

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 27 October 2022**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am

PRESENT

Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr J Piper, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr J Chapman (Interim Corporate Services Manager) Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Cr White sought, and was granted, a leave of absence from this meeting at the Council Meeting held 1 September 2022.

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/092 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that a leave of absence be granted to Cr Matthew Stadtmiller.

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/093 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that in the absence of Chairperson Stadtmiller, that Deputy Chairperson Callow chair the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/094 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that Cr Morris be permitted to attend the meeting by audio visual link.

3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that;

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they have taken under section 233A of the Act.

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The governing body of a county council is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. Each councillor as a member of the governing body has a responsibility to make considered and well-informed decisions to ensure that the exercise of the functions of Goldenfields Water are performed to benefit the whole of the area of operations of Goldenfields Water.

In addition, Councillors are reminded of their obligations under council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Council's auditor representative under appointment by the Auditor General, Jason Gilbert, presented the Audit Report in relation to the 2021/22 Financial Statements, via audio visual link.

7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 1 September 2022

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/095 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the minutes of the meetings held on the 1 September 2022, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

15. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

15.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

15.1.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021/22

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/096 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the Board receives and notes the 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Under section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to present its Audited Financial Statements, together with the Auditor's Report, at a meeting of the Council.

REPORT

The Audit Office of NSW have completed their audit of the 2021/22 Financial Statements. Council's auditor representative under appointment by the Auditor General, Jason Gilbert, will be in attendance at the meeting to present the Audit Report

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment will be provided prior to the meeting.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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15.1.2. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/097 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and McGlynn that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 30th September 2022 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 30th September 2022 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

A report on Council's Investments is required to be presented for Council's consideration in accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$3,000,000 from \$43,761,611 as at 31st July 2022 to \$40,761,611 as at 30th September 2022.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	SP RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	9/06/2021	12/10/2022	490	0.48	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A3	Judo Bank	At Maturity	29/10/2021	2/11/2022	369	1.01	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	29/10/2021	2/11/2022	369	0.55	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	Annual	17/11/2021	17/11/2022	365	1.00	1.81	\$3,000,000
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	5/12/2022	692	1.80	1.81	\$2,000,000
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2021	5/12/2022	692	1.80	1.81	\$2,081,638
NOTICE	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2021	5/12/2022	657	1.80	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB-	A3	Illawarra Credit Union	At Maturity	8/09/2022	16/12/2022	99	3.26	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	13/09/2022	23/12/2022	101	3.43	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	At Maturity	12/07/2022	12/01/2023	184	3.35	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	14/07/2022	12/01/2023	182	3.60	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	13/09/2022	23/01/2023	132	3.43	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	16/03/2022	15/02/2023	336	1.15	1.81	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	20/07/2022	1/03/2023	224	3.82	1.81	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	CBA	Half Year	28/04/2022	3/05/2023	370	2.73	1.81	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	ME Bank	At Maturity	27/05/2022	1/06/2023	370	3.18	1.81	\$4,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	BOQ	Annual	1/06/2022	5/07/2023	399	3.20	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	1.81	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	1.81	\$1,000,000
CASH	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	Monthly				0.55	1.35	\$2,519,158
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	1.35	\$1,500,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	1.35	\$660,815
TOTAL:										\$40,761,611

*Benchmarks

On Call - RBA Cash

Floating Rate Deposit - 3m BBSW

Term Deposit - BBSW

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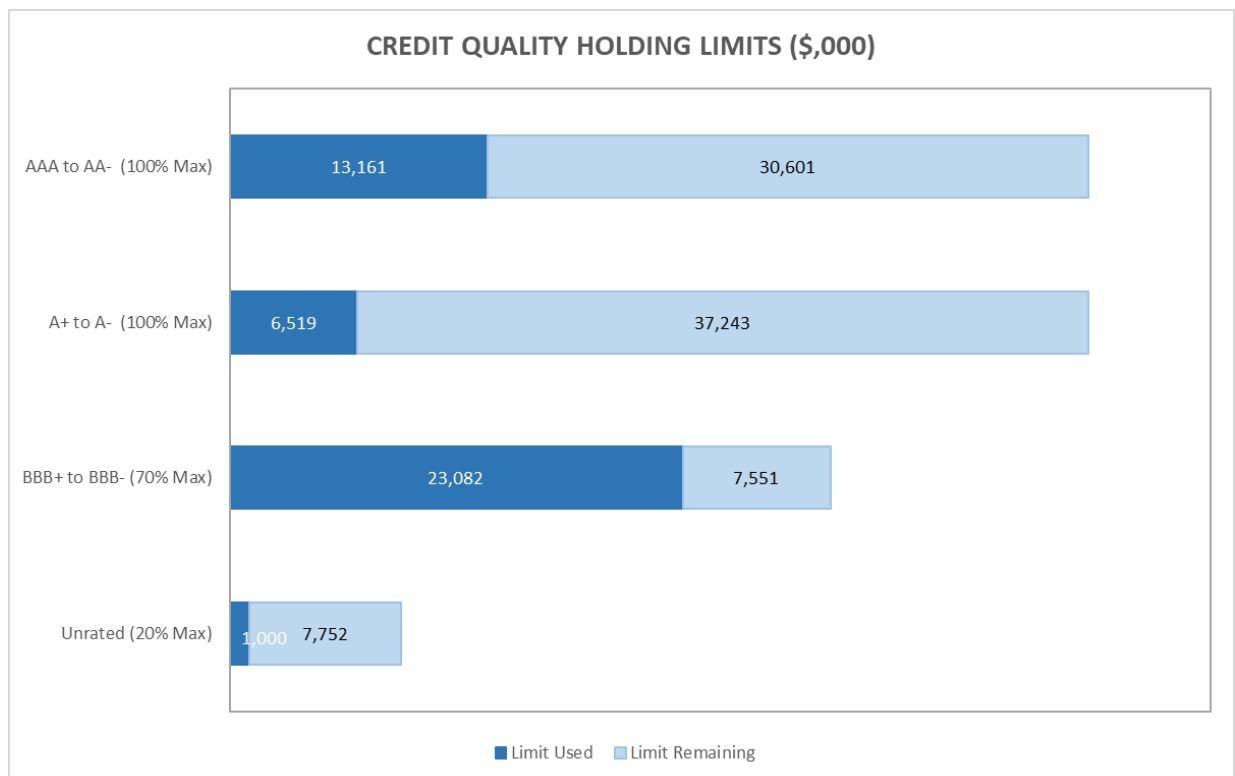
Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio outperformed the relevant BBSW Index benchmark by 12%. The average weighted yield for September was 1.83%, over an average weighted term of 132 days, with a benchmark 1.75%.

Total Cost 40,761,611	Yearly Interest Received 102,475	Weighted Average Term 132 Days
Total Value 40,761,611	Monthly Interest Received 7,926	Weighted Average Yield 1.83%

Credit Quality Compliance

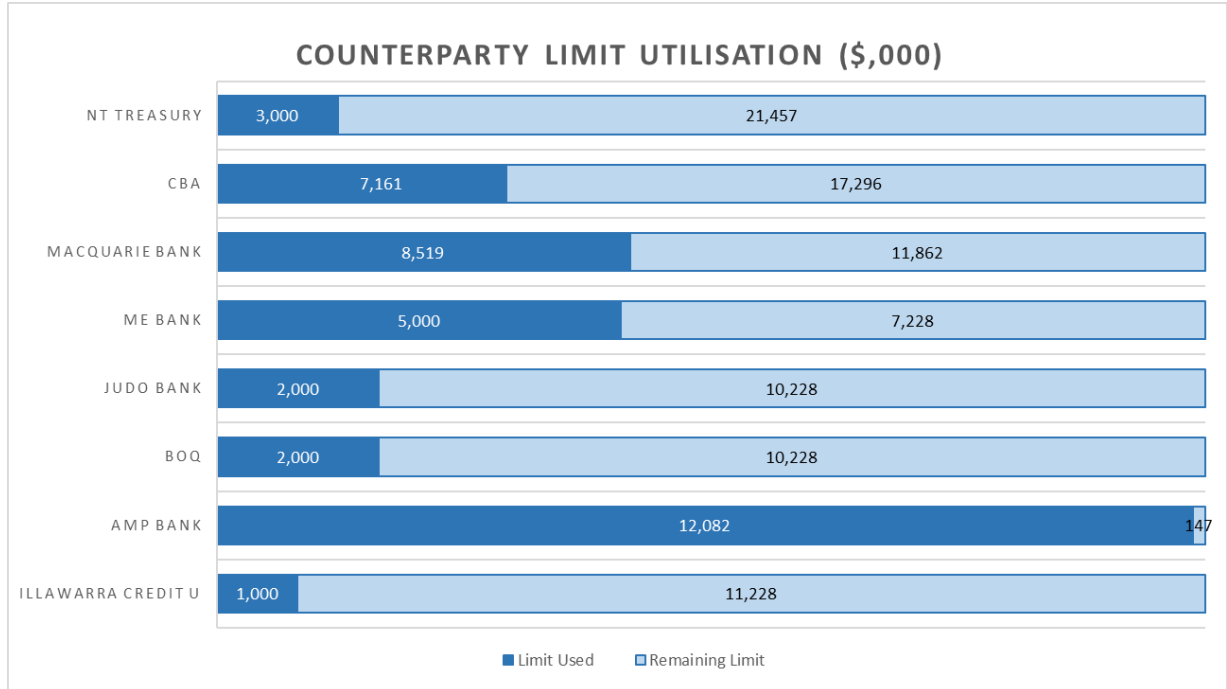
Council's investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



Counter Party Compliance

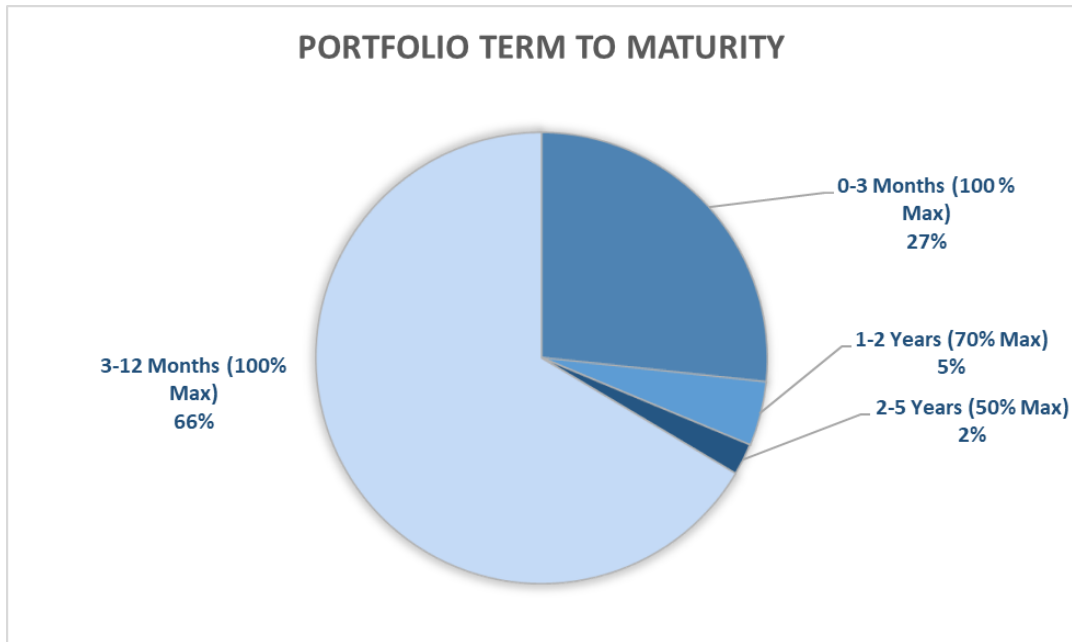
As at the end of September, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.



Term to Maturity

Council’s investment portfolio maturities shown graphically below were also compliant with policy requirements.



Application of Investment Funds

The table below details the allocation of cash balances in terms of restricted funds, noting restrictions are all internal rather than external.

Restricted Funds:	
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,148,190
Infrastructure Replacement	15,970,725
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	0
Property Reserve	0
Unrestricted Funds:	20,150,202
TOTAL	40,761,611

Declaration

I hereby certify that investments listed in the report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy PP004.

Signed

John Chapman
Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$3,000,000 from \$43,761,611 as at 31st July 2022 to \$40,761,611 as at 30th September 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15.1.3. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/098 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th September 2022 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th September 2022 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents an important part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details expenditure and progress for the year to date on programmed and emergent capital works.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30th September 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th September 2022.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15.1.4. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/099 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2022.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2022.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, for the purpose of periodically reviewing and revising estimates of income and expenditure.

REPORT

The Quarterly Review of Council's Budget for the period ended 30 September 2022 is submitted for examination by Council.

The anticipated Operating Result for 2022/23 is a deficit of \$1,778,000. The anticipated Operating Result as adopted in the original budget was a deficit of \$1,738,000. Proposed adjustments are detailed below.

The Capital Works expenditure is not included in the Operating Result and is an additional outlay. Further detail about capital works can be found in the Capital Works Progress Report item of the business paper.

Proposed September 2022 quarterly review adjustments:

Operational Expenditure

- (\$40,000) Rectification/remediation of unused confined spaces

Capital Expenditure

- (\$400,000) West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station
- (\$2,921,000) Wyalong Standpipe Res
- \$70,000 Trunk Renewals - Total Budget
- (\$70,000) Talbingo Lane Pipeline Renewal

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases Council's Operating Result by \$40,000 and increases Capital Works Expenditure by \$3,321,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Quarterly Budget Review 30-09-22.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

15.2.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/100 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water provides the essential water requirements of about 40,000 people spread over an area in excess of 20,000 square kilometres between the Lachlan & Murrumbidgee Rivers in the South West of NSW.

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, Ora, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge. Goldenfields Water carries out water supply functions within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Hilltops, Junee, Temora, and parts of Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

Hilltops Shire Council, Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and Riverina Water County Council are retailers, who purchase bulk water from Goldenfields and supply the water to retail customers in their respective local government areas.

REPORT

Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

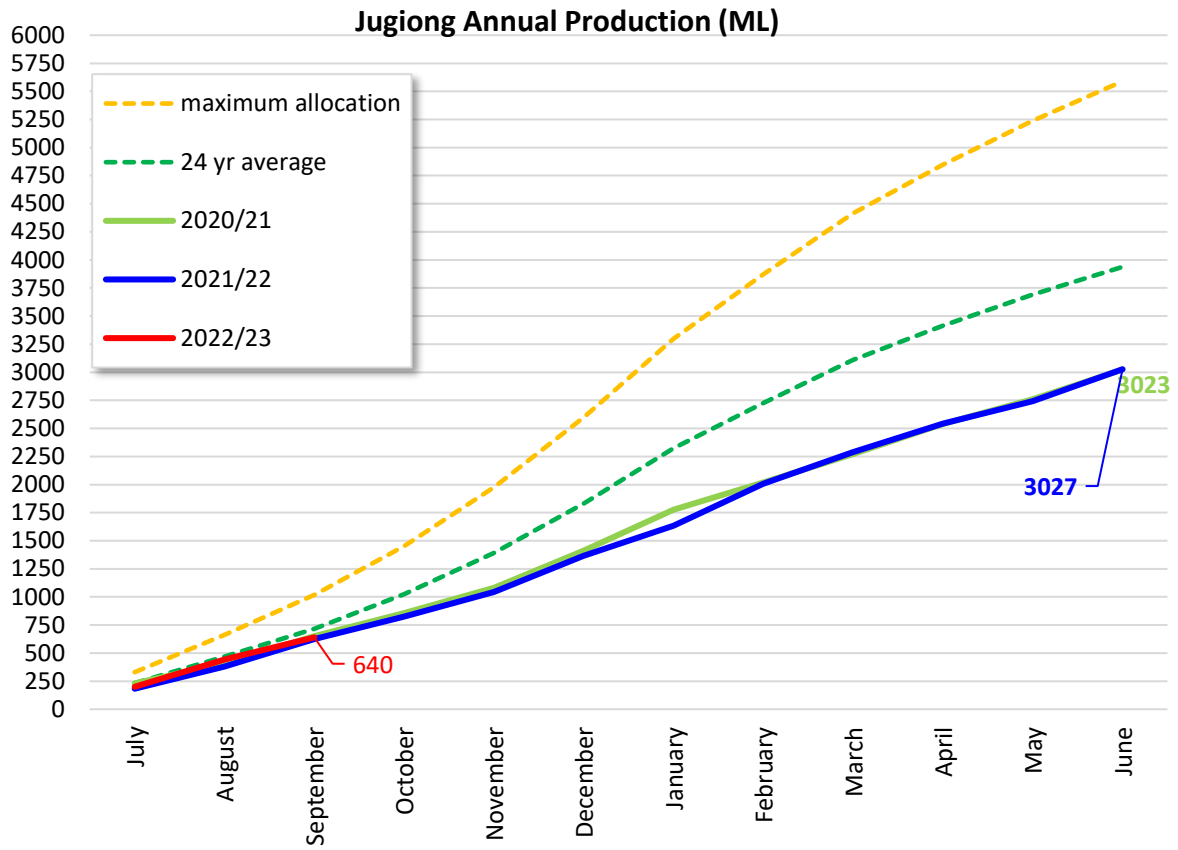
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

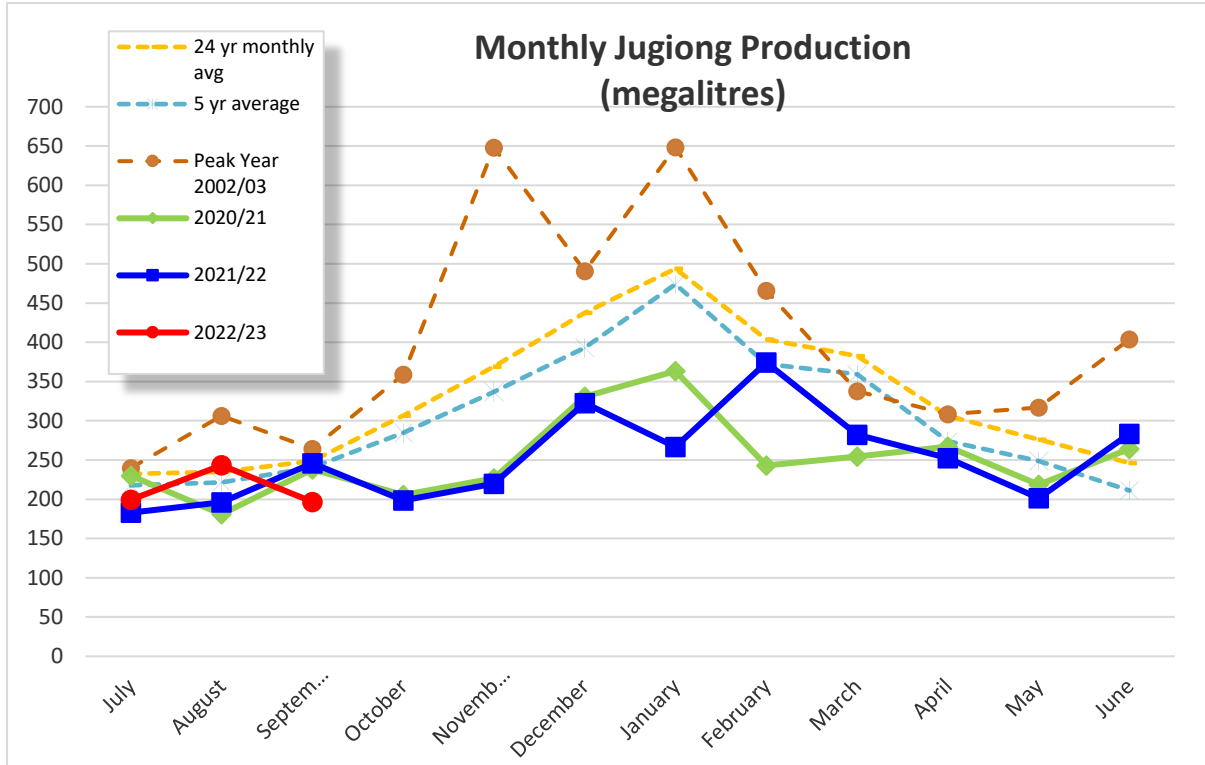
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For the first 3 months of the 2022/23 financial year, 640ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than the same period in the 2021/22 FY where 625ML was extracted. An increase of 5ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 199ML extracted and treated for the month. August seen a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September where only 197ML was extracted and treated. This decrease in production coincides with a very wet start to Spring.

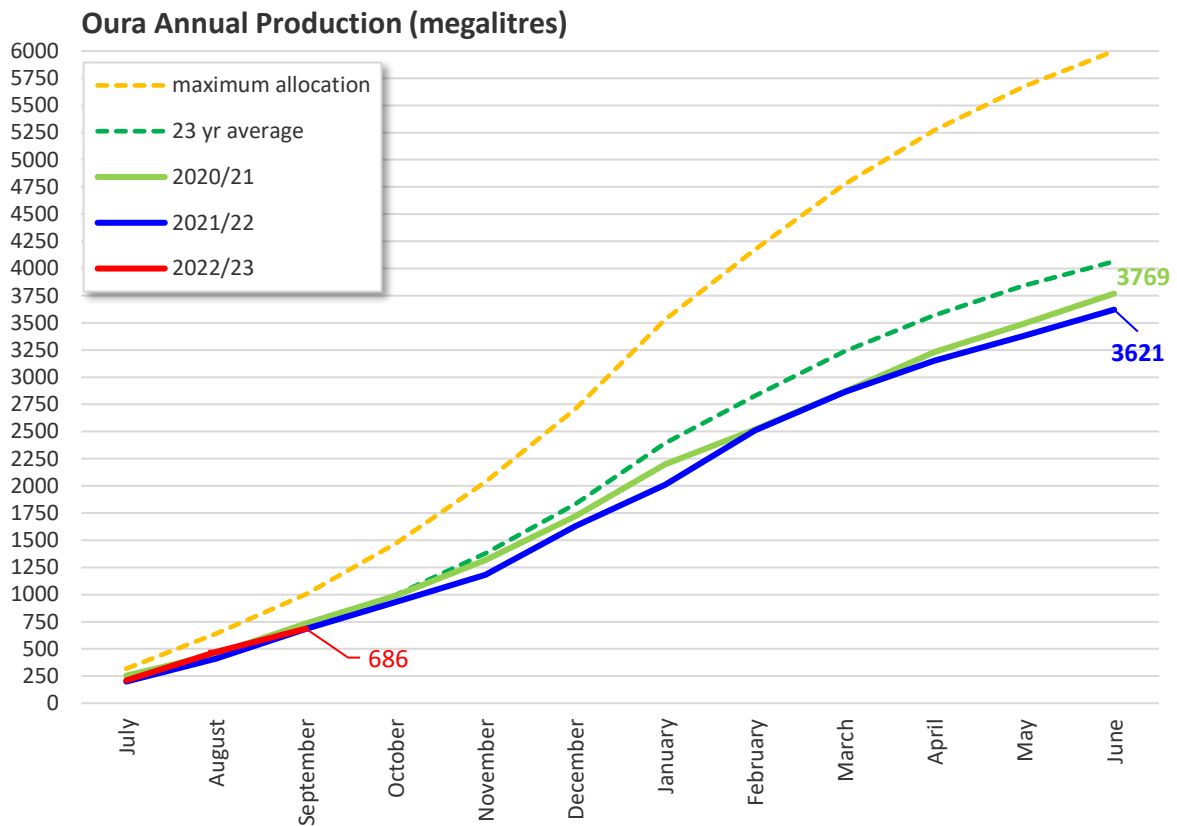


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 4 bores namely: Bores 2, 3, 4 and 6. The raw water then goes through a treatment process at the Oura Water Treatment Plant that includes Aeration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

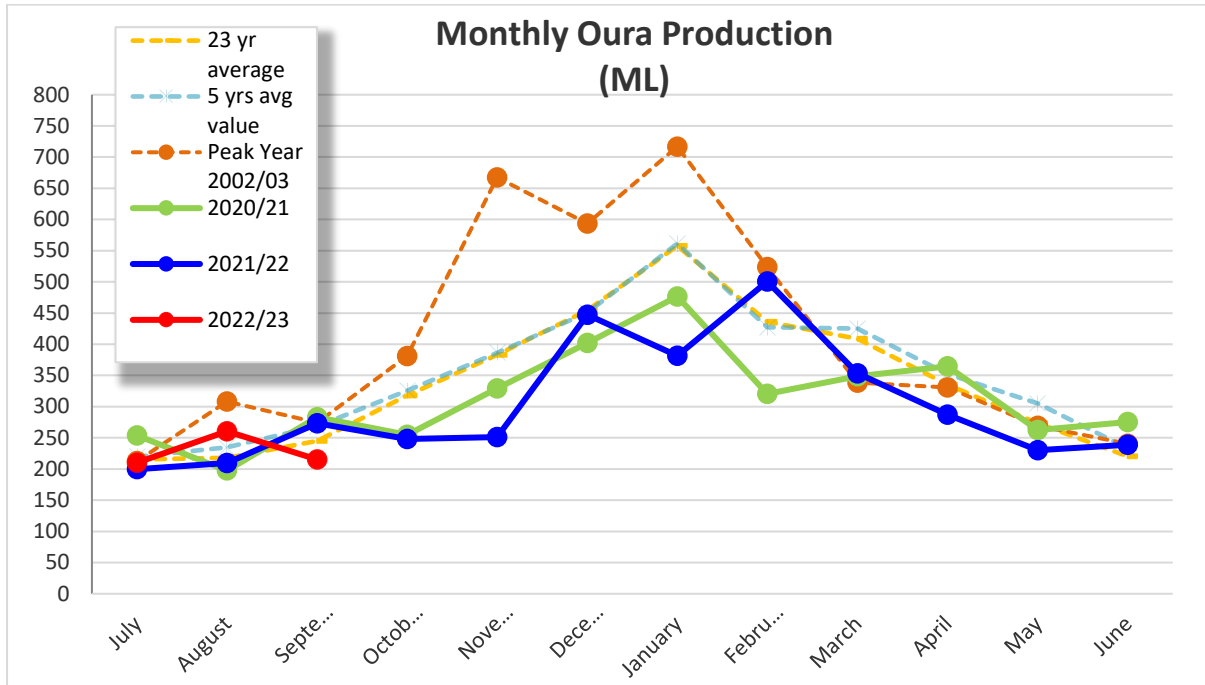
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the first 3 months of the 2022/23 financial year, 686ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is a slight increase in production compared to last FY where 682ML was extracted for the same period of time. An increase in production of 4ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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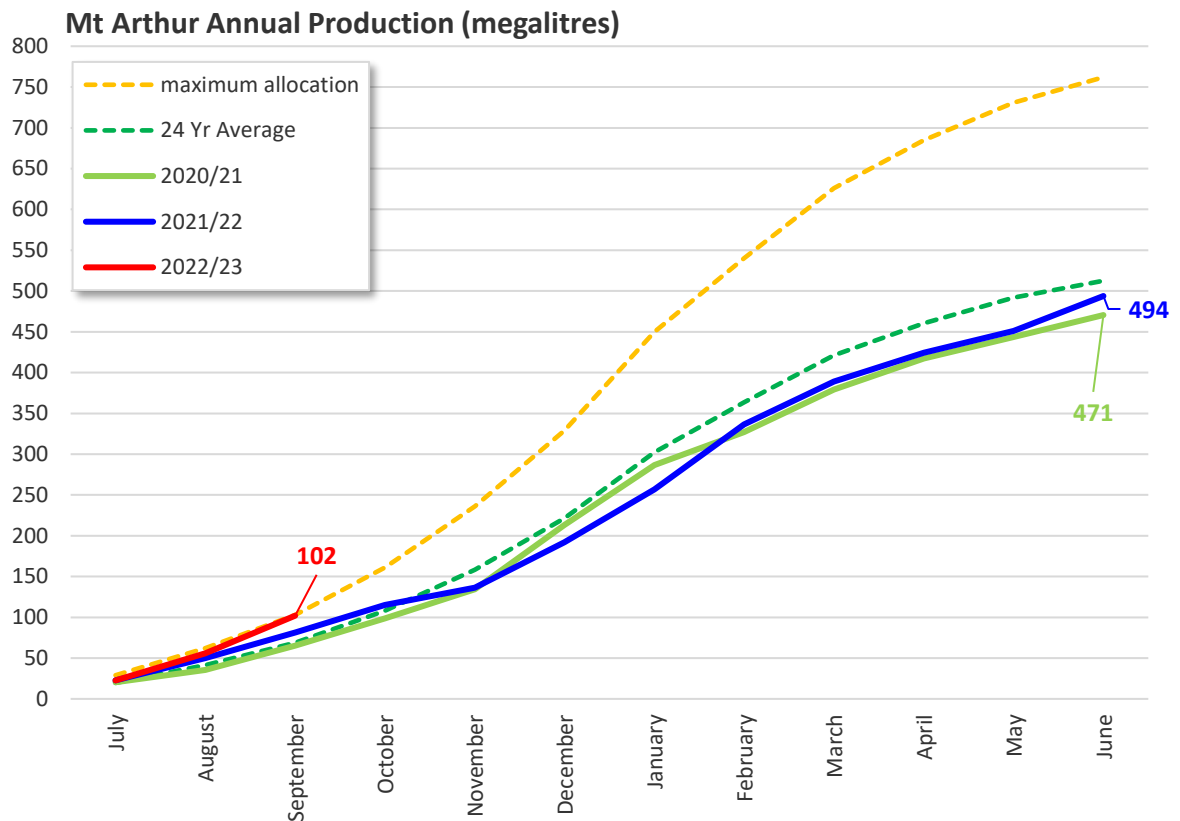
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 200ML was extracted from the Oura bores in July. August seen an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September seen only 215ML extracted, this decrease can be attributed to a wet start to spring.



Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

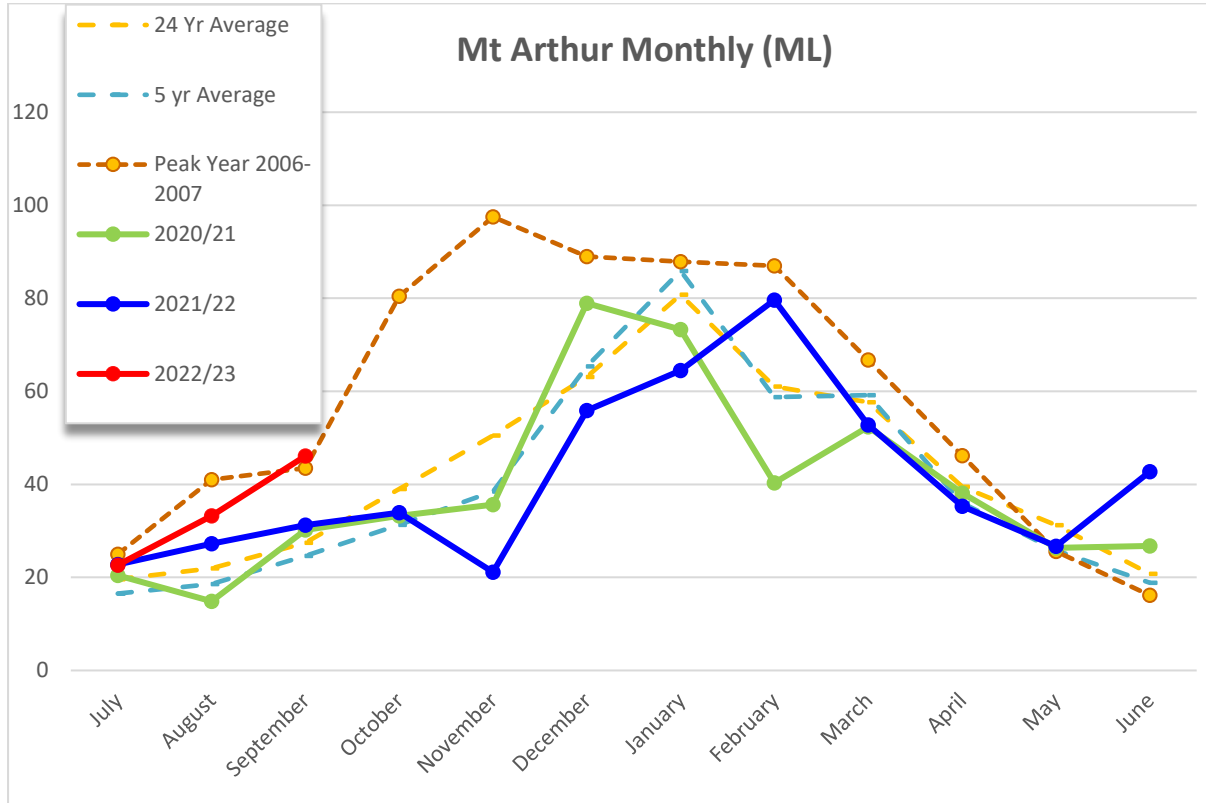
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with water in the Coolamon shire.

For the first 3 months of the 2022/23 financial year, 102ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to last FY where 81ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 21ML. As can be seen in the graph below trending slightly higher to previous years.



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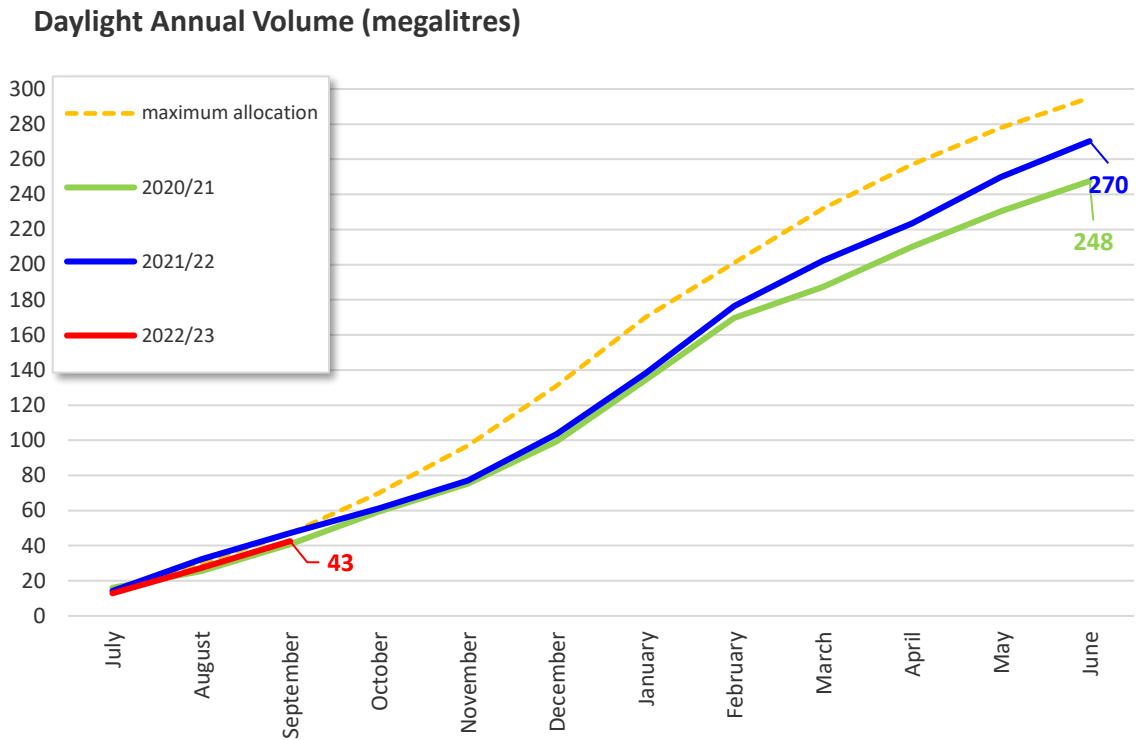
Mt Arthur monthly water production started very consistently to previous years with 23ML of water extracted from the bores in July before a significant increase in the following 2 months, August seen 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. This increase indicates a potential leak within the system however finding it is proving difficult with the wet catchment.



Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

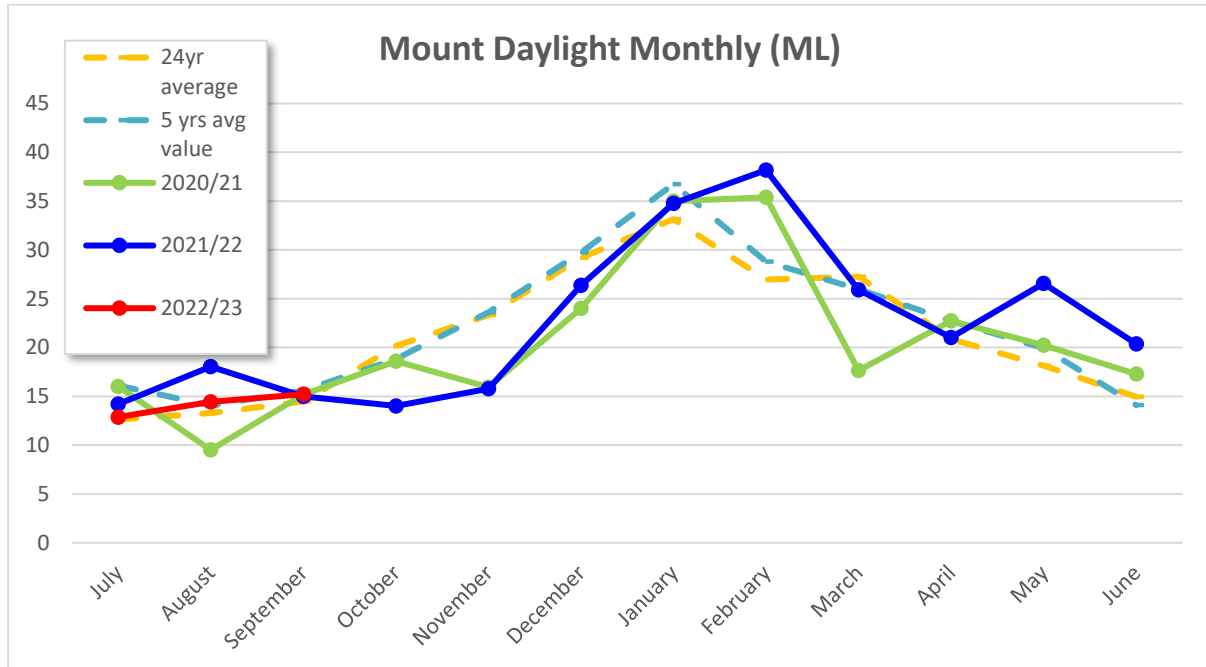
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately 125 people in the villages of Naradhan, Weethalle and Tallimba which is located within the Bland Shire.

For the first 3 months of the 2022/23 financial year, 43ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 4ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 47ML was produced over the same period. As can be seen in the graph below trending in a similar fashion to historical years.



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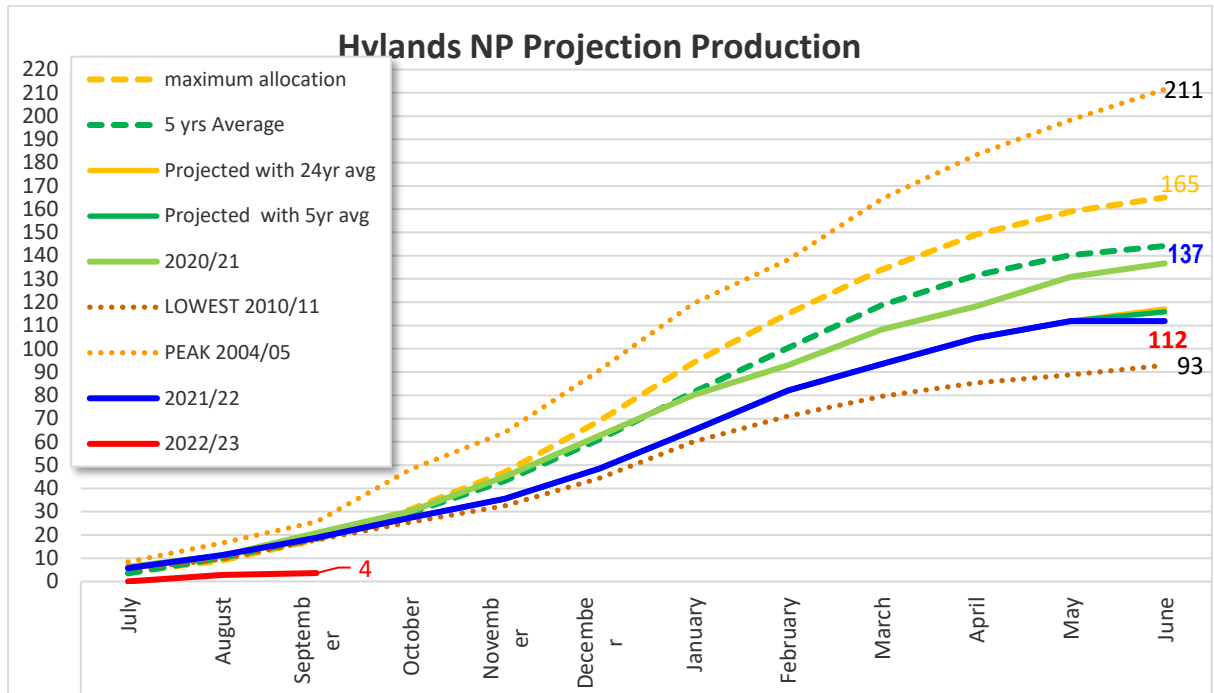
The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores have started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML and September 15ML extracted.



Hylands Bridge - Non Potable

Hylands Bridge supplies Non Potable water to Barellan and Binya. The water is sourced through the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area where Goldenfields Water holds 165ML shareholding for water entitlement.

For the first 3 months of the 2022/23 financial year only 4ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to pump issues during August/September.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

15.3.1. STATEMENT OF BUSINESS ETHICS UPDATED

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McAlister that the Board endorse the updated Statement of Business Ethics

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board endorse the updated Statement of Business Ethics

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

The Statement of Business Ethics outlines Goldenfields Water's ethical principals that govern all staff, elected representatives, contractors, volunteers and business associates and ensure all business relationships are carried out in an ethical manner.

REPORT

The Statement of Business Ethics has been updated to include direct reference to the Modern Slavery Act and other minor inclusions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Statement of Business Ethics

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.3.2. DEVELOPER CHARGES POLICY UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Piper that the Board adopt the updated Developer Charges Policy PP008

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the updated Developer Charges Policy PP008

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

In April 2017 the Board offered a 50% reduction in Developer Services Charge subject to financial assessments for a poultry rearing and laying facility. This was in response to the company providing a written response to the developer charges stating that "the charges proposed for the development are putting in question the viability of these sites and therefore the entire project for the region." The development was seen to provide a regional economic benefit through creating additional employment opportunities and growth in the region. The resolution required the company to provide financial assessments to Council to support this.

Council considered different options for allowing for such reductions to apply in future and sought legal advice at the time. The proposed solution was to provide an avenue for developments that may provide regional economic benefit to the region to be able to seek reduced developer charges as follows:

- The relevant Constituent Council was required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Goldenfields Water County Council which requires the Constituent Council to refer any Development Applications to Goldenfields Water for consideration of requesting a Certificate of Compliance Condition to be imposed by the Constituent Council when granting Development Consent. **Note:** A developer has no legally enforceable obligation to apply for a certificate of compliance for a development from the County Council unless the obligation is imposed by the conditions of a development consent. Without these Certificate of

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Compliance Conditions, it limits Goldenfields Water's opportunity to identify and charge applicable Developer Charges.

- The Developer could then request to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Goldenfields Water County Council. If Goldenfields Water Board agrees to the VPA, the applicable Developer Infrastructure Charges will be based on the development's individual requirements rather than the adopted charges set out in Goldenfields Water's Development Servicing Plan which are based on a number of region-wide financial, social and environmental factors.

As such the Board resolved the following at the November 2017 Council meeting:

1. That the Council approves of the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement under section 93F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for use by the Council in connection with development specified in the definition of 'Development' in clause 1.1 of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Constituent Councils
2. That the Council approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Constituent Council
3. That the Council delegates to the General Manager the function of negotiating, finalising and entering into a memorandum of understanding between the Council and each Constituent Council on terms and conditions generally consistent with the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
4. That the Council delegates to the General Manager the function of negotiating, finalising and entering into voluntary planning agreements with developers in connection with applications for certificates of compliance made to the Council under section 305 of the *Water Management Act 2000* by developers in connection with development specified in the definition of 'Development' in clause 1.1 of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding on terms and conditions generally consistent with the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement.

To date, only Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council and Hilltops Council have signed the MOU.

REPORT

A recent development application has been submitted resulting in developer infrastructure charges of \$12,558,000. This application raised queries of whether the upgrade would be applicable for requesting a reduction in charges due to providing a regional economic benefit.

The Developer Charges Policy PP008 did not contain information regarding consideration of the regional economic development and how this is applied. This is the first development since 2017 that has had the potential to be considered to provide significant regional economic benefit.

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The development is located within a Shire Council who do not have an existing MOU with us, so are unlikely to be able to apply for a reduction in developer charges. The Developer have advised they will raise the opportunity with the Shire Council.

The above has resulted in the Developer Charges Policy PP008 being reviewed and a number of updates have been made to the policy as follows:

1. Restructured and additional wording provided to improve clarity of the document
2. Removal of multi residential Equivalent Tenements (ETs) determinations. These were higher than the Water Directorate Guidelines and Goldenfields staff consider the ETs provided in the guidelines to be suitable.
3. Updated information to reflect that Goldenfields Water now allow augmentation works to be either constructed by external parties or Goldenfields Water whereas previously they were constructed by Goldenfields Water staff only
4. Any works whether constructed by Goldenfields Water staff or external parties will be valued at the unit rates used in Goldenfields Water's asset register
5. Information regarding the on site storage (constant flow) discounts has been added
6. Information regarding the Regional Economic Development opportunities has been added

Due the significant restructuring of the policy, the updated document has not been provided in track changes. Notations have been made in the left-hand margin to assist with reconciling information from the previous policy to the updated policy. These notations will be removed once the policy has been adopted.

A subsequent report will be provided to the Board if the Shire Council opt to enter into the MOU and an application for Regional Economic Development consideration is submitted to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Updated Developer Charges Policy PP008

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

15.4.1. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/103 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's resolutions are implemented efficiently and in a timely manner.

REPORT

After a Council meeting is held, actions required from the resolutions made are listed and distributed to the Management Team for their attention. This list is included on the fortnightly Management meeting agenda to ensure timely completion of tasks.

The resolutions update table attached is provided to the Board to deliver an overview of the tasks completed since the previous meeting and to identify any outstanding tasks that still require action. This allows greater transparency for the Board into the actioning of the resolutions made and a timely reminder for Management to progress these actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Council Meeting Resolution Action Table

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4.2. COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022/2023

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/104 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Sinclair that Council set the meeting schedule as described for the ensuing twelve months.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council set the meeting schedule as described for the ensuing twelve months.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Councils Code of Meeting Practice states that Council shall, by resolution, set the frequency, time, date and place of its ordinary meetings. Council has previously resolved that Ordinary Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 10.00am.

REPORT

Ordinary Council Meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of every second month, with a review of the meeting schedule for the ensuing 12 months being considered annually. The December council meeting date is proposed to be held 2 weeks prior to the regular schedule to avoid conflict with Constituent Council Meetings and to facilitate the end of year councillor and management function.

In order to allow advance public notification of Council meeting dates for the next twelve months, the following program is put forward for consideration:

- Thursday 8 December 2022 commencing at 4.30pm
- Thursday 23 February 2023 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 27 April 2023 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 22 June 2023 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 24 August 2023 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 26 October 2023 commencing at 10.00am

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4.3. OFFICE CLOSURE 2022/2023

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/105 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McAlister that Council endorse the office to be closed commencing 12.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022, reopening Monday 9 January 2023.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the office to be closed commencing 12.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022, reopening Monday 9 January 2023.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Council has previously closed its office for a period of two weeks during the Christmas and New Year Period, with minimal disruption to Council's normal operations.

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 27 October 2022**

Goldenfields traditionally hosts an end of year staff function to acknowledge the efforts of employees over the preceding year.

REPORT

The office closure is proposed to be from 12.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022, reopening Monday 9 January 2023.

Benefits are:

- The first week of the New Year is a quiet week for customer interaction,
- Many staff take advantage of extending their Christmas/New Year break, and
- The additional closure assists annual leave liability management.

Rostered staff will be on call to attend to operational issues (water breaks, breakdowns etc) and for major emergencies key staff will be recalled.

Customers can pay accounts through Australia Post, Direct Deposit and Debit Debit, and Bpay facilities.

Notice will be provided to the public of the office closure period through advertising during December.

The end of year staff function will be held on Thursday 22 December 2022, commencing at 12.30pm. To facilitate the hosting of the function the office will be closed from 12.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022 for the remainder of the day.

Transportation will be arranged as required for employees whose roles are based outside Temora.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4.4. 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/106 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Sinclair that Council's 2021/22 Annual Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council's 2021/22 Annual Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993, requires Council to prepare an Annual Report. The report details Goldenfields' achievements in implementing the Delivery Program and the effectiveness of the principles undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those principal activities are directed.

REPORT

Goldenfields Waters' 2021/22 Annual Report is the fifth Annual report within the five year reporting period for the 2017 – 2022 Delivery Program.

The results and outcomes are a reflection of the efforts of all staff within the organisation, undertaking a variety of roles from the front office in Temora to the remote areas within our 22,500 square kilometre footprint.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines stipulated under section 217 of the Local Government Regulations

A copy of Council's audited financial reports will be included as an Appendix in the final version of this document, however have been excluded from this attachment as they already appear in the October 2022 Council Meeting Agenda under **Financial Statements 2021/22**.

The complete annual report will be posted on Council's website and provided to the Minister for Local Government as per requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: 2021/22 Annual Report

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held Thursday 8 December 2022 at 4.30pm.

17. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of council the meeting was declared closed at 10.48am.