

The meeting commenced at 10.31am

PRESENT

Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr A White, Cr G Sinclair, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr J Piper.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr A Dahlburg (Operations Manager), Mrs M Carr (Corporate Services Manager), Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Miss A Burnett (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and White that a leave of absence be granted to Cr K Morris.

2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and McAlister that Cr B Callow 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.

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

Nil

7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Aaron Drenovski declared a Pecuniary Interest due to the report involving his contract as General Manager.

8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024 AND 14
AUGUST 2024**

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Piper that the minutes of the meetings held on the 27 June 2024 and 14 August 2024, 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

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the Board receive and note the report.

Report prepared by Chairperson

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive and note the report.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

REPORT

Goldenfields has under previous terms of Council been able to provide life changing infrastructure to rural people, such as the Mandamah scheme.

The West Wyalong Water Reliability project, along with upgrades at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant and now Oura show what can be done to solve water issues in the bush when those with the means and the know how come together.

Goldenfields has always been a trailblazer. It should continue to be so and do so within its means. Looking after constituent communities must be its priority, but we are multi skilled. We can undertake work in house and we can also engage contractors both independently of us or in conjunction with us. We have opportunities outside of our current footprint which could and should be explored.

We have fantastic staff from the men and women in the field who address our everyday network needs to those helping forecast for our future.

This workforce must be allowed to have its shackles continue to be taken off by a board that can put their trust in them as we have in them this term.

Some of us have retired and won't be back and I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to them. Some may return but be in different positions and others we won't see again.

I would like to give a special thank you to Cr Kevin Morris for his outstanding 16 years of service and Cr John Piper for his 2 and a half years of service.

It has been a pleasure working alongside my fellow Board Members and the staff of GWCC and I look forward to welcoming the newly elected Board.

Goldenfields sounds like a name place from the Wizard of Oz. What it is though is a word which has come to signify independence, and collaboration. Knowledge and networking. It's at the forefront of technology and a leader in it.

Goldenfields is like gold to this area. It shows what a relatively small number of people can do to provide more than 45,000 people with clean potable water.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Goldenfields Chairman over this term of Council.

I want to thank all our customers, staff, Directors and our General Manager Mr Aaron Drenovski for all of their hard work.

I wish the best for Goldenfields Water County Council future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10.37am

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and the public.

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that Council move into **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**.

16. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

16.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

16.1.1. WATER BILLING, CONCEALED LEAKS & DEBT RECOVERY

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the Board:

- 1. Receive and note the report detailing Water Billing, Concealed and Debt Recovery.**
- 2. Receive and endorse Account number 44104264, calculated leak reduction for 50% for Quarter 2 and 25% for Quarter 3 water billing for 2023-24 financial year.**

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:*

- d) Commercial information of a confidential matter that would, if disclosed:
 - i. prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**

16.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER

16.2.1. GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/066 RESOLVED on the motion of McAlister and White that:

- 1. The Board note and endorse this Chairperson's Minute which included the General Managers Performance Review Panel's position following the Annual Review for 2023/24.**
- 2. The Panel in accordance with clause 8.3 of the General Manager's Contract of Employment has noted the Better than Satisfactory (a term referred to in the General Manager's Contract of Employment) performance and is recommending a permanent 4.5% increase in the Total Remuneration Package Payment.**
- 3. Council delegate to the General Manager's Performance Review Panel authority to determine future adjustments to and components of the TRP.**

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TEMORA OFFICE on 5 SEPTEMBER 2024**

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

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

Aaron Drenovski declared a Pecuniary Interest due to the report involving his contract as General Manager.

All staff left the meeting at 10:41am

All staff returned to the meeting at 10:56am

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Piper that there being no further confidential items that the Board revert back to Open Session, and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

10:57am – Confidential Session exited.

The General Manager read out the resolutions made in CONFIDENTIAL session

17. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

17.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

17.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Piper that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments at 30 June 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

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 increased by \$2,833,843.97 from \$28,465,936.69 at 31 May 2024 to \$31,299,780.66 at 30 June 2024.

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Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	LT Rating	ST Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Percentage of Portfolio	Principal
TD	BBB-	A-3	Judo Bank	Annually	24/01/2023	25/07/2024	548	4.45%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	Annually	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	2/08/2023	4/09/2024	399	5.45%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	At maturity	25/06/2024	24/09/2024	91	5.03%	10%	\$3,000,000
TD	A+	A-1	Macquarie Bank	At maturity	3/04/2024	2/10/2024	182	4.68%	5%	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Credit Union Australia	At maturity	17/04/2024	16/10/2024	182	5.13%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A-3	Judo Bank	At maturity	9/05/2024	7/11/2024	182	5.20%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank	Annually	1/12/2023	29/11/2024	364	5.50%	13%	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	NT Treasury Corp	Annually	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	Annually	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	1/09/2023	4/03/2025	550	5.05%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Police Financial Svcs	Annually	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank	Annually	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland CU	Annually	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/07/2024	1	4.20%	12%	\$3,840,364.43
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/07/2024	1	1.00%	6%	\$1,959,416.23
TOTAL:										\$31,299,781

Portfolio Performance

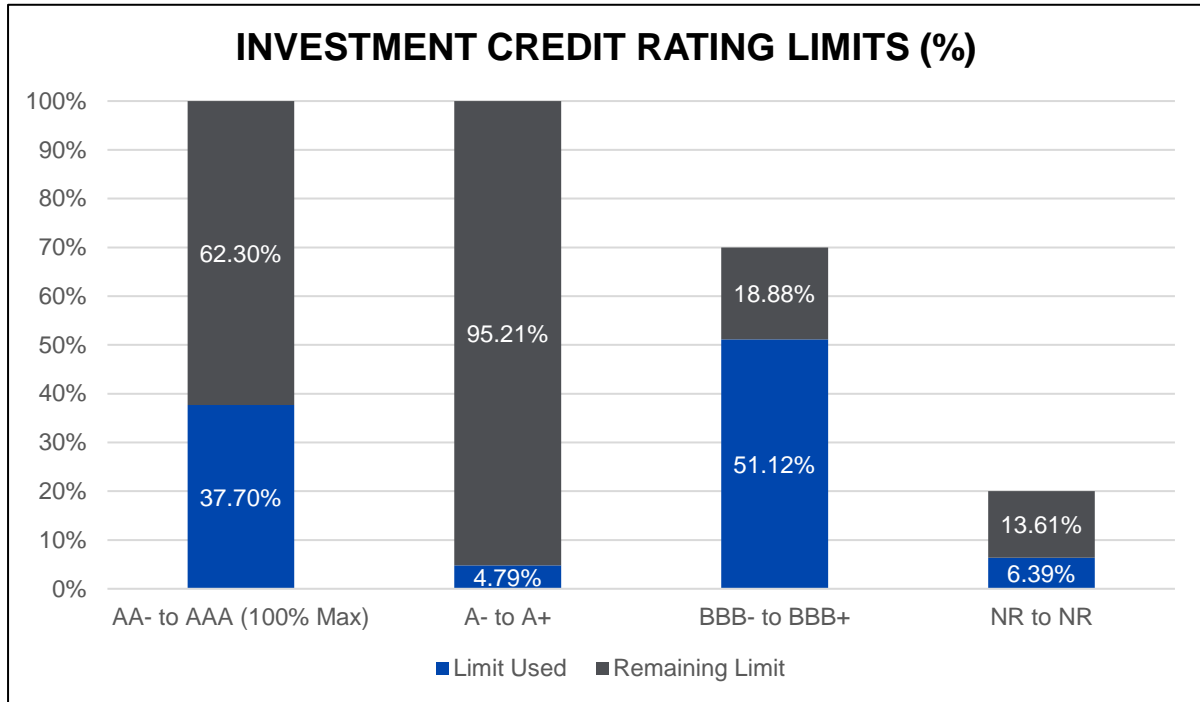
Goldenfields Water County Council's investment portfolio weighted average interest for June 2024 was 4.72%. Performance indicators for comparison are:

- BBSW 4.366% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.366%

Interest received in the period totalled \$54,800, with \$1,095,331.80 received for the year to date.

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.

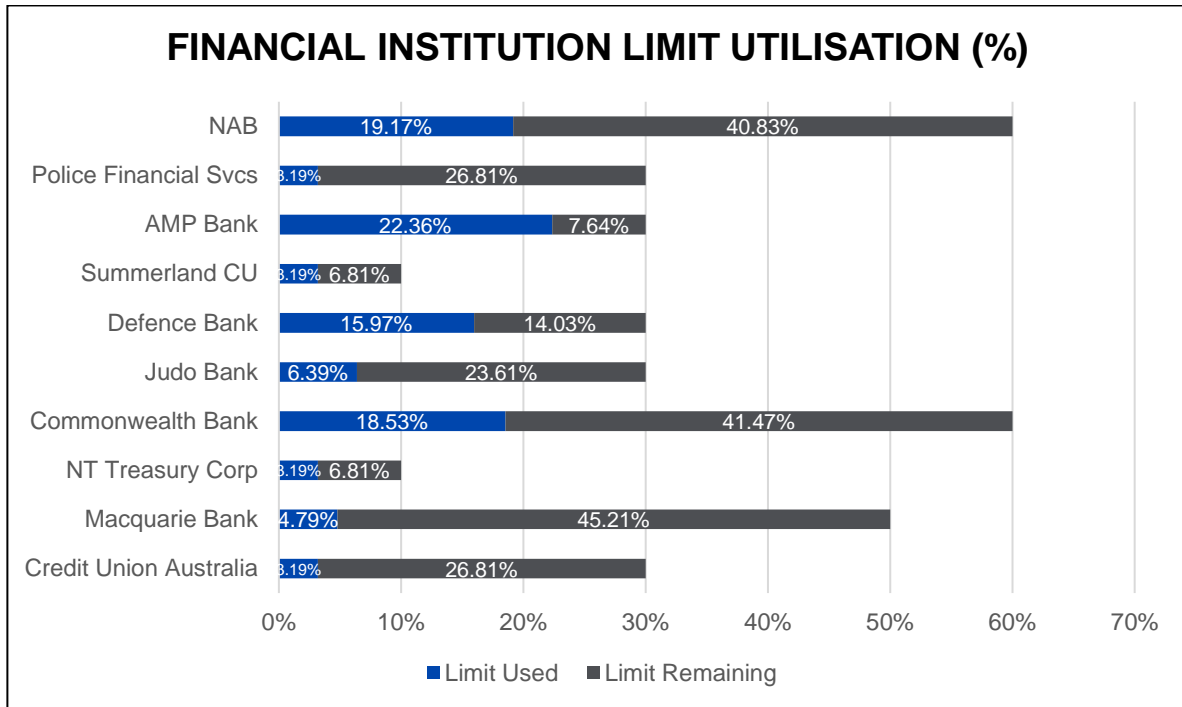


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Financial Institution Compliance

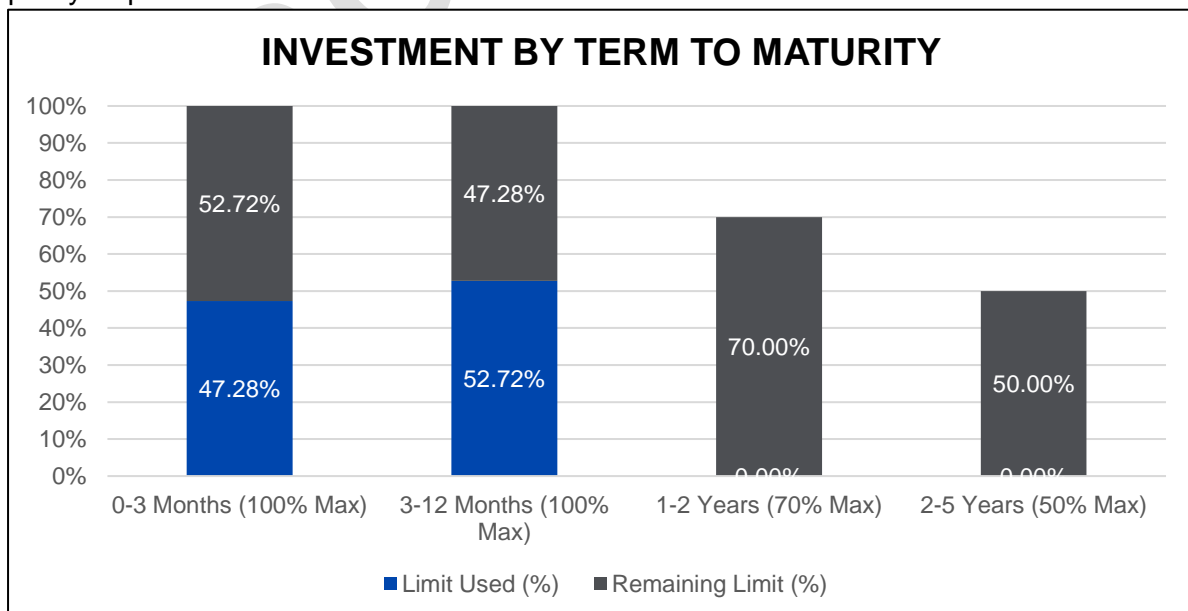
As at the end of June, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated authorised deposit-taking institutions (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:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	\$1,462,793
Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$20,935,451
TOTAL	\$31,299,781

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

Melody Carr

Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$2,833,843.97 from \$28,465,936.69 at 31 May 2024 to \$31,299,780.66 at 30 June 2024.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.1.2. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McAlister that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments at 31 July 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

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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 increased by \$762,017.80 from \$31,299,780.66 at 30 June 2024 to \$32,061,798.46 at 31 July 2024.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

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TD	NR	NR	CU	Annually	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/08/2024	1	4.20%	17%	\$5,553,851.72
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/08/2024	1	0.01%	3%	\$1,007,946.74
TOTAL:										\$32,061,798

Portfolio Performance

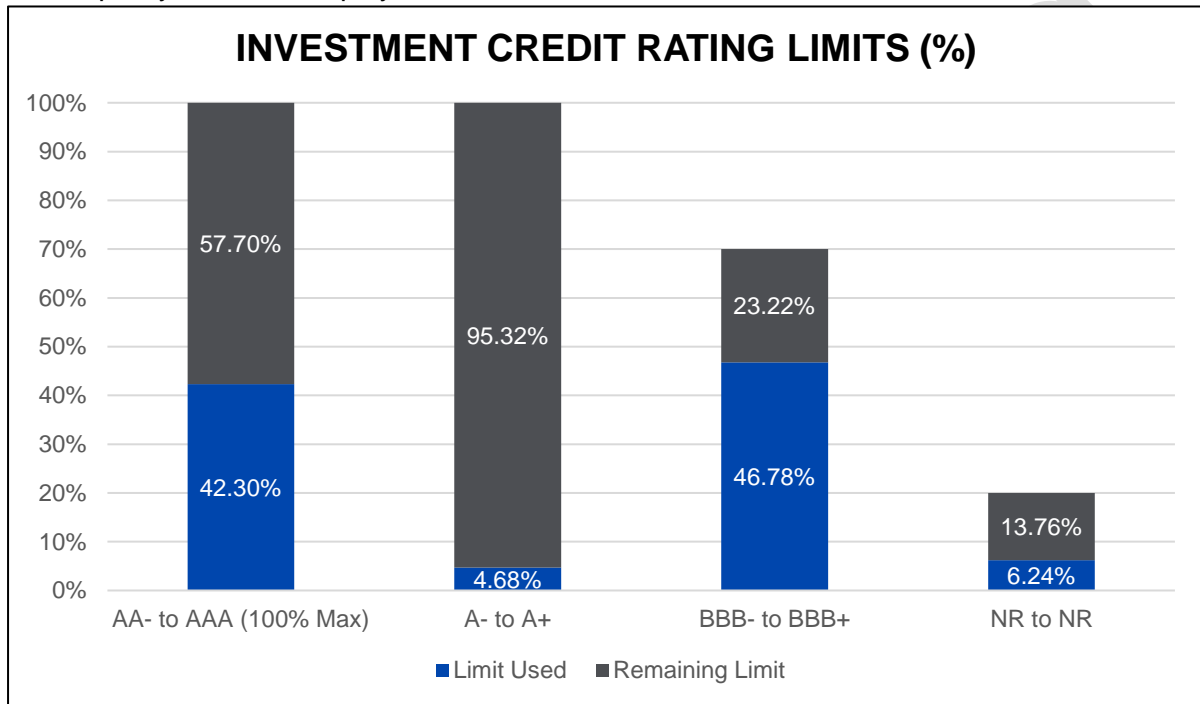
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- BBSW 4.4899% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.399%

Interest received in the period totalled \$22,310.96.

Credit Quality Compliance

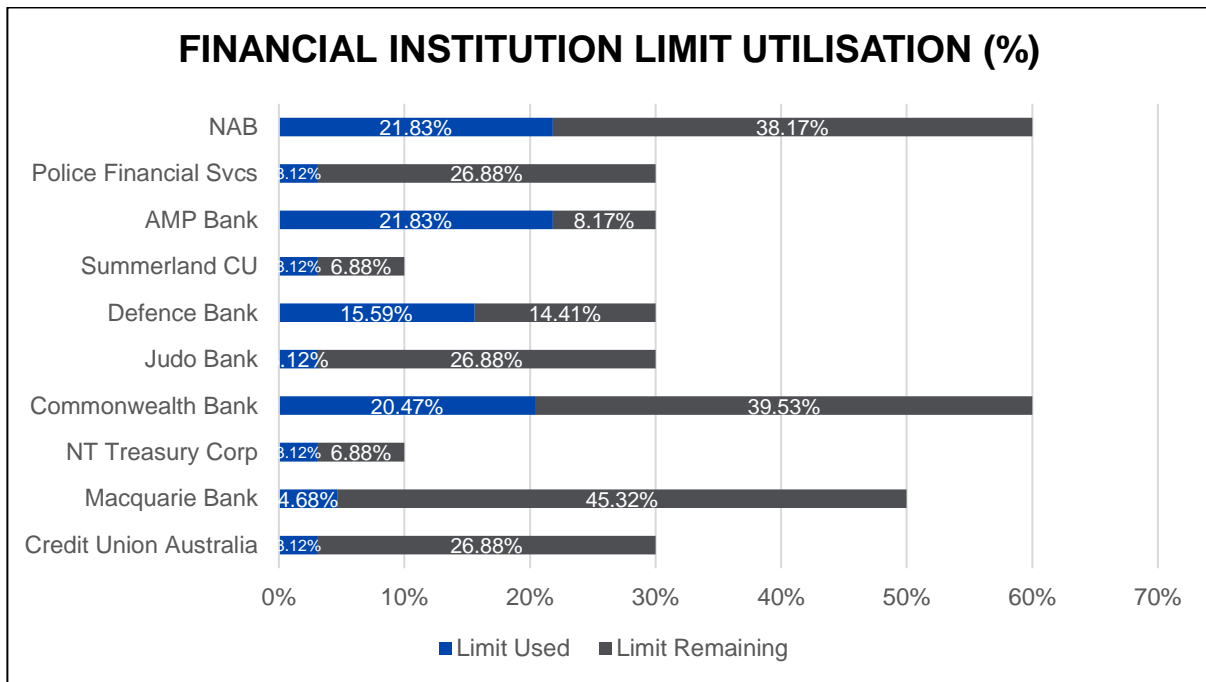
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Financial Institution Compliance

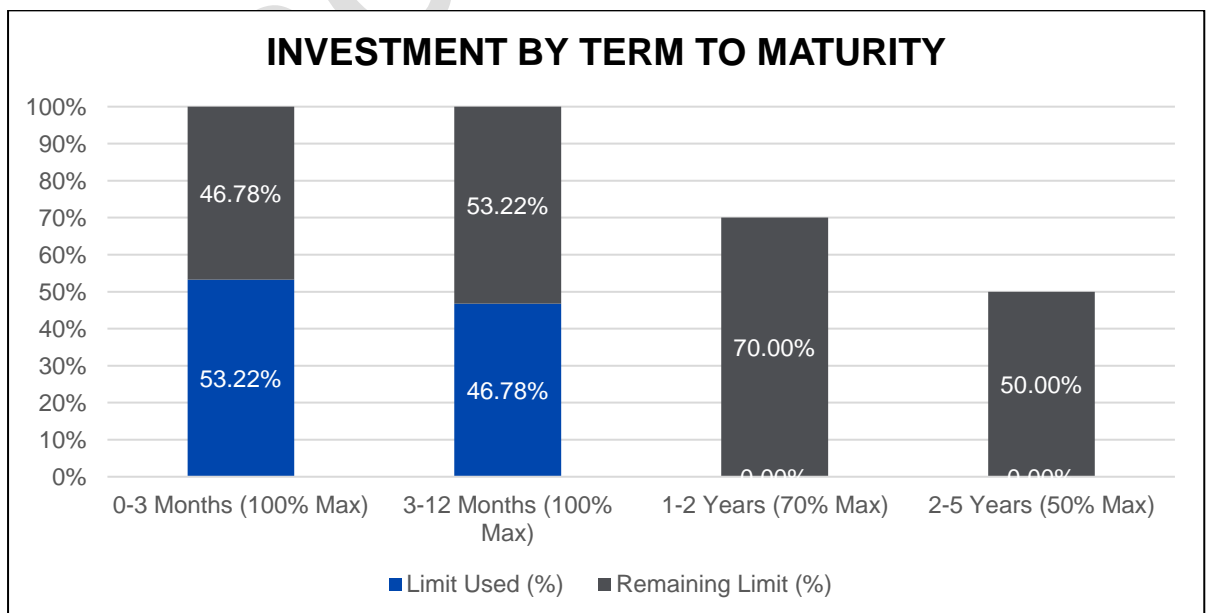
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Term to Maturity

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



Application of Investment Funds

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Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	\$1,462,793
Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$21,697,468
TOTAL	\$32,061,798

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

Melody Carr

Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$762,017.80 from \$31,299,780.66 at 30 June 2024 to \$32,061,798.46 at 31 July 2024.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.1.3. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30 June 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

The Capital Works financial report provides a "snapshot" of Council's Capital Works Program on 30 June 2024. Capital Works expenditure is reviewed on a weekly basis and discussed with relevant managers and by the Management team.

The Capital Works Report **Attachment A** includes the budget variations previously approved throughout the quarterly budget review process.

A detailed report on Council's Major Projects over multiple years is included in this report as **Attachment B** for your information.

A commentary report on Council's Major Projects with the expected completion dates for the current financial year is included in **Attachment C** for your information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Capital Works Progress Report as at June 2024.

ATTACHMENT B: Commentary on Major Capital Works on projects over multiple years as at 30 June 2024

ATTACHMENT C: Commentary on Major Capital Works commentary – current year

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

17.1.4. BUDGET REVOTES

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and McAlister that the Board revotes expenditure totalling \$449,000 from 2023/24 for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council to formally adopt the inclusion of unspent prior year budget expenditure into the next year's budget.

REPORT

Annual approval is sought from the Board in relation to carrying forward budget allocations from the prior year into the current year. 2023/24 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that the following listed items should be revoted into the 2024/25 budget to enable the completion of planned works.

Description	2023/24 Revised Budget	2023/24 Actual Expenditure	Unspent to 30 June 2024	Revote Required 2024/25 Budget
Site Fencing	\$200,000.00	\$4,579.71	\$195,420.29	\$20,000.00
IT Equipment	\$80,000.00	\$5,001.35	\$74,998.65	\$50,000.00
New Temora Depot Building	\$160,000.00	\$117,716.97	\$42,283.03	\$42,000.00
Pump Station Electrical Renewals	\$282,300.00	\$0.00	\$282,300.00	\$150,000.00
Marinna Pump Station	\$250,000.00	\$1,677.62	\$248,322.38	\$150,000.00
Switchboard Renewals	\$14,140.00	\$0.00	\$14,140.00	\$10,000.00
Wombat BT	\$20,000.00	\$4,547.97	\$15,452.03	\$15,000.00
Wyalong Reservoir	\$783,840.00	\$377,314.31	\$406,525.69	\$12,000.00
				<u>\$449,000.00</u>

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases 2024/25 budgeted capital expenditure by \$449,000 from \$19,447,646 to \$19,896,646.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

17.1.5. 2023/24 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Sinclair that:

- 1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 be referred to Council's Auditor, Audit Office of New South Wales,**
- 2. Council make a resolution in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:**
 - i. the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended) and the Regulations made there under**
 - ii. the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements**
 - iii. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting**

- iv. presents fairly the Council's operating results and financial position for the year
 - v. accords with Council's accounting and other records
 - vi. that Council is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way
3. Council adopt the abovementioned Statement and that the Chairperson, Councillor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the 'Statement by Councillors and Management' in relation to Council's 2023/24 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto.
4. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports, subject to their being no material changes or audit issues.
5. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at its ordinary meeting to be held in October 2024.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Under Section 413(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to prepare financial reports and must refer them for audit.

REPORT

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 are in draft form and are ready to be forwarded to Council's Auditors.

Under the provisions of Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements shall be accompanied by a statement made in accordance with a resolution by Council, signed by two Councillors, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer.

Following receipt of the Auditor's Report, it will be necessary to give public notice for a period of at least seven (7) days prior to the adoption of the Financial Statements.

It is anticipated that the complete set of Financial Statements, including the Auditor's Report will be submitted to Council's Ordinary Meeting in October 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments will be provided at the meeting:

Nil.

TABLED ITEMS:

2023/24 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

17.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

17.2.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

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, Oura, 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

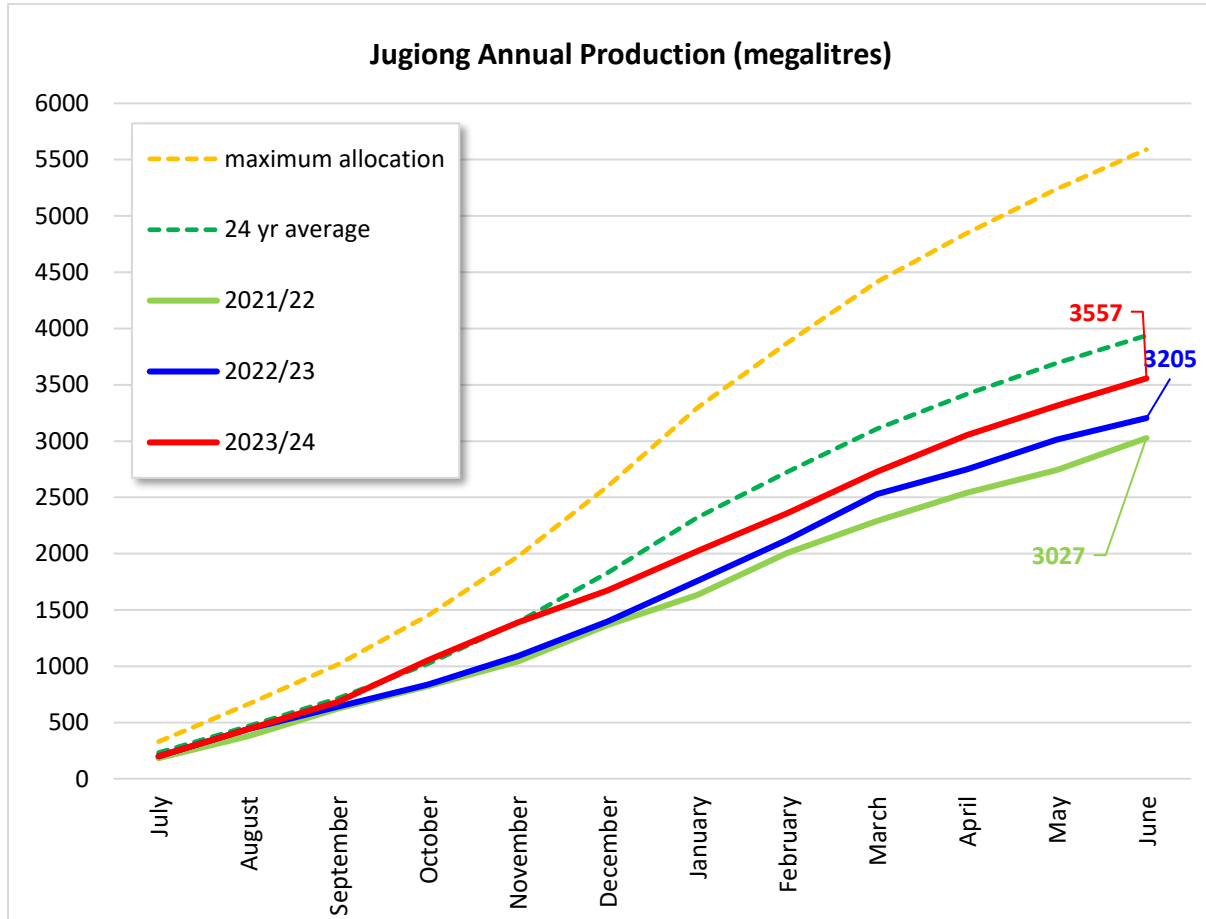
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

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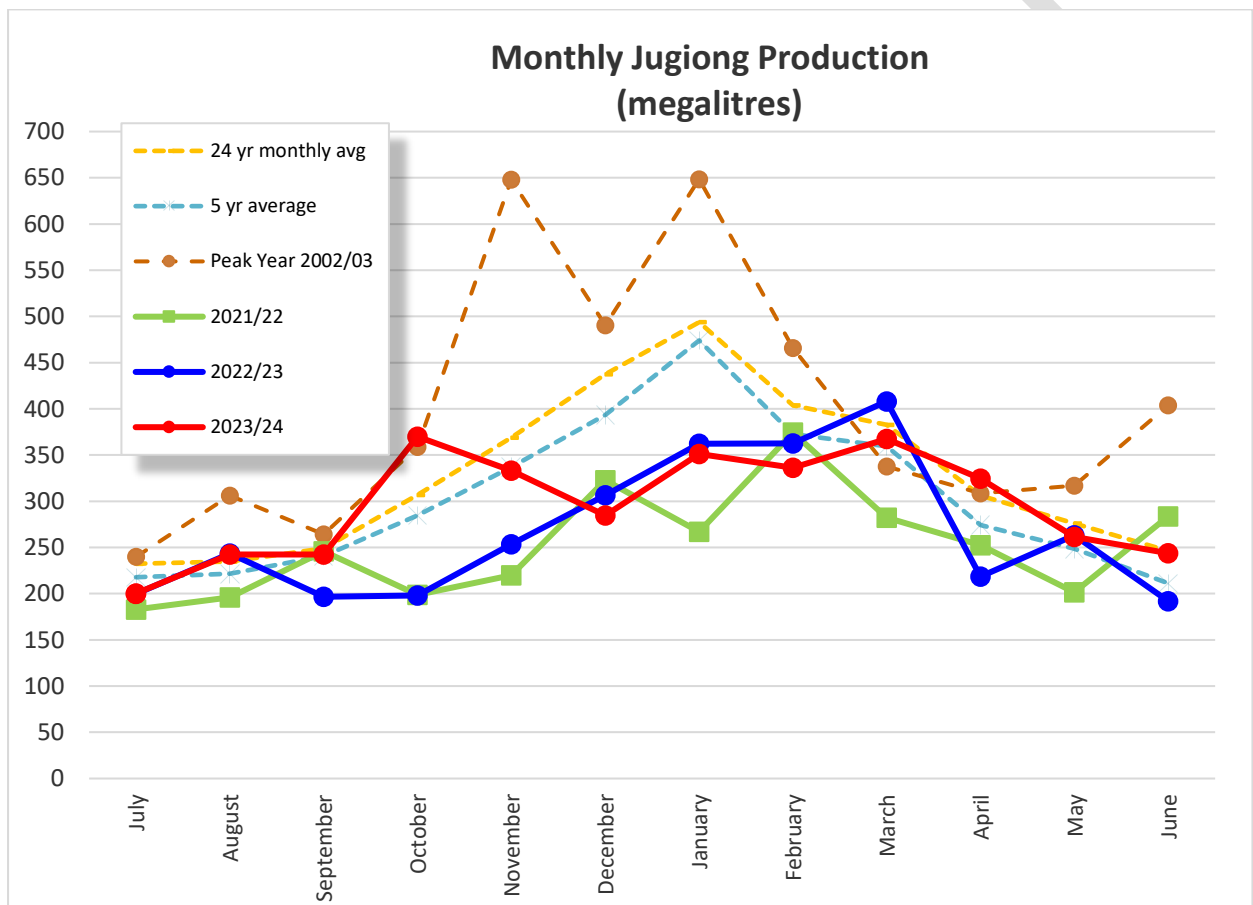
Goldenfields Water also provides additional retail supply to approximately 600 customers in the villages of Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen and Springdale.

For the 2023/24 financial year, 3557ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2022/23 FY where 3205ML was extracted. An increase of 352ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 200ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 242ML and September was like August with 242ML extracted and treated. Some warm dry weather saw 370ML extracted in October before some stormy wet periods saw a decrease for the month of November with 333ML extracted and treated. December also saw a decrease in production with 294ML extracted before an increase in January with 356ML extracted and treated. A slight decrease in production for February with 336ML extracted before an increase in Production in March saw 368ML extracted and treated. As we move into the cooler months water production has decreased in the months of April, May and June with 325ML, 261ML and 244ML respectively extracted and treated through the Jugiong Water Treatment Plant.

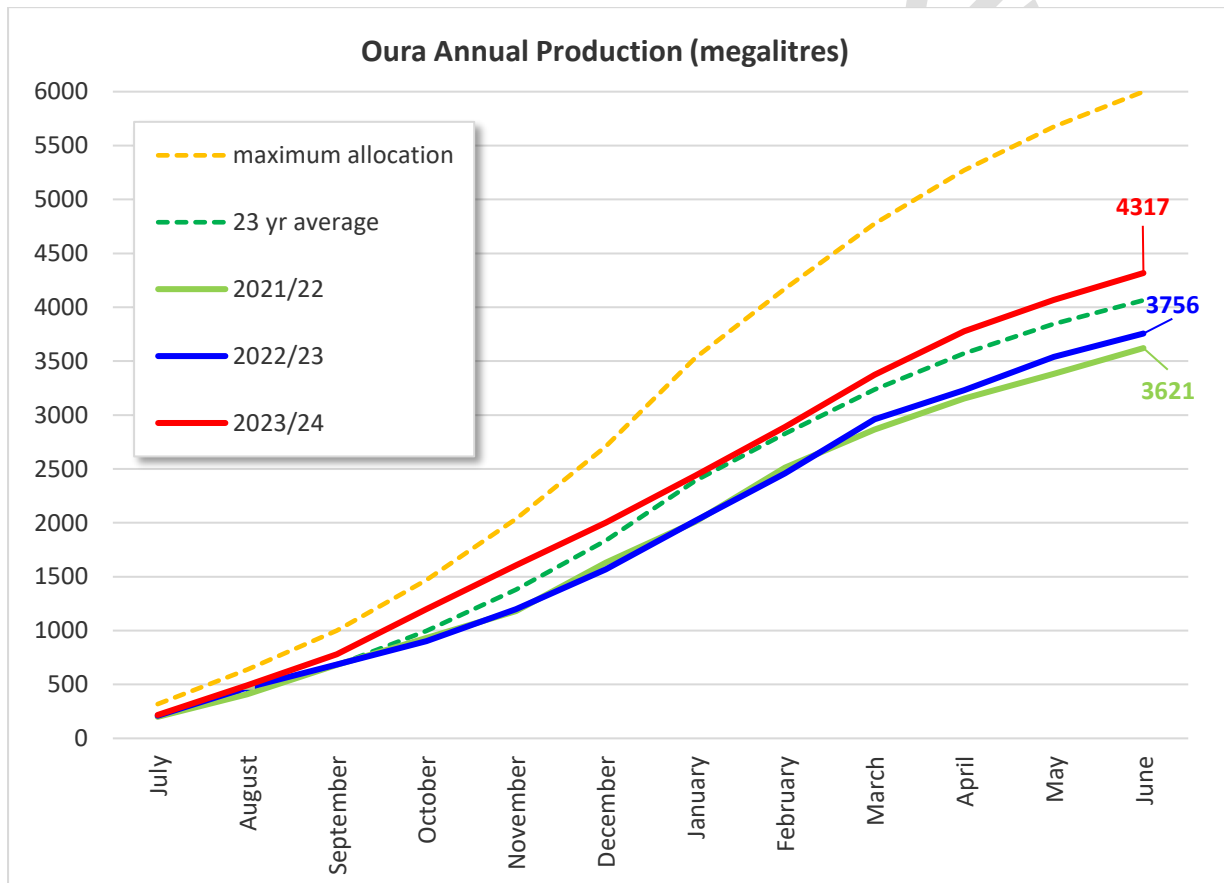


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

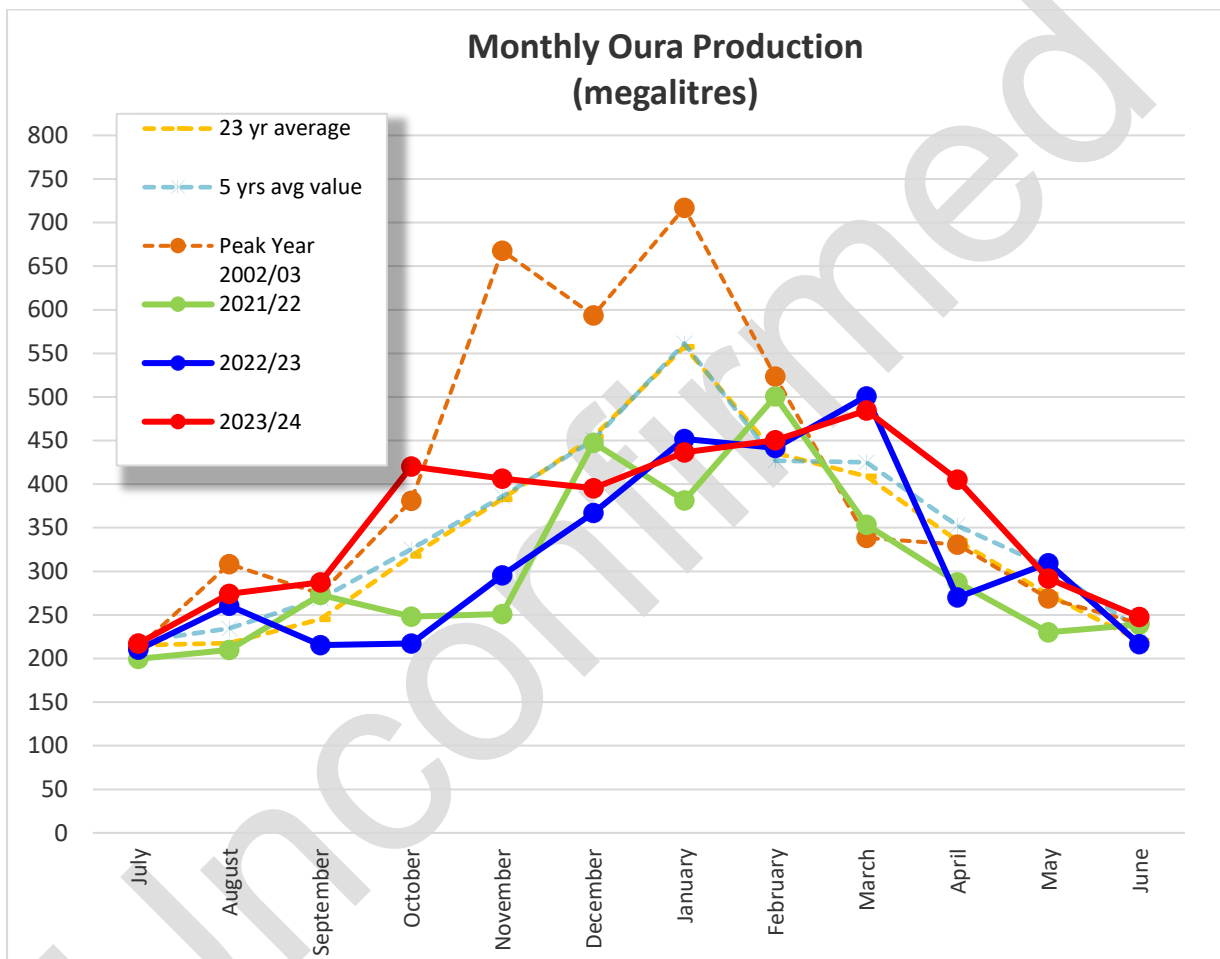
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs, and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the 2023/24 financial year, 4317ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is an increase in production compared to 2022/23 FY where 3756ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 561ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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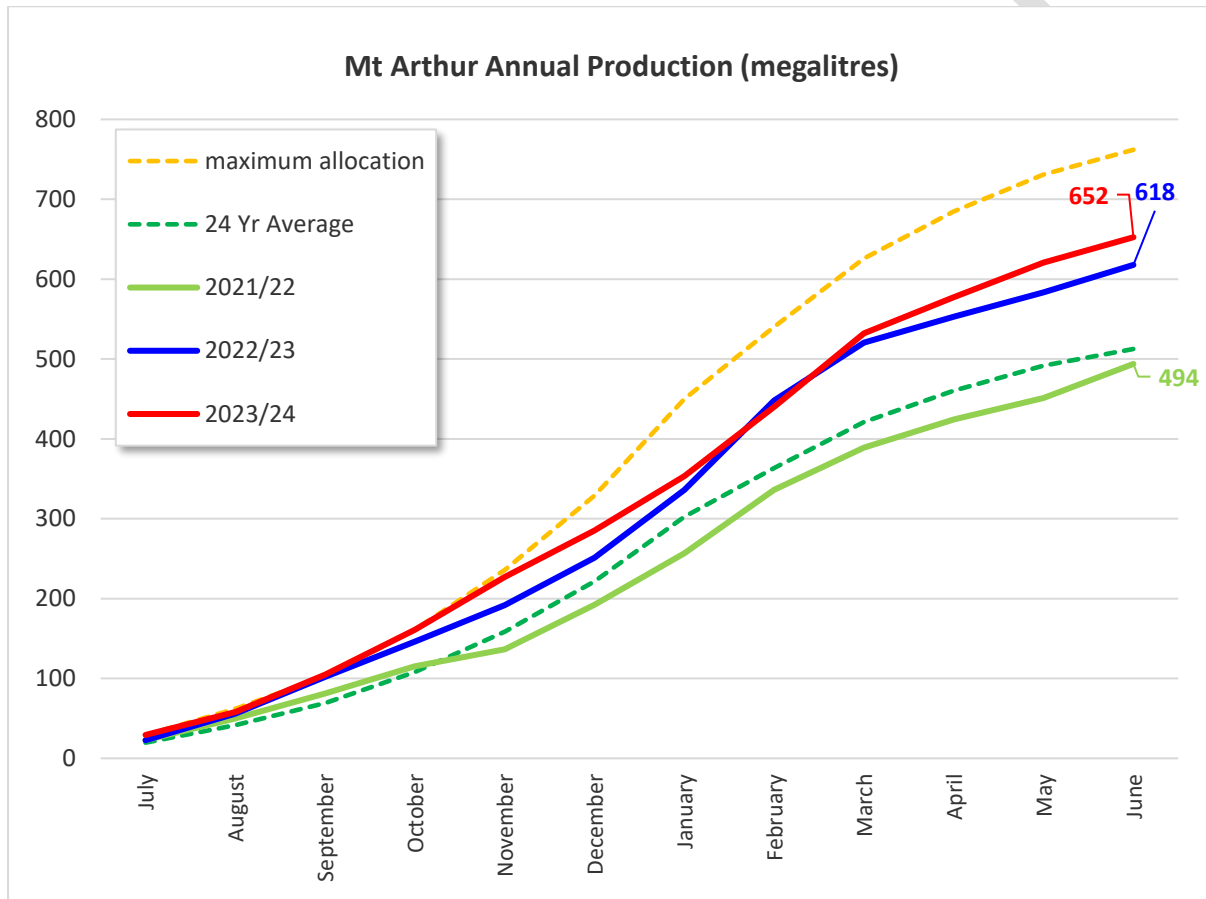
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 217ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 274ML was extracted, a further increase in production for September saw 287ML extracted. As with Jugiong a warm dry period saw a further increase in production for October 420ML before some stormy wet periods in November saw a slight decrease in production for the month with 406ML extracted in November. December saw a slight decrease to 395ML before an increase in production in January 437ML, further increases in production have been observed for February 450ML and March 484ML. As we move into the cooler months water production has decreased in the months of April, May and June with 405ML, 292ML and 248ML respectively extracted and treated through the Oura Water Treatment Plant.



Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

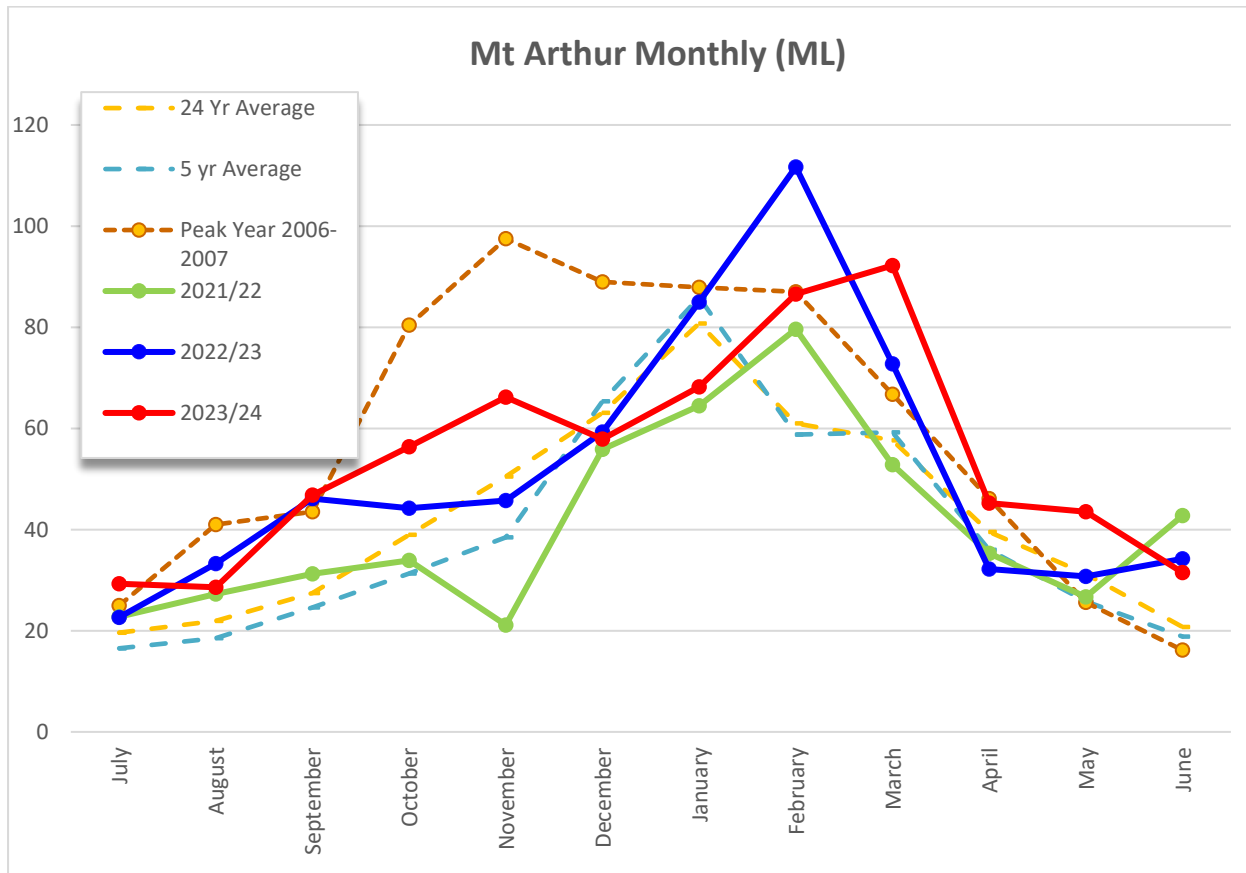
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

For the 2023/24 financial year, 652ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to the 2022/23 FY where 618ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 34ML. As can be seen in the graph below, production is trending slightly higher to previous years.



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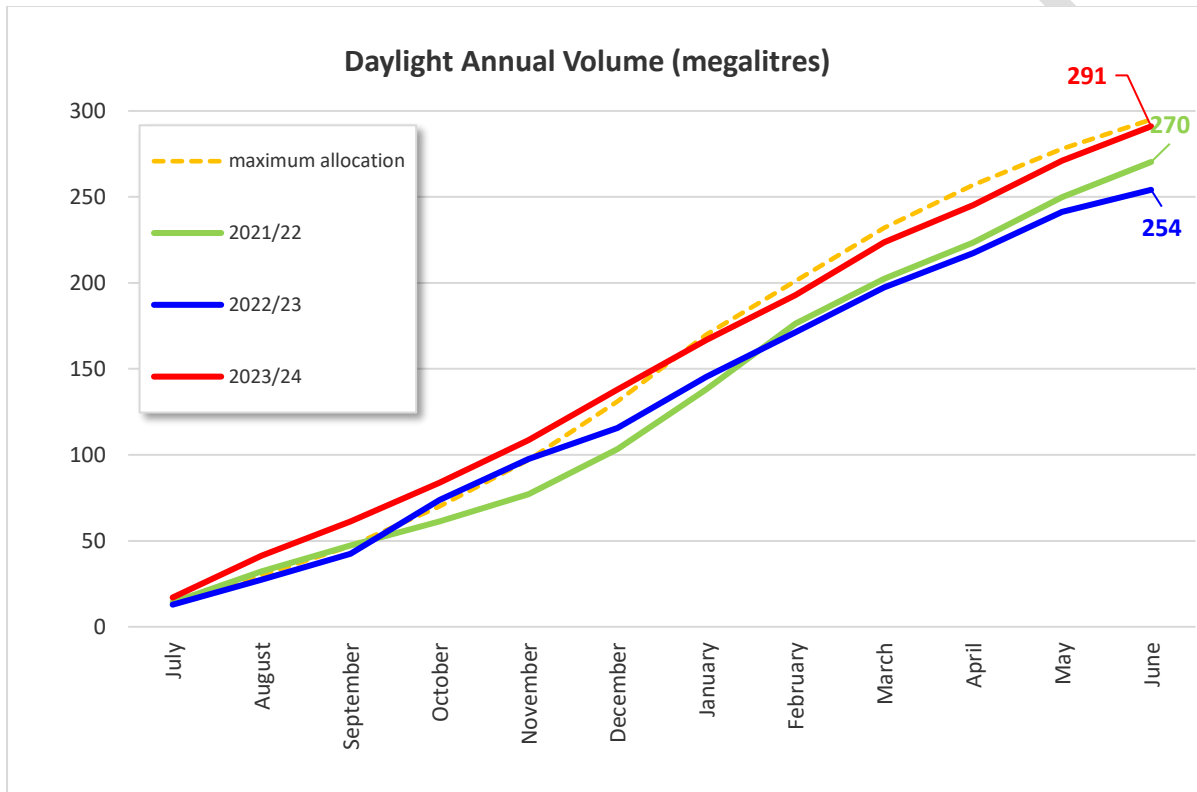
Mt Arthur monthly water production started slightly higher to previous years with 29ML of water extracted from the bores in July. August saw a slight decrease to 28ML extracted and September a further increase to 47ML extracted. Production for the period of September through to November has been steadily increasing every month with September 47ML, October 56ML and November 66ML extracted. December saw a decrease in Production to 68ML for the month. January 68ML, February 87ML and March 92ML have all recorded steady increases in production. As we move into the cooler months water production has decreased in the months of April, May and June with 45ML, 44ML and 32ML respectively extracted and treated through the Mt Arthur Scheme.



Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

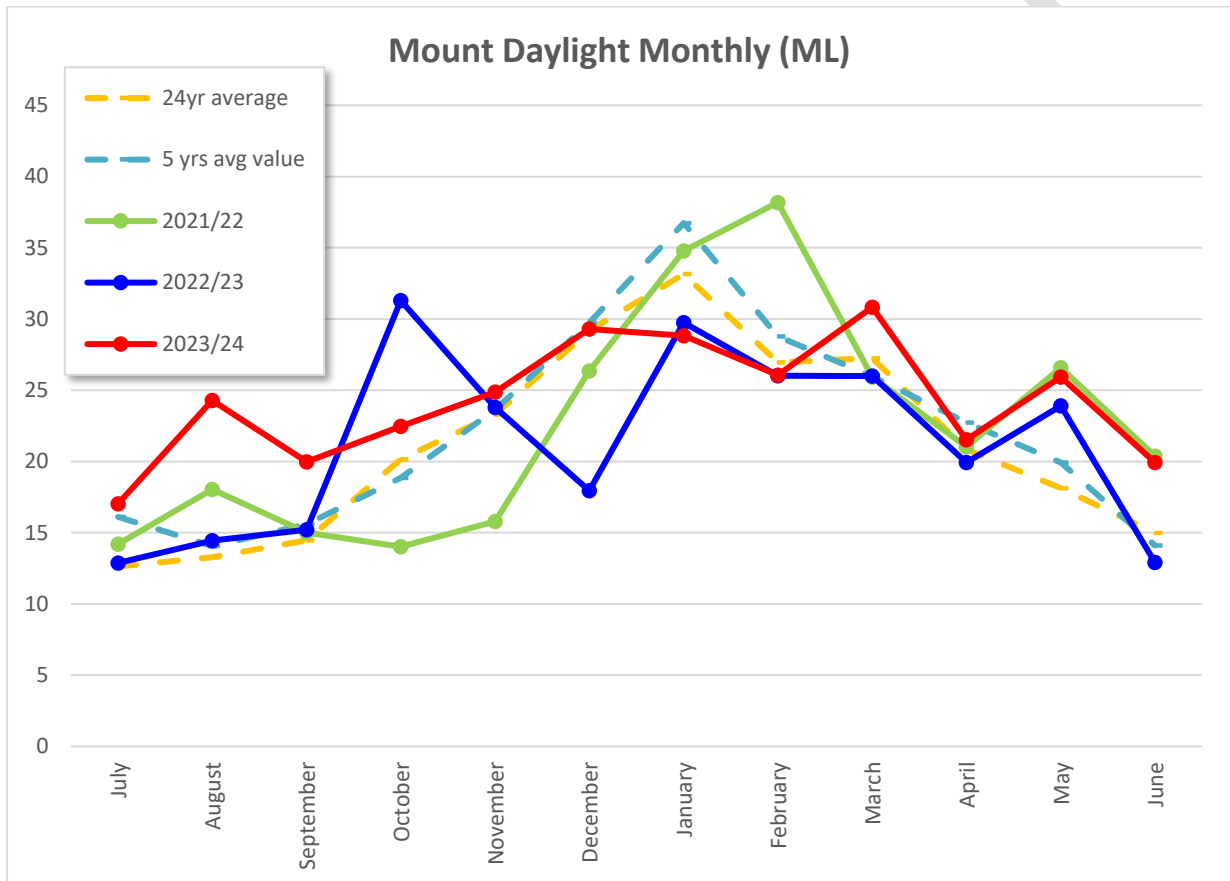
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately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

For the 2023/24 financial year 291ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 37ML compared to the 2022/23 FY where 254ML was produced over the same period.



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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores started very consistently with July seeing 17ML extracted with slight increases in August 24ML, September was slightly lower in production with 20ML extracted, the period September through to November seen consistent increases in production every month with September 20ML, October 22ML and November 25ML extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores. December saw a further decrease in production to 29ML, January was similar with just under 29ML extracted for the month. February 26ML saw a decrease in production before an increase in March where 31ML was extracted. As we move into the cooler months water production has decreased in April (22ML) before a slight increase in May (26ML) and then a further decrease in June (20ML). This is a similar trend to the last 2 years as can be seen in the graph below.

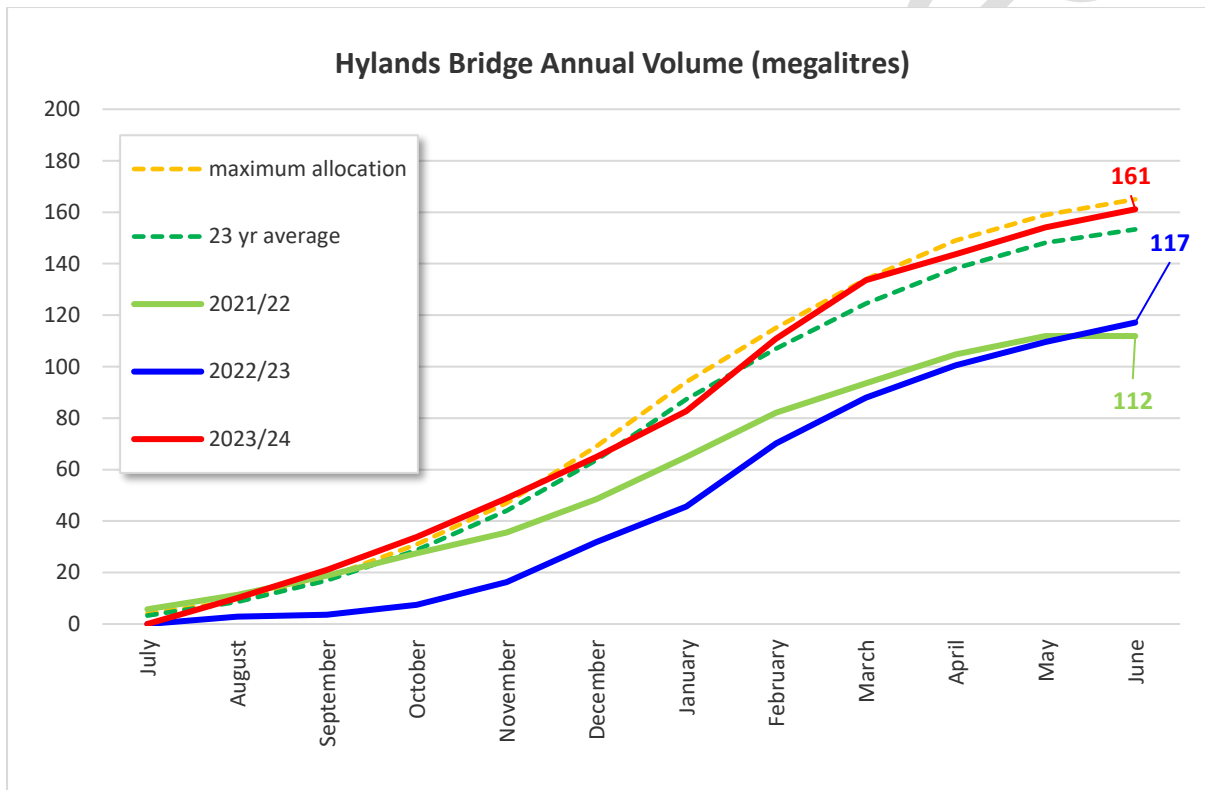


Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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 2023/24 financial year 161ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water Scheme. This is a large increase compared to the same period last year where only 117ML had been extracted. Currently projecting to exceed our maximum allocation.

Note: A comparison between GWCC Production meter and Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) Production meter has indicated that there is a discrepancy between the two meters. GWCC will replace our old meter with a new meter as soon as one becomes available. GWCC's meter is reading between 30-35% higher than MI meter. (GWCC have replaced the old meter with a new one, this work was carried out on the 2nd of July 2024).



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

**17.2.2. DRAFT POLICY - CP021 LEASE OF COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION**

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White that the Board adopt the updated Policy - CP021 Lease of Council Infrastructure for Telecommunication.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water is often requested to host third party telecommunication infrastructure on its assets. This is primarily due to the height of reservoirs and or existing telecommunication towers we have installed at sites to manage our operations.

Council have maintained Policy CP021 since 2011 without change.

REPORT

Policy CP021 established the requirements that Council staff will adhere to in regard to any third party requests to be hosted on Council assets. Historically consideration and acceptance of these requests were only considered based upon financial benefit to Council.

The Policy has now been updated to reflect current requirements and consideration of public health and safety.

The updated policy also advises that any approved request will be done so via a formal written licence agreement that takes all of these considerations into account.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

LOCAL PREFERENCE

NA

ATTACHMENTS: DRAFT Policy CP021 Lease of Council Infrastructure for Telecommunication

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE ENGINEERING MANAGER

17.3.1. UPDATED PP007 WATER SERVICE CONNECTION POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the board adopt the updated PP007 Water Service Connection Policy.

Report prepared by Engineering Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water has an existing PP007 Water Service Connection Policy.

At the April 2000 Board meeting a resolution was made by Council to donate the access charge for community bodies (attached).

REPORT

The donation of access charges to community bodies has been carried out since the April 2000 Council resolution. This updated policy now captures this information rather than referring to and relying on a resolution from years past.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft PP007 Water Service Connection Policy
- April 2000 Access Charges Resolution

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

17.4.1. DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS' RETURN

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the Board note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons' Return described within the report.

Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Under section 6.21 of Goldenfields' Code of Conduct, councillors and designated persons must make and lodge with the general manager a return disclosing the councillor's or designated person's interests as specified in schedule 1 of the code within 3 months of the following:

a) becoming a councillor or designated person, and

b) 30 June of each year, and

c) the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs (a) or (b).

REPORT

All Councillors have now lodged a Disclosure Return with the General Manager under paragraph (a).

The returns are now tabled as per item 6.26 of Goldenfields' Code of Conduct.

Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 6.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

Councillors and staff are reminded that it is imperative their honesty and transparency is maintained at all times. A pecuniary interest return may be lodged at any time during the year should circumstances deem it necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Councillors Disclosure of Interest Returns

17.4.2. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY TO JUNE 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Callow that the January to June 2024 Delivery Program Progress Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 - *Delivery Program*, stipulates that regular progress reports (at least 6 monthly) be provided to Council to report on progress toward the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program.

REPORT

Council's January to June 2024 Delivery Program Progress Report has been created, measuring the organisations progress toward the Delivery Program. The report is attached for Council's information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Delivery Program Progress Report January to June 2024

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.4.3. OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White that the Board consider changing the date of the October Ordinary Meeting to Thursday 31 October 2024 to commence at 10:00am.

Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 10.00am. The October Ordinary Council Meeting has been resolved to be held 24 October 2024.

REPORT

Goldenfields Water constituent councils will be holding their first meetings on the following dates and electing their representatives to the Goldenfields Water Board at that Meeting.

Temora Shire Council	Thursday 17 October
Junee Shire Council	Tuesday 15 October
Bland Shire Council	Tuesday 15 October
Hilltops Council	Wednesday 23 October
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council	Tuesday 15 October
Coolamon Shire Council	Thursday 17 October
Narrandera Shire Council	Tuesday 15 October

This report proposes the meeting be delayed one week and held Thursday 31 October commencing at 10:00am which will allow Goldenfields to be notified of Elected Board Delegates and to disseminate the Board meeting business paper to the incoming Board.

The General Manager will be writing to the General Managers of the seven Council's providing information to prospective Board Members to allow them to make an informed decision about joining the Board of Goldenfields Water.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.4.4. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD OFFICE CLOSURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/079 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Sinclair that the Board endorse the office to be closed commencing 12.00pm Friday 20 December 2024, reopening Thursday 2 January 2024.

Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

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

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 Friday 20 December 2024, reopening Thursday 2 January 2025.

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 Direct 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 Friday 20 December 2024, commencing at 12.30pm. To facilitate the hosting of the function the office will be closed from 12.00pm Friday 20 December 2024 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

17.4.5. PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/080 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Piper that the Board adopt PP021 Public Interest Disclosures Policy.

Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

PP021 Internal Reporting Policy has been rewritten and renamed as PP021 Public Interest Disclosures Policy to ensure compliance with the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022 (the PID Act).

REPORT

In accordance with the PID Act, Goldenfields Water County Council (Council) is required to establish an internal reporting system which allows staff and Board Member to report wrongdoing without fear of reprisal. PP021 Public Interest Disclosures Policy sets out Council's process for dealing with Public Interest Disclosures in accordance with current legislation.

This document has been developed based on the model document provided by the NSW Ombudsman.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP021 Public Interest Disclosures Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.4.6. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the Board note the Council Resolutions Update Report.

Report prepared by General Manager

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: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Council Meeting Resolution Action Table

18. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 31 October 2024 at 10:00am.

19. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11.32am