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# Annual Report 2015



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# General Manager's Report

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GWCC has transformed its culture, organisational structure, technology, heavy plant use, human resources, training and financial resulting in a surplus of \$5.5M in 2014-15.

## Awards

Shane Baldry (Mechanical Coordinator) was awarded the NSW Training Awards Vocational Student of the Year Award for the Riverina.

I was awarded the Public Service Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Awards for contribution to Goldenfields Water and the wider water community.

## Projects

*Stage 2 Data Acquisition Network* – the second stage of transmitters and receiver base stations were installed. Trials were undertaken for the collection of soil moisture, rainfall, temperature, humidity, tracking of stock, machinery and wildlife information.

*Meter Replacement Program* – \$130K meter replacement program was successfully undertaken.

*Oura Bore* – Additional production bore was installed to further increase security of water supply.

*Pipeline Replacement Program* – 11.5kms of replacement pipeline renewed.

## Finance

Profit was \$5.5M, depreciation funded and \$33M cash and investments.

## Environment

On September 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 Minister Hodgkinson officially opened the GWCC500 project, whereby GWCC is planting 500km wildlife corridor. The GWCC500 project was awarded a Restoration and Rehabilitation grant of \$97,692 over 3 years from NSW Environmental Trust and Office of the Environment and Heritage.

## Community

Goldenfields proudly sponsors school awards programs encouraging students across the 70 schools in the region, some of who might hopefully become future employees.

## Corporate and Governance

A new Business Activity Strategic Plan incorporating the Delivery Program and Operational Plan was created and adopted.

GWCC Drinking Water Quality Management System has finalised and implemented.

## Partnerships

GWCC progressed partnerships with constituent councils, Riverina Water, Riverina LLS, Taggle Systems, Riverina Community College, REROC and SaveWater.

I would like to note the valuable contributions made to Goldenfields Water by the late Cr John McGregor. Cr McGregor was the Young Shires Council's representative and a founding member of GWCC Board, he will be sorely missed.

I am proud of the way GWCC has performed during the year. Goldenfields Water has shown that we live and breathe our motto of innovation and efficiency.

Andrew Grant  
**General Manager**

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## Councillors

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Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC) was proclaimed a Local Water Utility under the NSW Local Government Act on 24 April 1997 and, from 1 July 1997, became responsible for water supply functions within the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Temora, Young and part of Narrandera.

One councillor from each constituent Council is nominated to the governing body of GWCC with The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson elected at the October Council Meeting each year.

GWCC Council Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 1.00pm. A meeting agenda is finalised on the Thursday prior to the meeting and can be found on Council's Website under Council Meetings or viewed at Council's Temora Office. Any persons wishing to address Council on a matter are required to notify the General Manager in writing by the Monday prior to the meeting.

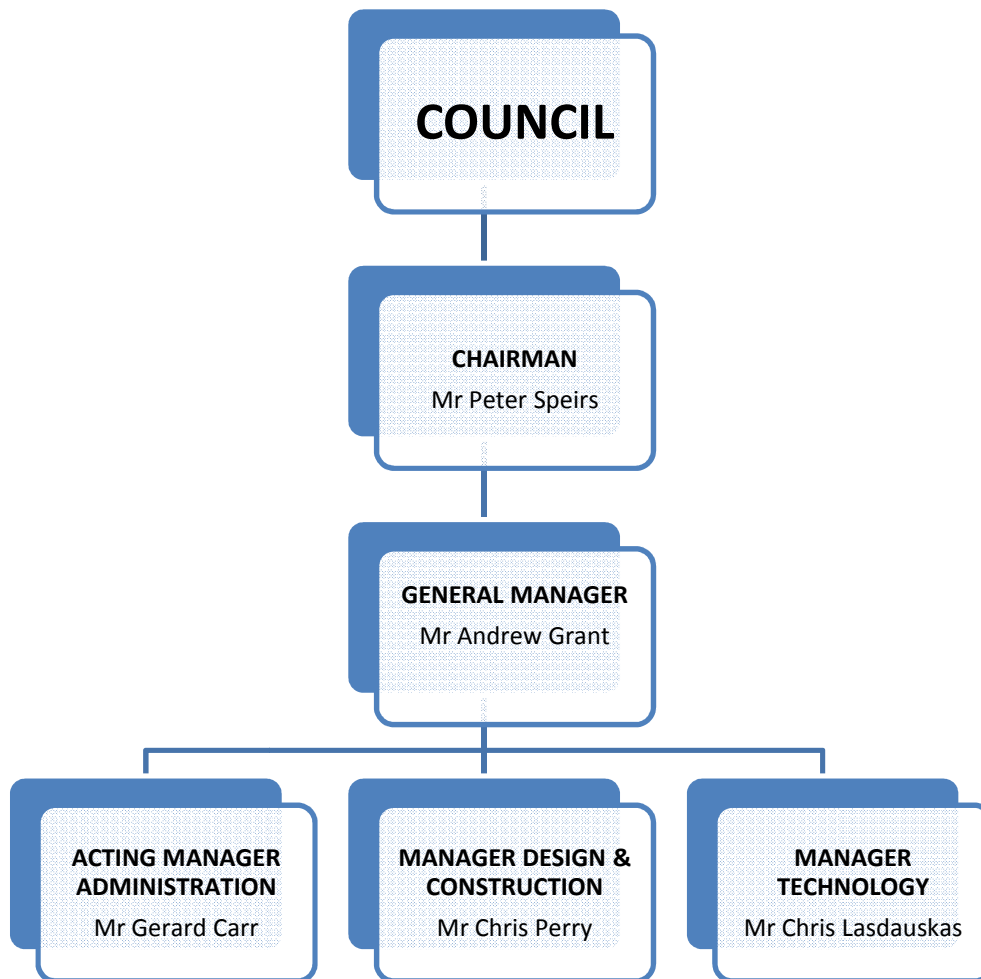


**From L to R:** Cr David McCann (Coolamon), Cr Peter Speirs (GWCC Chairperson (Temora)), Cr Dennis Palmer (Cootamundra), Cr Andrew Clinton (Junee), Cr Chris Manchester (GWCC Deputy Chairperson) (Harden), Cr Peter Templeton (Bland), Cr Kevin Morris (Narrandera), Cr John McGregor (Young)

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# Organisational Structure

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## Mission Statement

“To provide regional economic opportunity and lifestyle choices through provision of a quality water supply by innovative leadership showing environmental responsibility in cooperation with the community, constituent councils and governments”

## Vision

“To be innovative leaders in the supply and distribution of water through regional efficiency, technical excellence and customer service”

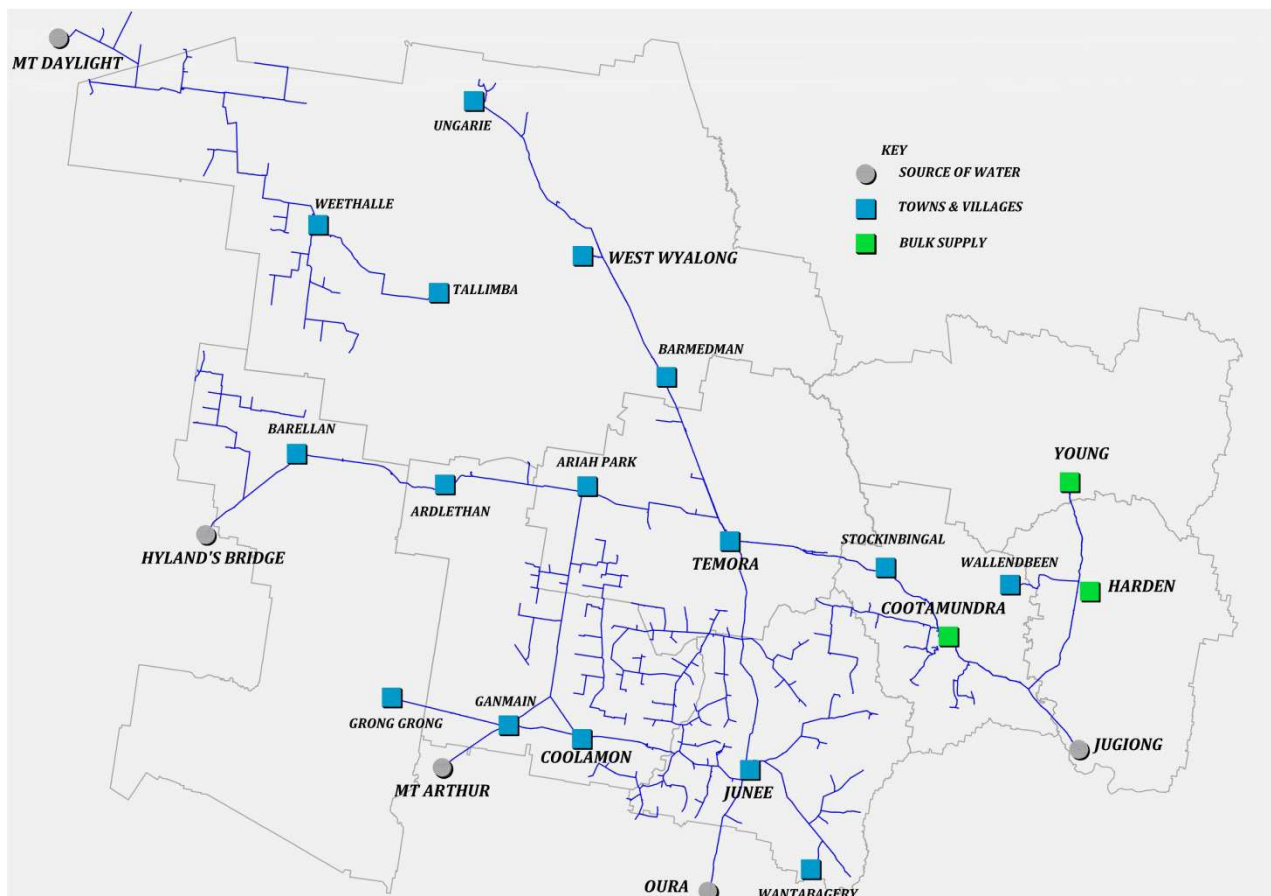
# Area of Supply

GWCC services a population of over 46,000 and operates water supply schemes of potable and non-potable water for residential, industry and rural applications across an area of approximately 22,000 square kilometres within the Southwest slopes and Riverina districts of NSW.

GWCC supplies the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Temora, Young and parts of Narrandera with continuous water from our five sources:

- Jugiong
- Oura
- Mt Arthur
- Mt Daylight
- Hylands Bridge

Harden and Young Councils are retailers who purchase bulk water from GWCC. Cootamundra Shire Council receives bulk supply from GWCC and retails water to customers in Cootamundra town, with GWCC supplying water to retail customers in Cootamundra Shire outside the town. GWCC also supplies bulk water to Riverina Water County Council.



GWCC supply area



# Delivery Program and Operational Plan explained

The delivery program is designed to give four years of direction for use of GWCC resources to produce agreed outcomes addressing 9 Key Objectives.

The Operational Plan defines tasks on a yearly basis to progress GWCC toward the desired outcomes of the Delivery Program at the end of the 4 year period.

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are combined in a table format in the following pages. The Key Objectives are shown at the start of each section. The individual strategies to meet these objectives are listed in the left hand column, with the corresponding Delivery Plan and Operational Plan actions listed in the next two columns. The far right hand column is used to record progress.

## Objective 1 - Excellence in Service Provision

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
1.1	Monitor compliance and develop remedial action if compliance is not met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a monitoring system to document actual results verses targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency response plans placed on intranet listing contacts for standard alerts</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to Council with recommendations to improve compliance on a priority scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence backflow prevention program and meter replacement by volume</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance improvements implemented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure GIS captured complaints are in data base</li> </ul>	Transferred to 2015/2016
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve compliance with water quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinking Water Quality Management Plan produced in conjunction with stake holders and Dept Health</li> </ul>	Complete

## Objective 2 - Maximising Regional Water Supply

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
2.1	Regularly monitor urban and village growth and augment supply as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with general purpose councils to understand areas to be developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan</li> </ul>	Transferred to 2015/2016
2.2	Develop knowledge of available capacity in urban areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain network analysis of water systems in GWCC area and develop capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute information on available supply</li> </ul>	Complete
2.3	Better use of Rural Water Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop data network to improve regional scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete first billing run off Taggle network</li> </ul>	Completed

## Objective 3 - Strategic Water Management

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
3.1	Develop opportunity through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop demand management policy and education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address NOW feedback on plans</li> </ul>	Transferred to 2015/2016

	demand management			
3.2	Improve efficiency of water use in GWCC area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategically connect new services to increase efficiency</li> <li>Utilise data network to improve water use efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress connection of previously refused customers as data loggers confirm supply</li> <li>Develop protocol for assessing leaks and notifying customers</li> </ul>	Complete, ongoing
3.3	Community awareness/c customer education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue and enhance advertising campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start install of water drink stations</li> </ul>	Temora unit installed.
3.4	Proactively support regional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support business within GWCC footprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit purchasing to ensure local spend when practicable</li> </ul>	Complete

#### Objective 4 - Best Practice Pricing

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
4.1	Generate sufficient revenue to fund operating expenditure and long term capital funding commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Bulk Council pricing structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote new DSP pricing and work with stakeholders</li> </ul>	Complete

#### Objective 5 - Proactive Customer Relations

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
5.1	Provide good communication and responsive action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness through advertising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote current strategies through television, radio and print advertising</li> <li>Enhance website to promote GWCC</li> <li>Apply for awards that recognise GWCC achievements</li> </ul>	Letter to Ministers, Press releases. Radio interview. GWCC Magazine widely distributed Ongoing Transferred to 2015/2016 'special mention' in AR Bluett Memorial Award Andrew Grant – Public Service Medal Shane Baldry – NSW Training Awards Vocational Student of the Year Award for Riverina.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinforce throughout the organisation that Council is customer orientated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue second round of people skills for staff</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> round complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide information to constituent Councils to enhance operation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform constituent councils of profit forecast and likely pricing</li> </ul>	Complete

#### Objective 6 - Environmental Protection & Sustainability

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
6.1	Operate the system in environmentally sustainable manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimise carbon footprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office vehicles selected for life cycle costing</li> </ul>	Complete

6.2	Engage community in sustaining environmental habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement GWCC500 Wildlife Corridor Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run regional workshops and commence seed collection</li> </ul>	Complete, ongoing
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist schools with corridor revegetation and monitoring</li> </ul>	Complete
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source outside funding and support</li> </ul>	\$97,692 from NSW Dept Environment over 3 years

## Objective 7 - Efficient Operations

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
7.1	Operate and maintain the system for optimum effectiveness and efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Asset Management Plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse Jugiong pumping efficiency and recommend improvements</li> </ul>	Complete, ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop data network to enhance operational efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress leak analysis in GWCC assets</li> </ul>	In progress
7.2	Monitor and record operational performance and failures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to Council with recommendations to improve compliance on a priority scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide amended break statistics corrected for previous errors</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing organisational structure review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Structure taking data network into account.</li> </ul>	Complete
7.3	Organise pipeline replacements to achieve economies of scale and efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop designs to cover a complete council term (4 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend plans to 4 years in advance</li> </ul>	Complete
7.4	Create GIS platform for efficient Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create GIS layers and progress Enlighten to enhance scheme management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Chlorine monitoring layer and provide visual colour mapping</li> <li>Update service connection locations</li> </ul>	Completed
7.5	Efficiently manage resources by utilising technology and regional footprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop system using electronic workforce coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress task prioritisation on workforce coordination</li> </ul>	In progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile access to systems for efficient updating of data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement tasking on mobile devices</li> </ul>	In progress

## Objective 8 - Highly Skilled & Energetic Workforce

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
8.1	Create positions that are fulfilling and adequately paid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Workforce Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Assessments to allow progression with performance indicators</li> </ul>	Complete
8.2	Develop a highly skilled workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training based on Council's needs and individual training requirements</li> <li>Multi-skill staff to fill gaps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Position Descriptions to include value adding activities</li> <li>Integrate electrical training into D&amp;C positions</li> </ul>	Complete for all new roles Complete

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-skilling of staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing PLC specialist training for electrical section</li> <li>• Train Manager Technology in broad functions</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement active apprentice/traineeship program based on operational needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress current apprenticeships and traineeships.</li> </ul>	Complete
<b>8.3</b>	Increase motivation and productivity of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement employee health and well-being program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress program subject to award negotiations</li> </ul>	In progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve tools and environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade depot furniture and facilities</li> </ul>	Complete

### Objective 9 - Financially Sustainable

No.	Strategies	Delivery Program Actions	2014/15 Op Plan Actions	Date Actioned
<b>9.1</b>	Have appropriate and efficient operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update financial plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement new plant purchasing policy</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine customer service costs and develop Headworks policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote new Developer Servicing Plan</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve procurement compliance and efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move to common software/hardware purchasing</li> </ul>	Complete, ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursue commercial opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide volumes in each Council area (Reconfirm with Bland)</li> </ul>	In progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meter replacement to ensure income is maximised</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress with high volume and bulk meters</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimise plant selection to ensure best fit for purpose and reduce running costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second vacuum trailer to be assessed for Southern area.</li> </ul>	In progress
<b>9.2</b>	Generate income from diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish data network and offer service to customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote additional uses for stock tracking, moisture and temp sensing</li> </ul>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop plan to utilise plant when not in use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote portable traffic hire to organisations</li> </ul>	Complete
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote vacuum excavation</li> </ul>	Complete

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## Completed Projects

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<b>Nature of Project</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>% Council Funds</b>	<b>Source of Council Funds</b>
Plant Replacement	June 2015	\$795K	100%	Reserves
Pipeline Repair by ROI and Burst Mapping	June 2015	\$423K	100%	Reserves
Preplanned Replacement Designs	June 2015	\$120K	100%	Reserves
Oura Bore	November 2014	\$280K	100%	Reserves
Data Acquisition Network – Stage 2	June 2015	\$1.4M	100%	Surplus
Water Meter Replacement	June 2015	\$130K	100%	Reserves

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# Legislative Requirements

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## Section 428(2) - Local Government Act 1993

There are items that Council must report on under section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993. As GWCC is a Specific Purpose Council supplying water, a number of these “reportables” do not apply. This statutory reporting section only addresses relevant items.

### Financial Statements

Goldenfields’ audited financial reports for the year 2014/15 are reported separately in the Financial Statements attached as Schedule A to this report and also from Council’s web page [www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au) under General Information / Council Documents / Other.

### Performance of Principal Activities

An assessment of Council’s performance for the year 2014/15 is presented in the Delivery Plan and Operational Plan on pages 5-8.

### Condition of Public Works

An assessment of the condition of Council’s public works assets can be found in Special Schedule 7 of Council’s Financial Statement referred to above.

### Legal Proceedings: Expenses & Progress

Legal expenses for 2014/15, \$43,385.

### Chairman & Councillor Fees, Expenses, Provision of Facilities

Annual fees were paid to the Chairman and Councillors as required by the Local Government Act in accordance with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determinations.

In 2014/15 the following amounts were paid in respect of the Chairman’s Allowance and Councillors fees:

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|------------------------|----------|
| • Chairman’s Allowance | \$14,720 |
| • Councillors Fees     | \$71,680 |

Goldenfields Water County Council has a Payments of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy that governs payments to the Chairman and Councillors in the discharge of their duties. A copy of this policy is on Council’s web page [www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au) under General Information / Council Documents / Policy Documents.

In 2014/15, these costs were \$11,370. Itemised costs were:

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|---|----------|
| • Members Travel & Other Meeting Expenses | \$10,350 |
| • Other Members Expenses                  | \$1,020  |

No overseas visits were undertaken by either Councillors, staff or any other persons representing Council during 2014/15.

### Senior Staff Remuneration

Council employs one senior staff employee, the General Manager, who commenced a five year contract on 31 October 2011. The annual remuneration package at 30 June 2015 was \$198,000.

## Contracts Awarded by Council

Contracts awarded by Council during the year exceeding \$150,000 (not including employment contracts) were as follows:

Successful Contractor	Project	\$ Value (incl. GST)
South West Ford	10 Ford Rangers	\$346,460
Coolamon Steel Works	Temora Depot Construction	\$830,506

## Work on Private Land

Council did not pass any resolutions in 2014/15 under section 67 of the Local Government Act concerning works on private land.

## Contributions/Grants to Organisations and Individuals

Council grants concessions and donations to Schools, Community Groups and Service Organisations located within its distribution area.

The following groups and service organisations are eligible to be granted the following concessions:

- *Constituent General Purpose Councils* - a donation equal to the value of access charges levied on the first connection to "community" land, together with any connections within road reserves (where such connection is used for public beautification) and crown reserves (where such reserves are not leased or otherwise subject to restrictions on public access);
- *All Schools (State and Church), colleges and pre-schools within Council's service area* - on application, a donation of \$200 per annum each, to be applied towards the cost of prizes and/or awards to students or any other approved purpose;
- *Premises owned by recognised Churches* - a donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves, in whole or part, a place of public worship, residence occupied by a minister of religion and/or member of a recognised religious order, and/or welfare facility operated by that church (not including commercial operations);
- *Premises owned (or held in trust) and used by the following community organisations, together with others which may be accepted from time to time* - a donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves premises primarily utilised to further the objectives of such organisation:
  - Scouting & Guiding movement
  - Rescue and disaster response groups
  - Masonic Lodge meeting places
  - Community halls / recreation facilities
  - Country Women's Association
  - Red Cross
  - Local history societies / museums
  - Local senior citizens' groups
  - Agricultural showgrounds
  - Unlicensed RSL halls or similar premises

During 2014/15, Council made donations totalling \$153,795.

## Human Resource Activities

### Staff Turnover

At the commencement of the reporting period, Council had 49 full time positions in its structure, 3 of which were vacant. During the 2014/15 period:

- 9 permanent, 2 casual and 1 trainee employees left the organisation, 5 vacancies were filled, and 3 casuals were employed.

At the end of the reporting period Council had a staff complement of 49 full time equivalent positions (including 5 vacancies).

### Recruitment and Selection

In the reporting period, Council recruited 8 staff (fulltime, temporary and casual engagements) in accordance with its Recruitment and Selection Protocol.

### Conditions of Employment

Council has adopted a new Enterprise Award, Goldenfields Water County Council Enterprise Award 2014.

### Training & Development

Council's direction is towards multiskilling of staff to provide efficiency. The organisational training plan is based on needs identified through:

- Legislative requirements
- Skills needed for innovation and efficiency
- Competency assessments of individuals and their need to acquire additional skills to perform in their current positions.

Council has provided skills based training in the following areas during the 2014/15 year including:

- Mechanical Engineering Certificate III (Fitter & Turner)
- First Aid Refresher
- Associate Degree – Engineering
- PRV/ACV training
- Code of Conduct
- Water Operations Cert III
- Front Line Management Cert IV
- Design
- Traffic Control
- Customer Service
- Bully and Harassment

### Traineeships & Apprenticeships

Development of new and existing staff through participation in traineeships and apprenticeships are supported by Council. In the 2014/15 year Council employed 4 apprentices / trainees in administration, design, and mechanical areas.

### Work Health and Safety

Council is committed to compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act and associated legislation. Effort is focussed on all relevant aspects of workplace accident prevention, hazard control and removal, injury and protection and health preservation to ensure the health, welfare and safety of Council employees, contractors and the public.

## Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Activities

Council has adopted an EEO Policy and abides by the principles embodied in its Policy ensuring all current and future staff are given equal opportunities in employment, promotion or training.



## External bodies Exercising Delegated Functions

Council delegated building inspections related to onsite water functions to retail councils: Junee, Coolamon, Temora and Bland.

## Controlling Interest in Companies

Council did not hold a controlling interest in any companies in 2014/15.

## Partnerships, Cooperatives and Other Joint Ventures

Council was a party to the following partnerships, co-operatives or joint ventures during the 2014/15 financial year:

- Statewide Mutual - a self-insurance mutual providing public liability and professional indemnity cover for Council.
- Statewide Property Mutual - a self-insurance mutual providing property insurance for Council.
- StateCover - a self-insurance mutual providing workers compensation insurance for Council.
- Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) - a collective of 13 General Purpose Councils and 2 Water County Councils whose objectives are as follows:
  - To participate in activities which promote effective regional development.
  - To enhance the collective status of Local Government within the eastern Riverina.
- MOU with Riverina Water – GWCC developed MOU to encourage resource and technical advice sharing.

## Competitive Neutrality

The framework for 'Competitive Neutrality' is defined in the June 1996 Government Policy Statement on the 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government'. This was followed by the 'Pricing and Costing of Council Business - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality' issued by the Department of Local Government in July 1997.

Council has been identified as a Category 1 business unit for the purposes of National Competition Policy. Taxation Equivalent Payments, Council Charges, Corporate Taxation Equivalents and Loan and Debt Fees have been applied, where applicable, to the accounts of the business unit.

Details on financial operations and assets of GWCC are in the Special Purpose Reports and Financial Statements.

No complaints were received during 2014/15 under GWCC's Competitive Neutrality framework obligations.

## Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Regulation

### Review of proactive release program - Clause 7(a)

Under section 7 of the GIPA Act, Council must review its program for the release of government information to identify the kinds of information that can be made public. This must be undertaken every year.

Council's program for the release of information is on a case by case basis as little information is discretionally unavailable.

### Number of access applications received - Clause 7(b)

During the reporting period, Council received 1 formal access application.

### Number of refused applications for Schedule 1 information - Clause 7(c)

During the reporting period, Council did not refuse any formal access applications.

## Statistical information about access applications - Clause 7(d) and Schedule 2

**Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome\***

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private sector business	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (application by legal representative)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B.

**Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome**

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*A *personal information application* is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

The total number of decisions in Table B should be the same as Table A.

**Table C: Invalid applications**

Reason for invalidity	Number of applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	0
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0
Total number of invalid applications received	0
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0

**Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of the Act**

	Number of times consideration used*
Overriding secrecy laws	0
Cabinet information	0
Executive Council information	0
Contempt	0
Legal professional privilege	1
Excluded information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0
Transport safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0

\*More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E.

**Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of the Act**

	Number of occasions when application not successful
Responsible and effective government	0
Law enforcement and security	0
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	0
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0
Secrecy provisions	0
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0

**Table F: Timeliness**

	Number of applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	1
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)**

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total
Internal review	0	0	0
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0
Review by ADT	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendation to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made.

**Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)**

	Number of applications for review
Applications by access applicants	0
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	0

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# Schedule A

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## Financial Statements

Goldenfields Water County Council's Financial Statements for 2014/15 can be found in this section of Council's website as a separate document titled Schedule A – Financial Statements 2014/15.