

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 26 February 2015**

The meeting commenced at 1.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in matter **9.3.3 GWCC Vehicle Procurement**. Cr Palmer will vacate the room when this matter is deliberated.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2014

15/001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and McCann that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of December 2014 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received for this meeting.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

15/002 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council consider the following reports in Closed Session;

11.1 Private Capital Discussions

11.2 Organisational Restructure

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

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

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9.1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

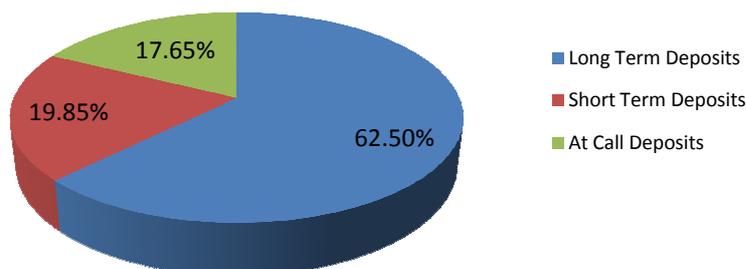
15/003 RESOLVED on the motion of Manchester and Palmer that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 January 2015 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

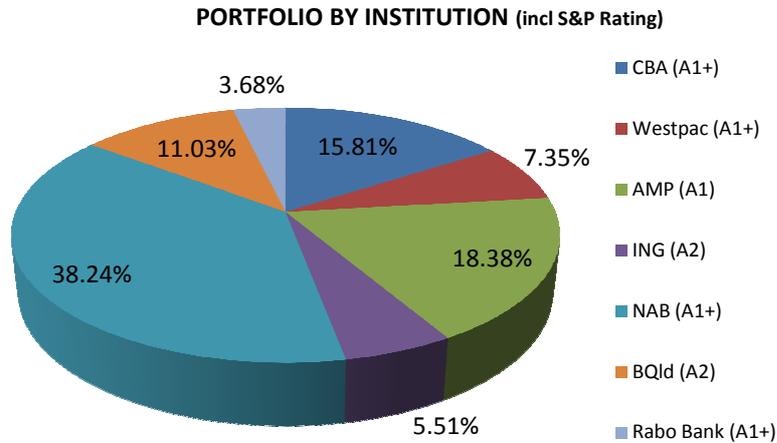
This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 31 January 2015:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	17,000,000.00				62.5%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00		3.98%	27/10/15	7.4%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	11.9%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	11.9%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	11.9%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	11.9%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	11.9%
Short Term Deposits	5,400,000.00				19.9%
National Australia Bank	1,400,000.00	181	3.65%	2/02/15	5.1%
Commonwealth Bank	1,500,000.00	181	3.50%	16/02/15	5.5%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	181	3.56%	16/02/15	5.5%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	270	3.65%	17/04/15	3.7%
At Call Deposits	4,800,000.00				17.6%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	2,800,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	10.3%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	7.4%
Total Value of Investment Funds	27,200,000.00				100.0%

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

Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2014	2,728,203.86
Plus Deposits	
December	10,649,359.79
January	6,304,303.60
Less Payments	
December	12,695,121.78
January	6,070,730.66
Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2014	916,014.81
Less Outstanding Deposits	35,037.59
Plus Unpresented Cheques	2,843.57
Bank balance as at 6 February 2015	883,820.79

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 26/6/2014).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

15/004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 6 February 2015 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 6 February 2015:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	96,822.67	14,280.69	133,159.25	244,262.61
Usage Charges	209,408.78	33,456.88	414,157.64	657,023.30
Deferred Developer Charges	23,763.00	0.00	260,919.00	284,682.00
Sub-Totals	329,994.45	47,737.57	808,235.89	1,185,967.91
Less Overpayments Received				-236,736.67
Total Outstanding				949,231.24
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				-242,980.63
Less Deferred Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding				-284,682.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				421,568.61

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.3 WATER PRODUCTION COSTS (G35201005)

15/005 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing Council's production cost comparatives as at 31 January 2015 be received and noted.

It is noted that the Electricity v Water Production Ratio figure reported in the February 2015 Business paper was inaccurate due to incorrect billing by the electricity retailer. This has since been rectified and correct figures are shown in the table below.

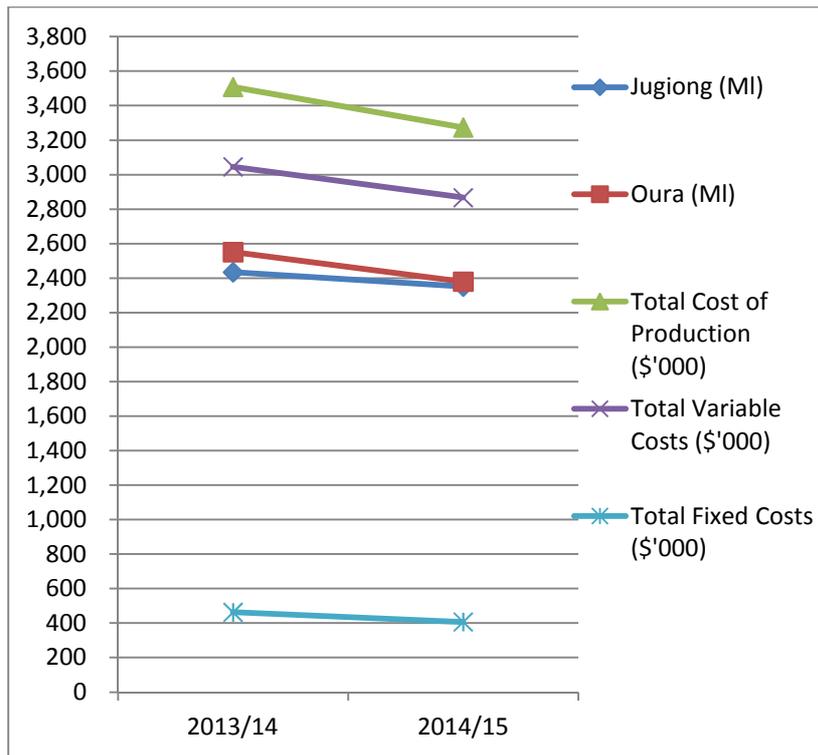
Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report provides a comparison of Council's production costs as at 31 January 2015, with the previous year. 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

	2013/14	2014/15	% Change
Production Volumes (MI)			
Jugiong (MI)	2,435	2,352	-3.41%
Oura (MI)	2,551	2,380	-6.70%
Other (MI)	589	447	-24.11%
Total	5,575	5,179	-7.10%
Cost of Production (\$'000)			
Mains Operations	254	238	-6.30%
Reservoirs Operations	31	30	-3.23%
Pumping Stations & Bores Operations	8	8	0.00%
Treatment Operations	170	131	-22.94%
Total Fixed Costs (\$'000)	463	407	-12.10%
Mains Maintenance	587	600	2.21%
Reservoirs Maintenance	87	73	-16.09%
Pumping Stations & Bores Energy	1,740	1,642	-5.63%
Pumping Stations & Bores Maint	362	321	-11.33%
Treatment Chemical Costs	176	141	-19.89%
Treatment Maintenance	94	90	-4.26%
Total Variable Costs (\$'000)	3,046	2,867	-5.88%
Total Cost of Production (\$'000)	3,509	3,274	-6.70%
Cost of Prod'n (cents/Kl of water produced)	62.94	63.22	0.44%
Electricity Used YTD (MWh)	7,289	6,996	-4.02%
Electricity v Water Prod'n Ratio (MWh/MI)	1.31	1.35	3.32%

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Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted

9.1.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2014

(G35201005)

15/006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Clinton that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 December 2014 be received and noted with the variations to income and expenditure adopted as the revised Budget estimates for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Report prepared by Acting 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 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.

Budgeted Operating Result before Capital Items is a surplus of \$5,421,000. The December QBR result, as presented, reflects a decrease of \$1,064,000, resulting in a budgeted surplus of \$4,357,000.

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The major components of the reviewed surplus are listed below:

Decrease in residential water sales of \$333k based on revised expectations for the coming year.

Decrease in non-residential water sales of \$776k based on revised expectations for the coming year.

Decrease in Other Expenses for capitalisation of new service connections. (\$45k)

While energy charges are expected to be lower, no adjustment has been made as its anticipated back charging may occur for Oura.

Councillors will note changes to the Capital Budget Review Statement.

The changes are as follows:

\$10k added for completion of Easement and Acquisitions.

-\$600k for the cancellation of the new Oura Bore.

\$30k for new connections now included in capital.

\$650k for plant purchases.

-\$563k for plant sales.

\$700k for the proposed Mandamah Scheme.

-\$84k for postponed Main Replacements should Mandamah proceed.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.5 WATER DEBTOR WRITE-OFF

15/007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that both customers (74961 and 77160) be given a 6 month interest free period to pay the accounts.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

74961

A submission has been received seeking relief for \$3,678.20 (1,735 kilolitres) excessive water consumption. The water supply to the vacant land had an internal leak which the out of state owner was unaware of. They have since temporarily disconnected the supply to avoid further losses.

77160

A submission has been received seeking relief for \$1,458.54 (999 kilolitres) excess water consumption. The water supply to the rural property had a number of internal leaks in 50mm heavy walled poly pipe. Their supplier had advised that the manufacturer changed ownership and were not honouring previous guarantees.

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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.

Recommendation

74961

To avoid further hardship, that Council write off \$1,839.10 from the Account No. 74961 which is half the excess bill for loss of water beyond the customer's reasonable control. Further, the customer is advised that this is a one-off grant and that they are encouraged to monitor their future water consumption.

77160

While sympathetic, it is a product liability matter for the supplier and manufacturer. The information is noted and they be offered a 6 month interest free period.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY 2015 (G95507005)

15/008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the Works Report for December 2014 and January 2015 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					
93.	1/12	12:00	14:00	Junee, Talbingo Lane	200	-	200	Split Pipe
94.	2/12	13:00	15:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	-	1	Joint Failure
95.	3/12	12:00	16:00	West Wyalong, Church Street	150	6	300	Joint Failure
96.	4/12	10:00	12:30	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	-	1	Split Pipe
97.	5/12	9:30	10:30	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
98.	5/12	11:00	12:00	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
99.	5/12	13:00	14:45	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
100.	6/12	6:30	8:30	Marrar, Slee Street	100	10	5	Split Pipe
101.	6/12	8:30	10:30	Coolamon, Doubleday Lane	100	4	2	Split Pipe
102.	10/12	14:30	15:00	Temora, Polaris Street	100	-	2	Split Pipe
103.	11/12	10:00	13:30	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	1	Split Pipe
104.	12/12	7:30	9:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	50	-	2	Split Pipe

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		Off	On					
105.	12/12	9:30	12:30	Stockinbingal, Dudauman Street	150	40		Split Pipe
106.	12/12	12:30	17:00	Stockinbingal, Troy Street	100	25	10	Split Pipe
107.	12/12	7:00	9:00	Ganmain, Spring Street	100	-	10	Joint Failure
108.	12/12	15:45	17:00	Tallimba, Bygoo Road	150	-	80	Split Pipe
109.	15/12	10:30	14:00	Ungarie, Lake Road	150	-	200	Joint Failure
110.	15/12	14:30	19:30	Naradhan, Yarran Street	150	-	20	Split Pipe
111.	16/12	9:00	12:00	Springdale, Back Springdale Road	300	-	10	Joint Failure
112.	20/12	9:00	13:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
113.	20/12	14:00	15:30	June, Roedigers Lane	200	-	150	Split Pipe
114.	20/12	15:30	16:00	June, Roedigers Lane	200	-	150	Split Pipe
115.	21/12	13:30	19:00	Temora, Goldfields Way	50	-	120	Split Pipe
116.	23/12	9:00	11:30	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	150	Hole In Pipe
117.	23/12	14:15	15:30	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	-	100	Split Pipe
118.	27/12	12:00	17:00	Binya, Burley Griffin Way	100	-	5	Hole In Pipe
119.	28/12	8:30	16:30	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	200	Hole In Pipe
120.	28/12	8:30	16:30	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	-	50	Split Pipe
121.	30/12	12:30	13:00	Weethalle, Fishers Lane	100	-	10	Split Pipe
122.	30/12	10:30	11:30	Barellan, Burley Griffin Way	100	7	10	Split Pipe
123.	30/12	8:30	9:00	Barellan, Kooba Street	100	-	20	Split Pipe
124.	31/12	8:00	11:00	Binya, Clarkes Road	80	-	2	Split Pipe
125.	1/1	9:00	13:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	-	1	Split Pipe
126.	2/1	17:30	20:00	Tallimba, Bygoo Road	150	-	60	Split Pipe
127.	5/1	8:00	10:00	Barellan, Burley Griffin Way	100	-	80	Split Pipe
128.	5/1	10:15	10:45	Barellan, Burley Griffin Way	100	-	2	Split Pipe
129.	7/1	7:00	9:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
130.	7/1	23:00	6:00	Temora, Loftus Street	100	12	200	Split Pipe
131.	7/1	17:00	21:30	Wyalong, Neeld Street	100	7	50	Split Pipe
132.	9/1	10:00	11:00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	5	Split Pipe
133.	12/1	9:00	15:00	Kingsvale, Back Creek Road	300	-	50	Split Pipe
134.	12/1	14:00	18:00	Weethalle, Oakenfalls Lane	200	-	80	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
135.	14/1	-	-	Temora, Goldfields Way	350	-	200	Joint Failure
136.	16/1	11:00	14:00	Ganmain, Loch Street	100	-	5	Split Pipe
137.	16/1	6:30	10:00	Temora, Loftus Street	100	12	100	Split Pipe
138.	16/1	12:00	15:30	Weethalle, Talleeban Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
139.	20/1	13:00	17:30	Temora, Crowley Street	100	10	50	Split Pipe
140.	23/1	16:30	18:30	Tallimba, Bygoo Road	150	-	200	Hole In Pipe
141.	23/1	15:30	16:30	Ardlethan, Burley Griffin Way	25	-	2	Hole In Pipe
142.	23/1	15:00	18:30	Tallimba, Bygoo Road	150	-	70	Split Pipe
143.	26/1	12:30	15:30	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
144.	26/1	8:00	12:00	Junee, Goods Lane	80	-	1	Split Pipe
145.	28/1	11:00	15:00	Coolamon, Mann Street	100	4	2	Split Pipe
146.	28/1	7:00	11:00	Junee, Talbingo Lane	200	-	4	Hole In Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

03/12/2014 Menzies Lane, Rannock
 06/12/2014 Stockinbingal Road, Temora
 08/12/2015 Booth Street, Coolamon
 08/12/2014 Showground Road, Ganmain
 10/12/2014 Jugiong Road, Cootamundra
 11/12/2014 Stinson Street, Coolamon
 20/12/2014 Booth Street, Coolamon
 01/01/2015 Garland Street, Coolamon
 02/01/2015 Garland Street, Coolamon
 02/01/2015 Elizabeth Street Junee
 06/01/2015 Rannock Road, Coolamon
 06/01/2015 Waterview Street Ganmain
 06/01/2015 High Street, Ganmain
 14/01/2015 Ashton Street, Aria Park
 19/01/2015 Kingdom Drive Coolamon
 22/01/2015 Elizabeth Street, Junee

A total of 72 service difficulties and fault reports were received for December 2014/January 2015

Construction and Major Maintenance:

- Mains replacement Suttons Lane Cootamundra (1000m) 90% complete
- Mains upgrade Olympic Way Frampton (3000m) Completed
- Connect new fire service West Wyalong Hospital
- Hydrant maintenance West Wyalong
- Replace gaskets No. 2 pump station pipe work
- Replace hydrant Wood Street Stockinbingal
- Replace hydrants Grong Grong
- Replace stop valve Junee
- Pump checks for prevention monitoring and abnormalities
- Jugiong WTP Changing all oils and greases, adjust glands and minor repairs
- Tara pump station assessing excessive vibration on No 1 pump - new cone rubbers and bearings and realigned pump and motor.
- Jugiong reservoir and pump monitoring for pump efficiencies
- Temora transfer pump station repairs to refluxes leaking
- Jugiong No.1 pump station changing and setting bearings
- Servicing of ACV & PRV within the scheme
- Marrar town reservoir repairs to ACV
- Moombooldool PRV repairs
- Hylands Bridge pump station installing PRV's on priming lines to reduce head pressure on foot valves and repairs to refluxes
- Bird proofing and repairs to reservoir roofs
- Replacing fatigued flex-joints
- Cootamundra workshop – repairs to plant
- Test and tag equipment

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

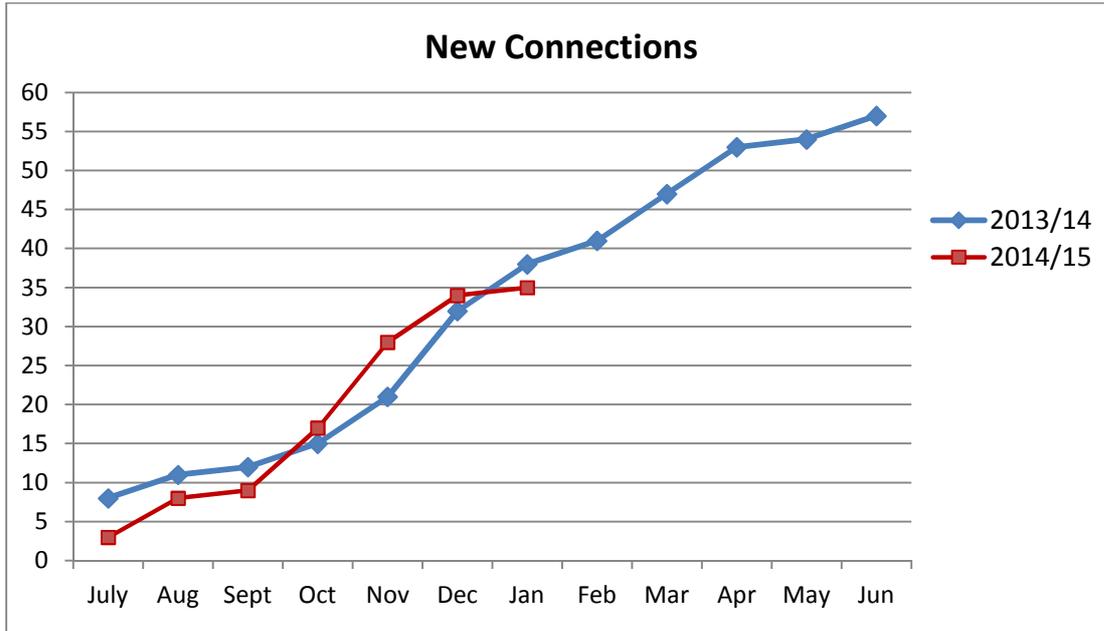
Recommendation made was adopted

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

15/010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

The following graph shows the number of new connections.



9 work orders are pending connection with 22 letters of offer issued while a further 6 applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

15/011 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McCann and Manchester that the report detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

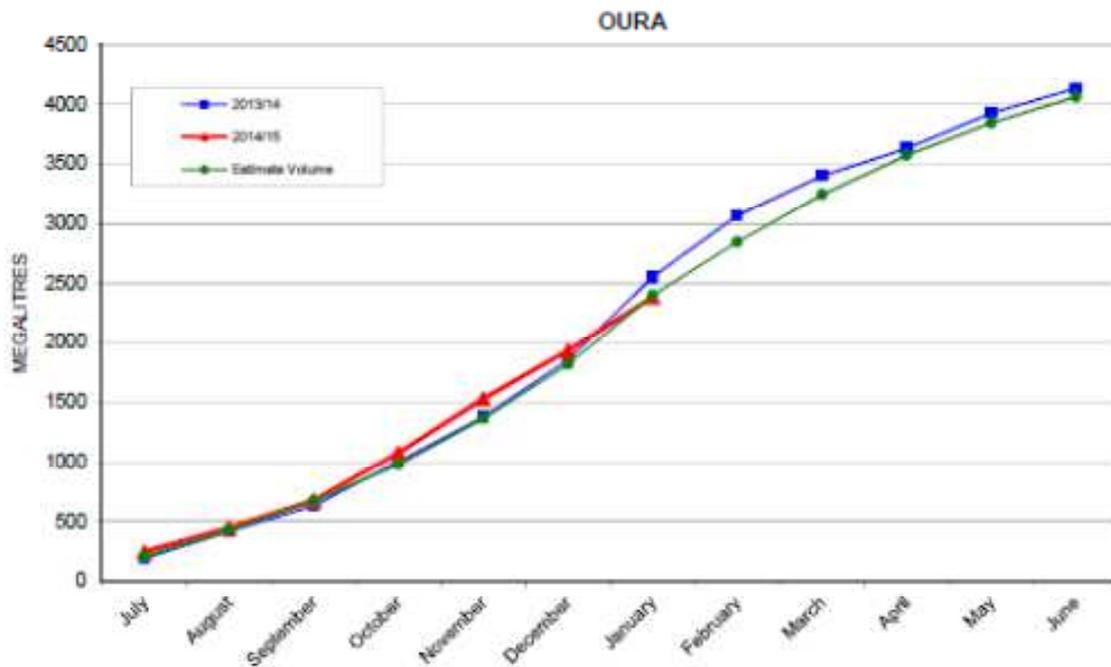
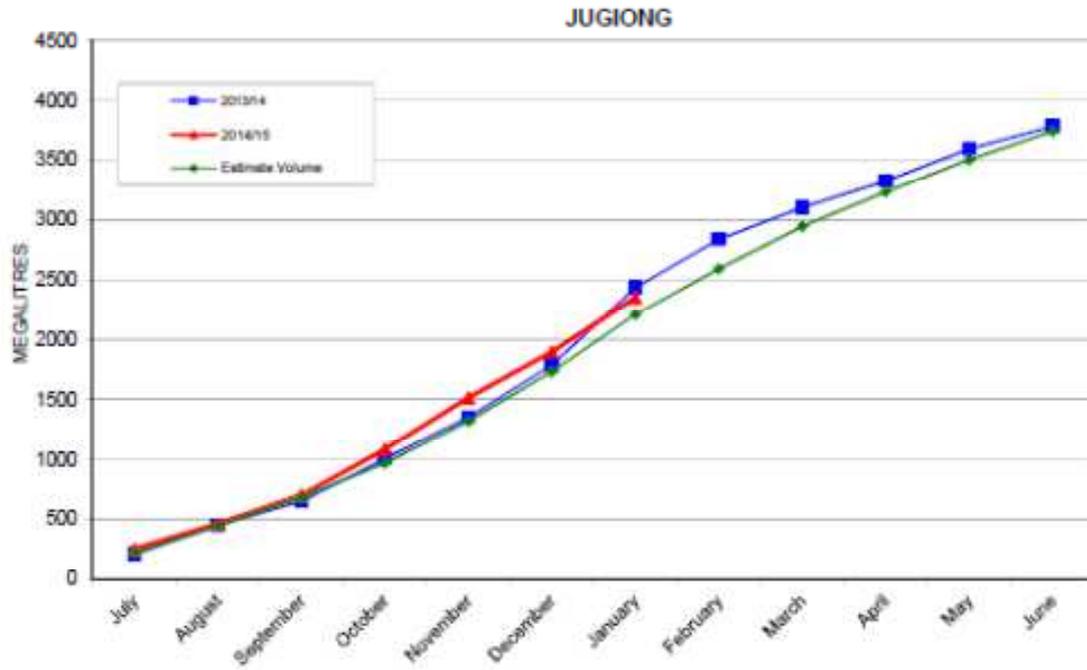
The attached graph shows water production comparatives between this year, last year and the sale's estimate for Council's two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura to 29 January 2015.

Widespread rain and accompanying lower temperatures during January saw a 4.5% overall reduction in water production compared to 2013/14.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted

WATER PRODUCTION UP TO 29/01/2015



9.3.2 BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN (G05601005)

15/012 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council

1. Review the performance tables from the BASP
2. Indicate any actions that require prioritisation and provide feedback within 2 weeks by 12 March 2015.

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 refers to the reviewed performance tables of the BASP for council consideration. The 2014/2015 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

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9.3.3 GWCC VEHICLE PROCUREMENT (G75105005)

2.15PM Cr Palmer left the meeting while this matter was deliberated.

15/013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Manchester and Morris that Council authorise the General Manager to purchase ten (10) Ford Ranger Motor vehicles from South West Ford Temora.

Report Prepared by the General Manager

Purchase of Ten (10) Ford Ranger 4x4 XL Super Cab Pick Up

Tenders were advertised on 18th December 2014 for the supply of Ford Ranger Motor Vehicles as described below.

A total of 5 tenders were received with the winning tenderer being South West Ford Temora with an average vehicle price of \$ 33,715.50 (ex GST).

Vehicle Procurement Assessment Matrix – Ford Ranger 4x4 XL Super Cab Pick Up

Supplier details	Score			Total score (/15)	Reason
	Price	Customer service history	Delivery timeframe		
South West Ford	5	4	4	13	Competitive pricing. Local dealer
Hillis Motor Group Wagga	4	5	4	13	Uncompetitive pricing. Regional dealer
Palmer Ford Cootamundra	3	5	5	13	Uncompetitive pricing. Local dealer
Blacklocks Ford Wodonga	2		4	6	Uncompetitive pricing. Regional dealer
Southern Cross Auto Toowoomba	2		4	6	Uncompetitive pricing. Interstate dealer

South West Ford recommended as the supplier

Score Legend

1	Very Poor
2	Poor
3	Average
4	Good
5	Excellent

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

2.25PM Cr Palmer returned to the meeting.

9.3.4 ULEY LANE RURAL SCHEME (G95151010)

15/014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Clinton that the report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

GWCC has been approached by rural residents along Uley Lane, and McDougalls Lane south of Ardlethan requesting water connections. Ongoing dry conditions have left dams and tanks dry over summer in recent years. Hydraulic modelling has identified the ability to supply water to these locations. A design has been completed which extends from the Ardlethan pump station south along the Newell Highway, Ardlethan Coolamon Rd, Uley Lane, and McDougall's lane and is made up of 7600m of 100mm PVC-O and 5300m of 90mm PE pipe. Expected construction price is \$184,808 based on similar recent projects.

5 x 1 mega litre connections have been offered at a cost to landowners of \$50,000 per 1 mega litre connection. We have received signed commitment from 2 landowners requesting 1 mega litre each and 1 requesting 0.25 mega litres. Total committed landowner funds are \$112,500 which is made up of \$63,675 developer infrastructure charge and \$48,825 Mains augmentation and tapping charges. One landowner has declined the offer of 2 connections and one has yet to return signed paper work. We have also received interest from another party which is currently being assessed.

Plans are currently with the Roads and Maritime Services and Coolamon Shire Council for approvals.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 TALLIMBA RURAL SCHEME EXTENSION (G95151011)

15/015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Manchester that the Council endorse further investigations on the possible extension of the existing Tallimba Scheme once information has been received.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

GWCC have met with rural residents from Tallimba and surrounds who are interested in water connections but are not positioned on the current scheme. GWCC have requested location and volume information from interested parties so more extensive investigations can be carried out. Conversations with residents in charge of gathering information have revealed approximately 13 or 14 interested parties.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.6 MANDAMAH SCHEME (G95259510)

15/016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the Mandamah Scheme update report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Engineering Officer

GWCC have now received signed commitment from 38 parties requesting 74 connections for the proposed Mandamah scheme. Hydraulic modelling has been completed and the scheme will consist of approximately 170km of pipe ranging in size from 150mm down to 32mm. The scheme is based on restricted supply with consumers required to provide their own storage.

Bland and Temora Shire Councils and the Roads and Maritime Service have been notified of the proposal.

A more detailed design has been started.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.7 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES (G40057005)

15/017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council review the policies as presented and provide feedback within 2 weeks by 12 March 2015. The General Manager is authorised to publicly display the policy with minor alterations after this time, however should major alterations be necessary the policies will be brought to the April meeting of Council for endorsement.

Report prepared by the General Manager

The following policies have been updated and are presented for Council consideration:

- CP026 Work Health and Safety Policy (Attachment 9.3.7A)
- CP027 Return to Work Policy(Attachment 9.3.7B)
- CP028 Workers Compensation Policy(Attachment 9.3.7C)
- CP029 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy (Attachment 9.3.7D)
- CP033 Alcohol and Drugs Policy(Attachment 9.3.7E)
- CP034 Bullying and Harassment Policy (Attachment 9.3.7F)

Recommendation

That Council endorse the listed policies as presented.

9.3.8 REPORT TO MINISTER HUMPHRIES (G45055005)

15/018 RESOLVED on the motion of Palmer and McGregor that Council endorse the submission of an efficiency report based upon the structure outlined.

Report Prepared by General Manager

In consequence of bringing GWCC's proclamation to Minister Humphries attention, it is now appropriate to meet the requirements of the proclamation to compare relative efficiency between GWCC and the bulk council's Cootamundra, Harden and Young.

In the current climate there is a need for regional unity. It is the General Managers considered position that the report consist of comparative pricing between GWCC and the bulks along with some brief performance measures including NSW Office of Water reported stats such as breaks per year per 100km of mains.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.9 PERFORMANCE BASED BONUS (G70905005)

15/019 RESOLVED on the motion of Clinton and McGregor that Council authorise the General Manager to progress payments of performance based bonuses to GWCC staff based on extra work involved with capital works, Taggle, meter and third party contracts up to 2 levels above standard rate of pay for any given position.

Report Prepared by General Manager

GWCC has undertaken a large volume of capital works and projects beyond the standard expectations of staff within the organisation. There is a definite need to reward employees who extend themselves on specific projects, especially as incentive for working away on 3rd party contracts.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.10 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 April 2015 at 1.00PM.

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.

11. CLOSED SESSION 3.20PM

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

15/020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Templeton that Council meet in Closed Session.

3.20PM - Mr G Carr, Mr C Lasdauskas and Mr C Ansell left the meeting and did not return.

11.1 PRIVATE CAPITAL DISCUSSIONS (G35606005)

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.*
 - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or*
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret*

15/021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and McCann that Council endorse the General Manager to progress discussion with potential private equity partners, with any proposals being brought back to Council for discussion and approval.

11.2 ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE (G70157005)

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*

15/022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that Council endorse the proposed Organisational structure and authorise the General Manager to advertise the CFO position and address staffing changes.

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OPEN SESSION – 3.51PM

15/023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council the meeting closed at 3.51pm
