

**Minutes of the meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 26 JUNE 2014**

The meeting commenced at 1.01PM

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr J McGregor, Cr C Manchester, Cr K Morris, Cr D Palmer, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr G Carr (Acting Manager Finance & Administration), Mr S Baldry (Acting Manager Distribution & Construction) Mr C Lasdauskas (Manager Technology) Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology has been received from Cr D McCann.

14/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that leave of absence be granted to Cr D McCann.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 8 MAY AND 5 JUNE 2014

14/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that the minutes of the meetings held 8 May and 5 June 2014 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

At the time of the preparation of the Business Paper no requests for public access for this meeting have been received.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTION

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

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7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

In accordance with clause 241 (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting without due notice only if:

- a) a motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and
- b) the business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairperson noted that the GWCC500 workshop was a fantastic success and expressed his appreciation to all involved including staff, facilitators and leaders. Cr Clinton endorsed those comments and Cr Manchester commented that it was very well organised.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

14/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 May 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 May 2014:

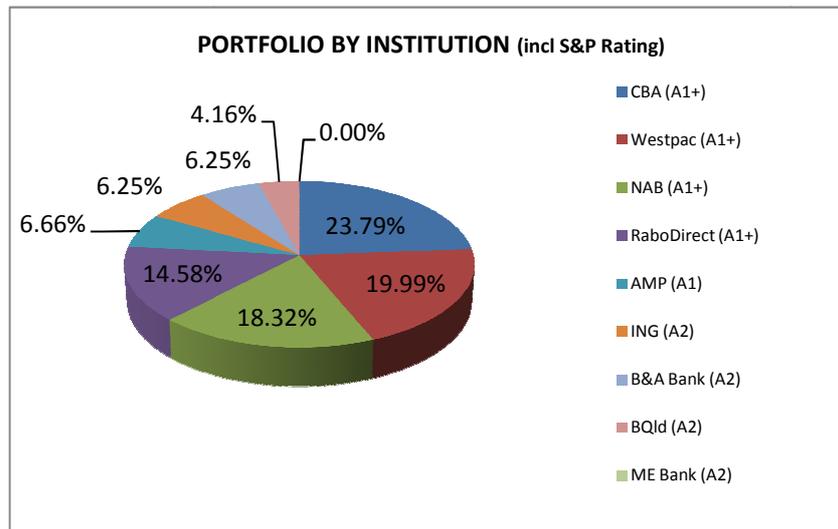
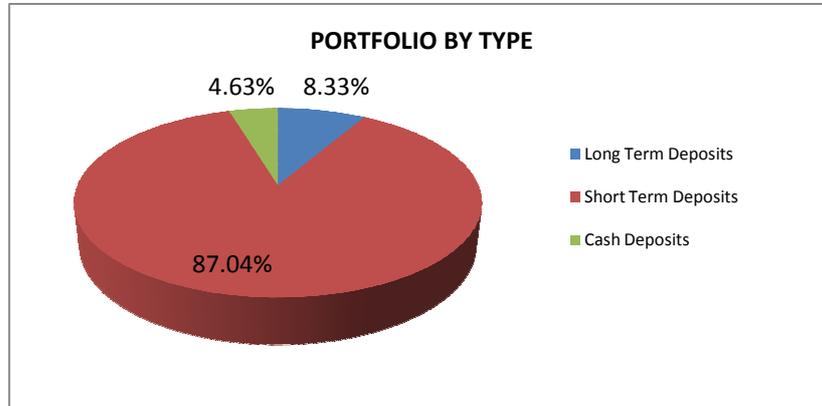
	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				8.33%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	3.98%	27/10/15	8.33%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	20,900,000.00				87.04%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	281	3.95%	10/06/14	4.16%
AMP Bank	900,000.00	181	3.90%	10/06/14	3.75%
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	126	3.75%	7/07/14	4.16%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	280	3.75%	21/07/14	4.16%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	182	3.80%	21/07/14	4.16%
RaboBank Australia	1,500,000.00	182	3.70%	5/08/14	6.25%
National Australia Bank	1,400,000.00	182	3.80%	5/08/14	5.83%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	365	3.97%	19/08/14	6.25%
Commonwealth Bank	1,500,000.00	183	3.90%	19/08/14	6.25%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	123	3.64%	1/09/14	4.16%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	133	3.64%	15/09/14	4.16%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	365	3.85%	30/09/14	4.16%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	1,500,000.00	154	3.65%	13/10/14	6.25%
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	180	3.70%	28/10/14	4.16%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,500,000.00	365	3.92%	4/11/14	6.25%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,300,000.00	365	3.92%	11/11/14	5.41%
Commonwealth Bank	1,800,000.00	182	3.75%	24/11/14	7.50%

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Cash Deposits	1,112,414.80				4.63%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	300,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	1.25%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	700,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	2.92%
CBA Premium Business A/c	112,414.80	At Call	Various	N/A	0.47%

24,012,414.80

100.00%



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

Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2014	1,095,344.06
Plus Deposits	
April	5,643,143.70
May	4,260,583.30
Less Payments	
April	4,293,283.75
May	6,596,294.31
 Cash Book balance as at 31 May 2014	 109,493.00
Less Outstanding Deposits	20,329.14
Plus Unpresented Cheques	23,250.94
 Bank balance as at 31 May 2014	 112,414.80

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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)

14/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Manchester that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 May 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 May 2014:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	81,958.28	12,846.91	151,557.81	246,363.00
Consumption Charges	142,417.31	30,687.30	469,634.58	642,739.19
Deferred Headworks	233,187.00	0.00	10,731.00	243,918.00
Sub-Totals	457,562.59	43,534.21	631,923.39	1,133,020.19
Less Overpayments Received				-150,788.16
Total Outstanding				982,232.03
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				-204,373.07
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				-243,918.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				533,940.96

In answer to a question on notice from the last meeting concerning the amount of the outstanding interest in comparison to the balance in arrears, the following explanation is provided:

The current balance remains current until a successive billing run is done. The billing run ages the outstanding current balance to arrears. As most of Council's billing is quarterly, interest is being applied to a portion of the "current" column for accounts that are three weeks or more overdue.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.3 WATER PRODUCTION COSTS (G35201005)

14/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that the report detailing Council's production cost comparatives as at 31 May 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

This report provides a comparison of Council's production costs as at 31 May 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.

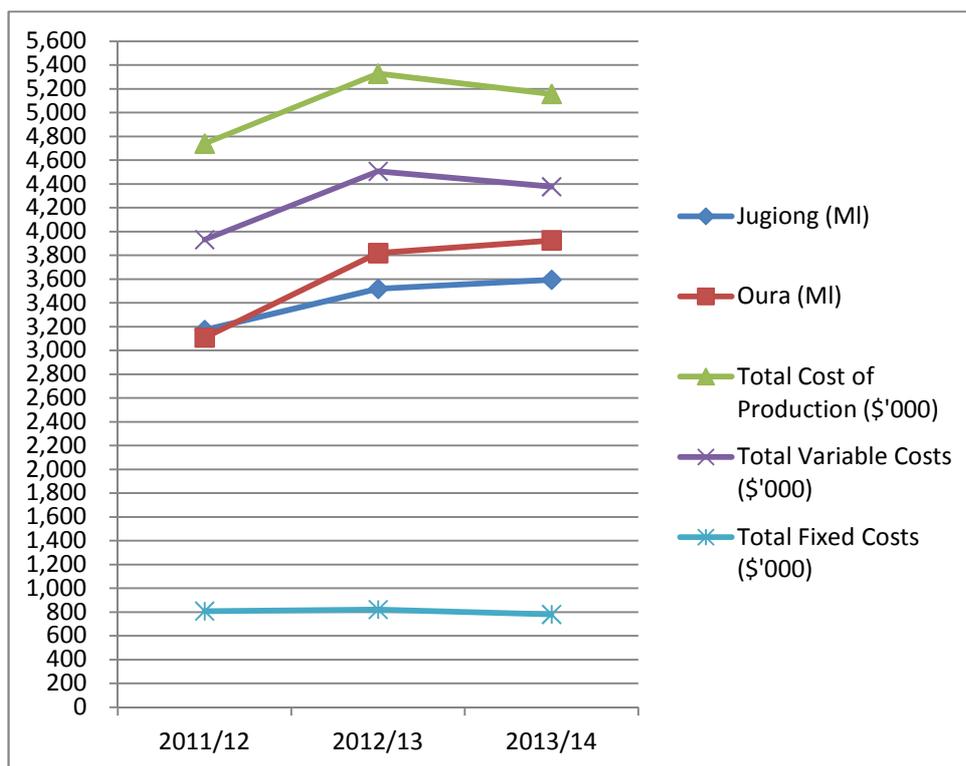
It should be noted that these expenditure comparisons can be slightly distorted by timing issues of creditor payments.

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.

YTD Production Cost Comparisons through May

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	% Change
Production Volumes (MI)				
Jugiong (MI)	3,172	3,518	3,594	2.16%
Oura (MI)	3,108	3,818	3,925	2.80%
Other (MI)	699	882	922	4.54%
Total	6,979	8,218	8,441	2.71%
Cost of Production (\$'000)				
Mains Operations	385	457	402	-12.04%
Reservoirs Operations	33	37	39	5.41%
Pumping Stations & Bores Operations	60	58	60	3.45%
Treatment Operations	330	269	279	3.72%
Total Fixed Costs (\$'000)	808	821	780	-4.99%
Mains Maintenance (recurrent)	1,027	888	767	-13.63%
Reservoirs Maintenance (recurrent)	189	136	123	-9.56%
Pumping Stations & Bores Energy	1,738	2,489	2,556	2.71%
Pumping Stations & Bores Maint (recurrent)	612	541	524	-3.14%
Treatment Chemical Costs	245	275	285	3.64%
Treatment Maintenance	120	177	121	-31.64%
Total Variable Costs (\$'000)	3,931	4,506	4,376	-2.88%
Total Cost of Production (\$'000)	4,739	5,327	5,156	-3.20%
Cost of Prod'n (cents/Kl of water produced)	67.90	64.82	61.09	-5.76%
Electricity Used YTD (MWh)	9,538	12,126	11,134	-8.18%
Electricity v Water Prod'n Ratio (MWh/MI)	1.37	1.48	1.32	-10.61%

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.4 MAKING CHARGES FOR 2014/15 (G05601005)

14/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that:

Water Charges

That Council make the Water Charges listed on Attachment 1, for the years 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2016.

Interest on Overdue Charges

That Council make the Interest Rate on overdue charges 8.5% for the year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

It is necessary for Council to pass a formal resolution adopting the charges for Goldenfields Water County Council for the 2014/15 financial year, as proposed in Council's Draft Operational Plan.

Council has also committed to fixing its charges for the following year (2015/16) in order to provide some direction and stability for customers. These charges have also been publicly exhibited for this purpose.

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The Office of Local Government has set the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue charges for 2014/15 at 8.5%.

Recommendations

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.5 INTERNALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS (G35401005)

14/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton

That:

1. The report on internally restricted assets be received and noted; and
2. Council maintains its four reserves in their current format

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Prior to the end of the financial year and in preparation for completing Council's Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014, now is a good time to reconfirm Council's funding of internally restricted assets.

Council currently has four internal restrictions (reserves) in place. These funds are reserved for specific purposes and the relevant nature of the transfers to and from the restrictions are described below:

Plant Reserve

Transfer to Restriction - is made up of the following; plant depreciation (equivalent value) plus the written down value of plant sold throughout the year plus an interest calculation to negate inflationary pressures.

Transfer from Restriction - plant purchases are funded from this reserve.

Infrastructure Reserve

Transfer to Restriction - is made up of infrastructure asset depreciation (equivalent value) as per Note 9 and the value of capital contributions received from headworks payments under Development Servicing Plans. If there are insufficient funds to finance this transfer, which occurs in situations of deficit operating results, then these transfers should be caught-up when operating results allow.

Transfer from Restriction - all infrastructure projects, whether new or renewal / replacement, are funded from this reserve.

Employee Leave Entitlement (ELE) Reserve

Transfer to / from Restriction - is determined by the balance of Council's ELE liability provision at yearend (excluding related on-cost expenses). Council reserves 100% of its provision.

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Deposits, Retentions & Bonds Reserve

This reserve has been established to restrict monies that Council is temporarily holding under some sort of contractual or policy arrangement.

Transfer to / from Restriction - is determined by the balance of Council's liability provision at yearend.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 APRIL 2014 / MAY 2014 (G95507005)

14/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the Works Report for April and May 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					
153.	2/4	13:00	15:00	June, Wyoming Lane	150	-	20	Split Pipe
154.	2/4	16:00	19:00	Ariah Park, Hopetoun Street	100	-	20	Split Pipe
155.	2/4	14:00	17:00	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	150	-	15	Split Pipe
156.	2/4	9:00	11:00	Illabo, Old Sydney Road	150	-	5	Split Pipe
157.	2/4	13:00	15:00	June, Wyoming Lane	150	-	20	Split Pipe
158.	3/4	11:00	13:00	Kingsvale, Kingsvale Road	375	-	1	Joint Failure
159.	4/4	11:30	12:45	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	10	Split Pipe
160.	7/4	1:00	3:30	Ariah Park, Tara Bectric Road	150	-	10	Joint Failure
161.	7/4	16:30	18:30	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	10	Joint Failure
162.	7/4	13:00	15:30	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	15	Split Pipe
163.	7/4	10:00	13:00	Gron Grong, Hulong Street	80	-	5	Split Pipe
164.	8/4	15:00	18:30	Ungarie, Caroon Street	150	-	400	Split Pipe
165.	14/4	13:00	18:00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	100	Split Pipe
166.	17/4	8:00	15:30	West Wyalong, Wootten Street	100	-	50	Other
167.	21/4	10:00	12:00	Marrar, Coursing Park Road	150	-	2	Split Pipe
168.	23/4	9:00	10:00	Marrar, Coursing Park Road	150	-	2	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
169.	23/4	10:00	11:00	June, Wyoming Lane	150	100	5	Split Pipe
170.	24/4	8:30	12:30	Weethalle, Woolners Lane	80	-	15	Split Pipe
171.	26/4	11:00	13:00	June, Pikedale Road	80	-	1	Split Pipe
172.	28/4	14:00	18:00	Weethalle, Talleeban Road	100	-	5	Joint Failure
173.	1/5	17:00	20:00	Cootamundra, Brawlin Road	50	-	8	Joint Failure
174.	1/5	17:00	2:00	Ardlethan, Newell Hwy	150	-	200	Split Pipe
175.	2/5	10:00	11:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	3	Split Pipe
176.	2/5	11:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	1	Split Pipe
177.	4/5	10:30	15:00	June, Wyoming Lane	150	-	2	Split Pipe
178.	6/5	8:00	14:00	Stockinbingal, Hoskins Street	100	20	20	Split Pipe
179.	9/5	15:00	19:00	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	5	Hole In Pipe
180.	9/5	9:00	10:00	Marrar, Strathmore Lane	80	-	1	Split Pipe
181.	9/5	9:00	10:00	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
182.	18/5	11:00	15:00	Mirrol, Newell Hwy	100	-	20	Split Pipe
183.	20/5	12:00	13:00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	-	10	Split Pipe
184.	20/5	13:00	15:00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	-	2	Other
185.	21/5	9:00	12:00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	3	20	Joint Failure
186.	28/5	15:00	16:30	Cootamundra, Old Gundagai Road	50	-	1	Split Pipe
187.	29/5	13:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Temora Road	375	-	5	Joint Failure
188.	29/5	15:00	17:30	Temora, Warre Warral Lane	100	-	500	Split Pipe
189.	30/5	14:30	16:30	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	20	Split Pipe
190.	30/5	9:00	12:00	Ariah Park, Burley Griffin Way	150	-	300	Hole In Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

01/05/2014	Iona Street Junee
06/05/2014	Cowabbie Street Coolamon
20/05/2014	Rannock Rd Coolamon
21/5/2014	Percy Street Junee
22/05/2014	Beach Street Junee
22/05/2014	Beach Street Junee
30/5/2014	Coffin Rock Lane Coolamon

A total of 83 service difficulty and fault reports were received for April/May 2014.

Construction & Major Maintenance

- Completed 20mm and 25mm Taggle instalments in West Wyalong, Ariaah Park, Ardlethan, Barmedman
- Completed all 20mm and 25 mm Rural Taggle instalments in the Northern Area.
- Started 20mm and 25mm 'skipped' Taggle instalments in Temora and Wyalong
- Completed 20mm and 25mm Taggle instalments in Coolamon, Junee. Ganmain, Matong, Grong Grong, Old Junee, Marrar, Illabo, Bethungra, Stockinbingal
- Completed all 20mm and 25 mm Rural Taggle instalments in the Southern Area
- Isolated and recharge water main for completion of Kingsvale Creek Crossing by contractors
- Isolated and recharge water main for completion of Jugiong No 2 Pump manifold by contractors
- Servicing of ACV and PRV within the scheme
- Replaced stop valves at North Weethalle for Daylight valve replacement program
- Machining meters to suit taggle clamps
- Fabricating and installing solar panel frames, control and battery box for Taggle
- Replace lip seal and realign pump and motor at Ganmain pump station.

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- Repair ACV at Ungarie Reservoir
- Repair water softener at Jugiong Treatment Plant
- Machining and tapping of 450mm end caps for Kings Creek upgrade
- Repair PRV at Reefton Piggery
- Service and align No.1 pump at Talbingo Lane Cootamundra for 2014 maintenance program
- Repair ACV at Ardlethan Reservoir
- Service and align No.1 pump at Naradhan for 2014 maintenance program
- Full overhaul of No.1 pump at Eurollie Rd Pump Station for 2014 maintenance program
- Fabricated steel work to brace temporary end caps at Kingsvale pipeline upgrade
- Stripped No.1 High Level Pump at Jugiong for servicing.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

14/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 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 May 2014:

Description	2013/14 Projected \$	Expend to date \$	Status
New System Assets			
New Temora Depot	535,000	264,158	In Progress
Site / Easement Acquisition	90,000	90,898	Completed
Mains Extensions	50,000	19,603	Completed
New Junee Reservoir	1,950,000	1,843,653	Completed
	2,625,000	2,218,312	
Renewals			
Oura Bore Replacement	610,000	66,583	In Progress
Mains Replacement / Augmentation	296,300	273,363	Completed
Cowangs-Bauloora - GHD finalising land matters	0	60,519	Completed
Pumps Major Maintenance Program	60,800	60,795	Completed
Mt Daylight P/Stn Valve Replacement Program	20,000	20,824	Completed

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Oura & Garoolgan P/Stn Electrical Upgrades	107,500	0	Removed
Water Meter Replacement (Implementation)	400,000	400,000	Completed
Barellan Reservoir Rehabilitation	41,000	40,359	Completed
	1,570,600	922,443	
Plant & Equipment			
Computer Equipment	20,000	16,008	Completed
Office Equipment	6,000	5,200	Completed
Workshop Equipment	50,000	7,642	Completed
Plant Purchases	900,000	849,622	Completed
Plant Sales	-470,000	-433,227	Completed
	506,000	445,245	

Original Program Sub-Totals (incl C/Fwds) 4,701,600 3,586,000

Additions			
Data Network		1,204,944	In Progress
Additional Water Meter Replacement		341,537	Completed
Kings Creek Mains Replacement / Augmentation		98,616	Completed
Jugiong #2 Booster P/Stn Manifold Replacement		52,228	Completed
Jugiong Major Electrical Upgrade		131,489	Completed
Jugiong WTP Replace Control System		130,413	Completed
Jugiong WTP Road, Fencing		34,591	Completed
		1,993,618	

**Original Program
\$4,701,600**

**Completed to date
\$5,579,618**

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

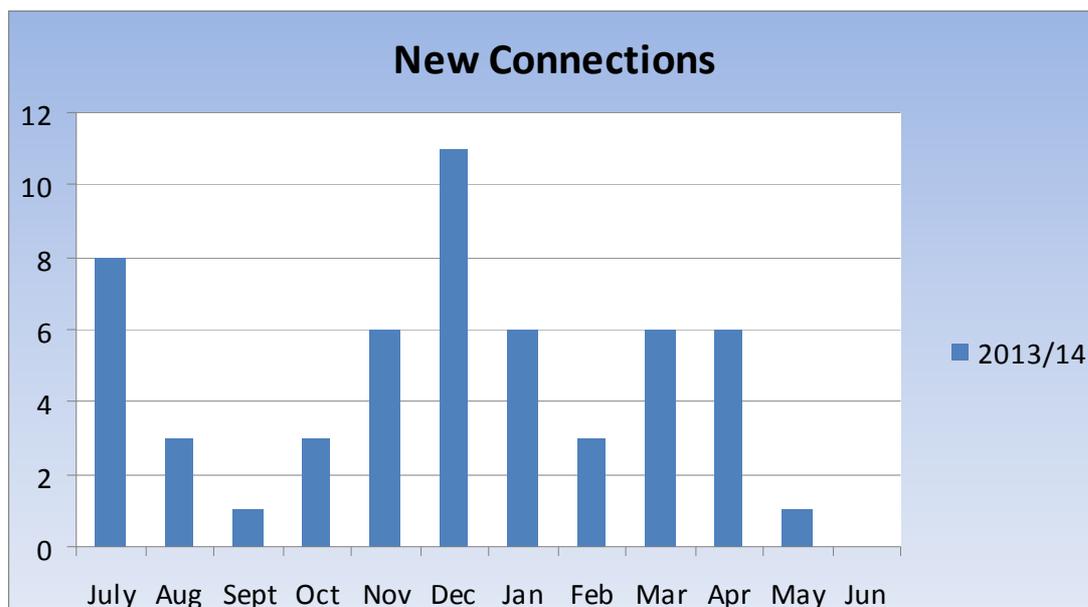
9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

14/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer & 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 54 new water service connections to 29 May.

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.

Shire	Applications				Charging Classification			
	Received	Connected	Rejected	Pending	Res	N-Res	N-Res	N-Res
					Rural	Hi Vol	Other	
Bland	10	7		3	6			1
Coolamon	23	16		7	14	1		1
Cootamundra	1			1				
Junee	28	17		11	13	2		2
Narrandera	2			2				
Temora	19	14		5	10	3		1
Totals	83	54	0	29	43	6	0	5

Of the 29 pending applications; 11 have been accepted with work orders issued, 13 letters of offer have been made and 2 are awaiting further information. The remaining 3 applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

14/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and McGregor 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 29 May 2014, measured against the estimated production figures used to estimate water sales for the year.

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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 May			
		Est Prod'n	Prod'n YTD	Variance	Percent
Jugiong	5,590	3,381	3,594	213	6.3%
Oura	6,000	3,505	3,925	420	12.0%
Other	1,222	804	922	118	14.7%
Totals	12,812	7,690	8,441	751	9.8%

Production for April and May was lower than for the same period in 2013/14.

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 29 May 2014.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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

14/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that Council adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy (CP:022), as presented.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Council's draft expenses and facilities policy has been out on public exhibition and is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

No submissions were received.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 REVIEW OF DEVELOPER SERVICING PLAN 2014 (G60400505)

14/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that Council adopt the draft Developer Servicing Plan as presented.

Report prepared by Engineering Officer

Council's draft Developer Servicing Plan has been out on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days and is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

No submissions were received.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN (G05601505)

14/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Templeton that Council:

1. Adopt the Business Activity Strategic Plan incorporating the Delivery Program and Operational Plan as circulated; and
2. Authorise for expenditure all operating and capital items budgeted for in the 2014/15 financial year.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Council's Draft Business Activity Strategic Plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days as is required under the Local Government Act 1993.
No submissions were received by the closing date.

The plan is required to be formally adopted to meet legislative requirements.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 COUNCILLORS FEES FOR 2014/15 (G40202005)

14/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Clinton that Councils current policy be maintained with Councillors fees increasing by 2.5% from 1 July 2014 as per determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to the maximum about allowable.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined that fees for councillors and mayors will increase by 2.5% from 1 July 2014.

Goldenfields Water is categorised as a "County Council - Water" and therefore the range of annual fees are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor	\$1,620	\$8,960
Chairperson	\$3,460	\$14,710

Council resolved at its June 2013 meeting (Minute 13/048) *"that Councillors fees be increased to the maximum amount allowable as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal"*.

Based on this resolution, the table below sets out the changes that would occur as of 1 July 2014 if this policy was maintained:

	2013/14	2014/15
Councillor	\$8,740	\$8,960
Chairperson	\$14,350	\$14,710

The 2014/15 draft budget was prepared allowing for a 4% increase.

Recommendation

For Councillors' consideration.

9.3.6 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (G40151005)

14/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council nominates the Chairperson and one other board member to attend the 2014 LGNSW Water Management Conference and approves attendance for the General Manager to attend all three conferences.

14/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council nominate Cr Clinton to attend REROC along with the General Manager on Tuesday 26 August 2014.

14/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Manchester that Council nominate Cr Templeton and 2 staff members to attend the RH Dougherty Awards on 7 August 2014.

Report prepared by General Manager

The 2014 LGNSW Water Management Conference will be held in Port Macquarie from Monday 25 August to Wednesday 27 August 2014.

The General Manager has been accepted to deliver a presentation on the subject of *Goldenfields Water Regional data acquisition and GIS water quality thematic colour mapping*.

Nominations for attendance are sought from Council to allow registration and booking arrangements to be made.

In past years the General Manager and another staff member have attended. A copy of the Draft Program is attached (Attachment 9.3.6).

The General Manager also has preliminary invitations to the NSW Water Alliance Forum and GITA (Geospatial Information Technology Association) conferences.

Recommendation

That Council nominate attendees for the 2014 LGNSW Water Management Conference and approves attendance for the General Manager to attend all three conferences.

9.3.7 AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF DAYLIGHT BORES (G95709005)

14/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Clinton that:

1. Council endorse the new agreement as a replacement of the original Deed dated 6 April 1989
2. Council endorse the Chairman and General Manager to sign the agreement and affix Council Seal.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

Goldenfields Water County Council and Carrathool Shire Council share head work assets located off the Lachlan Valley Way near Lake Ballyrogan for the purpose of providing water to separately owned water supply schemes. The assets include:

- 2 production bores
- 2 bore pumps
- Electrical control equipment
- 14200m of 195mm UPVC pipe
- Level control and radio equipment required to operate the bore pumps

The original Deed which governs operation is outdated and doesn't reflect current arrangements. A new agreement has been constructed in consultation with Carrathool Shire Council and is attached for consideration.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.8 COWANGS BAULOORA EASEMENT FINALISATION (G10052036)

14/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council endorse the additional \$60,519 in expenditure to finalise easements over the Cowangs Bauloora pipeline.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

GWCC has finalised the remaining easements over the Cowangs Bauloora pipeline. Expenditure this financial year has totalled \$60,519 and includes the following:

- Easement compensation payments
- Fair value land appraisals by the Valuer General NSW
- Easement plan lodgement
- Advertising in the Government Gazette and Cootamundra Herald
- GHD consultancy fees

The only outstanding matter is an easement over the Crown Land surrounding the Bauloora Reservoirs which is the subject of a native title claim. This will be finalised when the outcome of the claim has been determined.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.9 INVESTMENT POLICY (CP:018) (G40350505)

14/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that Council adopt the revised Investment Policy (CP:018), as presented.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

A revised Investment Policy is attached for Council's consideration.

The policy has been amended to incorporate the Office of Local Government's name change and to include the option for Council to place funds with "Not Rated" authorised deposit-

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taking institutions (ADIs). Refer to Attachment 2 of the policy for the Diversification / Credit Risk Guidelines.

It is recommended that funds placed with any not rated ADI, such as credit unions and building societies, not exceed 10% of total investments. All ADIs are government guaranteed to \$250,000.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.10 DATA NETWORK UPDATE (G55053015)

14/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the Data Network report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Manager Technology

Installation of the Taggle devices on the 10760 small meters is essentially complete.

Less than 2.5% of installations have errors. Taggle stated that an initial error rate of <5% is good.

Large meters installations will be practicably complete as at 30 June 2014.

31 receivers are installed and operational, 3 more will be installed to enhance the network.

Very few equipment problems were experienced.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.11 NEXT MEETING

14/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Thursday 28 August 2014 be rescheduled to Thursday 21 August 2014 at 1.00pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 August 2014 however it is proposed that this be moved to Thursday 21 August 2014 at 1.00PM to avoid conflicting with the Local Government Water Conference.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

In accordance with Section 3.15 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. A Councillor:
 - a) may, through the Chairperson, put a question to another Councillor, and
 - b) may, through the General Manager, put a question to a Council employee.

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2. However, a Councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents.
3. The Councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly and without argument.
4. The Chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a Councillor or council employee under this clause.

Cr McGregor thanked staff especially Mr Carr for the delivery of the reports to the Council meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION 2.13PM

14/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Clinton that Council meet in Closed Session.

The managers - Mr G Carr, Mr C Lasdauskas and Mr S Baldry – were asked to leave the meeting for the closed session. They left the meeting at 2.13pm and did not return.

11.1 Morris Request (G10052036)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:*
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

14/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that shared easements with private landholders are not beneficial to Council and the request for shared access to Council easements be denied.

11.2 Data Acquisition Network Trials (G55053015)

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.*

14/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Morris that Council allocate \$30,000 for GWCC costs in trial installations to progress the data acquisition business.

Cr McGregor left the meeting at 2.33pm and did not return.

14/073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council authorise the General Manager to progress data acquisition trials as identified.

OPEN SESSION – 2.55PM

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14/074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer 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 Council, the meeting closed at 2.55pm
