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LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

At the time of preparation of the business paper no apologies have been received.

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Councils Code of Meeting Practice permits Councillors to attend and participate in meetings of the council with the approval of the council or relevant committee.

Clauses 5.19 - 5.30 of the Code of Meeting Practice provides the parameters for eligibility and requirements for remote attendance.

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.

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.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations are scheduled for this meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their pecuniary interest in any matters listed before them.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of non Pecuniary Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the minutes of the meeting held 7 September 2023 having been circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

At the time of preparation of the business paper no business was arising from minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

At the time of preparation of the business paper no relevant correspondence had been received for inclusion.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

In accordance with clause 9.3 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, business may be transacted at a meeting without due notice only if:

- a) A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and
- b) The business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION MOTIONS

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

CHAIRPERSONS MINUTE

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper the Chairperson had not issued a report for publication.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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 public.

It is recommended that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

TENDER 04/2023 - JUGIONG HV LV ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

*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,**

EASEMENT AND ACQUISITION ADVICE & POLICY UPDATE

*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:*

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

*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:*

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT

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

EXITING CONFIDENTIAL

There being no further confidential items it is recommended that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

The General Manager is to read out any resolutions made in Confidential Session.

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COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 30th September 2023 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 \$1,573,451.50 from \$32,108,971.23 as at 31st August 2023 to \$30,535,519.73 as at 31st October 2023.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	5/07/2023	4/10/2023	91	5.40	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	5/04/2023	3/04/2024	364	4.55	3.37	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	26/06/2023	25/06/2024	365	5.48	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A1	AMP Bank	At Maturity	2/08/2023	4/09/2024	399	5.45	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	1/09/2023	4/03/2025	550	5.05	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				1.35	2.89	\$2,240,530
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$794,990
TOTAL:										\$30,535,520

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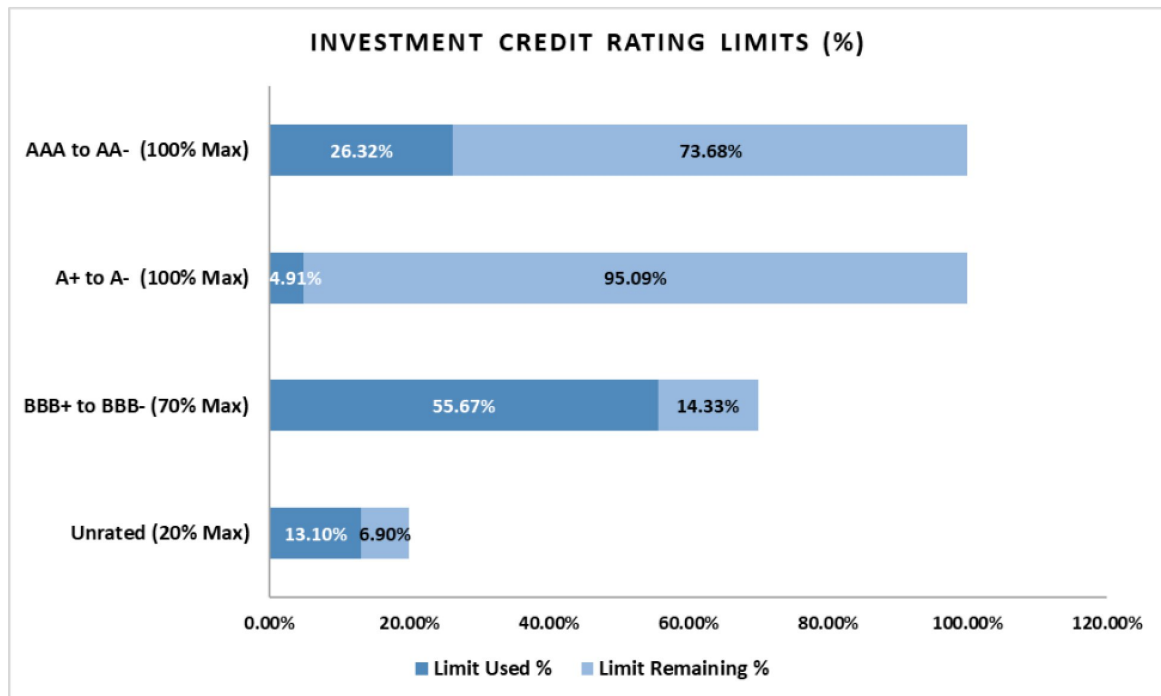
Portfolio Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio outperformed by 0.07% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for September was 4.21%.

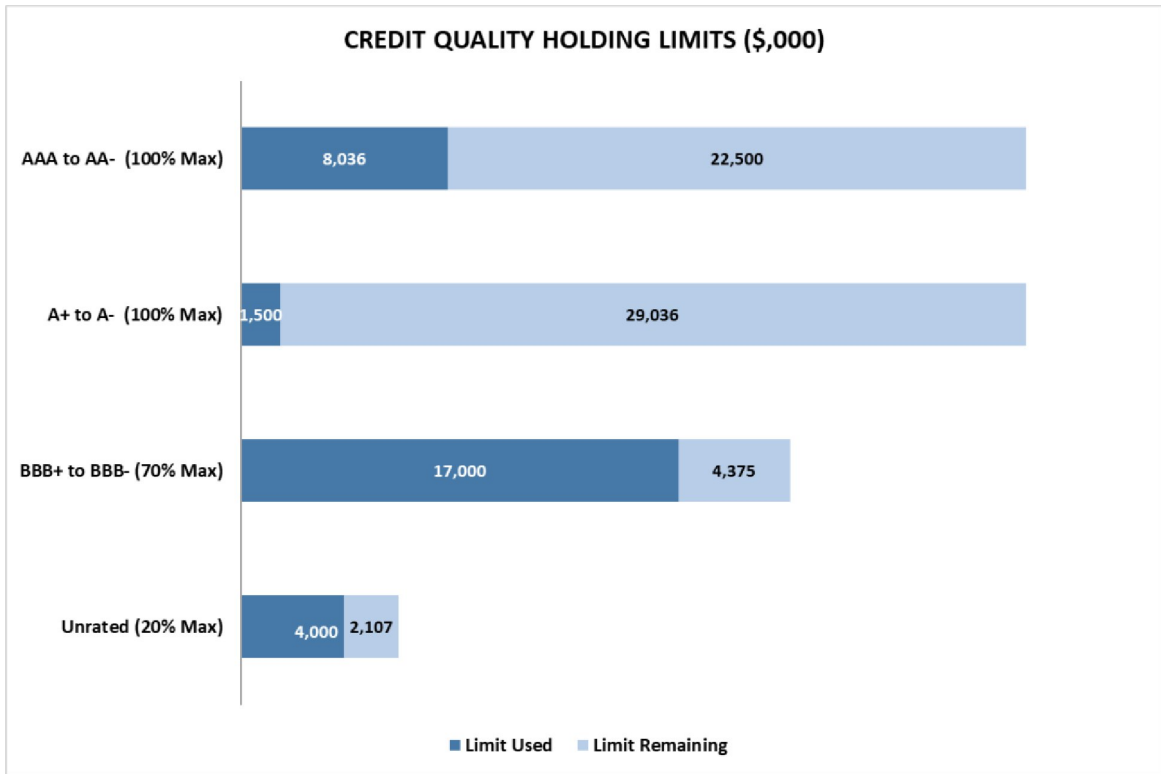
Total Cost	Yearly Interest Received	Weighted Average Term
30,535,520	117,099	289 days
Total Portfolio Value	Monthly Interest Received	Weighted Average Yield
31,139,918	24,449	4.21%

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.



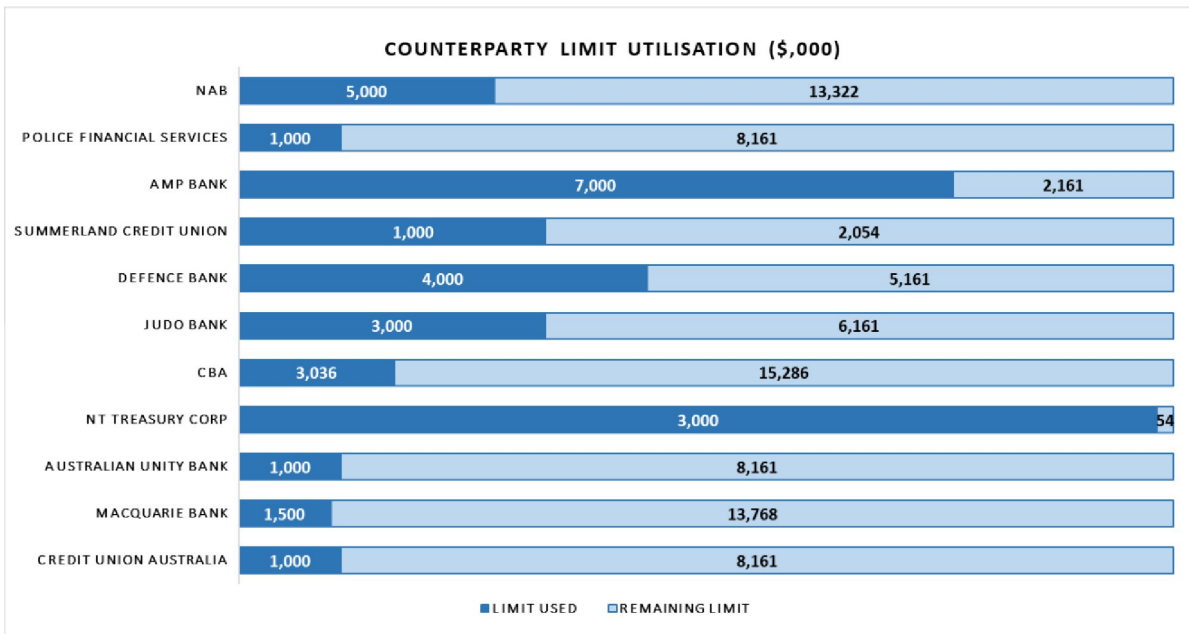
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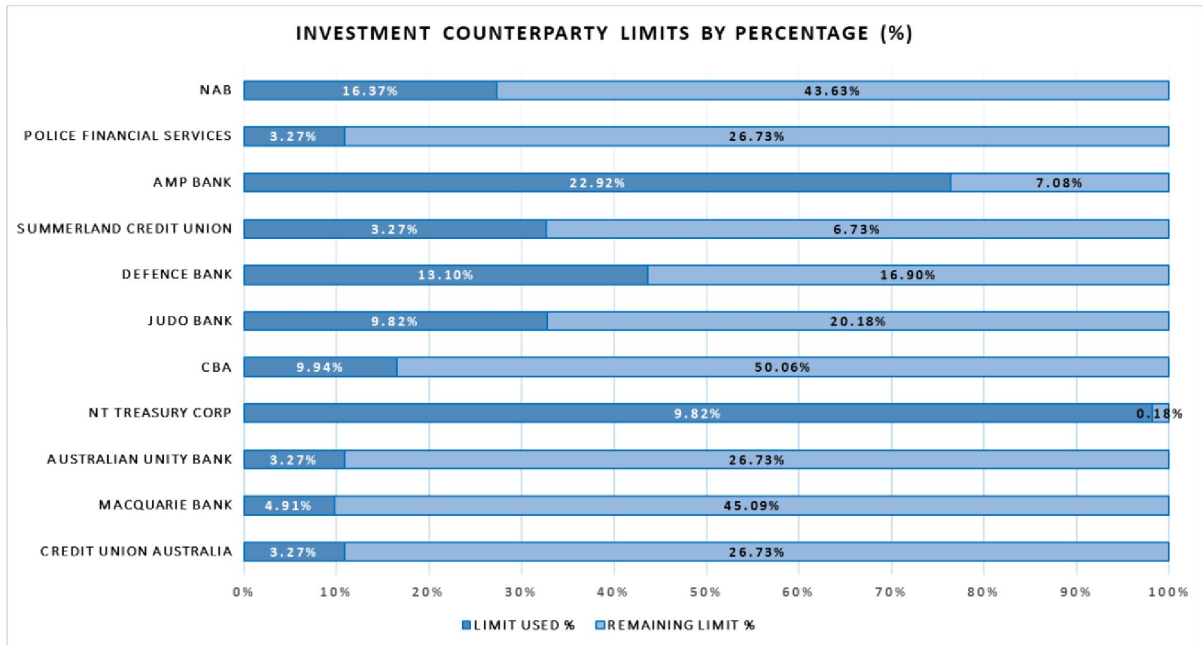
Counter Party Compliance

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.

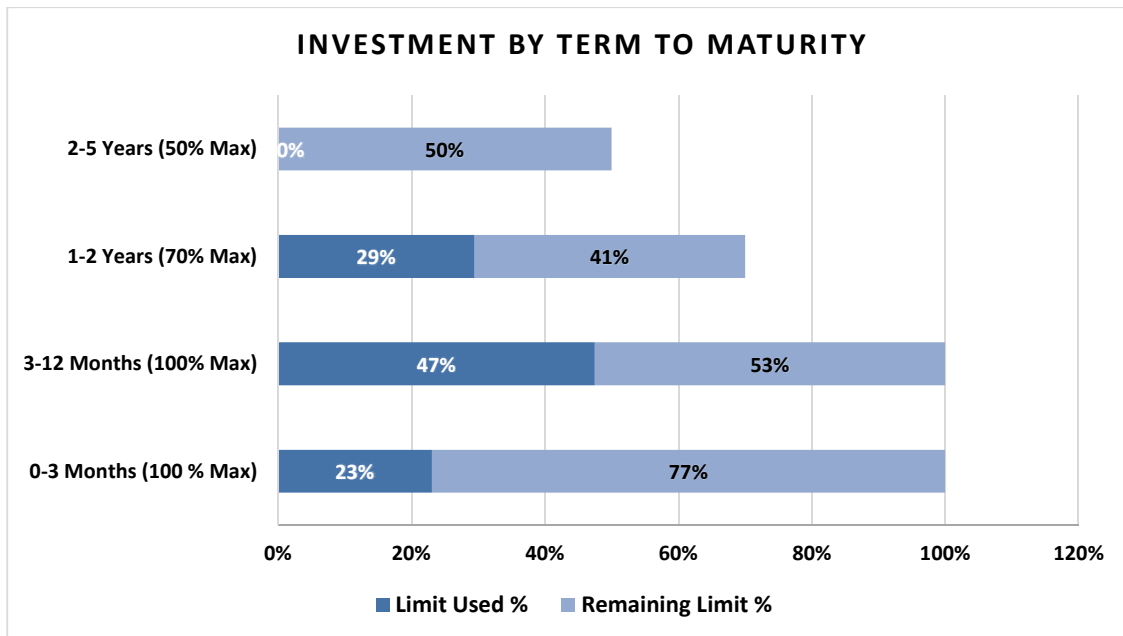


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Term to Maturity

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



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Application of Investment Funds

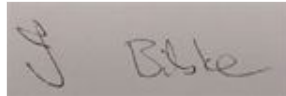
The table below details the allocation of cash balances in terms of restricted funds, noting restrictions are all internal rather than external.

Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	3,291,257
Infrastructure Replacement	22,842,053
Unrestricted Funds	1,850,312
TOTAL	30,535,520

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



Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

Report prepared by Interim Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th September 2023 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

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

This report is presented for information on the expenditure and progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30th September 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th September 2023.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS									
AS AT 30 September 2023	Original Budget	2022-23 Carryovers	Revised Budget 2023/24	Actual YTD	Committed YTD	Actual & Committed YTD	Variance YTD	Balance Available	% Actual to Rev Budget
CAPITAL INCOME									
Asset Sales	(616,500)	0	(616,500)	(195,529)	0	(195,529)	(420,971)		32%
Capital Contributions	0	0	0	(181,829)	0	(181,829)	181,829	181,829	
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(616,500)	0	(616,500)	(377,358)	0	(377,358)	(239,142)	181,829	61%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									
NEW SYSTEM ASSETS									
Plant & Equipment	1,838,000	359,050	2,197,050	306,154	563,296	869,449	1,327,601		14%
Land & Buildings	1,550,000	512,780	2,062,780	39,894	70,688	110,582	1,952,198		2%
Information Technology	80,000	0	80,000	0	17,999	17,999	62,001		0%
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	0	40,000	4,317	8,943	13,260	26,740		11%
Mains - Trunk	2,500,000	0	2,500,000	899,962	791,761	1,816,537	0		36%
Pump Stations	400,000	78,620	478,620	328,424	189,308	517,732	(39,112)		69%
Scada	0	868,210	868,210	70,543	337,230	407,774	460,436	#REF!	8%
Reservoirs	880,000	103,840	983,840	359,695	845,677	1,205,372	(421,532)		37%
TOTALS NEW SYSTEM ASSETS	7,288,000	1,922,500	9,210,500	2,008,990	2,824,901	4,958,706	3,368,332	#REF!	22%
RENEWALS									
Mains - Reticulation	2,200,000	10,000	2,210,000	148,466	455	148,920	2,061,080		93%
Mains - Trunk	2,450,000	0	2,450,000	254,725	255,728	510,452	1,939,548		79%
Mains - Rural	400,000	0	400,000	19,000	22	19,022	382,871		96%
Pump Stations	4,325,000	251,160	4,576,160	248,356	2,924,774	3,173,130	1,600,201		35%
Bores	400,000	0	400,000	20,266	0	20,266	0		0%
Reservoirs	5,500,000	499,240	5,999,240	1,851,330	10,069,557	11,920,886	(5,921,646)		-99%
Treatment Plant	80,000	137,450	217,450	37,701	0	37,701	100,065		46%
TOTALS RENEWAL ASSETS	15,355,000	897,850	16,252,850	2,579,844	13,250,535	15,830,378	162,118	-	16%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	22,643,000	2,820,350	25,463,350	4,588,834	16,075,436	20,789,084	3,530,450	#REF!	18%

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QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2023.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

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 2023 is submitted for examination by Council.

The revised operating result for 2023/24 anticipates a deficit of \$1,482,000 as adopted for 2023/24 excluding Capital Income.

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 2023 quarterly review adjustments:

Operational Additional Income

- Nil

Operational Additional Expenditure

- Nil

Capital Expenditure

Additional Expenditure

Oura Pump Station Renewal	\$1,700,000
Jugiong Water Treatment Plant HV LV Electrical Installation	\$500,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation has increased Council's Capital Works Expenditure by \$2,200,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Quarterly Budget Review 30-9-23

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

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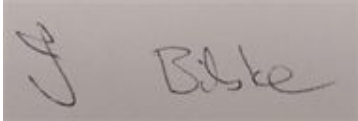
Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Goldenfields Water County Council for the quarter ended 30/09/23 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/24 will be Satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Signed: _____

Date: 18/10/2023

Terri Bilske
Corporate Services Manager

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

Income & Expenses

(\$000's)	Original Budget	Variations for this	Notes	Projected Year End	Actual YTD
	2023/24	Sep Qtr		Result	figures
Income					
Rates and Annual Charges	6,129	-		6,129	1,525
User Charges and Fees	17,163	-		17,163	3,198
Interest and Investment Revenues	928	-		928	127
Other Revenues	243	-		243	-
Grants & Contributions - Operating	80	-		80	-
Grants & Contributions - Capital	1,592	-		1,592	200
Total Income from Continuing Operations	26,135	-		26,135	5,051
Expenses					
Employee Costs	8,404	-		8,404	2,181
Materials & Contracts	5,719	-	2.1	5,719	1,839
Depreciation	8,480	-		8,480	2,120
Other Expenses	3,422	-		3,422	1,388
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	26,025	-		26,025	7,529
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	110	-		110	(2,478)
Net Operating Result from All Operations	110	-		110	(2,478)
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(1,482)	-		(1,482)	(2,679)

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	\$000
2.1	Nil	

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

Capital Budget

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2023/24	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2023/24	Variations for this Sep Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	by QBRs	Sep QBR	Dec QBR					
Capital Expenditure										
New Assets										
- Land & Buildings	1,500	513			2,013	-		2,013	40	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	3,820	1,051			4,871	-		4,871	1,663	
Renewal Assets (Replacement)										
- IT Equipment	80	-			80	-		80		
- Office Equipment	-	-			-	-		-	-	
- Plant & Equipment	1,838	359			2,197	-		2,197	306	
- Land & Buildings	50	-			50	-		50	-	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	15,355	897		2,200	18,452	-	3.1	18,452	2,580	
Total Capital Expenditure	22,643	2,820	-	2,200	27,663	-		27,663	4,589	
Capital Funding										
Fees, Charges & Other Untied Funding	-	-			-	-		-	-	
Capital Grants & Contributions	1,592	-			1,592	-		1,592	182	
Proceeds from Sale - IPP&E	617	-			617	-		617	195	
Internal Restrictions/Reserves	-	-			-	-		-	-	
Total Capital Funding	2,209	-	-	-	2,209	-		2,209	377	
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,434)	(2,820)	-	(2,200)	(25,454)	-		(25,454)	(4,212)	

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRs report

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	\$000
	Refer to Capital Works Progress report for more detail on Capital Projects	
3.1	Oura Pump Station Renewal (Approved in 7 Sept 23 Council Meeting)	1,700
3.2	Jugiong Water Treatment Plant HV LV Electrical Installation	500

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

Cash & Investments

(\$000's)	Original Budget	Variations for this		Notes	Projected Year End	Actual YTD
	2023/24	Sep	Qtr		Result	figures
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾						
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	3,291	-			3,291	306
Infrastructure Replacement	22,842	-			22,842	4,282
Employees Leave Entitlement	2,552	-			2,552	
Sales Fluctuation Reserve	-	-			-	-
Property Reserve	-	-			-	-
Total Internally Restricted	28,685	-			28,685	4,588
(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose						
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restrictions)	1,850			4.1	1,850	20,150
Total Cash & Investments	30,535	-			30,535	24,738

Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Investments

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 30/09/23

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows: **\$ 000's**

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		3,036
Investments on Hand		27,500
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	-
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	1,539
Less: receipts not yet updated	(Timing Difference)	(4)

Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments	32,071
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Balance as per Review Statement:	32,071
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Difference: -

Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	\$2,200
	3.1 Capital expenditure adjustments	2,200

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for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 23/24	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		22/23	21/22
	23/24	23/24			

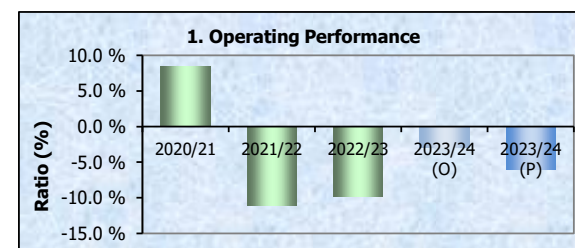
NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

1. Operating Performance

<u>Operating Revenue (excl Capital) - Operating Expenses</u>	-1,482	-6.0 %	-2.9 %	-9.8 %	-11.0 %
Operating Revenue (excl Capital Grants & Contributions)	24,543				

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue. A positive result indicates a surplus. Operating deficits cannot be sustained in the long term.

Benchmark >0%

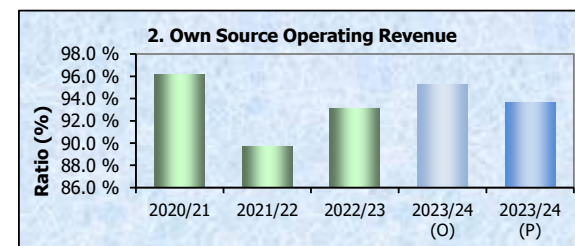


2. Own Source Operating Revenue

<u>Operating Revenue (excl all Grants & Contributions)</u>	24,463	93.6 %	95.3 %	93.1 %	89.7 %
Total Continuing Operating Revenue	26,135				

This ratio measures Council's dependence on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.

Benchmark >60%

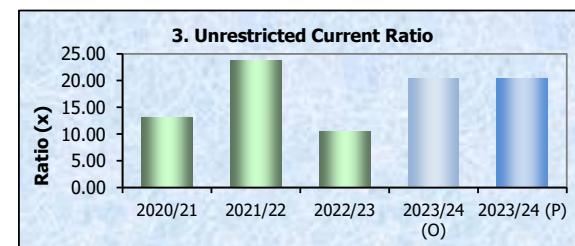


3. Unrestricted Current Ratio

<u>Current Assets less all External Restrictions</u>	38,856	20.47	20.47	10.58	23.68
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities	1,898				

This measures Council's ability to pay existing liabilities in the next 12 months from unrestricted activities of Council.

Benchmark >1.5x



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

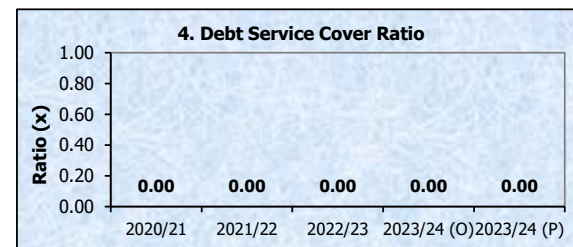
(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 23/24	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		22/23	21/22
	23/24	23/24			

4. Debt Service Cover Ratio

Operating Result before Capital (excl Interest & Depn)	6,998	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal Repayments + Borrowing Interest Costs	0				

This ratio measures Council's ability to service debt, including interest and principal payments.

Benchmark >2x

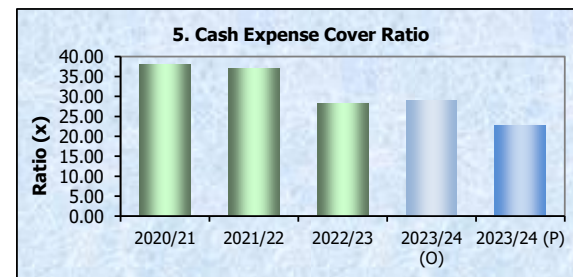


5. Cash Expense Cover Ratio

Current Year's Cash & Cash Equivalents (incl. Term Deposits)	30,535				
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	1,344	22.72	28.91	28.23	36.90
		mths	mths	mths	mths

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Benchmark >3mths



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for the period 01/07/23 to 30/09/23

Contracts Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023

Part A - Contracts Listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
Quay Civil Pty Ltd	Oura Water Treatment Plant	\$10,536,419	01/06/23	12 months	Y	
Fitt Resources	Delivery of three water pumps & motors	\$1,721,573	07/03/23	12 months	Y	
DGP Water	Investigate and detailed design of Trunk Main Upgrade between Kingsvale and Young	\$279,180	09/01/23	12 months	Y	

Notes:

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into in previous quarters with current completion dates being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

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Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	824,396	Y
Legal Expenses	40,132	Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes:

Details

N/A

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2022/23 BUDGET REVOTES

Report prepared by Interim Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board revotes expenditure totalling \$2,820,350 from 2022/23 for inclusion in the 2022/23 budget.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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. 2022/23 budgets items have been reviewed and management advises that the following listed items should be revoted into the 2023/24 budget to enable the completion of planned works.

Description	2022-23 Original Budget	2022-23 Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure to 30 June 2023	Unspent to 30 June 2023	Revote Required 2023-24 Budget
Capital Expenditure:					
New Temora Depot Building	\$0	\$100,000	\$50,215	\$49,785	\$49,780
Plant & Equipment	\$1,585,000	\$1,585,000	\$1,225,948	\$359,052	\$359,050
Wyalong Reliability Project Investigation & Design	\$4,000,000	\$100,000	\$61,849	\$38,151	\$10,000
Rosehill Pipeline	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$136,889	\$463,111	\$463,000
Pump Station – Lonsdale Control Panel	\$0	\$46,000	\$31,527	\$14,473	\$14,470
Marina Pump 2	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,569	\$8,431	\$8,430
Jugiong CWPS1 P1 & 2 Inlet Manifold 2022	\$120,000	\$190,000	\$121,103	\$68,897	\$68,890
Matong Pump Station – 2022	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$7,071	\$12,929	\$12,930
Pump Station – Electrical Items SB etc.	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$287,696	\$132,304	\$132,300
Switchboard Renewals	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$60,853	\$14,147	\$14,140
Jugiong Compressor	\$35,000	\$70,000	\$1,093	\$68,907	\$68,900

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Jugiong WTP – Valve & Pneumatic Upgrade	\$70,000	\$140,000	\$71,447	\$68,552	\$68,550
West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station	\$0	\$540,000	\$461,380	\$78,958	\$78,620
Microwave link sites for Scada	\$250,000	\$1,110,000	\$241,784	\$868,216	\$868,210
West Wyalong Standpipe Res	\$1,500,000	\$3,820,750	\$3,716,902	\$103,848	\$103,840
Oura Reservoirs and Aerator	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,757	\$499,243	\$499,240
Total Capital Expenditure	\$11,675,000	\$9,826,750	\$6,978,083	\$2,849,004	\$2,820,350

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation increases 2023/24 budgeted capital expenditure by \$2,820,350 from \$22,643,000 to \$25,463,350.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

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WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

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, 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

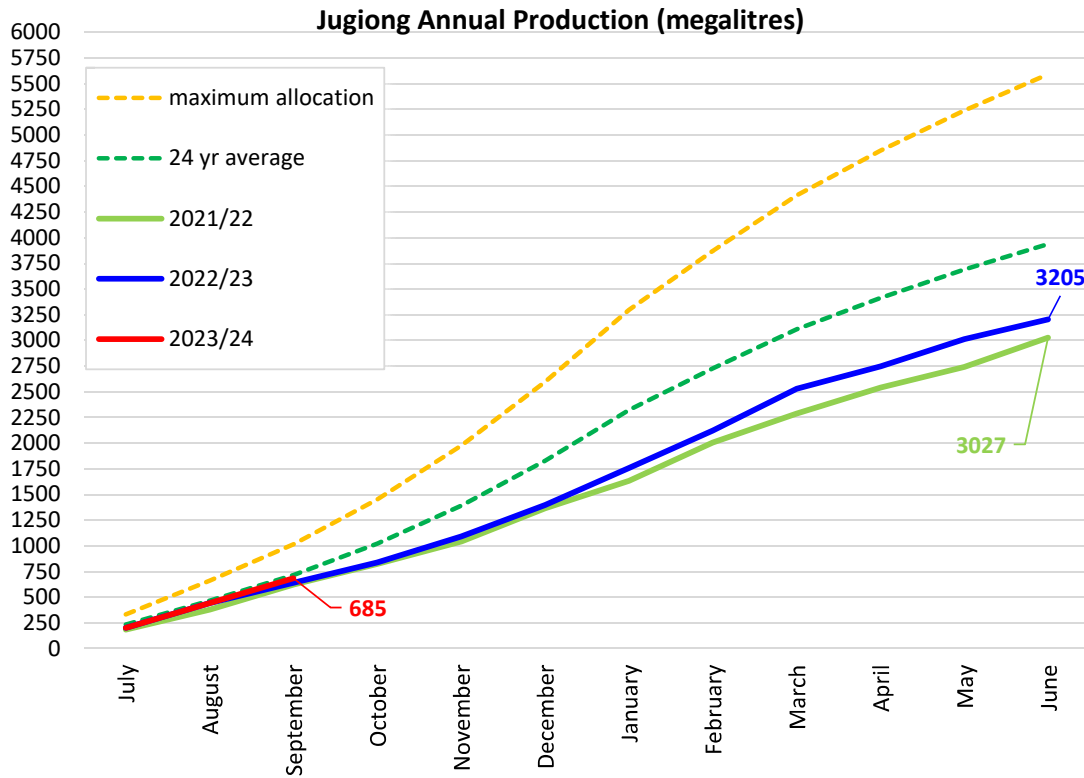
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

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

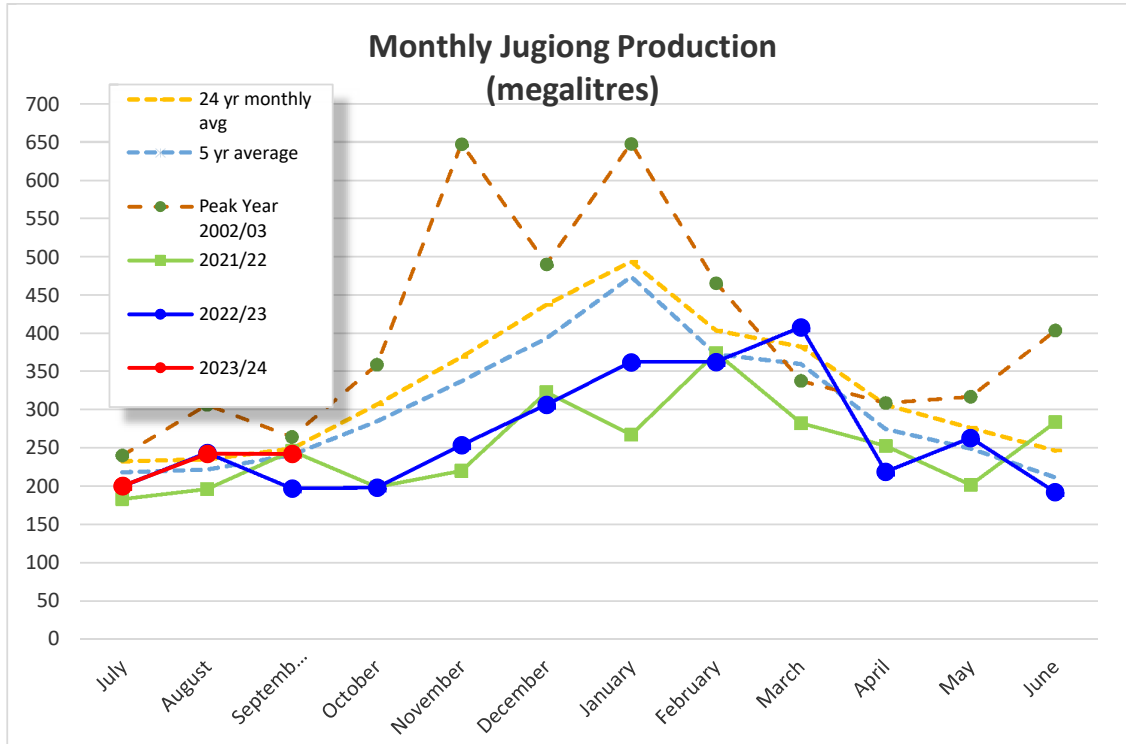
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For the first 3 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 685ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2022/23 FY where 640ML was extracted. An increase of 45ML. 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 extracted and treated and September was like August with 242ML extracted and treated.



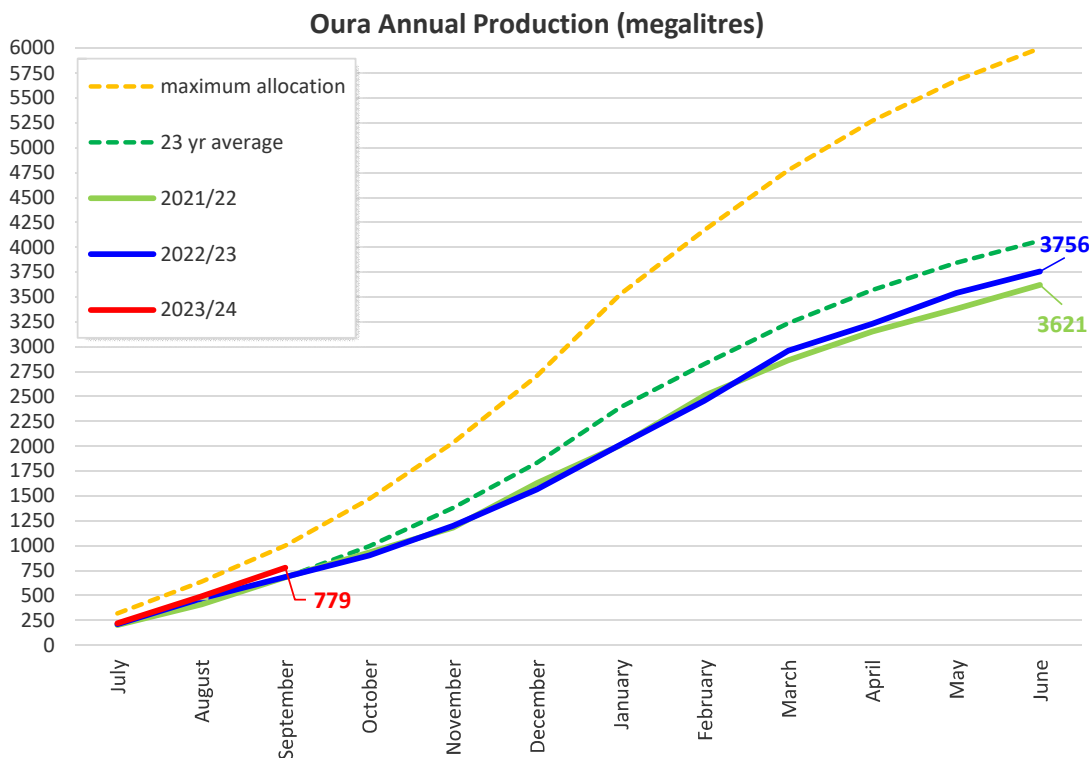
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Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

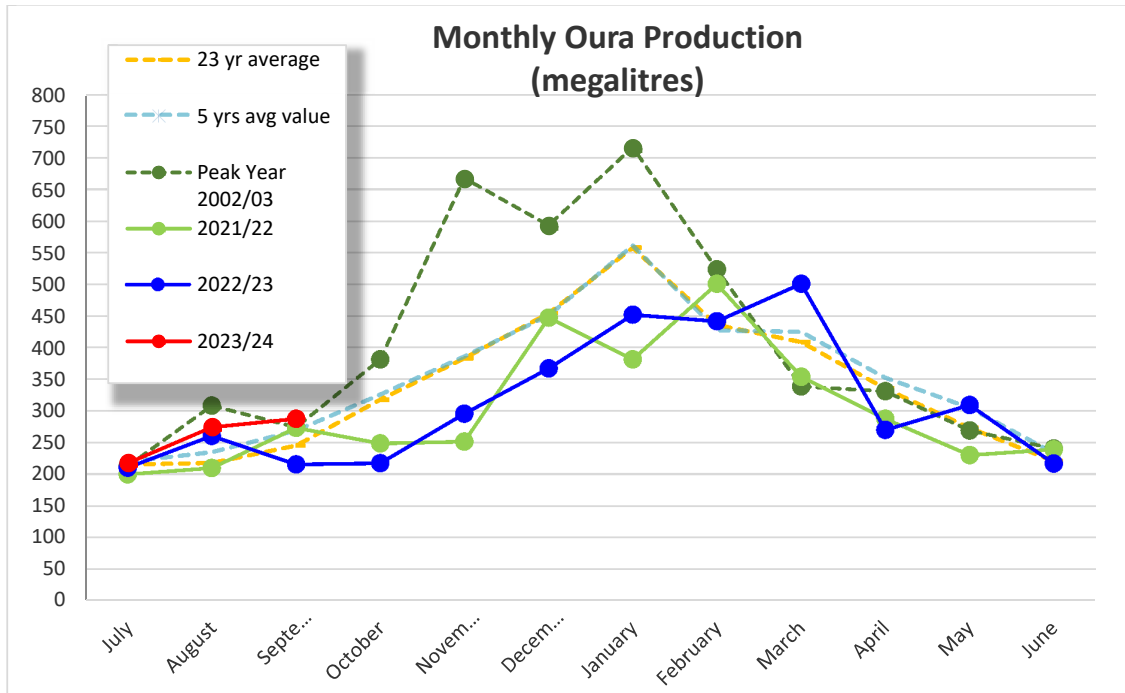
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the first 3 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 779ML 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 2022/23 FY where 686ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 93ML. 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.

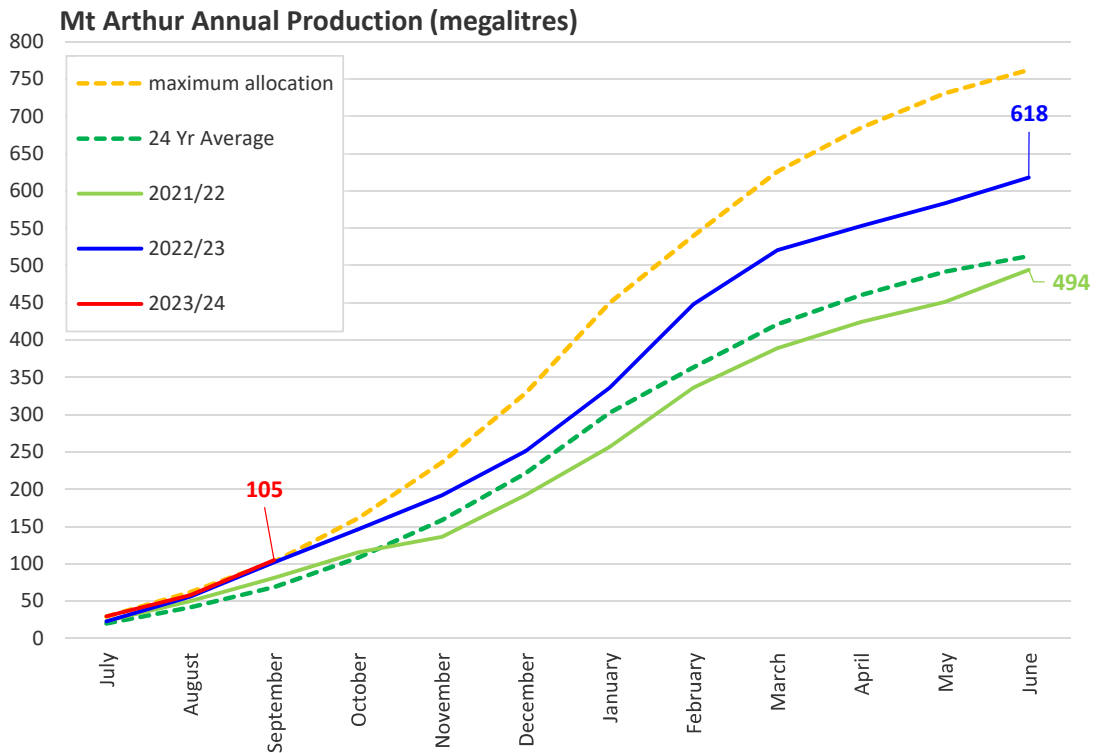


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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

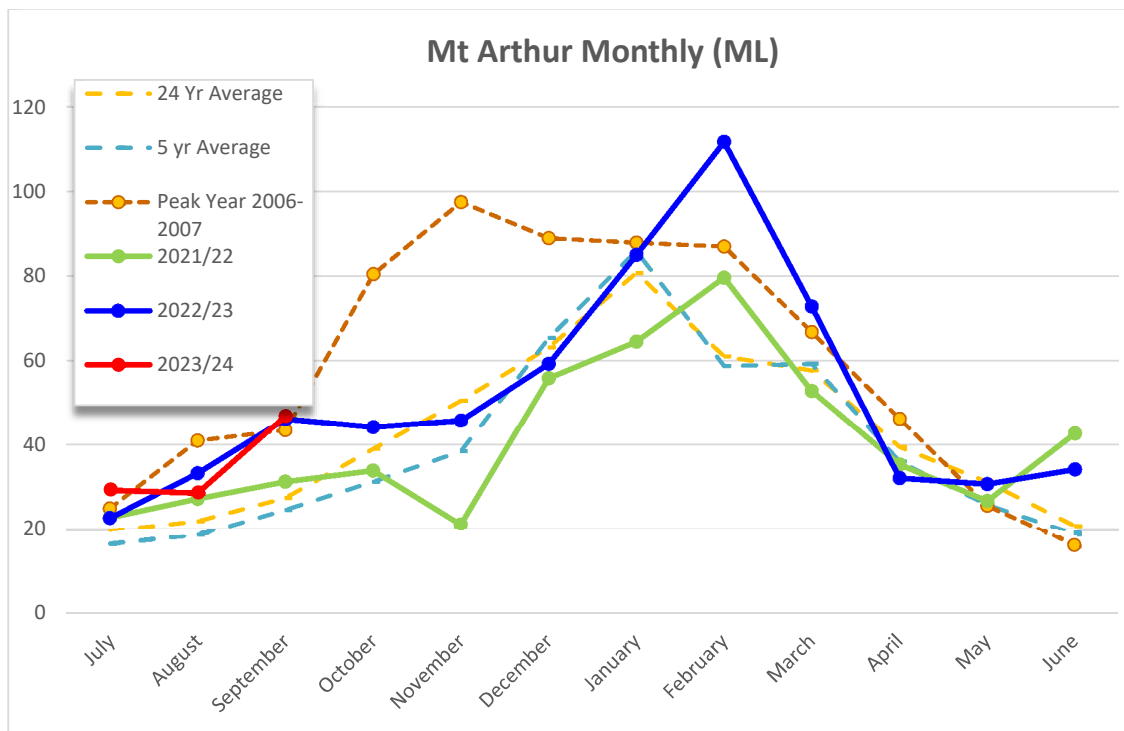
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

For the first 3 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 105ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to the 2022/23 FY where 102ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 3ML.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.



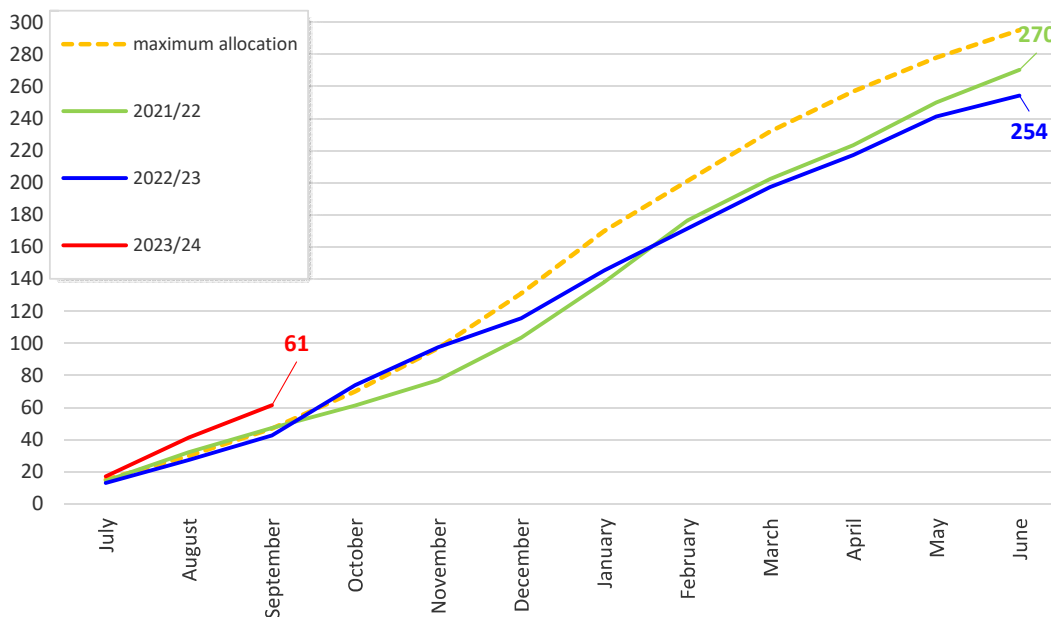
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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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.

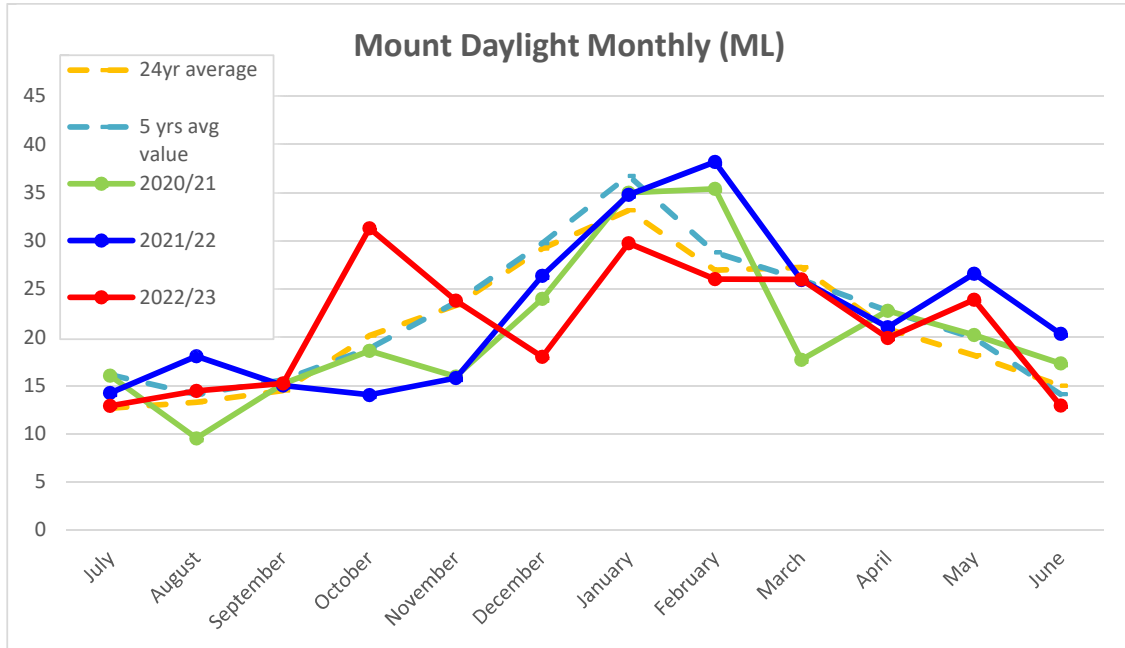
For the first 3 months of the 2023/24 financial year 61ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 18ML compared to the 2022/23 FY where 43ML was produced over the same period.

Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)



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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 from the Mt Daylight Bores.

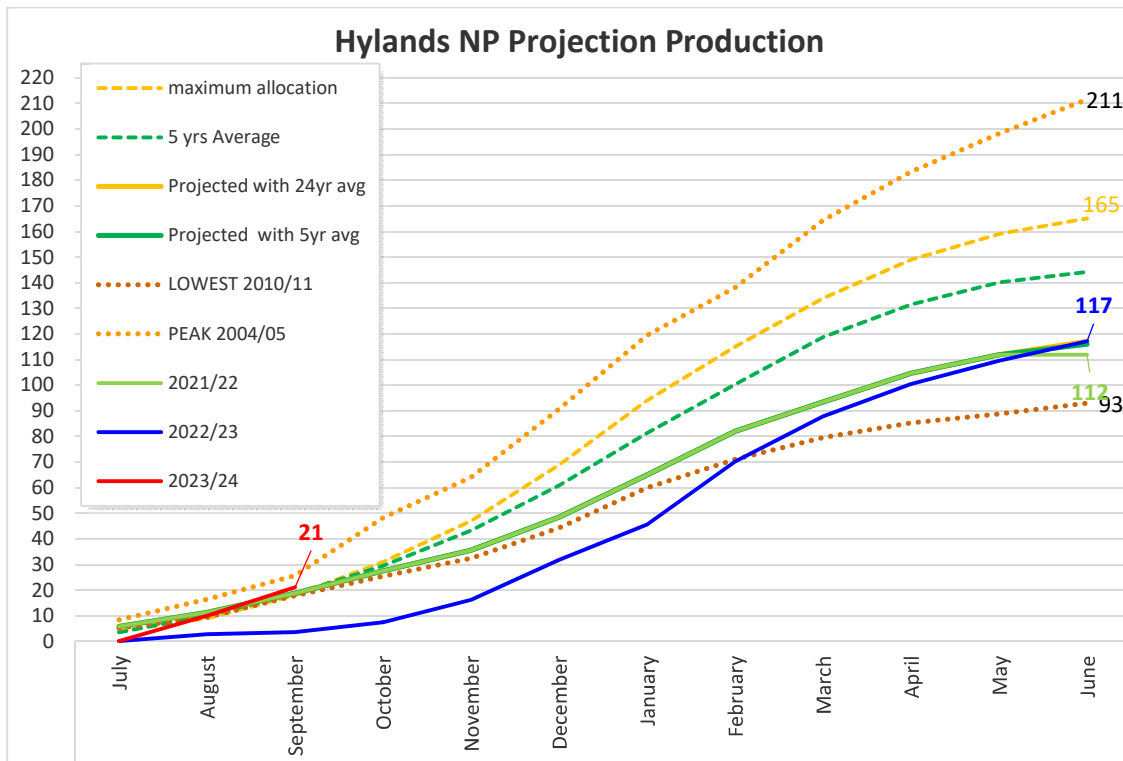


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Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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 2023/24 financial year 21ML 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 4ML had been extracted.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council's January to June 2023 Delivery Program Progress Report be received and noted.

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 2023 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 2023

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



January to June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM Progress Report





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Progress Report Explained

As a NSW county council, Goldenfields Water is required as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for NSW local government to implement a suite of interrelated strategic planning documents.

The documents include a long-term Business Activity Strategic Plan, four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan. These documents are supported by the Resourcing Strategy, which comprises a Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Asset Management Plan.

At least every six months, a progress report must be produced that provides information to the community about Goldenfields Water's progress towards achieving the objectives set out in its four-year Delivery Program.

This current progress report is for the period from January through to June 2023, which covers the second (2nd) six months of Goldenfields 2022/2023 Operational Plan, derived from Goldenfields Delivery Program for 2022-2026.

The detailed progress report in Section 2 uses the icons below to show the status of each project, program or action. A comment is also provided about the specific progress made so far in completing each project, program or action.



Green - Completed



Blue - Progressing



Red – Not yet started



Profile

Goldenfields Water is a single-purpose county council that has been responsible for providing water supply services to many communities in the South West Slopes and Riverina regions of NSW since 1997.

Goldenfields Water's supply system covers 22,500 square kilometres between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers. It services over 46,000 people and includes more than 2,400 kilometres of water mains (the longest in NSW).

Water is sourced from protected natural catchments at Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge before undergoing a world-class treatment process at either of Goldenfields Water's two water treatment plants.

As a county council, Goldenfields Water is a unique organisation given it is made up of seven constituent councils that each depend on it to deliver essential drinking water for their communities.

Goldenfields Water's seven constituent councils are:

- Bland Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council
- Temora Shire Council
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
- Narrandera Shire Council
- Hilltops Council

Currently, Goldenfields Water supplies all drinking water directly to the almost 11,600 rural, residential, commercial and other properties in the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, and parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai and Narrandera.

Goldenfields Water supplies water in bulk to Cootamundra-Gundagai and Hilltops councils, which then distribute water directly to their residents (except those already supplied directly by Goldenfields Water in parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai).

It also provides water in bulk to Riverina Water County Council as well as non-potable water (untreated water for non-drinking purposes) directly to 250 properties.



Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

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

Values

Integrity

All staff act in the best interest of the communities that we serve, demonstrating and promoting moral and ethical principles in all that we do.

Trust

Built on from the value of Integrity, mutual trust is established between teams and staff at all levels. Open communication lines and transparency in our operations reflects and further builds on trust.

Respect

All staff treat others with courtesy, politeness and kindness. Differences in viewpoints and beliefs are recognised and considered, with all people being treated fairly and equally.

Teamwork

All staff work together collaboratively and support one another in achieving the operational objectives of GWCC. Our staff understand the importance of working with each other to achieve our objectives

Continuous Improvement

Staff feel confident and comfortable to offer ideas and suggestions to ensure that GWCC is continually working to better deliver services to our community and finding more efficient ways of undertaking business.



Strategic Priorities

This progress report is categorised in line with the three strategic priorities established by Goldenfields Water's Business Activity Strategic Plan and the strategic objectives and strategies outlined in its 2022-2026 Delivery Program to achieve those objectives.

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

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| 1.1 | Potable Water Supplies Meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and Public Health requirements |
| 1.2 | Future Growth is planned for and managed |
| 1.3 | Water Supply is reliable and efficient |
| 1.4 | Our Assets are managed & renewed in accordance with Council's Asset management systems |

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

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| 2.1 | Well trained highly motivated workforce |
| 2.2 | Safe healthy and risk managed working environment exists for staff and the community |
| 2.3 | Community satisfaction is built and maintained through provision of services and information |
| 2.4 | Financial Management |
| 2.5 | Improving Performance and Managing Risk |
| 2.6 | Regional collaboration |

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

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| 3.1 | Energy costs and usage are monitored and reduced through utilisation of alternative technologies and system innovations |
| 3.2 | Environmentally adverse consequences are minimised from operations including water extraction, capital works and day to day operations |
| 3.3 | Potential effect of climate change on water supply is identified, planned, and managed |
| 3.4 | Water is used wisely with system losses minimised and accounted for |



Delivery Program Progress Report – January to June 2023


The following is Goldenfields Water’s detailed report on its progress towards achieving the strategic objectives and implementing the strategies in its Delivery Program during the period January to June 2023. Progress is reported under Goldenfields Water’s three strategic priorities.




1: High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

1.1: Potable water supplies meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and Public Health requirements

1.1.1: Drinking Water Management System is implemented

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.1.1.1	Drinking Water Management System annual reporting	Annual report developed and submitted to council by December prior to submission to NSW health	Production & Services Manager		100%	Annual reporting for Councils Drinking Water Management system is finalised in October to December. The Annual report is a comprehensive analysis of Councils performance in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The report includes a list of actions and implementation requirements for continual improvement. The report is submitted for review to NSW Health and adopted by the Board.

1.1.2: Backflow prevention is in place for high risk connections

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.1.2.1	Backflow Prevention is in place for high risk connections	Low Pressure Areas - investigate and develop options for effective backflow prevention	Engineering Manager		20%	Backflow audit to occur over the current calendar year.



1.1.3: Goldenfields adheres to NSW Government Best Practice Management

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.1.3.1	Goldenfields Water adheres to NSW Government Best Practice Management	IWCM Strategy developed to 80%	Engineering Manager		80%	Hydraulic modelling of the system is currently being finalised. Strategy to follow

1.2: Future growth is planned for and managed

1.2.1: Growth opportunities are considered through business planning

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.2.1.1	Rosehill to Young strategy is implemented to improve operation and allow for future growth (including supply to Boorowa)	Rosehill Pump Station Pipeline section construction completed	Engineering Manager		20%	Rosehill Pump Station pipeline designs are finalised - project on hold during landholder negotiations. Detailed design of Kingsvale to Young 12km pipeline upgrade is underway.
1.2.1.1	West Wyalong Water Reliability Project	70% construction completed	Engineering Manager		90%	Pipelines and reservoir contractors are progressing in line with anticipated budget and schedule. On track for completion by the end of the Calendar year



1.3: Water supply is reliable and efficient

1.3.1: Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.3.1.1	Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed	Report on number of planned and unplanned disruptions for quarter	Operations Manager		100%	All planned works where supply disruptions are envisaged, consumers receive a minimum of 10 days' notice via mail, letter drop and/or social media outlets. All unplanned/emergent outages are dealt with by way of communication through social media channels and/or radio TV if the disruption is deemed major. Approx: 16 unplanned outages and 8 planned outages occurred during the last quarter.

1.3.2: New Temora Depot to support reticulation renewals and construction program

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.3.2.1	New Temora Depot to support reticulation renewals and construction program	Capital Expenditure Review developed	Engineering Manager		15%	Development application has been submitted for preliminary designs. Detailed designs are currently underway



1.4: Our assets are managed and renewed in accordance with Council's Asset management systems

1.4.1: Strategic asset management documents and systems are adopted and updated to maintain validity and relevance

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.4.1.1	Water network asset class plans developed	Water network asset class plans developed	Engineering Manager		50%	Water network asset class plan is under development with consultant. Currently seeking quotes for pipeline asset condition rating inspections to improve asset data

1.4.2: Assets are renewed in accordance with the requirements of the Asset Management Plans

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.4.2.1	Assets are renewed in accordance with the requirements of the asset management plans	Capital works program is generated from the asset management system	Engineering Manager		75%	Asset management system has been used to identify renewals and scored for prioritisation. Next FY capital works budget to be determined over following few months
1.4.2.2	Minimum 10km of rural renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager		100%	Total rural mains replacement over the last six months equates to 18 kilometres
1.4.2.2	Minimum 10km of urban reticulation renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager		80%	Approximately five kilometers of urban mains replaced during the last six months.
1.4.2.2	Minimum 5km trunk renewals completed (excluding Thanowring Road)	Progress report	Operations Manager		20%	Approximately five kilometers of trunk main renewals completed. The weather was a dominant factor in the hold up of these works.



Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.4.2.2	Thanowring Road pipeline upgrade minimum 10km constructed	Progress report	Operations Manager		100%	10 kilometers of pipeline has been constructed along Thanowring rd. 8 kilometres of this section of pipeline has been charged and pressure tested.
1.4.2.3	Jugiong high voltage electrical renewal	Completion of new switch room, electrical design and installation and HV install	Production & Services Manager		80%	The civil construction contract was awarded to Van Mal with Practical Completion achieved in March 2023. Outstanding works for this project are for the Electrical installation works. The RFT was released in August and is expected to be awarded at the October Board meeting.
1.4.2.3	Oura bore 4 relining and pump upgrade	Completed and bore operational	Engineering Manager		100%	Complete
1.4.2.3	Oura reservoir and aerator renewal construction commences this 2022/23 FY due for completion 2023/24 FY	Commence construction with 50% completed	Engineering Manager		30%	Contract awarded.
1.4.2.3	Oura Water Plant HV Upgrade	Completion and commissioning	Production & Services Manager		100%	Oura HV project has been completed and currently operational. Minor contractual works continue as part of the practical completion phase of the works.



1.4.3: Maintenance programs are developed and implemented

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
1.4.3.1	Routine Mains Maintenance Program	Minimum 30km of mains flushing undertaken	Operations Manager	●	100%	Routine Water mains flushing has occurred in the townships of, Coolamon, Ganmain, Matong, Grong Grong, Junee, Temora, Wyalong and Wallendbeen, approx 35 kilometers of pipeline.



2: Customer Service Focus

2.1: Well trained and highly motivated workforce

2.1.2: Staff professional development opportunities

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.1.2.1	Staff professional development opportunities	Staff Development Plan process incorporates employee development through informal and formal professional development and training opportunities	HR Coordinator		75%	Staff Development is a living & on-going process.

2.1.3: Build a diverse workforce

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.1.3.1	Build a diverse workforce	Action items from Goldenfields Water's EEO Management 2021-2025 implemented.	HR Coordinator		75%	Policies are currently being reviewed to ensure inclusion of EEO principles. Staff Survey 2023 is completed. IWD activities completed. Policies reviewed to ensure that EEO principles are adhered to.



2.1.4: Measure and improve employee engagement

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.1.4.1	Measure and improve employee engagement	Staff survey undertaken	HR Coordinator		80%	2023 Staff Engagement Survey completed. Results populated and discussed with all staff.
		Develop, implement and monitor organisation-wide training plan to ensure available funds for required training focusing on skills gaps and leadership				

2.2: Safe, healthy, and risk managed working environment exists for staff and the community

2.2.1: Integrated approach to safety risk management in the workplace

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.2.1.1	Integrated approach to risk management in the workplace	MANEX team informed of WHS performance and accountable for continual improvement in workplace safety	WHS Coordinator		50%	Monthly WHS report is tabled at MANEX by the WHS Coordinator detailing incident and hazard statistics for preceding month and financial year. Additionally, an update is provided to MANEX on the Health and Safety Committee including action items, training and general requests and status of safety documentation under review/endorsed



Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
		Review of safe working practices and procedures				documents to ensure visibility and continual improvement of WHS matters

2.2.2: Implement WHS Program

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.2.2.1	Implement WHS Program	Health and Wellbeing Strategy implemented	HR Coordinator		75%	WH & S programs and activities are on-going and developing as legislation changes. Health & Wellbeing activities implemented. Drug & Alcohol testing is on-going.

2.3: Community satisfaction is built and maintained through provision of services and information

2.3.1: Inform our customers about projects, programs, issues etc

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.3.1.1	Social Media utilised for promotion of projects, outages and upcoming works	Social media statistics Social media posts, subscribers change, visitors to website, social media pages.	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Social media and Councils website is used continuously to inform and engage with our customers and stakeholders about relevant upcoming works, major projects, education programs etc.



2.3.2: Undertake Customer Survey

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.3.2.1	Customer survey undertaken	Results reported to Board	Community Engagement Officer		100%	Customer Survey was completed in October 2022.

2.4: Financial Management

2.4.1: Long term financial plan reviewed and updated regularly

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.4.1.1	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Corporate Services Manager		100%	Long Term Financial Plan was updated in conjunction with the budget preparation adopted in June 2023.

2.4.2: Review and determine fees and charges consistent with the Long Term Financial Plan

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.4.2.1	Develop a long term pricing path. Review and determine fees and charges annually	Review and determine fees and charges annually	Corporate Services Manager		100%	Fees & Charges were determined in conjunction with the Budget Process.



2.4.3: Plant replacement program maintained to ensure safe and fit for purpose fleet

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.4.3.1	Plant replacement program maintained to ensure safe and fit for purpose fleet	Prepare annual plant replacement program	Corporate Services Manager	●	100%	Completed for inclusion in the 2023-2024 draft budget

2.5: Improving performance and managing risk

2.5.1: Review and update Business Continuity Plan

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.5.1.1	Review and update Business Continuity Plan	Undertake scenario training	Corporate Services Manager	●	100%	Business Continuity Plan was utilised for the Daylight Bore flooding event in November 2022 to January 2023.



2.5.2: Audit Risk and Improvement Committee function complies with Framework, regular meetings are held and internal audits undertaken

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.5.2.1	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee function complies with Framework, regular meetings are held and internal audits undertaken	Review framework requirements at least annually Hold meetings at least quarterly Undertake internal audits in accordance with Strategic Internal Audit Plan	Corporate Services Manager		100%	The Office of Local Government has released new ARIC Guidelines to commence on 1 July 2024 scheduled Internal Audits were completed in accordance with the Strategic Internal Audit Plan. 3 meetings were held in 2023.

2.5.3: Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.5.3.1	Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes	Prepare Annual Financial Statements	Corporate Services Manager		100%	Completed and lodged within statutory timeframe
2.5.3.2	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Corporate Services Manager		100%	September 2022, December 2022 and March 2023 Quarterly Budget Reviews were completed within statutory timeframes.



2.5.4: Maintain an up to date ICT infrastructure to ensure organisational efficiency

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.5.4.1	Maintain an up to date ICT infrastructure to ensure organisational efficiency	Develop annual ICT project plan	Corporate Services Manager		30%	2023/24 plan to be developed in 2023 in conjunction with the incoming ICT Coordinator commencing in early October.

2.6: Regional Collaboration

2.6.1: Membership Joint Organisation

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.6.1.1	Membership RivJo and REROC	Goldenfields participates in projects with a joint interest	General Manager		100%	Goldenfields attends RivJo and REROC meetings regularly and considers projects that it may participate in with a joint interest.

2.6.2: Work with Constituent Councils

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.6.2.1	Regular meetings with Constituent Councils	Meeting with General Managers annually or as necessary	General Manager		100%	Meetings with Constituent Council General Managers are held as required.



Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
2.6.2.2	Update SLA with Bulk Councils	New SLA developed and signed off between each Bulk Council and GWCC	General Manager	●	50%	Service Level Agreement draft documents are complete. Negotiations with bulk Councils are ongoing and awaiting further feedback.



3: A Healthy Natural Environment

3.1: Energy costs and usage are monitored and reduced through utilisation of alternative technologies and system innovations

3.1.1: Energy efficiency considered in infrastructure design and benefit cost assessments

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.1.1.1	Energy usage records kept and monitored	Energy trends monitored for inclusion in future upgrades of facilities	Production & Services Manager	●	100%	Staff look to conserve energy usage where possible utilising automated contract systems such as SCADA. The development of tariff inhibits are being implemented across the schemes to align with Councils new energy contractual conditions to reduce costs. Limitations of council's energy management occurs during summer months where demands require extensive pump run times and SCADA controls cannot limit pumping requirements failing loss of pressure and flow for customers.



3.1.2: Council Maintains an energy management system

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.1.2.1	Council maintains an energy management system	Staff review annual consumption data to inform future upgrades and replacement requirements	Production & Services Manager		100%	Council currently operates two systems for energy management. Azility is a platform that is currently utilised to process energy invoices and incorporates payment processes through the Authority system. E21, is a management system that staff utilise to trend usage and report operational data to make informed decisions upon. These systems have been in place and utilised since 2018.

3.2: Environmentally adverse consequences are minimised from operations including water extraction, capital works and day to day operations

3.2.1: All construction and maintenance work undertaken to minimise impact to the natural environment

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.2.1.1	All construction and maintenance work undertaken to minimise impact to the natural environment	Environmental impacts considered for each capital project through production of Review Environmental Factors	Operations Manager		95%	Construction Management Plans and Environmental Management Plans are available for all construction works. Maintenance activities and emergent works/activities are undertaken in line with current Legislation and Council work practices.



3.3: Potential effect of climate change on water supply is identified, planned and managed

3.3.1: IWCM strategy to consider climate change affects in modelling

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.3.1.1	IWCM Strategy to consider climate change affects	Climate change considered in demand and supply figures	Engineering Manager		95%	Currently finalising hydraulic modelling. This has included a review of current and future demand figures and modelling of different peak scenarios to model climate change effects

3.4: Water is used wisely with systems losses minimised and accounted for

3.4.1: Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for

Code	Operational Plan Desired Outcome	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Traffic Lights	Progress	Comments
3.4.1.1	Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for	Production and bulk meters are compared to identify losses within the system	Production & Services Manager		100%	Staff monitor and report on Non-Revenue Water (NRW). There have been two considerable events that have contributed to significant NRW this year. Those being major bursts in the Mt Arthur and Mt Daylight supply schemes due to extensive flooding issues and restrictions from entering sites to fix the bursts due to flood inundation.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS' RETURN

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons' Return described within the report.

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

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

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



Resolution No.	Resolution	Action Required	Status Update	Responsible Officer
22.110	RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and White that the Board delegate to the General Manager to discuss with staff to look at long term solutions to protect the infrastructure.	Consider long term solutions to protect Ballyrogan Bores	Geoff advised they are now seeking legal advice.	General Manager
23.015	RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board approve: a. To award the Design & Construction lump sum contract for the Oura Reservoirs and Aerator Tender to Quay Civil Pty Ltd for \$10,536,418.92 ex GST* b. Authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Quay Civil Pty Ltd c. Approve an updated budget allocation of \$12,643,702.70 noting an allowance of 20% contingency as detailed in the report.	Award Contract to Quay Civil. Contracts to be finalised	Contracts have been issued and are waiting to be signed.	Engineering Manager
23.017	RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Piper that the Board: 1. Pursuant to section 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the County Council declines to accept any of the tender submissions in response to Tender 01/2023 Wombat Reservoir Design and Construct Tender, and 2. Pursuant to section 178(3)(a) of the Regulation, cancel the proposal for the contract	Advice Tenderers that the proposal for the contract has been cancelled.	Letters were sent to Tenderers on 5 May 2023	Engineering Manager



23.026	RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Morris that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 incorporating the 2023/2024 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.	Draft Operational Plan and Draft Fees and Charges to be placed on Public Display for 28 days. Final approval at the June Council meeting	Completed	General Manager
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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023/2024

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 14 December 2023 commencing at 4.30pm
- Thursday 22 February 2024 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 11 April 2024 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 27 June 2024 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 22 August 2024 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 24 October 2024 commencing at 10.00am

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2023

OFFICE CLOSURE 2023/2024

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the office to be closed commencing 12.00pm Friday 22 December 2023, reopening Tuesday 2 January 2024.

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.

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 for a week from 12.00pm Friday 22 December 2023, reopening Tuesday 2 January 2024.

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 22 December 2023, commencing at 12.30pm. To facilitate the hosting of the function the office will be closed from 12.00pm Friday 22 December 2023 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

NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 4:30PM

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting may be declared closed.

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 7 September 2023**

The meeting commenced at 10:11am

PRESENT

Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister (via Zoom link), Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris (via Zoom link), Cr J Piper, Cr G Sinclair (via Zoom link), Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr A White.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Nil

2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Collow and White that requests from Cr McAlister, Cr Sinclair and Cr Morris to attend the meeting via Audi-Visual link be approved.

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.

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6. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 22 JUNE 2023,

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Callow that the minutes of the meetings held on the 22 June 2023, 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – 10:13AM

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 media and public.

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 7 September 2023**

16. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

16.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

**16.1.1. TENDER 02/2022 – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RESERVOIRS AND
MULTI-TRAY AERATOR**

*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:*

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that Council:

- 1. Note the information detailed within this report;**
- 2. Approve the withholding of retentions in lieu of one bank guarantee for 3.5% of the project total**

16.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING MANAGER

16.2.1. TEYS JINDALEE PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST

*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:*

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that Council:

- 1. Note the information detailed within this report;**
- 2. Decline to provide the Developer with an offer for a payment plan**

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 7 September 2023**

16.2.2. ROSEHILL PUMP STATION BYPASS PIPELINE EASEMENT

*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:*

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White that Council:

- 1. Note the information detailed within this report;**
- 2. Approve the General Manager or his delegate to commence negotiations as detailed within this report;**
- 3. Approve Council to proceed with seeking legal advice regarding replacement under our statutory powers**

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Callow 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.

TIME: 10:35am

The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Confidential Session.

17. MATTERS SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

17.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

17.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Callow that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st August 2023 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st August 2023 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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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 \$1,114,729.17 from \$33,223,700.40 as at 30th June 2023 to \$32,108,971.23 as at 31st August 2023.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	Rating	CQ RATING	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Benchmark*	Principal
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	1/06/2023	1/09/2023	92	4.85	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	5/07/2023	4/10/2023	91	5.40	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	10/09/2020	15/12/2023	1191	1.00	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	16/02/2023	16/02/2024	365	5.00	3.37	\$3,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	26/02/2024	367	4.98	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A1	Macquarie Bank	At Maturity	5/04/2023	3/04/2024	364	4.55	3.37	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Credit Union of Aust	At Maturity	31/01/2023	17/04/2024	442	4.67	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB+	A2	Australian Unity	At Maturity	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	26/06/2023	25/06/2024	365	5.48	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A2	Judo Bank	At Maturity	23/01/2023	24/07/2024	548	4.45	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A1	AMP Bank	At Maturity	2/08/2023	4/09/2024	399	5.45	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NT Treasury	Annual	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	AMP Bank	At Maturity	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55	3.37	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A1+	NAB	At Maturity	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Police Financial Services	At Maturity	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A2	Defence Bank	At Maturity	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90	3.37	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland Credit Union	At Maturity	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80	3.37	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				1.35	2.89	\$3,727,550
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	Monthly				0.20	2.89	\$10,208
CASH	AA-	A1+	CBA	N/A				0.00	2.89	\$871,213
TOTAL:										\$32,108,971

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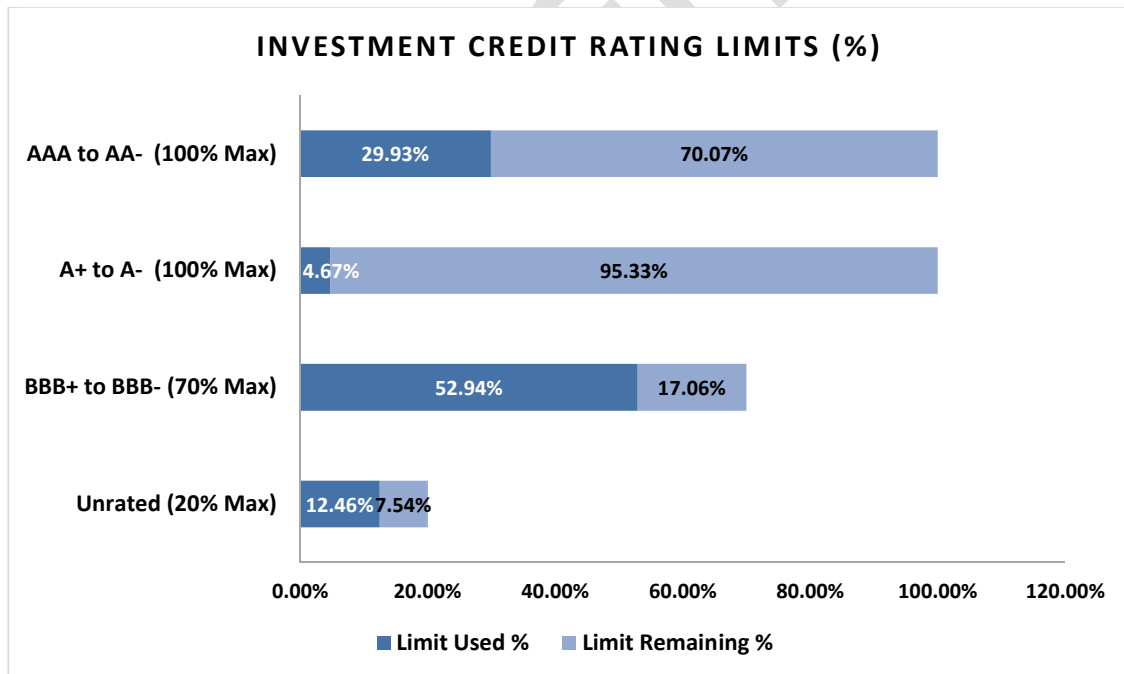
Portfolio Performance

Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio outperformed by 1.85% in comparison to the relevant BBSW Index benchmark. The average weighted yield for August was 4.23%.

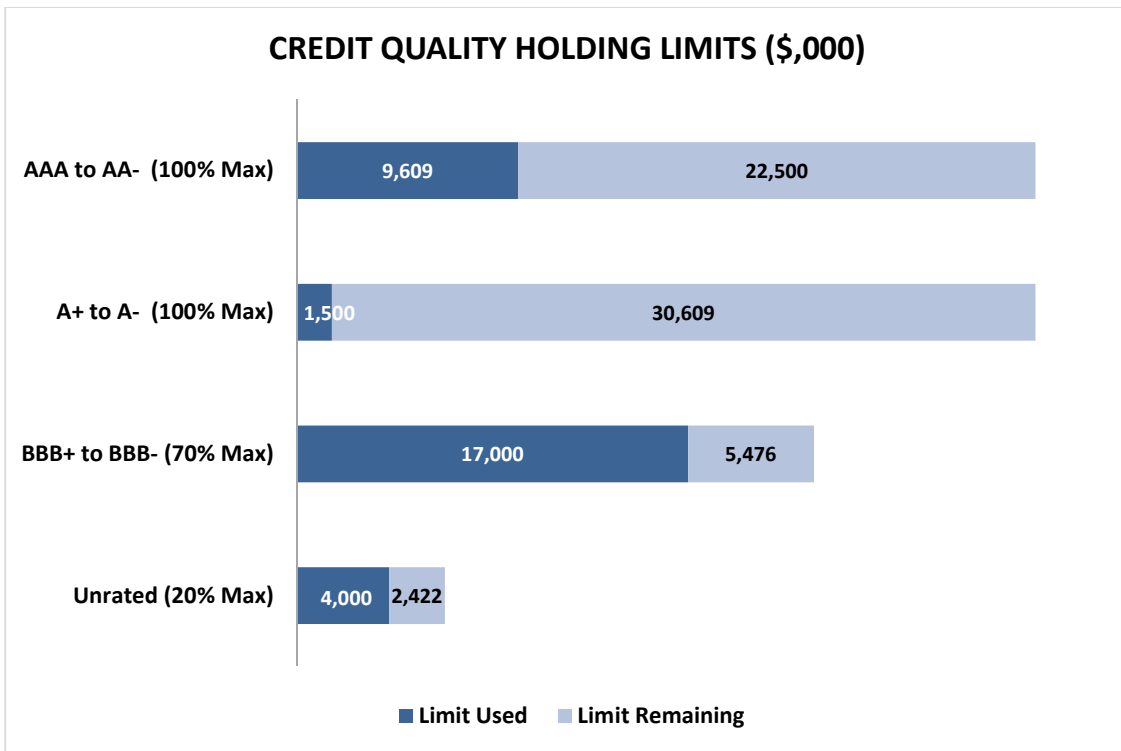
Total Cost 32,108,971	Yearly Interest Received 92,649	Weighted Average Term 265 days
Total Portfolio Value 32,611,191	Monthly Interest Received 22,688	Weighted Average Yield 4.23%

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.



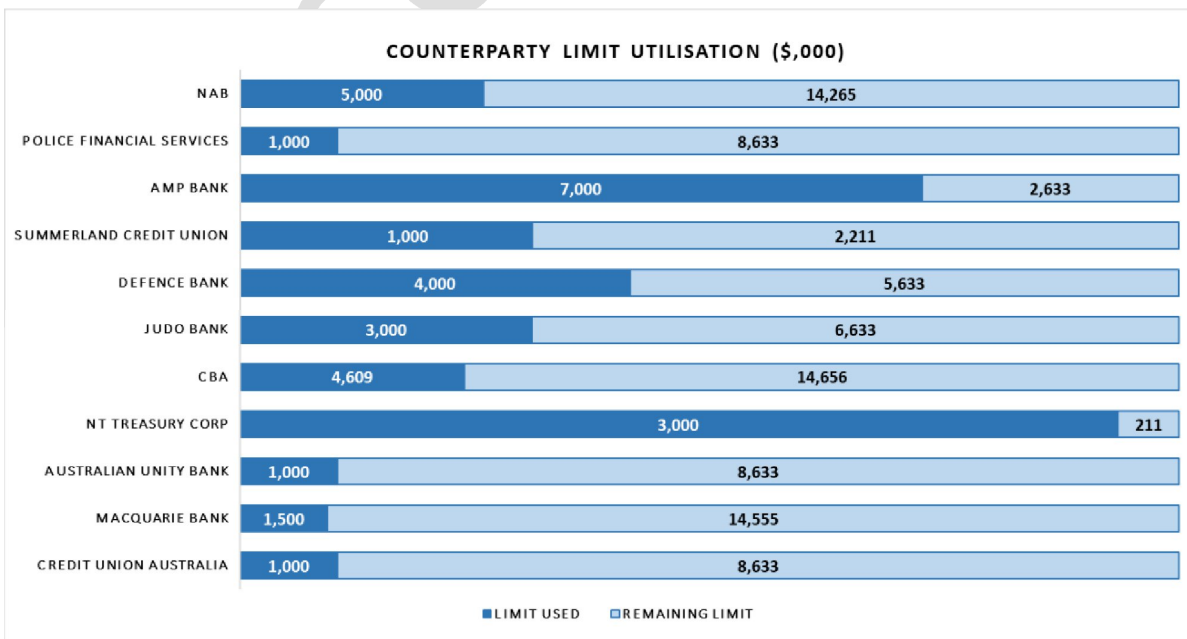
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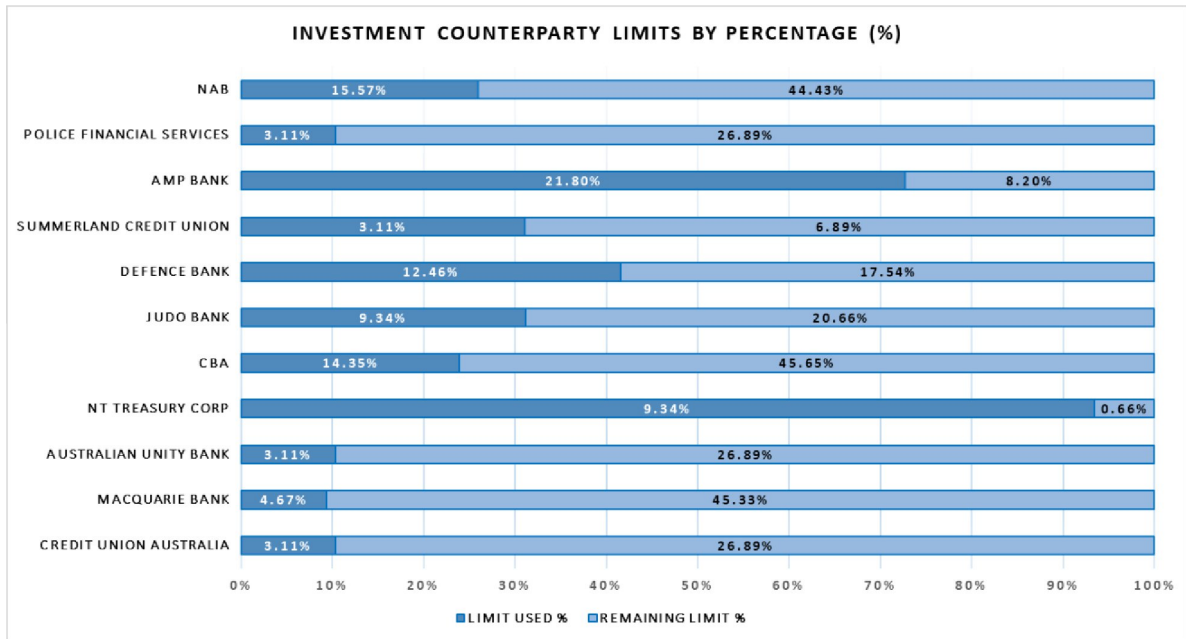
Counter Party Compliance

As at the end of August, 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.

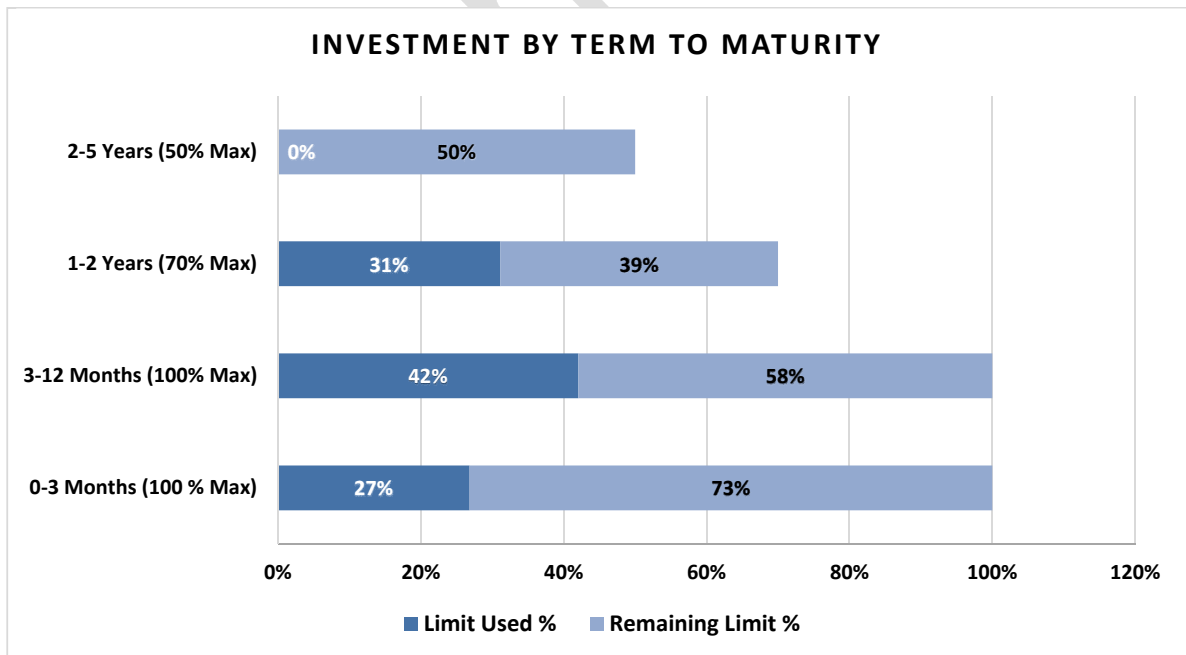


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Term to Maturity

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



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Application of Investment Funds

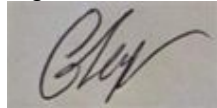
The table below details the allocation of cash balances in terms of restricted funds, noting restrictions are all internal rather than external.

Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlement	2,492,494
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	2,830,127
Infrastructure Replacement	16,363,217
Unrestricted Funds	10,423,133
TOTAL	32,108,971

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



Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council’s cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$1,114,729.17 from \$33,223,700.40 as at 30th June 2023 to \$32,108,971.23 as at 31st August 2023.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

17.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th June 2023 be received and noted

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th June 2023 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 June 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Capital Works Progress Report as at 30th June 2023.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

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Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS												
AS AT 30 June 2023	Original Budget	2021-22 Carryovers	QBR Sep 2022	QBR Dec 2022	QBR Mar 2023	Revised Budget 2022/23	Actual YTD	Committed YTD	Actual & Committed YTD	Variance YTD	% Actual to Rev Budget	
CAPITAL INCOME												
Asset Sales	(738,000)	0	0	0	0	(738,000)	(641,763)	0	(641,763)	(96,237)	87%	
Capital Contributions	(6,225,000)	0	0	0	0	(6,225,000)	(4,627,204)	0	(4,627,204)	(1,597,796)	74%	
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(6,963,000)	0	0	0	0	(6,963,000)	(5,268,967)	0	(5,268,967)	(1,694,033)	76%	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE												
NEW SYSTEM ASSETS												
Plant & Equipment	1,585,000	0	0	0	0	1,585,000	1,225,948	170,490	1,396,438	188,562	88%	
Land & Buildings	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	50,215	65,588	115,803	(15,803)	116%	
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	60,000	0	0	87,000	187,000	175,494	6,670	182,164	4,836	97%	
Mains - Reticulation	0	5,000	0	0	36,700	41,700	62,510	909	63,420	(21,720)	152%	
Mains - Trunk	0	66,000	0	0	0	66,000	0	0	0	66,000	0%	
Mains - Rural	17,000	0	0	0	17,000	34,000	13,359	0	13,359	20,641	39%	
Pump Stations	0	0	400,000	0	140,000	540,000	461,380	290,578	751,958	(211,958)	139%	
Scada	250,000	430,000	0	0	430,000	1,110,000	241,784	446,927	688,711	421,289	62%	
Reservoirs	1,560,000	0	2,920,750	60,000	(600,000)	3,940,750	3,764,672	776,832	4,541,504	(600,754)	115%	
TOTALS NEW SYSTEM ASSETS	3,452,000	661,000	3,320,750	60,000	110,700	7,604,450	5,995,363	1,757,994	7,753,357	(148,907)	102%	
RENEWALS												
Plant & Equipment	30,000	0	0	0	(15,000)	15,000	4,505	0	4,505	10,495	30%	
Furniture and Office Equipment	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0%	
Land & Buildings	50,000	0	0	0	22,000	72,000	0	5,100	5,100	66,900	7%	
Mains - Reticulation	5,200,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	7,200,000	5,885,182	1,293,414	7,178,596	21,404	100%	
Mains - Trunk	3,330,000	0	0	0	(1,300,000)	2,030,000	941,508	106,462	1,047,971	982,030	52%	
Mains - Rural	1,415,000	180,000	0	0	0	1,595,000	460,068	208,206	668,274	265,826	42%	
Pump Stations	1,342,000	269,000	0	63,000	(343,000)	1,331,000	902,994	1,851,999	2,754,993	(1,423,993)	207%	
Bores	0	250,000	0	0	146,825	396,825	396,825	0	396,825	(0)	100%	
Reservoirs	4,225,000	563,000	0	0	(3,100,000)	1,688,000	1,021,042	94,079	1,115,121	572,879	66%	
Information Technology	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000	8,596	17,999	26,595	33,405	44%	
Treatment Plant	4,192,000	980,000	0	0	(1,368,000)	3,804,000	4,665,752	1,019,861	5,685,613	(1,881,613)	149%	
TOTALS RENEWAL ASSETS	8,477,000	1,793,000	-	-	(4,321,175)	5,948,825	6,092,215	1,131,939	7,224,154	(1,275,329)	121%	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	23,301,000	2,903,000	3,320,750	123,000	(3,846,475)	25,801,275	20,281,836	6,355,114	26,636,949	(1,486,573)	103%	

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17.1.3. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 August 2023

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 August 2023.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 2012.

The Committee was established by Council Res 17/008 on 23 February 2017. In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, the Committee will report regularly to Council.

REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 2 August 2023. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes of ARIC Meeting 2 August 2023.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

17.1.4. 2022/23 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Piper that:

- 1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 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:**

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- 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. That 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 2022/23 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 on 26th October 2023

Cr Abb McAlister left the meeting at 10.50am

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

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 30th June 2023 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 on 26th October 2023.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments will be provided at the meeting:

2022/23 Draft Primary Financial Statements; GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management; SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

17.1.5. PENSIONER CONCESSIONS POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Piper that the Board adopts PP002 Pensioner Concession Policy

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Council adopted PP002, the Pensioner Concessions Policy in 2009 in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 No. 30 – NSW Legislation - Section 575 – Reductions for eligible pensioners. The Policy has been reviewed with no changes required to be made.

REPORT

PP002 Pensioner Concessions Policy has been reviewed and no changes are required for this Policy.

Section 575 – Reductions for eligible pensioners (3) (b) specifies that 'The total amount by which - all water supply special rates or charges so levied are reduced is not to exceed \$87.50.'

Council currently has 1,686 Pensioner Concessions with a total value of \$141,708.52 for 2023/24. The Office of Local Government contributes 55% of the Pensioner Concession Subsidy and application has been made for payment of \$77,939.69 for the 2023/24 financial year. The balance of \$63,768.83 is a reduction in Council's water billing revenue.

The Policy also allows for an eligible pensioner who was not aware for some years that they were entitled to a pensioner concession, to make a claim and request that the concession be backdated for a maximum of two prior years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position. This Policy is a legislative requirement and has been included in the budget process.

ATTACHMENTS: PP002 Pensioner Concessions Policy

17.1.6. DEBT RECOVERY & HARDSHIP POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that the Board adopts the revised PP016 Debt Recovery & Hardship Policy

Report prepared by Acting Corporate Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Council adopted PP016 Debt Recovery & Hardship Policy in February 2017. The policy's purpose being to enable Council to operate a consistent and fair process when recovering outstanding debts and providing assistance to customers suffering genuine financial hardship, ensuring that revenue is managed so that Council continues to be financially sustainable.

REPORT

PP016 Debt Recovery & Hardship Policy has been reviewed to allow for a proposed change in the method of delivery of 'Pending Flow Restrictor/Disconnection Notices'.

This Policy has been reviewed prior to the next scheduled date of February 2024 due to the need for change to the method of issuing 'Pending Flow Restrictor/Disconnection Notices'. Previously, these Notices required hand delivery by two Goldenfields Water Officers. The proposed change will allow the Notices to be sent via registered mail and is considered to be a more cost-effective method of delivery.

Internal procedures will also be altered to allow for postage delays, whereby the Flow Restrictor or Disconnection will not be actioned for 7 days after the Notices have been posted. The previous timeframe was 48 hours. Proposed procedural changes will also include debt collection to commence on outstanding debt of \$500 or more, previously on debt of \$2,000 or more. This will allow for the process of debt recovery, either by payment plans, flow restrictors or disconnection, or via external debt collection agencies, to be commenced before the debt becomes overwhelming. It should be noted that every endeavour is made to recover outstanding debt before external debt collection agencies are engaged.

The policy encourages owners to contact Council and make payment arrangements where they would otherwise have difficulty meeting their commitments. Debt recovery action is taken as a last resort, where accounts remain outstanding for an extended period of time, no contact has been made to make a payment arrangement or the customer continues to default on payment arrangements.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Debt Recovery & Hardship Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

17.2.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White 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

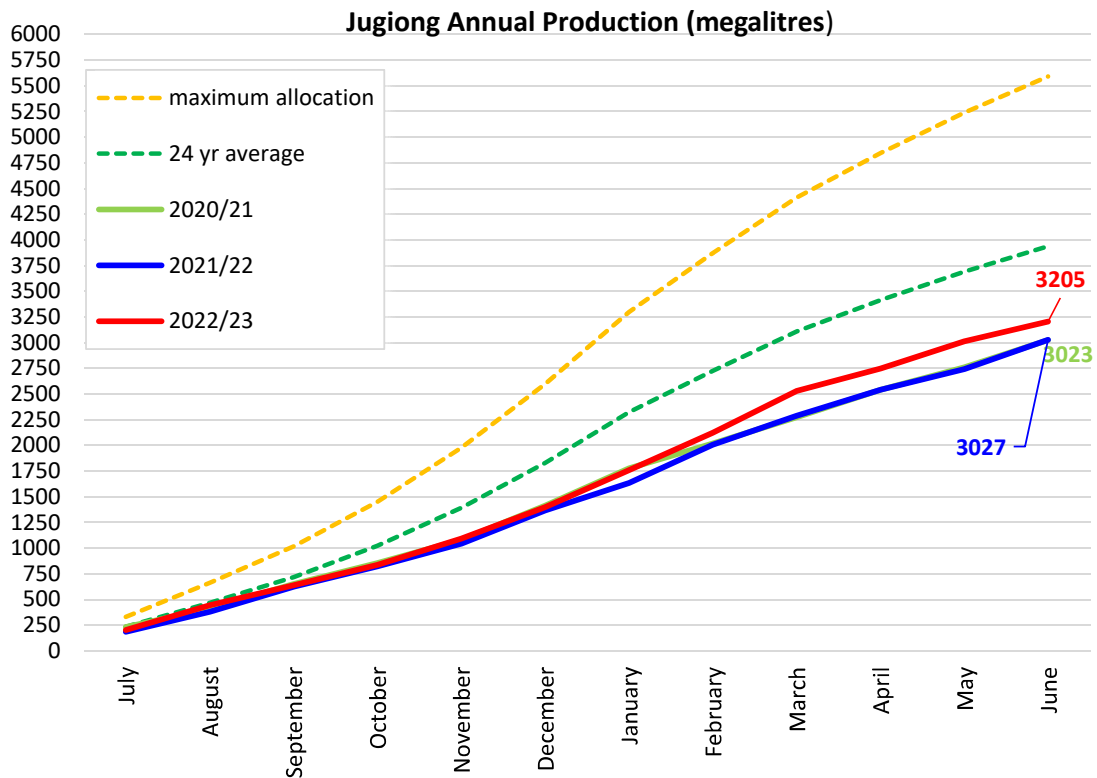
Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

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

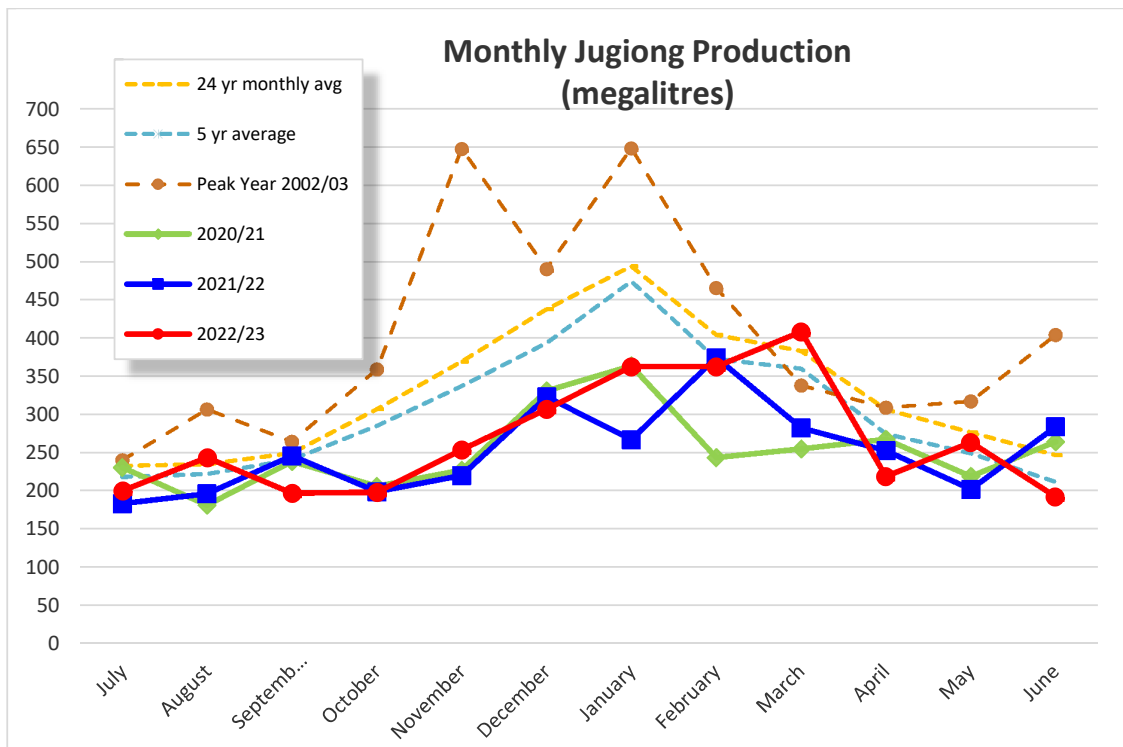
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For the 2022/23 financial year, 3205ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2021/22 FY where 3027ML was extracted. An increase of 178ML. This 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 saw a further increase in production with 243ML extracted and treated before a decrease in production for September where only 197ML was extracted and treated. October saw an extraction of 198ML. November through to January saw a gradual increase in production as we moved into the warmer months. November (254ML), December (307ML) and January (362ML). February had a similar production to January (362ML) before a slight increase in March (408ML) extracted. With the onset of cooler months production in April reduced to (219ML) before a slight increase for May (263ML) and June indicates another reduction in production (192ML).



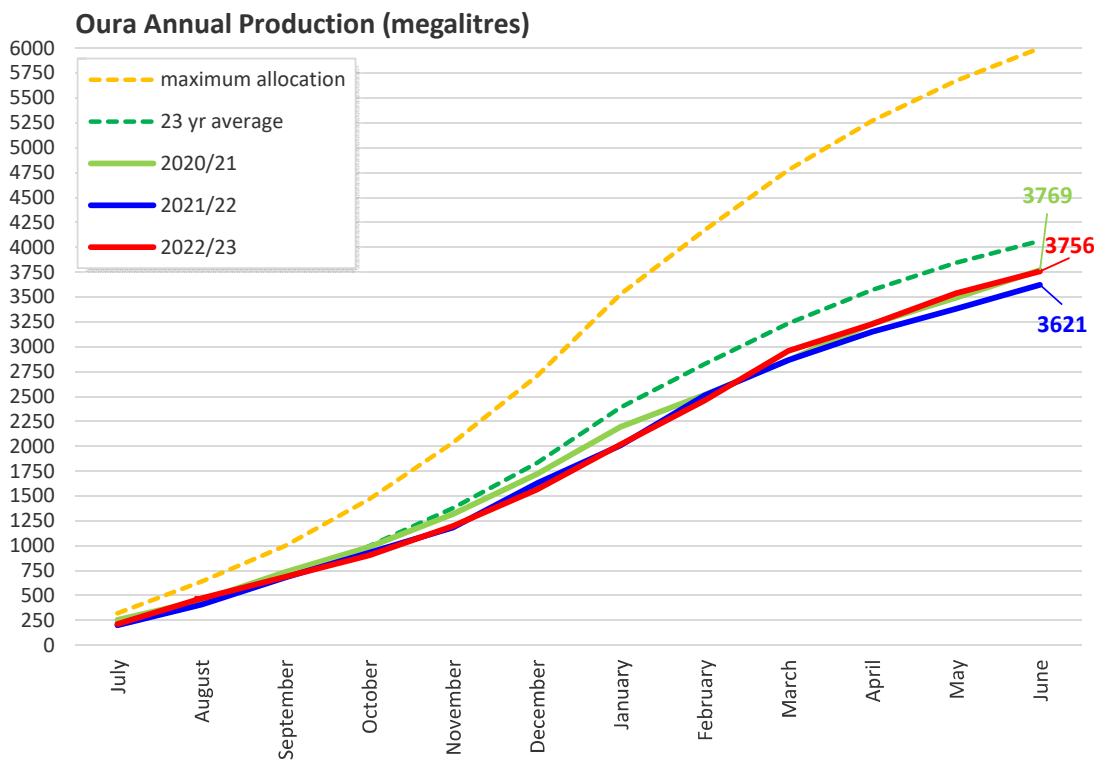
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Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

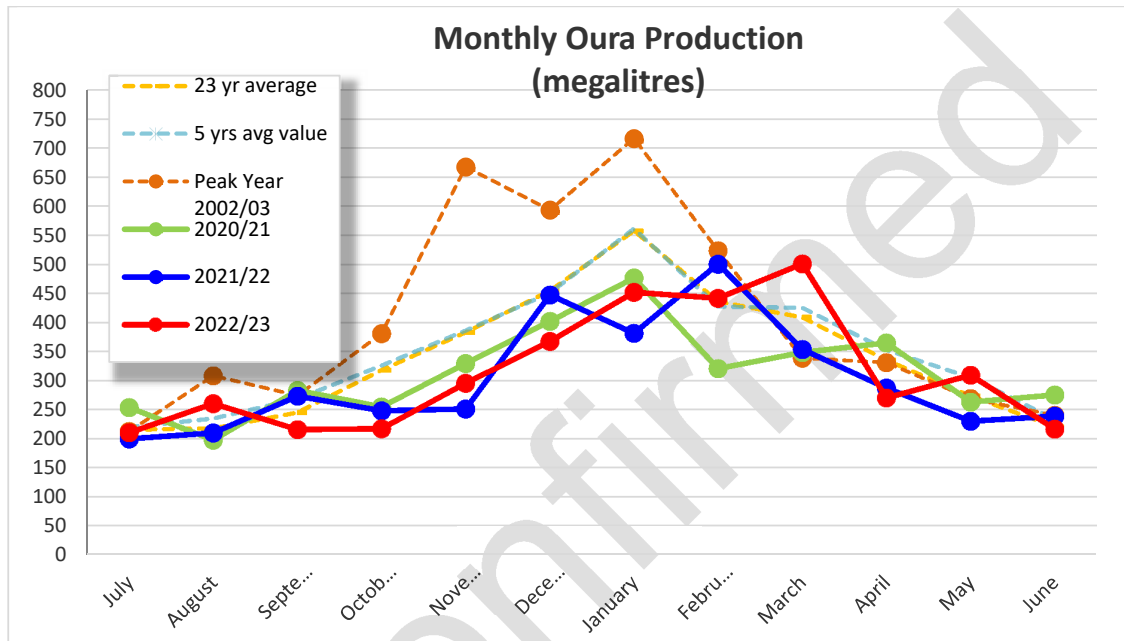
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the 2022/23 financial year, 3756ML 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 2021/22 FY where 3621ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 135ML. 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. August saw an increase in production where 260ML was extracted before a decrease in production for September saw only 215ML extracted. October saw a further decrease where only 217ML was extracted. November through to January saw further production increases as we move into the warmer months. November (295ML), December (367ML) and January (452ML). February was slightly lower in production with (441ML) extracted before an increase in March saw (501ML) extracted from the Oura Bores. There was a large decrease in production for April (270ML) before a slight increase in Production in May (309ML) and June indicates a further reduction in production (217ML).

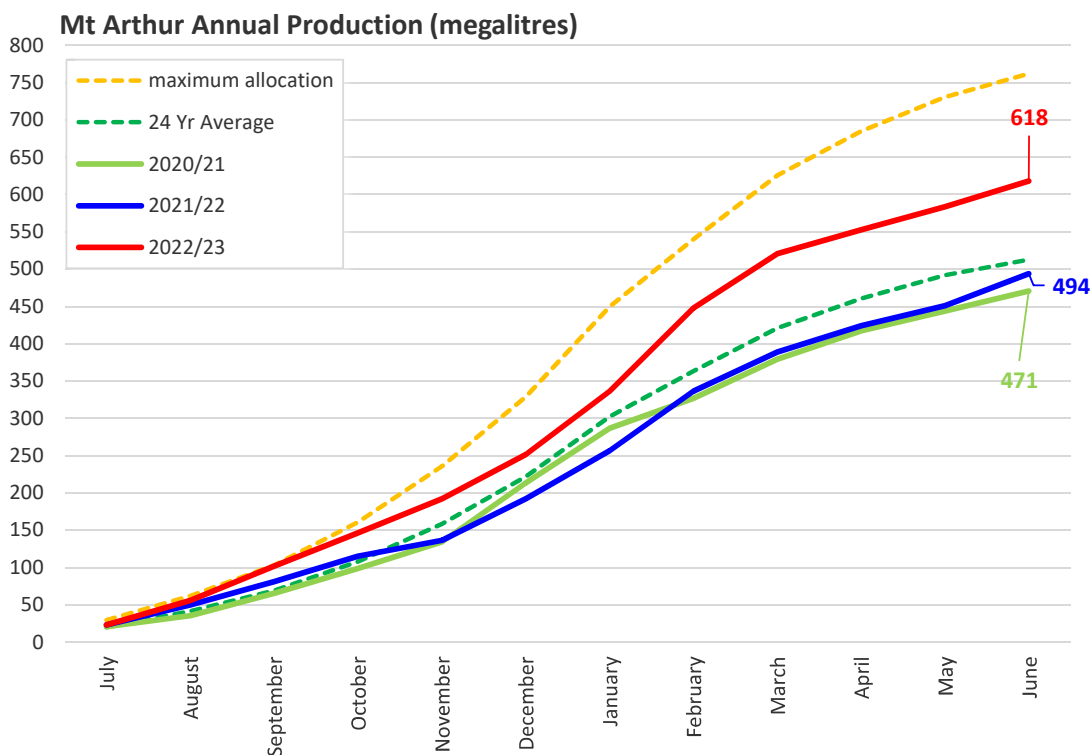


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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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.

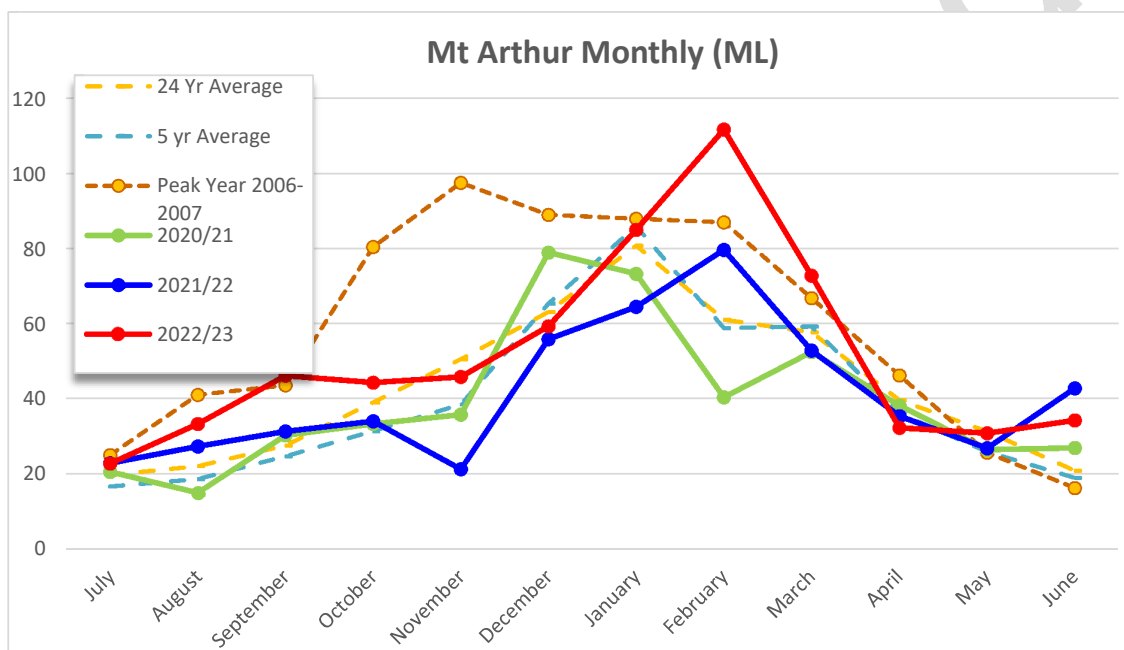
For the 2022/23 financial year, 618ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to the 2021/22 FY where 494ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 124ML. This increase in Production over the year can attributed to a burst in Matong and a burst in Coolamon between the September to February periods at an estimated loss of 45ML. 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 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 saw 33ML extracted and September a further increase to 46ML. This increase indicated a leak within the system; however, finding was difficult with the wet catchment and flooding during these periods.

October saw a slight decrease with 44ML extracted from the Mt Arthur Bores. November through to January saw a steady increase every month as we move into the warmer months. November (46ML), December (59ML) and January (85ML) extracted. February data indicates a large spike in production where (112ML) was extracted before a reduction in Production for March (73ML). April saw a further reduction in Production to (32ML) before a further slight reduction in May where (31ML) was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores. June indicates a slight increase in production from average years (34ML).



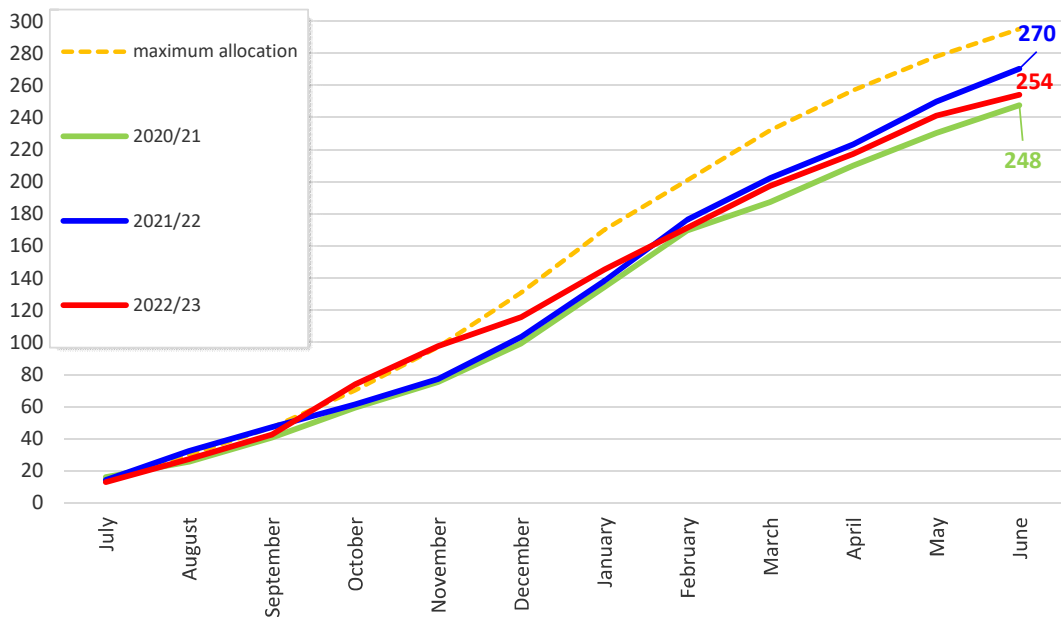
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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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 2022/23 financial year, 254ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 16ML compared to the 2021/22 FY where 270ML was produced over the same period. The steep increase in September/October indicates that a burst was evident in the scheme, interrogation of ClearSCADA pump run times indicated a pump had run for a long period of time also indicating a burst within the scheme. The burst was located on Harts Lane within the Mt Daylight scheme, again prolonged wet weather made it difficult to access and locate the burst.

Daylight Annual Volume (megalitres)

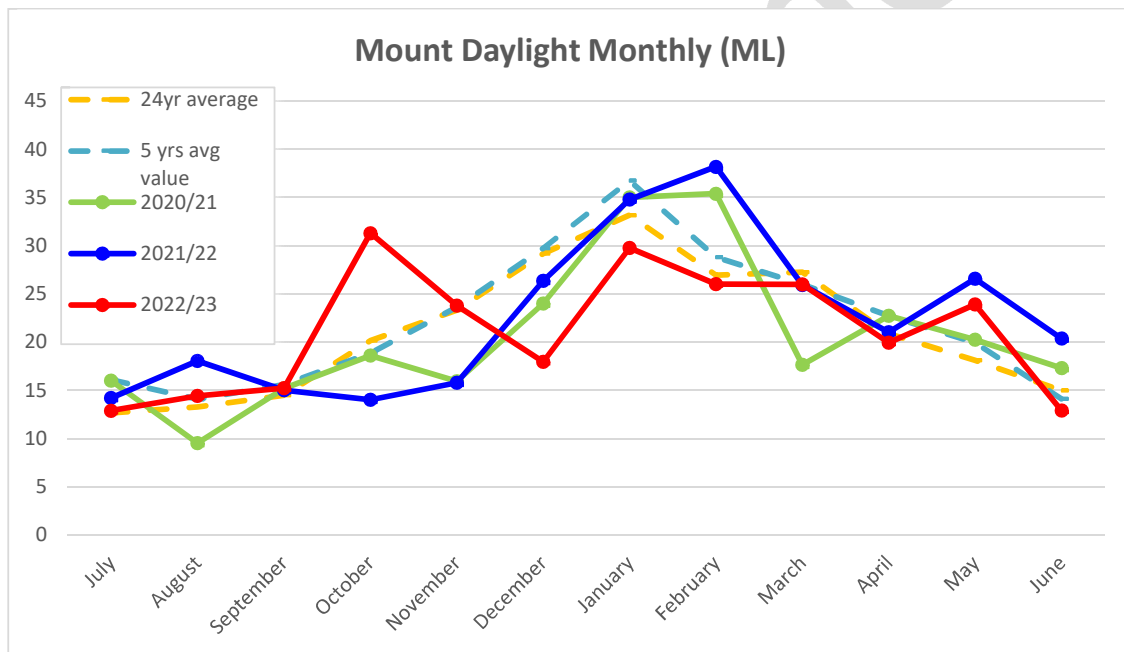


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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores started very consistently with July seeing 13ML extracted with slight increases in August 14ML, September was steady with 15ML extracted before a dramatic increase for October where 31ML was extracted, as indicated this increases correlates to a burst in the system which has been located and fixed.

November through to January had seen some inconsistencies with production. These inconsistencies correlate to the prolonged period of flooding experienced at the bores where we operated for around 10 days without any production.

The period November and December saw a decrease in monthly extractions as both bores were under floodwater for up to 4-6 weeks. November saw 24ML produced with a further decrease in December where 18ML was produced. January saw an increase in production (30ML) as both bores were once again available for production as flood waters receded. February and March have been very consistent with (26ML) extracted for each of these months. April saw a decrease in Production (20ML) before a slight increase is evident in May (24ML). June (13ML) indicates a further reduction in production mainly due to the cooler wet weather.

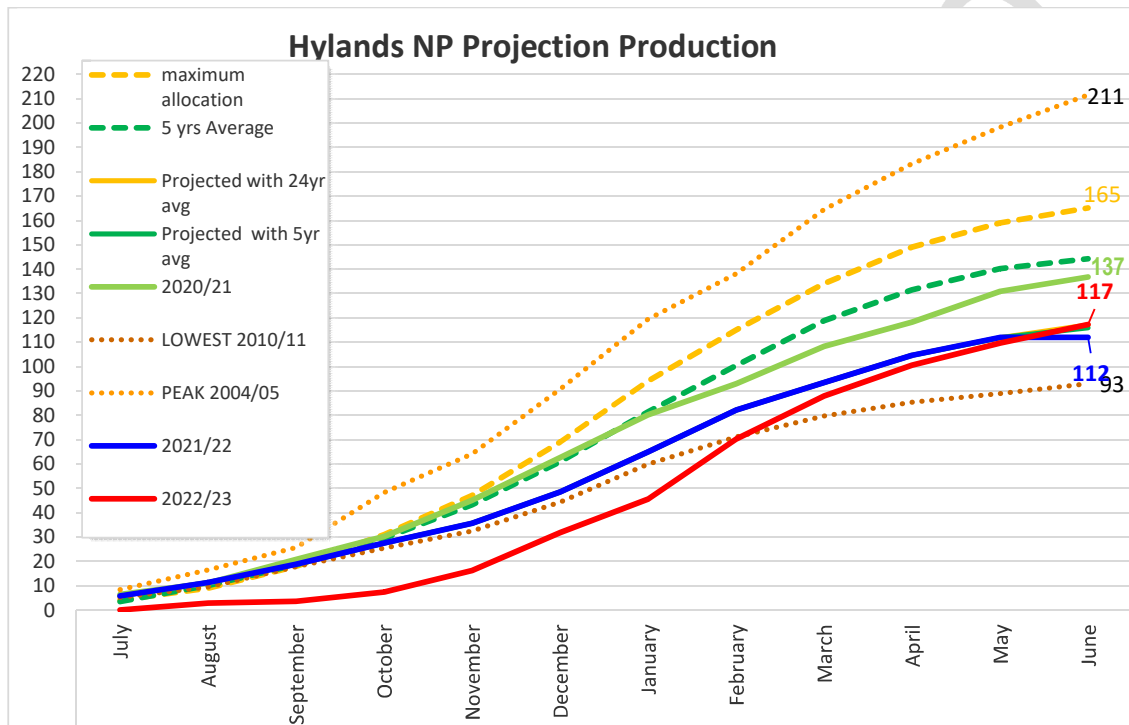


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Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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 2022/23 financial year only 117ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water scheme. The reduction in production from Hylands Bridge may be attributed to Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel maintenance and pump issues during August/September. The Hylands Bridge Scheme has the ability for cross connection of supply from the Oura scheme at Barellan. When maintenance is undertaken on the channels supply for Barellan is cut over to the Oura scheme to maintain supply.



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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17.2.2. BUDGET REVISION FOR THE OURA PUMP STATION AND DOSING PROJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and McGlynn that the Board:

- 1. Note the information detailed within this report;**
- 2. Approve the budget revision for the Oura Pump Station and Dosing Renewal Project.**

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The Oura pump station project has previously been planned for with a budget allocation of \$3,075,000 over three financial years. The initial project was specifically based upon the delivery of three new pumps and a new building to house these units. The project commenced in 2022 via a tendering process in order to assess new pump options suitable to the significant pressure and flows required as part of the Oura scheme.

At the December 2022 Council meeting, it was resolved that:

22/113 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Piper that the Board;

- 1. Note the information provided within this report*
- 2. In accordance with Reg 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, decline to accept any of the tenders.*
- 3. In accordance with Reg 178, of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, section (3), (e), enter into negotiations with FITT Resources with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the supply of pumps for the Oura Water Treatment Plant.*
- 4. Note that FITT Resources has been selected for negotiations as they were the preferred applicant as a result of panel evaluation process.*
- 5. Approve the General Manager and/or his delegate to negotiate, undertake any additional request for quotations and enter any agreement necessary to complete the supply of pumps and associated equipment for the Oura Pump Station*

The Supply of Pumps – Oura Pump Station contract was accepted for a total of \$1,721,573 ex. GST in March 2023. These pumps and motors are currently under construction and are expected to be available for Factory Assessment Testing (FAT) in Melbourne late 2023.

REPORT

Since the inception of the project, a significant amount of strategic planning work has been undertaken across all of our water supply schemes, this includes but is not limited to the catchment risk assessment of the source water, development of a new hydraulic model including options for growth and the sizing of the Oura to Junee trunk main. In addition to this, a significant decrease in asset reliability has been seen with current treatment processes. As

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such, this report is provided to the Board, in order to update them on the new requirements of the project, including an updated budget request.

As it stands, Council have completed scoping the works to determine the total project requirements, which will include a new pump station building to house the new pumps, new chlorine and fluoride dosing building and associated equipment to manage the rising number of non-conformances/failures being experienced from current aging assets, a new building for the dosing equipment, upsized pipeline and associated valves to meet future requirements and the demolition of existing dosing buildings and reservoir/aerator to allow for effective future use and safe traffic flow across the site.

It is Council's intention to tender the entire project as a single tender request for the design and construction of all elements of the project, with advertising to occur later this year and the project executed over the next two calendar years. This timeline is noted to align favourably with the construction of the Oura reservoirs and aerator which was awarded earlier this year.

The intent and drivers for this project are:

- New pumps are required as existing pumps are approaching end of useful life and demand is anticipated to exceed the existing pump capacities by 2024. Any delay in upgrading this system will pose a constant threat of triggering restrictions during peak demand periods. (New pumps have been ordered and currently under construction)
- New pumps will incorporate variable speed drives which will provide greater operational control, reduced energy costs and manage surge issues which can cause premature failure of our pipeline assets. (VSD work has been completed as part of the HV upgrade project)
- A new pump station building is required to house the new pumps and motors to eliminate the risk of flooding which the existing station is vulnerable to and has occurred in the past from a pipe break, and reduce an excessive shutdown period for cutting over from existing pumps to new pumps.
- The chlorine dosing system is currently limited to only dosing prior to aeration (whereby iron and manganese can result in excessive chlorine being required) and the existing system is undersized for the target chlorine concentration and limited in its dosing capacity. The new system will incorporate a 'pre' and 'post' dosing arrangement for the treatment process in order to reduce failures of Critical Control Point breaches and outages.
- The fluoride system has recorded a number of reportable exceedances over the past years, with the number of exceedances increasing each year indicating equipment failure (from 5 in the 2019/20 FY, to 30 in the 2021/22 FY).
- The existing fluoride system has a number of safety concerns associated with fluoride dust which require addressing and pose significant costs in refurbishing and retrofitting the existing system.
- A new dosing building is required for the upsized chlorine system which will require increased space and a gantry crane for the 920kg chlorine drums (existing system relies on 70kg cylinders)
- Demolition of the existing dosing buildings and reservoir will allow for a new access track to be constructed which will improve safety of traffic flow, particularly with chemical deliveries. The removal of these assets will also allow for areas of future asset locations.

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- The existing trunk main between Oura and Junee will require an upsize in future years. The inclusion of around 500m of 750mm DICL pipeline and associated valves will be included to cover the site operations for future operation.

To not proceed with the renewal of any component of the project would introduce a large risk to Council in maintaining a reliable water supply which meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to 50% of Council's customer base. A review of the cost to complete all works within the scope is summarised below, having sourced and compared costs from reference rates provided by the Department of Planning and Environment, similar works recently completed and quantity surveys completed as part of the Oura Strategic Asset Plan.

#	Item	Qty	Unit	Cost (ex GST)
1	Pump station building	1	Reference rates (civil only, design included)	\$765,000
2	Suction and Discharge Piping and Valves	1	Cardno SAP Estimate, 4/4/19	\$180,000
3	Chlorine Dosing	1	Cardno SAP Estimate, 4/4/19	\$630,000
4	Fluoridation Plant	1	Reference rates (up to 40ML/day), SID included	\$301,080
5	Rising Main Pipework	500m	Pipe supply quote on 11/4/23 + 20% for install	\$582,000
6	HV and LV Installation	90m each	Cost estimate using \$5,000/m for HV and \$800/m for LV from previous Oura works	\$500,000
7	Roads and Drainage	1	Tender submissions average for Oura reservoirs and aerators (RFT 02/2023)	\$200,000
8	Demolition of Existing Reservoir and Dosing Buildings	1	Jugiong Old Water Treatment Plant Demolition contract (RFT 07/2020) and indexed	\$420,000
9	Pumps and motors	3	Tender submission for pump supply – RFT 05/2022	\$1,721,573
10	Recommended pump spares	1	Tender submission for pump supply – RFT 05/2022	\$215,000
11	Internal Expenses (GWCC time etc)	2.5 days per week, 7.75 hr/day, 24 months	\$50/hr + 100% oncost	\$201,500
12	Contingency	50%	Excludes pumps, motors and spares only (lines 9 and 10)	\$1,889,790
			Total – Overheads and Others	\$7,605,943

It is noted that line items 9 and 10 are fixed costs that were provided in the accepted tender submission for RFT 05/2022, however the contract only incorporated the supply of the pumps and motors. It is Council's intention to proceed with the recommended spares after the pumps and motors are installed and commissioned due to long lead times in their supply and the criticality of the Oura pump station.

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Council officers understand that the original budget for these works was \$3,075,000 and this report is requesting an additional \$4,525,000 (totalling to \$7,600,000 for the entire project) to cover the inclusion of all the additional necessary items that will be required for future operation.

Removing the pump and motor items which have already commenced and under contract, this budget revision also incorporates a 50% contingency on all other items for which no preliminary designs are available in line with Council's Project Investment Framework. The Framework recommends that we apply a 50% contingency measure until such time detailed designs have been completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

In light of cost increases that have been experienced across the construction industry, particularly with recent tender submissions exceeding the allocated project budgets, a review of the project budget and scope for the Oura pump station and dosing renewal was conducted. The renewal of the pump station and dosing building was planned for completion across the 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25 financial years, whereby \$75,000 was allocated to 22/23 FY for designs to be completed, with construction to follow over the 23/24 and 24/25 financial years with \$1.5mil allocated to each FY.

This report will impact Council's financial position by increasing the project budget allocation by a total of \$4,525,000 over the next two financial years. The cashflow originally budgeted compared to the anticipated cashflow from the revised proposal in this report can be viewed below:

Financial Year	Original Budget	Proposed Budget
2022/23	\$75,000	
2023/24	\$1,500,000	\$3,200,000
2024/25	\$1,500,000	\$4,400,000
Total	\$3,075,000	\$7,600,000

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

17.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER

17.3.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the Board:

- 1. Endorse the Chairman as Goldenfields Water's voting delegate for the LGNSW Annual Conference;**
- 2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager and the Chairperson.**

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Report prepared by General Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference is the annual policy making event for NSW Councils and where councillors come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way their councils are governed.

REPORT

The LGNSW Annual Conference will be held at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from Sunday 12 November to Tuesday 14 November 2023.

Council is required to resolve upon the voting delegation being assigned to one of its members for the Annual Conference, and to endorse the attendance of that delegate and the General Manager.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: LGNSW Annual Conference Draft Program

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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- 12 NOVEMBER
- 13 NOVEMBER
- 14 NOVEMBER
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- OPTIONAL
- SITE VISIT

12.30pm–5.00pm **Registration Operational**
 Exhibition open from 1pm
 Optional off-site visit to PHIVE at Parramatta Square, hosted by City of Parramatta Council (Limited spaces. Book when registering for conference).

2.30pm– 3.00pm Afternoon Tea in exhibition area

3.00pm–5.00pm **Plenary Room**
3pm to 3.30pm - Official welcomes (LGNSW President and Mayor)
3.30pm to 3.55pm - AR Bluett Memorial Awards presentation
3.55pm to 4.55pm - Housing Crisis and affordability Forum
4.55pm to 5.00pm - President’s Welcome Reception Partner Landcom address

5.15pm–7.30pm President’s Welcome Reception, exhibition area, Rosehill Gardens
7.30pm: Bus transfers to Rosehill and Parramatta CBD hotels. Delegates make own arrangements for dinner.

- 12 NOVEMBER
- 13 NOVEMBER
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- SOCIAL EVENTS
- OPTIONAL
- SITE VISIT

From 7.45am **Doors open** - Registration opens, Light refreshments in exhibition area,

8.00am–8.50am **Ground floor**
 Voting for LGNSW Board President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Directors (voting for all positions at the one time)

8.50am–9.00am Distribution of electronic voting handsets and delegates are seated in the Grand Pavilion plenary room

9.00am–9.10am Conference Welcome - **Chief Executive LGNSW**
 Welcome to Country

9.10am–9.20am Ministerial address

9.10am–9.20am CE LGNSW thanks Minister and explains voting on motions procedure and housekeeping

9.30am–10.45am **From 9.30am to 10am:** Opening of the Federal and State Conferences, adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business.
Opening Address by Cr Darriea Turley AM President, LGNSW
Presentation of financial reports
 Start of consideration of motions and conference business

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10.45am-11.45am	Morning refreshments AEC Voting for LGNSW Board President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Directors
11.45am-11.50am	Address by Elite partner Statewide Mutual
11.50am-1.00pm	Consideration of Conference Business (continued)
1.00pm-2.15pm	Delegate lunch in Exhibition area sponsored by Distinguished Partner Active Super AEC Voting for LGNSW Board President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Directors (until 2.10pm)
1.05pm - 2.15pm	Premier Partner - StateCover Mutual Members' Lunch GMs and CEOs join StateCover Mutual for member networking and lunch (level 1)
2.20pm-3.30pm	Consideration of Conference Business (continued)
3.30pm-4.30pm	Afternoon Refreshments in trade exhibition (ground level) AEC Voting for LGNSW Board President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Directors during afternoon tea,
4.30-4.40pm	ALGA update. Cr Linda Scott, President ALGA
4.40pm-5.40pm	Consideration of Conference Business continued
5.40pm-6.30pm	Networking in Trade Exhibition
7.00pm-10.30pm	LGNSW Conference Dinner and entertainment, Elite Partner - Statewide Mutual. Presentation LG Service Awards
7.30am-8.45am	ALGWA Breakfast Sponsored by ALGWA Breakfast Partner Maddocks, MC Steph Brantz,
From 7.30am	LGNSW Information Desk and Exhibition and light refreshments - Exhibition Centre
9.00am-10.05am	Plenary Room MC Steph Brantz Keynote address and panel session followed by Q&A
10.05am- 10.15am	Speaker (to be announced)

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10.15am-10.45am	Refreshment break in trade exhibition, ground floor
10.45am-10.55am	To be announced
10.55am-11.45am	Plenary Room Panel session followed by Q&A
11.45am-12.45am	Plenary Room Keynote address followed by Q&A
12.45am-1.45pm	Lunch in trade exhibition
1.45pm-2.45pm	Presentation and Q&A: Department of Home Affairs Presentation and Q&A: ICAC
2.45pm-3.00pm	Final remarks from President LGNSW , including announcement of location for Annual Conference 2024

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SITE VISIT

President's Welcome Reception **12 November, 5.15pm to 7.30pm.**

President's Welcome Reception in exhibition area, Rosehill Gardens

The President's Welcome Reception is included in your registration. Tickets for partners and extra guests of members can be purchased at time of registration.

Conference Dinner **13 November, 7pm to 10.30pm.**

LGNSW Conference Dinner and entertainment, Sponsored by Elite Partner – Statewide Mutual. Presentation of Local Government Service Awards will be made during the Conference Dinner.



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BOARD RESOLUTION

23/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that the Board accept to receive the late report.

17.3.2. MOTION FOR LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

BOARD RESOLUTION

23/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White that the Board support and put forward the following motion to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023:

- 1. A new Clause be inserted within the ISEPP recognising County Councils as a concurrent 'Approval Agency' with reference to their functions as a Proclaimed Authority under the Local Government Act and in accordance with the relevant provisions regarding consultation and concurrence within the EP&A Act;**
- 2. County Councils be recognised as a Public Authority in reference to developments not requiring consent, via the following amendments to the ISEPP;**
 - a. amend clause 13 within the ISEPP to provide that a reference to a council is a reference to a County Council, where a County Council exercises the relevant functions of the council in respect of the impacts of the proposed development, and**
 - b. amend clause 16(2) to include County Councils as a public authority that is required to be notified and consulted with in respect of certain development**
- 3. County Councils to be included within the State Planning Portal as a concurrent 'Approval Agency' in relation to all responsibilities/services/obligations detailed within their individual Proclamations.**

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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BACKGROUND

Through an historic approach of seeking efficiencies within amending state planning legislation, County Councils have been neglected and unacknowledged as a Public Authority to be consulted with. As such, there is currently no mechanism in the development assessment process that mandates the referral of development applications to NSW County Councils for consultation and concurrence where the proposed development may impact on the functions of a County Council.

The effect of this, is that development applications, and/or developments not requiring consent are referred to County Councils on a discretionary basis. This has and continues to result in sub-optimal outcomes and undermining the ability of the County Councils to carry out their functions efficiently and effectively.

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County Councils were only made aware in January 2021 through discussions with General Purpose Councils, that a new NSW Planning Portal was to be introduced and made mandatory for Local Government Councils by July 2021. Relevant State planning agencies failed to recognise and consult with County Councils as a relevant Public Authority to be included within the development assessment process.

The County's contacted NSW Planning for discussion around the functions of the portal and how County Council's will be included into the system for referral and concurrent approvals of developments through their obligations under the Water Management and Local Government Acts and associated regulations.

An 'onboarding' workshop was hosted by Planning on the 10 August 2021 with all four County Councils represented. These discussions provided a significant amount of frustration for the County's, noting that there is no mechanism for them to enact their Authority and that we were never considered as a stakeholder group in its initial development and roll out.

This initiated a full review of County Council's current legislative requirements under the Local Government Act, EP& A Act, and the Water Management Act. Results have provided a very clear view, that there currently exists an inadequate framework for County Councils to be recognised and to manage the functions of water and sewer to ensure short, medium and long-term planning provisions.

County Council staff have been liaising and working with relevant State Planning Authorities such as DPIE through the Town Water Risk Reduction Program (TWRRP) to include provisions within the relevant legislation and have us included within the Planning Portal as a concurrent approval agency; however, no progress has been made.

This report is to request that the Board resolve to support and put forward a motion at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023 for LGNSW to advocate on behalf of the County Councils in ensuring appropriate and timely amendments to the relevant Acts and Planning processes are undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

18. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at 10.00am

19. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11:07am