painting & Fittings Replacement	Jugiong Filtration Plant	1/07/13	30/06/14	50,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Coursing Park	1/05/13	30/08/13	140,000	92,993	27,500	27,422	120,415	Completed

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Mains Replacement	Strathmores to McKenzies Ln	1/05/13	30/08/13	50,000	4,529	42,700	42,618	47,147	Completed
Mains Replacement	Pattersons Ln	1/06/13	30/08/13	27,000	435	27,200	26,746	27,181	Completed.
Mains Replacement	Olympic Way Cootamundra	1/07/13	30/06/14	40,000	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	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Loughnan St Coolamon	1/07/13	28/02/14	45,500	0	64,600	64,545	64,545	Completed - additional cost due to rock.
Mains Replacement	Wade St (1) Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	53,300	53,229	53,229	Completed - an additional 120m added to job + installed deeper to avoid other services
Mains Replacement	Wade St (2) Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	29,000	28,997	28,997	Completed
Mains Replacement	Mann St Coolamon	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	15,516	15,516	In progress
Mains Replacement	Deepwater Rd Matong	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	26,000	14,123	14,123	In progress
Mains Replacement	Grong Grong Rd Matong	1/07/13	30/06/14	19,500	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Waterview St Ganmain	1/07/13	30/06/14	26,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Mains Replacement	Kings Creek	1/04/14	30/06/14	120,000	0	120,000	0	0	In progress
Pumps Major Maintenance Program	Throughout Distribution Area	1/07/13	30/06/14	221,000	0	60,800	60,795	60,795	Prunevale #2 Pump restored
Pumps Replacements (2)	Mt Daylight	1/07/13	30/06/14	50,000	0	0	0	0	Job deferred due to re-prioritisation
Pump Stn Valve Replacement Program	Mt Daylight	1/07/13	30/06/14	20,000	0	20,000	14,484	14,484	In progress
High Voltage Customer Agreement Upgrade	Jugiong Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	80,000	0	35,000	0	0	Under negotiation
Air-conditioning	Jugiong Pump Stations	1/07/13	30/06/14	3,000	0	0	0	0	More efficient options being investigated.
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	0	0	0	More efficient options being investigated.

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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	0	0	0	More efficient options being investigated.
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	739,581	805,004	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	85,785	85,785	In progress
Data Network Roll-out - Full Installation	Throughout Distribution Area	17/02/14	30/06/14	1,100,000	0	1,100,000	573,310	573,310	In progress

Please note that a number of adjustments have been recommended in the March Quarterly Budget Review.

The following jobs (and highlighted above) have been recommended for deferral from this year's capital budget:

Internal Painting & Fittings Replacement	\$50,000
Mains Replacement - Olympic Way, Cootamundra	\$40,000
Mains Replacement - Black Gate Rd, Cootamundra	\$32,000
Mains Replacement - Grong Grong Rd, Matong	\$19,500
Mains Replacement - Waterview St, Ganmain	\$26,000
Pump Replacements (2) - Mt Daylight	\$50,000
Total	\$217,500

The following jobs have been adjusted to reflect the final expected cost:

	Amended Budget	Saving (Loss)
Easement Acquisition	\$90,000	(\$20,000)
June Reservoir	\$1,950,000	\$450,000
Bore Construction	\$610,000	\$525,000
Major Electrical Upgrade	\$131,500	(\$2,400)
Road, Fencing - Jugiong WTP	\$34,600	(\$5,600)
Control System - Jugiong WTP	\$130,500	(\$2,300)
Mains Replace - Coursing Park	\$27,500	\$19,500
Mains Replace - Strathmores	\$42,700	\$2,300
Mains Replace - Pattersons Ln	\$27,200	(\$200)
Mains Replace - Loughnan St	\$64,600	(\$19,100)
Mains Replace - Wade St (1)	\$53,300	(\$27,300)
Mains Replace - Wade St (2)	\$29,000	(\$3,000)

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Pumps Major Maint Program	\$60,800	\$160,200
High Voltage Customer Agreement	\$35,000	\$45,000
Total		\$1,122,100

The air-conditioning units for the three pump stations listed (\$18,000) have been removed with more efficient options being investigated.

Two urgent jobs have been added: a mains replacement at Kings Creek (\$120,000) and a manifold replacement for the no. 2 booster pump station at Jugiong (\$90,000).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

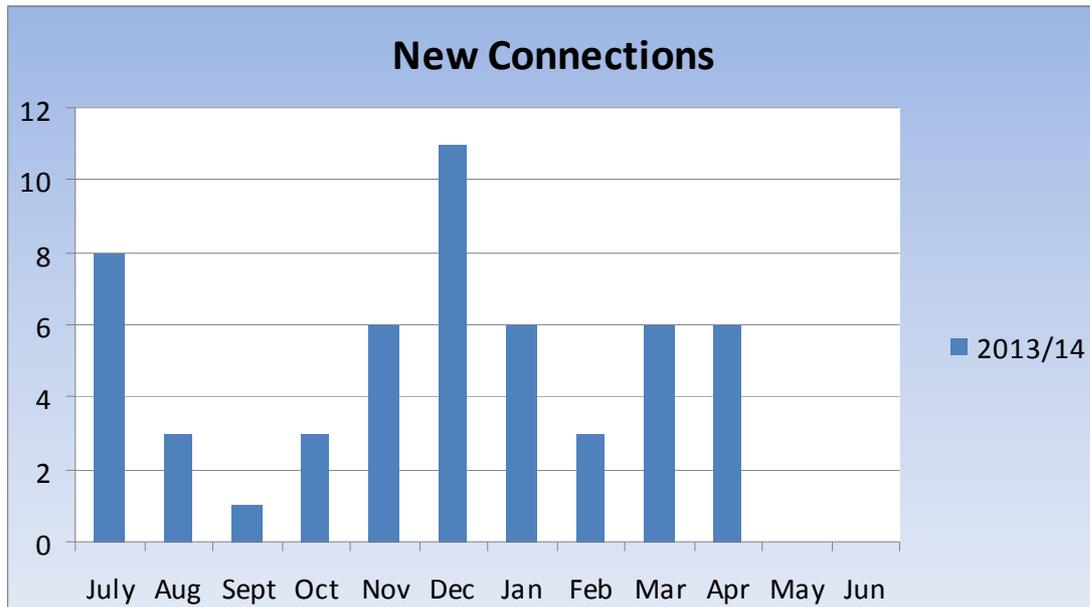
9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

14/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

This financial year there have been 53 new water service connections to 28 April.

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



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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.

Shire	Applications				Charging Classification			
	Received	Connected	Rejected	Pending	Res	N-Res	N-Res	N-Res
						Rural	Hi Vol	Other
Bland	8	7		1	6			1
Coolamon	20	16		4	14	1		1
Cootamundra	1			1				
Junee	28	17		11	13	2		2
Narrandera	2			2				
Temora	19	13		6	9	3		1
Totals	78	53	0	25	42	6	0	5

Of the 25 pending applications; 6 have been accepted with work orders issued and 11 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)

14/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & Templeton that the report detailing Council's water production status 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.

The table below provides an analysis of water production to 27 March 2014, 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 March			
		Est Prod'n	Prod'n YTD	Variance	Percent
Jugiong	5,590	2,838	3,103	265	9.3%
Oura	6,000	2,951	3,400	449	15.2%
Other	1,222	680	799	119	17.5%
Totals	12,812	6,469	7,302	833	12.9%

The above comparison shows the results of continued hot weather during the 3rd quarter and the lack of any significant summer rainfall over the entire supply area.

The table below provides an analysis of water production to 24 April 2014.

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Source	Max Extraction (MI)	Production Figures through April			
		Est Prod'n	Prod'n YTD	Variance	Percent
Jugiong	5,590	3,123	3,326	203	6.5%
Oura	6,000	3,259	3,630	371	11.4%
Other	1,222	748	859	111	14.8%
Totals	12,812	7,130	7,815	685	9.6%

The results show the effects of April rainfalls over the supply areas.

The attached graphs show water production comparatives between this year, last year and the estimate for Councils two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura to 24 April 2014.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 JUGIONG NO. 2 BOOSTER PUMP STATION DISCHARGE MANIFOLD REPAIRS (G95607507)

14/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that:

1. Council endorse the engagement of Girdwood Contracting for installation works.
2. Council allocate \$90,000 to the project.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

The Jugiong No. 2 booster pump station is located between the Jugiong Treatment Plant and Cowangs Reservoirs. Significant leakage from the gaskets between the flanged joints of the discharge manifold has warranted their replacement. Due to the importance of this infrastructure, replacement is considered priority during the upcoming off-peak season.

To replace the gaskets the manifold was re-designed to include dismantling joints to aid installation and future repairs.

The expected budget for the project is \$90,000 which includes materials and installation.

With the current employee data network installation commitments, quotations for installation were called and received from 3 companies:

- Keoghs Excavations \$88,510
- Divalls Earthmoving and Bulk Haulage \$50,110
- Girdwood Contracting \$27,665

Upon checking of references Girdwood Contracting have been engaged to carry out the works which are expected to begin in May.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 KINGS CREEK REPLACEMENT

14/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that:

1. Council endorse the engagement of Girdwood Contracting for installation works.
2. Council allocate \$120,000 to the project.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

Kings Creek is located 2 km north of Kingsvale. A recent failure through the creek resulted in a temporary repair to restore water supply to Young. A re-alignment has since been designed which includes the replacement of 200 m of 450 mm DICL pipe through the creek and connection to the existing pipeline. With the township of Young supplied directly from this pipeline, replacement is considered priority during the upcoming off-peak season.

The expected budget for the project is \$120,000 which includes materials and installation.

With the current employee data network installation commitments, quotations for installation were called and received from 3 companies:

• Keoghs Excavations	\$154,050
• Divalls Earthmoving and Bulk Haulage	\$ 62,690
• Girdwood Contracting	\$ 50,100

Upon checking of references Girdwood Contracting have been engaged to carry out the works which are expected to begin in May.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 LGMA AWARDS 10 APRIL 2014 (G03500510)

14/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. The Board thank staff for their contributions.

Cr McGregor declared that all Constituent Councils should publicly congratulate Goldenfields Water on this achievement.

Cr Palmer noted that this award is due recognition that Goldenfields Water is up with the best.

Report Prepared by General Manager

The General Manager, Process Control & IT Officer and Mechanical Coordinator attended the LGMA Awards 10 April 2014 in Sydney.

Goldenfields was awarded the Excellence in Asset Management Award for the progress made in the last year in asset management.

This is recognition of the hard work put in by the board members and staff over the last 2-3 years. It is a credit to the way Goldenfields has worked together to improve the organisation. It is timely in the current political climate to be endorsed in our key business area.

Recommendation

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That the report be received and noted.

9.3.5 LAND REPORT (G10057025)

This report will be considered in Closed Session as per resolution 14/023.

9.3.6 REROC MEETING TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014 (G45406005)

14/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by General Manager

The Deputy Chairperson and General Manager attended the REROC meeting 25 Feb 2014. Cr Manchester left the meeting approximately 12 midday, due to other appointments.

The minutes of the meeting are attached as Attachment 9.3.6

The main point of interest was the discussion on the Local Government Review submission by REROC. The draft submission was missing key components of support for GWCC, RWCC and the county council model.

After discussion the submission was altered to support RWCC, GWCC and state that removal of county council be legislative change was not supported.

The submission also then included positive mention of the Memorandum of Understanding between RWCC & GWCC.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.7 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 26 June 2014 at 1.00pm.

9.3.8 REPORT ON DATA NETWORK INSTALLATION APRIL 2014 (G55053015)

14/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that:

1. The report be received and noted
2. Council authorise the General Manager to allocate \$50,000 to set up trials for data demonstrations

Cr McCann enquired about Councils Data Acquisition Policy. Mr Grant committed to a draft policy being brought to the next Council meeting.

Report Prepared by General Manager

The data network installation is proceeding well. Field and desk top audits have been undertaken on installations, with error rates less than expected for an installation of this type (approx 3%).

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21 receivers have been installed, which leaves approximately 10-12 left to complete the network. Approximately 70% of the transmitters have been installed. Estimated finish date is end of May.

A parallel meter reading run will be undertaken manually as well as using Taggle data for the next billing cycle. This will allow further cross checking of data and better GIS positional data for meters to be captured.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

9.3.9 REVIEW OF DEVELOPER SERVICING PLAN 2014 (G60400505)

14/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Clinton that the Developer Service Plan be received and that the board approve the suggested developer charges as detailed in Table 7.

Report Prepared by General Manager

The Developer Servicing Plan for Goldenfields is due for assessment and adjustment accounting for changes to asset management and capital works.

The new draft guidelines by the NSW Office of Water have not yet been approved by The Minister.

Council staff used the April 2011 Developer Servicing Plan as a basis for the proposed plan. The previous plan was adjusted for recent reductions in mains replacement costs for rural mains and the future capital works program.

In summary it is suggested that the following charges be adopted resulting in an increase of 5% for the bulk councils and a reduction of 19% for retail councils from 2013/14 to 2014/15. Both charges would then be indexed at 5% over the next 5 years of the plan.

Table 7 Developer charges over 5 years

DSP Name	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/2019
GWCC Retail DSP Area A	\$7,075	\$7,429	\$7,800	\$8,190*	\$8,600*
GWCC Bulk DSP Area B	\$6,470	\$6,794	\$7,134	\$7,491*	\$7,866*

* Pricing to be approved by the next Board

Recommendation

That the Developer Service Plan be received and direction given by The Board on the final suggested Developer Charges taking into account relating to social, demographic and equity issues.

9.3.10 BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND STRATEGIC PLAN (G05601005)

14/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McCann that Council endorse the Business Activity and Strategic Plan including the Operational Plan for 2014/15, and the plan to go on public display.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Business Activity and Strategic Plan incorporating Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2014/15 have been updated to show the coming years targets and include an asset management strategy.

This document is Council's contract with the community for deliverables for the upcoming year and remainder of Council's term. It is also The Board's indication to the General Manager and senior managers of Council priorities.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Business and Activity Strategic Plan incorporating Delivery Program Operational Plan for 2014/15.

9.3.11 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS POLICY (CP:022) (G40350505)

Cr Speirs declared a pecuniary interest in this item being the proposed recipient of the mobile phone.

Cr Speirs vacated the chair for item 9.3.11 to Cr Palmer at 3.09pm.

14/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that Council adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy (CP:022), for public exhibition.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

An additional clause has been proposed to the above policy to allow for the provision of a mobile phone to the Chairperson and/or Deputy Chairperson. The proposal is listed below:

19.2 Should the Chairperson (and/or Deputy Chairperson) so choose, Council will provide a mobile phone and will pay half the "Services and equipment rental" costs in accordance with the agreed plan. Call costs in excess of the plan are the responsibility of the user.

The Chairperson's (and/or Deputy Chairperson) plan contribution, and any call charges in excess of the plan, are to be deducted from the user's monthly member's fee payment.

An updated draft of the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy that includes the additional clause (19.2) is attached for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

Cr Speirs resumed the chair at 3.11pm.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr McGregor attended the Water Industry Operators Association Conference in Orange as Goldenfields Water delegate. Cr McGregor found much of the information presented very interesting especially for staff.

Cr Clinton reiterated congratulations to staff for the LGMA Excellence in Asset Management acclamation.

Mr Grant notified the board that GWCC Award negotiations will begin soon, with a focus on an Award recognising performance.

Mr Grant notified that board that GWCC will negotiate an electricity contract in conjunction with Wagga City Council and Riverina Water County Council – this should result in competitive pricing with the aim to negotiate a 1 year contract with yearly extensions.

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

11. CLOSED SESSION 3.18PM

14/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & McGregor that Council meet in Closed Session.

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.

11.1 LAND REPORT (G10057025)

14/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann & Palmer that the report detailing the progress of Council land purchases be received and noted and that Council revert back to open session and that the resolution made in closed session be made public.

OPEN SESSION 3.31PM

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council, the meeting closed at 3.32pm
