The meeting commenced at 10.01am.

PRESENT

Cr C Manchester (Chair), Cr J Macaulay, Cr J McGregor, Cr K Morris, Cr J O'Brien and Cr D Palmer.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Administration), Mr B West (Manager Engineering), Mr C Perry (Acting Manager Production & Distribution) and Miss K Turner (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cr Speirs and Cr Mangelsdorf.

11/126 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that leave of absence be granted.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The General Manager declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 11.3, being the individual referred to in the report.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2011

11/127 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2011, having been circulated and read by members, be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

No requests for public access were received.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No notices of motion or rescission motions were received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

11/128 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Morris that Council consider the Late Report on the 2012 Local Government & Shires Association G Division Conference, having been ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairman welcomed the new General Manager with this being his first Council meeting and thanked him for the regular emails providing an update of Council's activities.

The General Manager thanked the Chairman for this recognition and also his fellow Managers for their support in his transition.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

11/129 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Macaulay that the report detailing Council Investments as at 30 November 2011 be received and noted.

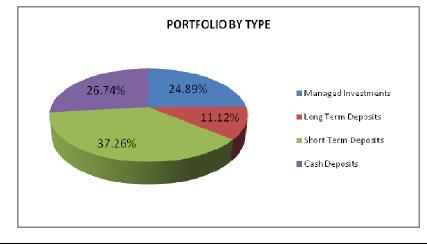
Report prepared by Manager Administration

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 30 November 2011:

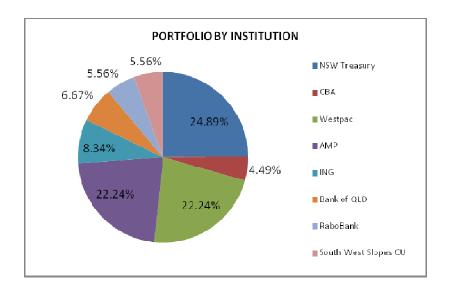
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Managed Investments	4,475,576.14				24.89%
NSW Treasury Hour Glass Facility	4,475,576.14	At Call	4.68%	N/A	24.89%
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				11.12%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	6.28%	27/10/15	11.12%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	6,700,000.00				37.26%
Bank of Queensland	1,200,000.00	62	5.85%	5/12/11	6.67%
Westpac Bank	2,000,000.00	69	5.62%	10/01/12	11.12%
South West Slopes CU	1,000,000.00	272	6.40%	5/03/12	5.56%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	148	5.88%	3/04/12	8.34%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	364	6.50%	9/05/12	5.56%
Cash Deposits	4,808,309.89				26.74%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	500,000.00	At Call	4.45%	N/A	2.78%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	4,000,000.00	At Call	5.60%	N/A	22.24%
CBA Premium Business A/c	308,309.89	At Call	Various	N/A	1.71%

17,983,886.03

100.00%



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

Cash Book balance as at 30 September 2011	177,129.47
Plus Deposits	
October	10,981,040.99
November	5,094,691.70
Less Payments	
October	12,372,249.62
November	3,582,786.29
Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2011	297,826.25
Less Outstanding Deposits	1,610.63
Plus Unpresented Cheques	12,094.27
Bank balance as at 30 November 2011	308,309.89

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 DEBTORS (G35307005)

11/130 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that the report detailing Council's outstanding debtors as at 30 November 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding debtors as at 30 November 2011:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total			
Access Charges	31,103.97	6,910.94	74,118.12	112,133.03			
Consumption Charges	71,972.68	24,394.69	149,316.99	245,684.36			
Deferred Headworks	52,500.00	0.00	7,118.00	59,618.00			
Sub-Totals	155,576.65	31,305.63	230,553.11	417,435.39			
Less Overpayments Receiv	ed			-162,000.30			
Total Outstanding				255,435.09			
Less Bulk Council Accounts	Outstanding			-128,068.60			
Less Headworks Accounts	Outstanding			-59,618.00			
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers 67,748.4							

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2011 (G95507005)

11/131 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and O'Brien that the Works Report for October and November be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
63.	1/10	10.30	4.30	Oura Pump Station, Oura	-	-	200	Split Pipe
64.	4/10	-	-	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
65.	4/10	-	-	Bygoo Rd, Ardlethan	80	-	2	Split Pipe
66.	6/10	-	-	McKelvies Ln, Marrar	100	2	10	Split Pipe
67.	7/10	-	-	Park Ln, Junee	100	-	2	Hole in Pipe
68.	7/10	-	-	Park Ln, Junee	100	-	2	Hole in Pipe
69.	8/10	-	-	Marrar Rd, Marrar	80	4	50	Split Pipe
70.	11/10	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
71.	11/10	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
72.	12/10	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
73.	12/10	-	-	Burley Griffin Way, Springdale	375	-	2	Hole in Pipe
74.	14/10	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	10	Hole in Pipe
75.	14/10	-	-	Dirnaseer Rd, Cootamundra	100	-	10	Split Pipe
76.	16/10	-	-	Slee St, Wyalong	100	-	25	Other
77.	17/10	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	5	Split Pipe
78.	17/10	9.00	3.00	Goldfields Way, Junee	300	30	50	Other
79.	17/10	-	-	Grong Grong Rd, Matong	100	-	1	Hole in Pipe
80.	18/10	-	-	Turners Ln, Cootamundra	375	-	4	Joint Failure
81.	18/10	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe
82.	18/10	-	-	Eurongilly Rd, Eurongilly	50	-	-	Split Pipe
83.	19/10	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	5	Joint Failure
84.	19/10	-	-	Pinkerton Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
85.	20/10	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	2	Split Pipe
86.	25/10	-	-	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	25	Hole in Pipe
87.	25/10	-	-	Burley Griffin Way, Springdale	375	-	2	Hole in Pipe
88.	25/10	12.00	2.00	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	5	50	Hole in Pipe
89.	25/10	10.30	12.00	Marrar North Rd, Marrar	100	50	20	Other
90.	26/10	10.00	2.00	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	5	50	Hole in Pipe
91.	27/10	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
92.	27/10	-	-	Turners Ln, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
93.	28/10	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	100	-	3	Split Pipe
94.	1/11	-	-	Bauloora Ln, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
95.	1/11	11.30	12.30	Old Narrandera Rd, Barellan	100	12	5	Joint Failure
96.	1/11	-	-	Monia Gap Rd, Naradhan	80	-	-	Split Pipe
97.	2/11	-	-	Back Creek Rd, Kingsvale	375	-	2	Hole in Pipe
98.	7/11	11.00	12.00	Eurongilly Rd, Eurongilly	100	3	10	Split Pipe
99.	11/11	-	-	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
100.	12/11	-	-	Back Mimosa Rd, Temora	100	5	10	Split Pipe
101.	13/11	6.30	11.00	Britannia St, Temora	100	30	150	Split Pipe

NUMBER	DATE	J		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
102.	15/11	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
103.	16/11	-	-	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	10	Split Pipe
104.	17/11	10.00	9.00	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	10	200	Split Pipe
105.	18/11	5.00	6.30	Mimosa St, Coolamon	100	10	-	Split Pipe
106.	20/11	12.00	4.30	Burley Griffin Way, Binya	150	-	20	Other
107.	21/11	12.00	2.00	Methul St, Coolamon	100	10	100	Split Pipe
108.	21/11	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	-	-	2	Split Pipe
109.	21/11	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	-	-	2	Split Pipe
110.	21/11	-	-	Olympic Way, Cootamundra	-	-	2	Split Pipe
111.	22/11	-	-	Wades Rd, Binya	100	-	10	Split Pipe
112.	22/11	-	-	Wades Rd, Binya	100	-	16	Split Pipe
113.	22/11	-	-	Marry Gilmore Way, Barmedman	375	-	2	Other
114.	23/11	-	-	Ellis Rd, Binya	150	-	28	Split Pipe
115.	23/11	-	-	Erigolia Rd, Binya	100	-	2	Split Pipe
116.	23/11	-	-	Erigolia Rd, Binya	100	-	40	Split Pipe
117.	23/11	-	-	Erigolia Rd, Binya	100	-	25	Split Pipe
118.	23/11	-	-	Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra	-	-	5	Joint Failure
119.	24/11	-	-	Burley Griffin Way, Binya	100	-	20	Split Pipe
120.	24/11	-	-	Burley Griffin Way, Binya	100	-	60	Split Pipe
121.	24/11	-	-	Clarks Rd, Binya	80	-	11	Split Pipe
122.	24/11	-	-	Garoolgan Euratha Rd, Binya	80	-	28	Split Pipe
123.	24/11	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
124.	24/11	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
125.	24/11	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
126.	24/11	-	-	Temora Rd, Cootamundra	375	-	2	Joint Failure
127.	27/11	-	-	Burley Griffin Way, Stockinbingal	100	-	8	Split Pipe
128.	29/11	-	-	Rosehill Rd, Cootamundra	375	8	50	Hole in Pipe
129.	29/11	-	-	Harefield Rd, Junee	50	-	-	Split Pipe
130.	29/11	-	-	Coursing Park Rd, Marrar	80	-	-	Split Pipe
131.	29/11	-	-	Goldfields Way, Temora	50	3	5	Split Pipe
132.	30/11	12.00	2.00	Coursing Park Rd, Marrar	80	20	100	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

5/10/2011	14 Elizabeth Street, Junee.
11/10/2011	81 Bendee Street, Barellan.
11/10/2011	95 Bendee Street, Barellan.
21/10/2011	91 Byron Street, Temora.
21/10/2011	7 Tenefts Street. Temora.
21/10/2011	1 Victoria Street, Temora.
21/10/2011	13 Airport Street, Temora.
4/11/2011	9 Condamine Street, Ungarie.
4/11/2011	2 De Salis Drive, Junee.
14/11/2011	160 Twynam Street, Temora.
14/11/2011	Monia Gap Road, Naradhan.
14/11/2011	Tom Moon Avenue, Temora.
21/11/2011	8 Percy Street, Junee.
28/11/2011	22 Beach Street, Junee.

Other Problems:

21/10/2011 Rannock Road, Coolamon – distasteful water.

A total of 107 service difficulty and fault reports were received for October / November.

Construction & Major Maintenance

The following significant works were undertaken in October / November 2011:-

- Serviced ACV's and PRV's across the scheme.
- Serviced, inspected and repaired vehicles and small plant.
- Conducted maintenance at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.
- Serviced pumps across the scheme changed oil and grease.
- Bird-proofed reservoirs across the scheme.
- Installed new poly pump at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.
- Completed pipework and pump base, installed new pump at Hylands Bridge.
- Tested No.1 pump at Hylands Bridge.
- Repaired burst steel pipeline at Springdale.
- Fabricated 500mm spool piece, two 150mm spool pieces and two adapter plates from 225mm to 150mm for Cowangs to Bauloora Project.
- Chased up 200mm flange and gasket kit and finished fabricating caging for thrust blocks for pipework upgrade.
- Fabricated pit lid for new auto valve at Wyalong Pump Station.
- Modified ramps for Wyalong excavator trailer as specified by the safety committee.
- Repaired burst steel main at Young Off-take.
- Fabricated stainless steel FI/FI pipework and fitted new PRV at Barellan.
- Fabricated pipe supports for new pipework for Demondrille Pump Station upgrade.
- Pressure welded joint, two flanges and 660mm steel pipe for Kingston's Creek Crossing for contractors.
- Fabricated 4 outlets to bolt onto air-valves so contractors could charge line Cowangs to Bauloora project.

- Changed over new utes.
- Fabricated pitched roof and square pit lid for new auto valve at West Wyalong.
- Fabricated structural plates to repair roof at Marinna Reservoir.
- Fabricated pitched roof and square put lid for new magflow at Demondrille Pump Station.
- Cut-in new valve in Neeld Street Wyalong.
- Repaired reservoir Ganmain Low Level No.4.
- Installed new PRV at Barellan to supply reticulation while reservoir is being repaired.
- Continued Demondrille Pump Station upgrade laid new main, poured thrust anchors, began site restoration work.
- Completed preparation work and notified residents in Cypress Street West Wyalong area of programmed works that would be carried out in their area soon.
- Laid new main in Cypress Street West Wyalong, completed cut-ins ready for chlorination and commissioning.
- Completed major upgrade of water testing facilities at Oura included installation of new cupboards, bench tops and retiling of splash backs.
- Cleaned Cowangs Reservoir ready for refilling.
- Replaced old cast iron water main at Ganmain level crossing pipe needed to be re-laid due to depth issues and the amount of heavy vehicle usage.
- Laid new scour line at Dirnaseer Reservoirs to prevent erosion problems.
- Started preliminary location work for Lawson Street and Britannia Street Temora project.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 MAINS REPLACEMENTS PROGRAM (G35201005)

11/132 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Palmer that Council approve the changes to the capital works program.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

Staff have developed new criteria for the replacement of water mains in the capital works program.

The new criteria will consist of:

- 1. The number of leaks per month of that section of pipe.
- 2. Cost of the repair of the leak including travel.
- 3. Date of construction of the water main.
- 4. Life expectancy of the water main when constructed.
- 5. Number of customers affected.
- 6. WH&S risk rating.

This new criteria will help prioritise the water main replacement program with the objective of maximising the life expectancy of the water main asset.

Therefore the main replacement from Ariah Park to Ardlethan Stage 2 four kilometres of 150mm cast iron will be reprogrammed for the 2014/15 Budget. In addition, the three kilometres at Sutton's Lane Frampton will be rescheduled for 2012/13.

Revised estimates have been provided for the following capital work jobs for 2011/12:

- Weethalle towards Barellan 5km \$320,000 to \$625,000.
- Britannia Street and Lawson Road Temora \$20,000 to \$130,000.
- Harefield Road Junee Railway Bridge to culvert 250metres \$20,000 to \$35,000.
- Coursing Park Boundary Road to stop valve on Marrar Road 4km \$180,000 to \$200,000.
- Frampton Suttons Lane 3km \$180,000 to \$375,000.

Original quotes were estimated without exact measurements of replacement. A more accurate price has been calculated after identifying the length of pipeline to be replaced. The Weethalle towards Barellan line was originally thought to be 2.5km of replacement pipe however after further investigation 5km of pipe line replacement was identified.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

11/133 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2011:

Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
New System As	ssets					
Site Acquisition / Construct Radio Facilities	\$10k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	10,000	0	Earmarked for Council's contribution to the development of the Rosemont Radio Site in conjunction with the NSWFB
Mains Extension	\$50k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2011	30/6/2014	80,000	N/A	To be allocated - 2012/13 (\$30k) & 2013/14 (\$50k)
Mains Extension	Loftus St Temora	1/7/2011	30/11/2012	20,000	4,102	Remainder of job shifted to 2012/13 due to additional funding req'd for Cypress St job

Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
Mains Extension	Ford, Wright Sts Ganmain	1/5/2011	30/8/2011	23,000	22,912	Completed
Mains Extension	Cut-in Marrar Rd, Marrar	1/5/2011	30/7/2011	3,000	3,148	Completed
Mains Extension	Cypress St West Wyalong	1/10/2011	31/12/2011	46,000	44,569	Completed - An additional \$20k req'd due to extension to nearest main being further than expected (tfrd from Loftus St job)
Additional Storage	Junee	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	7,000,000	1,500	Review of project being undertaken
New Chlorinator	Mt Daylight	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	35,000	33,482	Completed
New Inlet Arrangements	Mt Daylight	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	15,000	0	In progress
Renewals						
Bore Construction or Replacement	Oura Bores	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	300,000	0	Kelly Bore - still with solicitors
Depot Upgrade	Cootamundra Depot	1/7/2010	30/9/2011	160,000	93,390	Final works currently being undertaken
Office	Temora Office Records Storage	1/11/2011	30/6/2012	30,000	0	Preliminary investigations commenced
Major Upgrade	Jugiong No.1 Pump Station	1/7/2009	30/6/2013	6,000,000	91,021	HV upgrade in progress
Standpipe Relocation	Wyalong	1/11/2011	30/6/2012	10,000	0	In progress. Update report in Business Paper
Mains Replacement, Augmentation	\$1m budget/yr programmed as priorities determine	1/7/2011	30/6/2014	1,867,000	N/A	To be allocated - 2011/12 (\$242k), 2012/13 (\$625k) & 2013/14 (\$1m)
Mains Replacement	A/Park to Ard'thn Stage 2	1/7/2014	30/6/2015	800,000	0	Pushed back to 2014/15
Mains Replacement	Weethalle towards Barellan	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	625,000	0	Not Commenced
Mains Replacement	Brit, Lawson Sts Temora	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	130,000	982	In progress
Mains Replacement	Harefield Rd Junee	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	35,000	0	Not commenced
Mains Replacement	Coursing Park	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	200,000	0	Not commenced
Mains Replacement	Oura Pump Stn	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	20,000	0	Not commenced
Mains Replacement	Frampton	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	375,000	0	Pushed back to 2012/13
Mains Replacement	Wyalong Depot	1/5/2011	30/8/2011	182,000	181,239	Completed
Mains Replacement	Demondrille PS Pipework	16/5/2011	30/4/2012	150,000	113,175	To be completed after summer
Mains Replacement	Nixon Park, Temora (\$14k cont TSC)	1/5/2011	30/7/2011	30,000	31,201	Completed

Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
Site / Easement Acquisition	\$50k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	50,000	40,995	In progress
Mains Replacement	Cowangs - Bauloora	1/4/2010	31/5/2012	15,600,000	7,462,715	Progress report in business paper
GWCC costs for Inlet / Outlet Replacement	Cowangs Reservoirs	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	20,000	4,572	Inlet / outlet replacement included in Cowangs to Bauloora contract
Inlet / Outlet Replacement	Cowangs Reservoirs	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	700,000	11,190	In progress
Inlet / Outlet Replacement	Bauloora Reservoirs	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	150,000	13,210	In progress
Replace Control System	Jugiong Filtration Plant	2/4/2010	30/6/2012	500,000	27,880	Contract awarded - In progress
Reservoirs Painting	Temora Reservoir	1/7/2010	31/8/2011	370,000	357,155	Completed
Reservoirs Painting	Junee Reservoir	1/12/2011	30/6/2012	314,000	0	Specification is currently being prepared
Reservoir Rehabilitation Program	Various Reservoirs	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	600,000	413,680	Continuing
Reservoir Fencing	Young Terminal Storage	1/11/2011	30/6/2012	25,000	21,870	Completed
Replace Pump	Hylands Bridge Pump Station	1/7/2010	30/10/2011	20,000	21,379	Completed

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 CRITICAL WATER AVAILABILITY FOR 2011/12 (G95809505)

11/134 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the Critical Water Availability report to the end of November 2011 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Executive Assistant

Included in the Business Paper (refer attached) are the water production graphs for the five sources and the three bulk councils to the end of November 2011. Table 1 below provides more detail on the total consumption during the period.

Source	Current Allocation (%)	YTD Consumption	YTD Maximum Allocation	Revised YTD Maximum Allocation	Percentage of Revised Allocation
Jugiong	100%	1,339	1,959	1,959	68.34%
Oura	100%	1,250	2,005	2,005	62.36%
Mt Arthur	100%	166	241	241	68.80%
Mt Daylight	100%	65	80	80	81.63%
Hylands Bridge	100%	41	46	46	88.04%
Total All Sources		2,861	4,331	4,331	66.05%
Cootamundra	100%	233	528	528	44.03%
Harden *	100%	165	402	402	41.04%
Young	100%	361	737	737	48.91%

Table 1 - Period - 1 July 2011 to 30 November 2011

NB:

YTD Consumption for Harden does not include Harden Minor Consumers.

The total year to date consumption as at the end of November 2011 is running at 66% of allocations and is almost on par with the 14 year average and consumption predictions.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 DRAFT MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN (G45405505)

11/135 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that

- 1. Council note the draft plan.
- 2. Councillors provide feedback on Councils position prior to the February meeting to allow approval of a response prior to the deadline.
- 3. Council's submission includes a request that environmental flows, timing and outcomes be defined including quantification of lost water associated with individual activities. This would allow for real discussion on competing water needs and allow for potential savings of lost water to be converted into usable allocation that could either be reallocated or traded.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Draft Murray Darling Basin Plan has been released for comment. Councillors were forwarded the summary of the plan. The plan is not a precise document, illustrated by the regular use of "likely" and "uncertain". It will be some time before the true magnitude of economic and social effects from the plan become apparent. The certainty is that buy back of large volumes of water will result in an upward pressure on prices.

The General Manager attended the Murray Darling Association meeting in Gundagai and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited meeting in Leeton to assess the nature and direction of opinion on the plan. It became apparent from these meetings that while there is obvious community and council determination to question the outcomes of the draft plan; there are few facts in the plan that allow for informed debate about future water planning (including trading and risk management strategies).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 CONSIDERATION OF LEASE OF COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY (CP:021) (G40057005)

- **11/136 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Macaulay and O'Brien that Council adopt the following amended policy:
 - CP: 021 Lease of Council Infrastructure for Telecommunications Policy.

Report prepared by General Manager

The General Manager has reviewed the Lease of Council Infrastructure for Telecommunications Policy. The reviewed policy (Attachment 9.3.3.A) will allow Council to derive a permanent income stream from its infrastructure while limiting risk by third parties.

This policy is particularly relevant as NBN will be looking at telecommunications in regional areas as part of the Federal Government roll out of broadband services. It is likely that Goldenfields infrastructure will be attractive locations to mount antennae.

From a commercial perspective previous lease agreements have been financially generous toward the lessee to Goldenfields detriment.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 CONSIDERATION OF INDOOR STAFF UNIFORM POLICY (CP:031) (G03051005) (G40057005)

- **11/137 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that Council adopt the following policy:
 - CP: 031 Indoor Staff Uniform Policy.

Report prepared by General Manager

The General Manager has reviewed the uniform arrangements in consultation with staff. The draft policy (Attachment 9.3.4.A) caters for indoor staff clothing that allows some flexibility while setting a standard for corporate image.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 ANNUAL REPORT (G50401005)

11/138 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Morris that Council's 2010/11 Annual Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

Council's 2010/11 Annual Report has been completed and is now published on Council's website (<u>www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au</u>). A copy will be tabled at the meeting.

If Councillors would like a printed copy, please contact the Manager Administration.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.6 COWANGS RESERVOIR TO BAULOORA RESERVOIR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE (G95207002)

11/139 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Morris that the progress report on the Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir Pipeline Replacement Project be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Engineering

Construction Activities

Construction activities completed as at the end of November include:

- 27km of easement clearing and top soil stripping;
- 8.5km of longitudinal fencing installed;
- Completion of all 12 road and 4 rail underbores;
- Installation of 12.375km of 12.575km of DN 375, 7.00km of 7.35km of DN 450 and 7.12km of 9.03km of DN 600;
- Completion of the Cowangs Reservoir inlet, outlet and interconnection pipework.

Activities scheduled to be carried over the next two months include:

- Completion of the installation of DN 450 and DN 375 pipe in areas for which an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit has been received and access granted;
- Completion of scour protection through creek crossing at Ch 6420
- Completion of DN 600 pipe once salvage operations have been completed;
- Completion of reinstatement including fertilizing and sowing with an approved seed mix;
- Independent initial assessment of the rehabilitation of the pipeline corridor.

On completion of pipe laying, off-take connections to the Brawlin, Frampton, Cootamundra Nos1 & 2 reservoirs and West Jindalee Road water mains and transference of household service connections from the old main to the new will be undertaken and expected to be completed in March.

Environmental

Council has received an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit dated 22 November 2011, which permits the contractor to proceed with laying pipe through 15 identified sites in accordance with specific conditions plus a more significant heritage site after salvage operations have been completed in December.

Financial

The application for funding from the Strengthening Basin Communities program, Water Saving Initiatives estimated the project to cost \$15.8 million. The grant received from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities being \$7.5 million.

The following is a summary of contract payments made to the 30 November 2011:

GHD Consultancy

Tendered Amount Contract Schedules as at 30 November Post Tender Negotiations and Variations as at 30 November	\$795,855.75 \$717,597.19 \$371,850.00
Leed Engineering and Construction	
Tendered Amount Contract Schedules as at 30 November Post Tender Negotiations, Provisional Sums	\$13,562,560.00 \$11,868,152.90
and Variations as at 30 November	\$657,025.29

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.7 ADDITIONAL JUNEE RESERVOIR (G10057004)

11/140 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that Council endorse the reduced reservoir capacity proposed for Albert Street, Junee.

Report prepared by Manager Engineering

A review of the requirements for "adequate" reservoir storage capacity at Junee indicates the initial design to be somewhat conservative. The design allows for capacity at 3 times the daily peak water demand.

Constructing an additional reservoir with storage of 8.5 MI in Albert Street will provide sufficient system capacity to meet 2.5 times the daily peak demand of customers.

This reduction in the sizing of the proposed reservoir will result in a substantial financial saving to Council of approximately \$4 million. It also enables the proposed reservoir to be constructed on Council owned land adjacent the existing reservoirs without the need to acquire additional land, albeit requiring extra earthworks to bed the proposed reservoir on rock. Additionally the risk to the community of running out of water during power outages or breakdowns has already been mitigated due to the recent interconnection of the Bauloora Reservoir to Temora pipeline to the Temora East reservoir.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.8 WYALONG STANDPIPE RELOCATION UPDATE (G95502505)

- **11/141 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Morris and O'Brien that Council
 - 1. Rescind resolution 11/089 from the August 2011 meeting;
 - Give approval to relocate the standpipe from the laneway between Neeld and Gilbert Streets to the identified site in Central Road, Wyalong provided Bland Shire Council are prepared to meet the costs of developing vehicular access to the site;
 - 3. Fund the project (\$10,000) from the mains non-recurrent maintenance budget; and
 - 4. Ascertain whether the current standpipe operators wish to continue with the agency at the proposed new location.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

The report and subsequent recommendation to Council at the August meeting regarding the relocation of the Wyalong standpipe to the saleyards was premature.

In June this year the General Manager and Acting Manager Production and Distribution met with Bland Shire representatives to discuss the possible relocation of the standpipe. The saleyards option was considered the best option subject to pressure testing.

During discussions, the Bland Shire representations also offered to assist in the development of the new site and take over the agency for the standpipe should the current operator decide to relinquish it.

The saleyards site has since proven to be unsuitable due to the water pressure in that particular area.

A new site has been investigated in Central Road, Wyalong in consultation with Bland Shire. A static pressure of 33 metre head has been obtained which is considered sufficient to proceed with the relocation of the standpipe to this location.

At this point Council is negotiating with Bland Shire about proceeding with the development of the site.

The current operators will also be consulted about the relocation and their preparedness to continue with the agency responsibilities at the new location.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.9 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 February 2012 at Council's Temora office commencing at 1.00pm.

9.3.10 LATE ITEM: 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATION G DIVISION CONFERENCE (G45405005)

11/142 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and McGregor that

- 1. Council advise that its Voting Delegate to the conference will be Cr Macaulay.
- 2. Council authorise attendance by the General Manager as an Observer.

Report prepared by General Manager

The 45th Annual Conference of the Shires Association of NSW will be held on 16 February 2012 in Wagga Wagga at the Commercial Club. So that registration forms can be submitted and accommodation arranged; I seek an indication from Councillors as to who will be attending on Goldenfields behalf and who will be its Voting Delegate at the conference.

In past years the General Manager has also attended as an observer.

Recommendation

That Council nominate a voting delegate and observers for the 2012 Shires Association Annual Conference and authorise their attendance.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Palmer sought and was provided with information on the current status of the Jugiong High Voltage Electrical Upgrade.

Cr McGregor mentioned his suggestion to Young Shire Council (YSC) of utilising more water supply from Goldenfields rather than using YSC recycled water on parks and sporting grounds, due to the costs associated.

11. CLOSED SESSION – 11.34AM (pink pages)

11/143 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that Council meet in Closed Session.

11.1 REVIEW OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE (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.

11/144 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that the General Manager develops potential organisational structures and presents to the February 2012 Council Meeting.

11.2 MUSHROOM SUBSTRATE FARM (G95151005)

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

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

11/145 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Macaulay that Council reaffirm its current position but indicate that it is willing to further negotiate that position.

The General Manager declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 11.3 and left the meeting at 12.00pm.

All staff, excepting the Manager Administration, also left the meeting due to the fact that this discussion involved the General Manager. The Manager Administration was requested to remain to provide clarification on this matter.

11.3 LONG SERVICE TRANSFER APPLICATION (P177)

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.

11/146 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGregor and O'Brien that

- 1. Council write to South Burnett Regional Council requesting transfer of long service entitlements.
- 2. Should there be any cost incurred in the process that this become a debt payable by the General Manager as directed by the Chairman.
- 3. Should South Burnett Regional Council be unwilling or unable to transfer the balance; that Council include the commencement date of the General Manager's previous employment at South Burnett Regional Council in his long service calculation and that he pay monies equivalent to two weeks leave which would then be recorded as his commencement balance.

The General Manager and staff returned to the meeting at 12.08pm.

11.4 COWANGS RESERVOIR TO BAULOORA RESERVOIR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACT VARIATIONS (G95207002)

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

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

11/147 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Morris that

- 1. The report on the Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir Pipeline Replacement Project be received and noted.
- 2. The Council endorse its approval of the variations to both contracts.

OPEN SESSION – 12.31PM

11/148 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris 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 the Council, the Meeting closed at 12.32pm.