

**MINUTES for the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL  
held in the TEMORA office on 24 JUNE 2010.**

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The meeting commenced at 1.06pm.

**PRESENT**

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr C Manchester, Cr D Palmer, Cr J O'Brien and Cr H Mangelsdorf.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr P Wearne (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Administration) and Mr P Goesch (Acting Manager Engineering).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cr Macaulay, Cr McGregor and Cr Morris.

**10/043 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that leave of absence be granted.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

No interests were declared at this time.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2010**

**10/044 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mangelsdorf and Manchester that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2010, having been circulated and read by the members, be confirmed.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No Business Arising from the Minutes was raised.

**5. PUBLIC ACCESS**

**5.1 2010/13 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (G05601005)**

In accordance with section 6.12 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice a request to address Council on a matter listed in the agenda for this meeting has been received from Mr Robert Barrett of Junee. The item Mr Barrett wishes to speak to is Item 9.3.1 of the Ordinary Meeting.

**10/045 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that Council suspend Standing Orders for the Public Access session, the time being 1.10pm.

Mr Robert Barrett of Junee addressed Council in relation to its water charges and developer charges compared to those of Riverina Water and answered questions from Councillors.

**10/046 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council resume Standing Orders, the time being 1.34pm.

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS**

No Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions were received.

**7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS**

**10/047 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Mangelsdorf that Council consider a Late Report on the Joint Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation Study prepared by the General Manager and that this report be considered in Closed Session pursuant to section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

The Chairman did not submit a Chairperson's Minute to the meeting.

**9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)**

**10/048 RESOLVED** on the motion of Manchester and O'Brien that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31 May 2010 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Manager Administration**

This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 31 May 2010:

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<b>Institution / Investment Type</b>	<b>Amount Invested</b>	<b>Term (days)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
NSW Treasury Hour Glass Facility	6,934,401.90	At Call	4.02%	
LG Financial Services FOCF	2,041,312.64	At Call	5.01%	
LG Financial Services 12 Month Cash	346,660.52	At Call	2.69%	
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	250,000.00	At Call	4.45%	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	92	5.48%	1/06/10
Savings & Loans Credit Union	1,000,000.00	61	5.90%	7/06/10
SGE Credit Union	1,300,000.00	62	5.91%	15/06/10
Police & Nurses Credit Union	600,000.00	63	5.79%	21/06/10
Local Govt Financial Service	2,100,000.00	62	5.70%	28/06/10
Defence Force Credit Union	1,200,000.00	62	5.90%	5/07/10
Qld Teachers Credit Union	900,000.00	61	5.85%	21/07/10
Local Govt Financial Service	700,000.00	61	5.80%	26/07/10
Defence Force Credit Union	1,300,000.00	90	6.15%	4/08/10
Local Govt Financial Service	1,800,000.00	90	6.20%	10/08/10
<b>Total Invested</b>	<b>\$21,472,375.06</b>			
<b>+ General Bank A/c (with CBA)</b>	<b>\$275,990.01</b>			
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$21,748,365.07</b>			

**Movements within Bank account for the reporting period**

Cash Book balance at 31 March 2010	\$49,763.60
Plus Deposits	
April	\$5,882,073.62
May	\$4,700,350.82
Less Payments	
April	-\$5,586,895.68
May	-\$4,774,756.04
Cash Book balance at 31 May 2010	\$270,536.32
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$9,084.47
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$14,538.16
Bank balance at 31 May 2010	\$275,990.01

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 – gazetted 15 August 2008; and
- Goldenfields Water County Council's Investment Policy (adopted 27/10/05).

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

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**9.1.2 OUTSTANDING DEBTORS (G35307005)**

**10/049 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Mangelsdorf that the report detailing Council's outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2010 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Manager Administration**

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2010:

	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Total</b>
Access Charges	\$32,462	\$6,248	\$27,806	\$66,516
Consumption Charges	\$124,166	\$25,207	\$163,029	\$312,402
Deferred Headworks	\$63,000	\$0	\$33,000	\$96,000
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>\$219,628</b>	<b>\$31,455</b>	<b>\$223,835</b>	<b>\$474,918</b>
Less Overpayments Received				<b>-\$113,067</b>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>				<b>\$361,851</b>
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				\$0
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				<b>-\$96,000</b>
<b>Total Outstanding from Retail Customers</b>				<b>\$265,851</b>

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.2 WORKS REPORTS**

**9.2.1 APRIL / MAY 2010 (G95507005)**

**10/050 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that

1. The Works Reports for April and May be received and noted.
2. The newly presented format with minor amendment be retained.

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**Water Losses & Mains Repairs**

DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
	Off	On					
1/04/10	-	-	Suttons Road, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split pipe
2/04/10	-	-	Temora Street, Cootamundra	375	-	1	Joint failure
5/04/10	7.30	12.00	Main Street, Junee	200	20	50	Split pipe
7/04/10	-	-	Binya Line	100	-	5	Split pipe
8/04/10	-	-	Pinkerton Road, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint failure
9/04/10	-	-	Malebo Range	-	-	-	Split pipe
12/04/10	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Cootamundra	375	-	30	Hole in pipe
12/04/10	7.00	10.00	Lorne Street, Junee	200	100	10	Split pipe
13/04/10	3.00	6.30	Old Temora Road, Stockinbingal	100	30	30	Hole in pipe
13/04/10	12.00	2.00	Centenary Drive, Marrar	100	-	50	Split pipe
13/04/10	-	-	Boys Lane, Springdale	375	-	5	Hole in pipe
13/04/10	-	-	Lake Cargellico Road, Naradhan	50	1	1	Joint failure
14/04/10	-	-	Old Temora Road, Cootamundra	100	-	10	Split pipe
14/04/10	-	-	Jansens Lane, Weethalle	80	-	10	Hole in pipe
16/04/10	-	-	Turners Lane, Cootamundra	375	-	15	Joint failure
19/04/10	-	-	Wagga Road, Temora	100	-	-	Split pipe
19/04/10	7.30	12.00	Corner Ungarie & Caroon Streets, Ungarie	150	-	10	Split pipe
20/04/10	-	-	Turners Lane, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint failure
22/04/10	-	-	Temora Road, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure
22/04/10	-	-	Cootamundra - Bauloora	375	-	2	Joint failure
28/04/10	-	-	Garoolgan	100	-	-	Split pipe

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28/04/10	9.00	10.00	Malebo	80	3	1	Split pipe
28/04/10	-	-	Temora Road, Cootamundra	375	-	35	Hole in pipe
28/04/10	9.30	10.30	Flowerdale Lane, Downside	80	-	-	Hole in pipe
29/04/10	-	-	Cowangs	375	-	120	Joint failure
30/04/10	-	-	Suttons Road, Cootamundra	100	-	10	Split pipe
3/05/10	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure
3/05/10	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure
4/05/10	-	-	Boundary Road, Wombat	300	-	5	Joint failure
4/05/10	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Cootamundra	375	-	15	Hole in pipe
11/05/10	-	-	Binya – Garoolgan	100	-	5	Split pipe
11/05/10	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Cootamundra	375	-	50	Hole in pipe
12/05/10	-	-	Temora Road, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure
12/05/10	-	-	Golf Club Road, Temora	100	-	1	Split pipe
13/05/10	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure
14/05/10	-	-	Bootoowa Road, Naradhan	80	-	5	Hole in pipe
14/05/10	-	-	South Weethalle	80	-	5	Hole in pipe
15/05/10	-	-	Pinkerton Road, Cootamundra	375	-	10	Hole in pipe
16/05/10	11.30	2.00	Cowangs	375	1	50	Hole in pipe
17/05/10	10.30	1.30	Deakin Street, Beckom	100	-	10	Joint failure
17/05/10	5.30	6.30	Beckom	100	30	10	Split pipe
18/05/10	-	-	Stockinbingal Road, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint failure
18/05/10	12.30	1.30	Kamarah	100	-	5	Joint failure
19/05/10	2.00	4.00	Sunnyside Road, Junee	100	-	10	Split pipe
20/05/10	-	-	Turners Lane, Cootamundra	375	-	10	Joint failure
20/05/10	-	-	Cowangs	375	-	10	Split pipe
21/05/10	4.00	7.00	Tallimba	150	-	10	Split pipe
21/05/10	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	-	20	Joint failure
21/05/10	3.00	4.00	Wellman Street, Ariah Park	100	-	10	Split pipe

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24/05/10	2.30	7.30	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	5	80	Joint failure
25/05/10	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	-	-	Joint failure
26/05/10	-	-	Kingsvale Road, Harden	300	-	2	Joint failure
27/05/10	-	-	Jugiong Road, Cootamundra	375	-	50	Hole in pipe
28/05/10	-	-	Pinkerton Lane, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint failure

**Complaints**

Water Quality

Dirty Water – Junee

6/04/2010 213 Cedric Street.

Dirty Water – Other

15/04/2010 67 Menangle Street, Ganmain.

29/04/2010 Thanowring Road, Temora.

18/05/2010 112 Methul Street, Coolamon

Other Problems:

8/04/2010 10 Dunrobin Street, Coolamon – plastic taste to water.

A total of 62 service difficulty and fault reports were received for April / May.

**Construction & Major Maintenance**

The following significant works were undertaken in April / May 2010:-

- Flushed Coolamon, Ganmain, Matong and Grong Grong.
- Flushed Junee reticulation.
- Swabbed bore header mains and Oura to Junee trunk main.
- Cleaned Mt Daylight, Brobenah, Ganmain Low Level, Hannan, Garoolgan, Eurongilly, Naradhan, Binya, Frampton, Brawlin, Condobolin Road, Bethungra and Nobbies Hill reservoirs.
- Cleaned Junee and Oura balance tanks.
- Cut-in new valve 100mm Mirrool Street Coolamon.
- Cut-ins at Nixon Park Temora, Mann and Lewis Streets Coolamon.
- Installed emergency shower units at Demondrille and Thanowring Road Pump Stations.
- Laid main extensions on Mann Street Coolamon, approximately 120m long of 100mm pipe.
- Replaced 130m of main in Waterview Street Ganmain.
- Began location work for cut-ins for Coolamon interconnection job
- Began location and pegging line for Roediger's Lane Junee job.
- Poured slab at Cootamundra Depot for new paint shed.

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- Greased bearings to finish overhaul of Oura No.3 pump, painted pump and base.
- Replaced reflux on No.2 and No.3 pumps at Demondrille Pump Station.
- Pulled out No.1 pump and motor for overhaul at Demondrille Pump Station.
- Measured hatches for Naradhan Steel Reservoir and serviced LCV and reflux valves at Nobbies Hill Reservoir.
- Pulled out pump and motor for overhaul at North Weethalle.
- Installed and commissioned rapid mixer at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.
- Fabricated pipework, flanges and posts for new pump at Hylands Bridge Pump Station, new creek crossing at Brawlin and new chlorinator at Thanowring Road.
- Serviced ACV's and PRV's across scheme.
- Serviced and inspected vehicles, small plant and power tools.
- Serviced pumps across scheme, changed oils and greased.
- Replaced shafts on flocculators and made stands for raw water pumps at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.
- Repairs to Cowangs – Bauloora main.

Attachment 9.2.1.A shows diagrammatically the mains repair locations for the month of May. It is proposed that this information will be presented to Council for the two months period prior to each meeting in addition to the tables above and also cumulatively in December and June each year.

Feedback is sought from Council as to what information is required to be reported and in what format.

**Recommendation**

1. That the Works Reports for April and May be received and noted.
2. That Council determine the information and format to be reported in respect of water losses and mains repairs.

**9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)**

**10/051 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mangelsdorf and O'Brien that the Capital Works Progress for the period ending 31 May 2010 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Manager Engineering**

Attached for the information of Councillors is the Capital Works Progress Report for the period ending 31 May 2010.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.



### **9.3 OTHER REPORTS**

#### **9.3.1 2010/13 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (G05601005)**

**10/052 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Mangelsdorf that

1. Council adopt the Management Plan and Budget for 2010/13 as circulated, including any amendments in relation to submissions received from the public; and
2. Expense and capital items budgeted for in the 2010/11 financial year be authorised for expenditure.

#### **Report prepared by General Manager**

Pursuant to Minutes 10/034 and 10/035 from Council's April Meeting, the 2010/13 Draft Management Plan has been amended and advertised for comment. The closing date for comments was 11 June 2010 with 1 submission being received by that date. A copy of the submission is attached as Attachment 9.3.1.A.

The adoption of Minute 10/034 which capped the increase in access and consumption charges in 2010/11 to 3% negatively impacted on the budgeted operating result by \$397,401. The initial draft budget also included 5% increases in both access and consumption charges for the following two years (2011/12 and 2012/13). To maintain the required yields in these years increased adjustments of 10% in access charges and 7.5% in consumption charges were required in 2011/12.

The necessity to round down consumption charges to the nearest cent meant that an exact increase of 3% could not be applied. The table below provides more detail.

	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>2010/11 Charge</b>
Retail Consumption Charge per kilolitre	2.63%	\$1.56
Bulk Consumption Charge per kilolitre	2.91%	\$1.06

The resolution (Minute 10/037) to fund cathodic protection works (Nett \$17,000) at Temora East Reservoir this year rather than next did however positively impact on the projected operating result.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

#### **9.3.2 MAKING CHARGES FOR 2010/11 (G05601005)**

**10/053 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mangelsdorf and O'Brien that

1. Council make the following Water Charges for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011: -

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<b>Access Charges</b>	<b>\$</b>
20mm Connection	128.75
25mm Connection	201.17
32mm Connection	329.60
40mm Connection	515.00
50mm Connection	804.69
80mm Connection	2,060.00
100mm Connection	3,218.75
150mm Connection	7,242.19
200mm Connection	12,875.00
Bulk Councils per number of connections	87.55
<b>Consumption Charges</b>	
Residential Charge per kilolitre up to 600 kilolitres per annum	1.56
Residential Charge per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres per annum	2.34
Non-Residential Charge per kilolitre	1.56
Non Potable Sales (Barellan / Binya System only) - < 600 kl pa	1.56
Non Potable Sales (Barellan / Binya System only) - > 600 kl pa	2.34
Bulk Consumption Charge per kilolitre	1.06
Potable Standpipe Water Sales (Commercial, Portable & Temporary) / kl	2.34
Maximum Retail Charge for Potable Standpipe Water Sales / kl	3.12
Non Potable Standpipe Sales (Barellan only) / kl	2.34
Maximum Retail Charge for Non Potable Standpipe Water Sales / kl	3.12
<b>Infrastructure Charges</b>	
Retail DSP areas - per equivalent tenement	7,500.00
Bulk Council DSP areas - per equivalent tenement	5,275.00

2. Council make the Interest Rate on overdue charges 9% for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

**Report prepared by Manager Administration**

It is necessary for Council to pass a formal resolution adopting the charges for Goldenfields Water County Council for the 2010/11 financial year, as proposed in Council's Draft Management Plan.

Also, the Department of Local Government has now determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue charges for the 2010/11 rating year is 9%.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

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**9.3.3 DRAFT PLANT PROCUREMENT POLICY (G75105005)**

**10/054 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the Plant Procurement Policy CP025 be adopted.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

Pursuant to Minute 10/030 of the April 2010 meeting the Draft Plant Procurement Policy, CP025 was placed on public display for comment. No submissions were received by the closing date of 11 June 2010. Council is now required to formally adopt the policy.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.4 CRITICAL WATER AVAILABILITY FOR 2009/10 (G95809505)**

**10/055 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that the Critical Water Availability report to the end of May 2010 be received and the information be noted.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

Included in the Business Paper (refer attached) are the water production graphs for the five sources and the three bulk councils to the end May 2010. Table 1 below provides more detail on the total consumption during the period.

**Table 1 - Period - 1 July 2009 to 31 May 2010**

Source	Current Allocation (%)	YTD Consumption	YTD Maximum Allocation	Revised YTD Maximum Allocation	Percentage of Revised Allocation
Jugiong	95%	3,390	5,237	4,975	68.14%
Oura	100%	3,771	5,686	5,686	66.32%
Mt Arthur	100%	478	733	733	65.21%
Mt Daylight	100%	232	278	278	83.45%
Hylands Bridge	95%	137	159	151	90.70%
<b>Total All Sources</b>		<b>8,008</b>	<b>12,093</b>	<b>11,823</b>	<b>67.73%</b>
Cootamundra	95%	661	1,465	1,392	47.49%
Harden *	95%	436	1,139	1,082	40.29%
Young	95%	1,246	1,948	1,851	67.33%

**NB:**

*YTD Consumption for Harden does not include Harden Minor Consumers.*

The total year to date consumption as at the end of May 2010 is running at 68% of the revised allocations.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

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**9.3.5 COUNCILLORS FEES FOR 2010/11 (G40202005)**

**10/056 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the report on Councillors Fees be received and the information noted.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

Council has received advice through the Local Government Weekly 17/10 dated 7 May 2010 that fees for councillors and mayors are set to rise by 3.0% from 1 July 2010 following the recent Determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

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

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Councillor / Member	\$1,440	\$7,980
Chairperson	\$3,090	\$13,110

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

The table below sets out the changes that will occur as of 1 July 2010

	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
Councillor	\$5,813	\$5,985
Chairman	\$9,548	\$9,833

The 2010/11 Draft Budget has been amended to reflect the above announcement resulting in a slight improvement in the operating result.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.6 LAND TRANSFER – COOTAMUNDRA NO.1 RESERVOIR (L01202020)**

**10/057 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that

1. The Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign and affix Council's seal to the transfer of Lot 21 DP 1030750 from Goldenfields Water County Council to Cootamundra Shire Council.
2. The transfer costs be met by Goldenfields Water.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

The Title for Lot 21 DP 1030750, being the original area of Cootamundra No.1 Reservoir, was received from the Department of Commerce with the South West Tablelands Water Supply Titles.

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Cootamundra No.1 was handed over to Cootamundra Shire in the early 1990's with State Property being asked to finalise the land matters, including additional land and easements. SWTWS undertook to do the land matters at no cost to Cootamundra Shire Council, a debt which GWCC inherited. While the additional lands and easements remain with Commerce's Legal Branch to be resolved, the original Lot 21 DP 1030750 was issued in Goldenfields name.

Under the provisions of the SWTWS Repeal Act 1997 or the Ministerial Orders Goldenfields can not regard this Title as an asset. Only those assets in SWTWS and NRCC Water custody are able to become GWCC assets. This Title was issued in GWCC's name in a clear error by State Property.

GWCC's staff were reluctant to take custody of the Title and have consulted with Council's Solicitor, Cootamundra Shire Council's General Manager and Commerce's Principal Solicitor, Elizabeth Stewart. It is considered that the best course of action to amend the error is for GWCC's Solicitor to prepare a transfer at no cost to Cootamundra Shire Council.

Pursuant to Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, a resolution of Council is required to authorise the transfer.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.7 LAND MATTERS – OURA BORE 4 & 5 (G95750520)**

**10/058 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mangelsdorf and Manchester that

1. The land comprising Oura Bore 4, its extension and associated easements be purchased from PT and WL Meurer.
2. The Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign the contract of sale and any relevant documentation on behalf of Council.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

Council has various assets on the property "Numeralla" which covers the Oura Borefield. Originally Mr Adrian Cowell owned the property and was always cooperative. Unfortunately the NSW DPWS did not finalise the acquisition of bore sites and easements before Mr Cowell's retirement.

Upon Mr Cowell's retirement, Mr Meurer purchased the property. After protracted negotiations which commenced on 2001, Mr Meurer has agreed to sell the additional area occupied by GWCC at Bore 4 for \$5,000.

The bore hole and building that was formerly Bore 5 was relinquished to Mr Meurer in 2002.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.8 2010 SHIRES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (G45405005)**

**10/059 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Mangelsdorf that the report on the 2010 Shires Conference be received and the information noted.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

The 2010 Shires Association Annual Conference was held in Sydney from 31 May to 2 June 2010. Cr Macaulay and the General Manager attended on behalf of Council.

The three motions submitted by Council through 'G' Division were all carried with only a slight amendment to Motion 21 relating to overriding of restriction levels by the State Government.

Of particular interest to Goldenfields was the address by the Hon Phil Costa, Minister for Water in which he spoke of the Inquiry into secure and sustainable urban water supply and sewerage services in non-metropolitan NSW (the Inquiry) and the impending Murray – Darling Basin Plan (the Plan).

With respect to the Inquiry the Minister advised that he is "*in the final stages of forming a response*" and that this response "*will be presented very shortly*". There was no indication as to what the response may contain or what timeframe "shortly" means.

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan is due for release around the end of July with the Minister stating that he has had no input or insight into what will be contained in the Plan.

**Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.9 ONE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION (G05055010)**

**10/060 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Mangelsdorf that Council authorise Cr O'Brien and the General Manager to attend the One Association Convention.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

Preliminary advice has been received from the Local Government & Shires Association of NSW regarding the One Association Convention to be held at Star City, Sydney on 16 and 17 August 2010. All Mayors, Councillors and General Managers are invited to participate. Registration costs are \$267.30 (ex GST) per participant. Travel and accommodation cost will be additional.

An indication from Council is sort regarding attendees to represent Goldenfields.

**Recommendation**

That Council nominate attendees to the One Association Convention and authorise their attendance.

### **9.3.10 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN (G45405505)**

- 10/061 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that in consultation with the Chairman, the General Manager be authorised to make a submission to the Draft Murray-Darling Basin Plan when it is released.

#### **Report prepared by General Manager**

Councillors would be aware that the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is presently preparing a Basin Plan with the Draft scheduled to be released in July of this year. Preliminary indications are that the Proposed Plan may significantly alter the way water resources are managed within the Murray-Darling Basin and the potential impact (if any) on Local Water Utilities such as Goldenfields is unknown at this time.

Submissions to the Proposed Plan can be made during a 16 week period after the release of the draft and the MDBA have indicated that a number of public consultations / forums will also be conducted prior to the final Plan being released. Further information is available on the MDBA website, [www.mdba.gov.au](http://www.mdba.gov.au)

It is suggested that Council make a submission to the draft plan once it is released and to this end a further report will be submitted to the August meeting. However, should the proposed timeframe be altered (for whatever reason) it would be prudent to authorise the General Manager in consultation with the Chairman to make a submission on behalf of Council.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

### **9.3.11 REQUEST FOR LEAVE (P109)**

- 10/062 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Manchester that Council authorise the recreational leave requested by the General Manager.

#### **Report prepared by General Manager**

A recent review of staff leave liabilities has identified that the General Manager has an annual leave balance in excess of the recommended. To address this issue and to allow the General Manager some time off it is requested that Council authorise leave from Monday 28 June 2010 to Friday 23 July 2010. During this period the Manager Administration will assume the position of Acting General Manager.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation made was adopted.

### **9.3.12 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 26 August 2010 at Council's Temora office commencing at 1.00pm.

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**MINUTES for the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL  
held in the TEMORA office on 24 JUNE 2010.**

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Cr Mangelsdorf sought leave of absence from Council for the August meeting.

**10/063 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that Cr Mangelsdorf be granted leave of absence for the August meeting.

**10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

No Questions and Statements were raised.

**11. CLOSED SESSION – 2.55PM (pink pages)**

**10/064 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council meet in Closed Session.

**11.1 REQUEST FOR ACCOUNT RELIEF (ACCOUNT 72540)**

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

*(b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer*

**10/065 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that as the request for account relief does not comply with section 131(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 no reduction can be made.

**11.2 TEMORA DEPOT COMPLEX (G10503015)**

*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 proposed to conduct) business.*

**10/066 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Manchester that Council advise Country Energy its premises in Twynam Street, Temora are presently not for sale.

**11.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT (P109)**

*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.*

**10/067 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that a Sub Committee comprising the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be authorised to undertake a performance review of the General Manager.



**11.4 LATE ITEM: JOINT INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT  
PLAN (G95870505)**

*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 proposed to conduct) business.*

**10/068 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that

1. The report on the Joint IWCM Evaluation Study be received and noted.
2. Council seek Expressions of Interest from further afield to undertake the completion of nine individual IWCM plans under a collective proposal.

**OPEN SESSION – 3.38PM**

**10/069 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.

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There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 3.39pm.

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