



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held on
Thursday 31 October 2024
At 10:03 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION

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

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest.

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**MINUTES OF GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GOLDENFIELDS WATER TEMORA OFFICE
ON THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:03 AM**

PRESENT: Cr A White, Cr G Sinclair, Cr C Rouse, Cr M Austin, Cr R Crowe, Cr L Cooper, Cr N Langford, Cr J Mackay

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr A Dahlenburg (Operations Manager), Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Mrs M Carr (Corporate Services Manager), Miss A Burnett (Executive Assistant), Mr J Gilbert (Crowe) (Via Zoom)

1 OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 10:03am.

The meeting was opened by General Manager, Aaron Drenovski.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

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

Leave of Absence

Nil

Apologies

Nil

Application for Leave of Absence

Nil

4 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.

5 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.

Moved to Item 13.1 Oath or Affirmation of Office followed by Items 13.2 & 13.3 Election of Chairperson and Election of Deputy Chairperson as the first matters of Business.

Normal Business then resumed at Item 6 Presentations.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Auditor Jason Gilbert from Crowe will be presenting the 2023/2024 Financial Statements.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/082

Moved: Cr A White

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 September 2024 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

8 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Senior Staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matter 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 reason in declaring any type of interest.

Cr G Sinclair disclosed a pecuniary interest in relation to 20.1 – Springdale Free Range Egg Farm - Request for Regional Economic Benefit Consideration and chose to leave the meeting, not participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and not vote on the matter take. The reason provided was:

“Cr Sinclair’s son is one of the contractors for the works on the development.”

9 BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE – URGENT

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.

10 CHAIRPERSON MINUTES

Nil

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2024

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/083

Moved: Cr G Sinclair

Seconded: Cr C Rouse

It was resolved that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 September 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/084

Moved: Cr A White

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 September 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

13 GENERAL MANAGER**13.1 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: Nil

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/085

Moved: Cr N Langford

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that:

- 1. All newly elected Councillors take Oath or make an Affirmation as per s.233A of the Local Government Act, 1993.**
- 2. Oaths or affirmations of office be taken individually by each councillor and be recorded in the Minutes of this Meeting.**

CARRIED

Cr Graham Sinclair – Oath

Cr Cameron Rouse – Oath

Cr Joanne Mackay – Oath

Cr Rodney Crowe – Oath

Cr Alan White – Oath

Cr Les Cooper – Oath

Cr Matt Austin – Affirmation

Cr Neil Langford – Affirmation

The above Councillors took either the Oath or Affirmation as noted before the General Manager.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 requires councillors to take an oath or affirmation of office at or before the first meeting of the council after the councillor is elected.

REPORT

Councillors are to take either the Oath or Affirmation as listed below.

Oath

I [*name of councillor*] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of [*name of council area*] and the [*name of council*] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Affirmation

I [*name of councillor*] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of [*name of council area*] and the [*name of council*] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.2 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**Author: Executive Assistant****Authoriser: General Manager****Attachments: 1. LG NSW Fact Sheet - Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor****BOARD RESOLUTION 24/086****Moved: Cr M Austin****Seconded: Cr C Rouse**

It was resolved that nominations for the position of Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

CARRIED

Cr Alan White was the only nomination for the position of Chairperson.

Cr Alan White was declared elected as Chairperson for a two year period.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 391 of the Local Government Act (1993) the position of Chairperson becomes vacant the polling day of the ordinary election of councillors of which the person is a councillor. An election for chairperson of the council must be held at the first meeting after the term of the chairperson has ended. The Chairperson holds office for 2 years, subject to the Act.

REPORT

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 clause 395, Schedule 8 provides the following:

- The general manager of the county council in respect of which an election is being held (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.
- A Member of a county council may be nominated without notice for election as Chairperson of the county council
- The nomination is to be made in writing by two or more Members of the county council (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer
- The Returning Officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the county council meeting at which the election is to be held
- If only one member of the county council is nominated, that Member is elected
- If more than one Member is nominated, the county council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary or by open voting
- The election is to be held at the county council meeting at which the county council resolves on the method of voting.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Author: Executive Assistant
Authoriser: General Manager
Attachments: Nil

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/087

Moved: Cr J Mackay
Seconded: Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

CARRIED

Cr Graham Sinclair was the only nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Cr Graham Sinclair was declared elected as Deputy Chairperson for a two year period.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

There are no provisions within the Local Government Act or Regulations formalising the role of Deputy Chairperson. Council has traditionally elected a Deputy Chairperson from amongst its members to this role.

REPORT

The position of Deputy Chairperson is an optional position. If the Chairperson is prevented from exercising their functions by illness, absence or otherwise, the Deputy Chairperson will be called upon in the first instance to assist.

The election for Deputy Chairperson has traditionally occurred utilising the same process as that of the Chairperson election.

The tenure of this role will align with the two-yearly time frame of the Chairperson, subject to the Act.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors with their Business Papers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024/2025

Author: Executive Assistant
Authoriser: General Manager
Attachments: Nil

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/088

Moved: Cr M Austin
Seconded: Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that Council set the meeting schedule as described for the ensuing twelve months.

CARRIED

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 12 December 2024 commencing at 4.30pm
- Thursday 27 February 2025 commencing at 1:30pm at Jugiong Water Treatment Plant
- Thursday 24 April 2025 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 26 June 2025 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 28 August 2025 commencing at 10.00am
- Thursday 23 October 2025 commencing at 10.00am

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.5 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. PP005 Delegations of Authority Policy

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/089

Moved: Cr G Sinclair

Seconded: Cr C Rouse

It was resolved that Council adopt PP005 Delegations of Authority Policy.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 380 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must review its delegations during the 12 months of each term of office.

REPORT

PP005 Delegations of Authority Policy has been reviewed in accordance with Section 380 of the Local Government Act 1993. Section 4.3 has been created to include Organisational Accountability and Performance Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.6 GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Author: HR Coordinator

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Third Party Proposals - *Tabled Separately*

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/090

Moved: Cr M Austin

Seconded: Cr R Crowe

It was resolved:

- 1 That Council establish the General Manager Performance Review Panel consisting of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and a Councillor nominated by Council**
- 2 That the General Manager and the Performance Review Panel establish the General Manager Performance Agreement and undertake a review of the General Manager's performance in accordance with the guidelines set out in Clause 7 of the Standard Contract of Employment General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales.**
- 3 That Steven Pinnuck from LGSG be appointed to facilitate panel member training and the establishment of the General Manager's performance agreement and review.**

CARRIED

Cr Matt Austin was appointed as the third Councillor on the General Managers Performance Panel.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Clause 7 (Performance agreement and review), of the Standard Contract of Employment General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales, requires the following:

- 7.1 Within 3 months after the commencement date, the employee and Council will sign a performance agreement setting out agreed performance criteria.
- 7.2 In the event that the employee and Council are unable to agree on the performance criteria, Council will determine such performance criteria that are reasonable and consistent with the employee's duties and functions under clause 6.1.
- 7.3 The performance agreement may be varied from time to time during the term of this contract by agreement between the employee and Council, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 7.4 Within 2 months after signing or varying the performance agreement, the employee will prepare and submit to Council an action plan which sets out how the performance criteria are to be met.
- 7.5 Council will ensure that the employee's performance is reviewed (and, where appropriate, the performance agreement varied) at least annually. Any such review is to have regard to the performance criteria.

- 7.6 The employee will give Council 21 days' written notice that an annual performance review in accordance with subclause 7.5 is due.
- 7.7 Council will give the employee at least 10 days' notice in writing that any performance review is to be conducted.
- 7.8 The structure and process of the performance review is at the discretion of Council following consultation with the employee.
- 7.9 The employee may prepare and submit to Council an assessment of the employee's own performance prior to a performance review.
- 7.10 Within 6 weeks from the conclusion of a performance review, Council will prepare and send to the employee a written statement that sets out:
- a) Council's conclusions about the employee's performance during the performance review period,
 - b) any proposal by Council to vary the performance criteria as a consequence of a performance review, and
 - c) any directions or recommendations made by Council to the employee in relation to the employee's future performance of the duties of the position.
- 7.11 The employee and Council will, as soon as possible after the employee receives the written statement referred to in subclause 7.10, attempt to come to agreement on any proposal by Council to vary the performance criteria and on any recommendations by Council as to the future performance of the duties of the position by the employee.
- 7.12 The performance agreement, action plan and any associated records that contain information about the work performance or conduct of the employee are to remain confidential unless otherwise agreed to by the employee or required by law.
- 7.13 Subject to the employee being available and willing to attend a performance review, Council undertakes that if a performance review is not held in accordance with this clause, this will not operate to the prejudice of the employee unless the employee is responsible for the failure to hold the performance review.

REPORT

A General Manager Performance Review Panel, comprising of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, a Councillor nominated by Council and a Councillor nominated by the General Manager be established. The role of the committee is in two parts:

- 1 Finalise the General Manager Performance Agreement template.
- 2 Conduct the review of the General Manager's performance in accordance with the guidelines set out in Clause 7 of the Standard Contract of Employment General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales

Third party proposals (as tabled and summarised below) have been sought from three (3) external companies to assist the facilitation of the general managers' performance agreement and review. The proposals also includes provision of a two-hour training session to be provided to the Panel on the requirements of the general manager's performance agreement and review.

Provider	Cost
Local Government Services Group (LGSG)	\$3,400
Local Government NSW	\$6,000

Leading Roles	Not provided
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.7 2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT**Author:** Executive Assistant**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. 2023/2024 Annual Report**BOARD RESOLUTION 24/091****Moved:** Cr N Langford**Seconded:** Cr L Cooper**It was resolved that Council receive and note the 2023/24 Annual Report.****CARRIED****ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

Goldenfields Waters' 2023/24 Annual Report is the second Annual report within the five year reporting period for the 2022 – 2026 Delivery Program.

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

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

The completed annual report has been posted on Council's website and provided to the Minister for Local Government as per requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

13.8 2024 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Author: Administration Officer (Records)

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. 2024 Customer Survey Executive Summary

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/092

Moved: Cr G Sinclair

Seconded: Cr M Austin

It was resolved that Council receive and note the report detailing the 2024 customer satisfaction survey.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

As part of the Goldenfields Water Delivery Program for 2022-2026, Goldenfields Water committed to develop and implement its second Community Engagement Strategy. As part of this strategy Goldenfields have undertaken the 2024 customer survey to help inform its medium and long-term decision making.

Goldenfields Water collaborated with expert social media market researcher 'Taverner Research Group' to roll out their Customer Satisfaction Survey during the month of August. The survey was conducted via telephone and as an online questionnaire, designed to provide important insights into the local community's priorities and satisfaction levels including Goldenfields brand recognition and reputation, customer service experience, product quality and service delivery.

REPORT

Taverner created a detailed report of their findings, and the executive summary is attached which provides an overview of the survey outcomes. The results of the survey will be considered in Goldenfields long term strategic decision making and future integrated planning and reporting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

14 ENGINEERING MANAGER**14.1 UPDATE PP006 BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY****Author:** Engineering Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. Attachment - PP006 Backflow Prevention Policy**BOARD RESOLUTION 24/093****Moved:** Cr J Mackay**Seconded:** Cr L Cooper**It was resolved that Council adopt the PP006 Backflow Prevention Policy.****CARRIED****ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Backflow is a reversal of the normal direction of water flow in a water supply system. It occurs when the delivery pipe is at a lower pressure than the service line. Backflow presents a risk of contamination to a water supply.

All connections to a public water supply require a backflow prevention device, however depending on the risk, the type of backflow prevention device changes. Low risk such as residential properties only require a dual check valve within the meter assembly. However high risk customers require a reduced pressure zone device (RPZD), registered break tank or a registered air gap.

Examples of high risk properties are:

- Hospitals, medical surgeries, vets
- Industrial – tanks, vats, commercial laundries, reticulated industrial process water, mixing of chemicals, portable and mobile tankers (eg swimming pools, carwash, golf courses and sporting ovals, service stations etc)
- Commercial – food preparation, restaurants or food storage tanks
- Dump points (caravan parks) and sewerage treatment plant and pump stations
- Irrigation – fertilisers, insecticides, herbicides etc
- Irrigation – troughs
- Water carting tanks

In 2017 The Board adopted that Goldenfields Water would be responsible for the installation and maintenance of reduced pressure zone devices (RPZDs) on rural property connections including annual testing. The devices were to be installed on Goldfields Water's side of the meter.

REPORT

The majority of rural customers have had backflow prevention devices installed at the meter, however due to the pressure drop of approximately 5-7 metres head that occurs through the device, the installation on some connections was resulting in loss of water to the customers. As a result some devices were either not installed or installed and subsequently removed. It is unknown where a lot of these connections are. Some of these connections have suitable pressure at the

meter, however due to the customers internal plumbing (eg distance to or elevation of the house) they were experiencing water outages because of the backflow prevention device.

Goldenfields Water is currently undertaking a backflow prevention device audit and testing program to identify which connections are currently unprotected and to re-certify existing backflow prevention devices.

The policy is currently due for revision. Goldenfields Water are proposing some updates to the policy. The main changes are as follows:

1. Improved level of information provided within the policy
2. A change to the testing regime from annual to biennial due to the number of connections and distance to travel to test all devices on a regular basis. Note: this proposed timeframe is less than the industry adopted annual testing
3. For rural connections where there is sufficient pressure at the meter for a reduced pressure zone device, but the customer's internal plumbing results in unsuitable water pressure or flow when the device is installed, then it will be the responsibility of the property owner to install an appropriate, testable backflow prevention device(s) for containment purposes. Eg installation of a break tank with a registered air gap.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

14.2 FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE WYALONG WATER RELIABILITY PROJECT**Author:** Engineering Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** Nil**BOARD RESOLUTION 24/094****Moved:** Cr N Langford**Seconded:** Cr M Austin

It was resolved that Council maintains the current calculations for the determination of Bland Shire Council's funding contribution towards the Wyalong Water Reliability Project.

CARRIED**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

In 2019 Bland Shire Council requested Goldenfields Water to consider increasing pressures to the townships of Wyalong and West Wyalong to assist in economical development and expansion of the area. Goldenfields Water's financial focus is on addressing our backlog of capital works projects and maintaining current levels of service. As such, the project was deemed only feasible should grant funding be available, however both an options study and detailed design were both committed to and undertaken by Goldenfields Water so that the project would be "shovel ready" should grant funding become available. The initial project estimate was approximately \$9 million.

In 2021 Goldenfields Water was successful in securing \$4.5m through the National Water Grid Fund towards the project and Bland Shire Council secured \$2.65m through the Resources for Regions Fund. Goldenfields Water committed to contribute a further \$2.25m to enable the project to proceed.

When Goldenfields Water tendered the works, the tender submissions far exceeded the available budget placing the project viability in jeopardy. Goldenfields Water's General Manager presented the matter to the Bland Shire Council and at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 15 June 2022. Bland Shire Council resolved as follows:

- That Council commit a further \$0.8m (\$800,000), to be allocated from the Community Facilities Reserve towards the West Wyalong Water Reliability Project on the basis that Goldenfields Water County Council confirms its commitment of a further \$3,000,000 towards the project; and
- That if there is any financial surplus at the completion of the project that is be distributed to Bland Shire Council and Goldenfields Water County Council on a pro-rata basis.

Goldenfields Water County Council Board met on 23 June 2022 and made the decision to increase the project budget accordingly to allow the project to proceed. The resulting project budget was \$13,202,317.

Goldenfields Water was later successful in obtaining an additional \$500,000 from the National Water Grid Fund resulting in a final project budget of \$13,702,317.

Contribution	Amount (\$)
National Water Grid Fund	5,000,000

Resources for Regions Fund	2,652,317
Goldenfields Water	5,250,000
Bland Shire Council	800,000
	13,702,317

At the project's conclusion, the final project costs were \$11,789,003.69. Project savings can be attributed to:

- The contracts elected including contract negotiations to remove the pump station construction from the contracted works
- The construction of the pump station being carried out by Goldenfields Water's internal staff
- The additional \$500,000 being secured through the National Water Grid Fund
- Cost savings opportunities realized and acted upon during the construction period
- Minimisation of project management and project contingency costs

REPORT

In May 2024 Goldenfields Water issued Bland Shire Council an invoice of \$547,059.98 for their contribution towards the project. The invoice was calculated using the financial surplus being the final project budget (inclusive of the additional \$500,000 from the National Water Grid) minus the project expenditure and the pro rata was worked on each Council's individual project contribution (excluding grant fund amounts).

Financial surplus = \$1,913,313.31

Committed Contribution Goldenfields Water \$5,250,000 (86.78%)
Committed Contribution Bland Shire Council \$800,000 (13.22%)

Financial surplus pro rata Goldenfields Water \$1,660,373.29
Financial surplus pro rata Bland Shire Council \$252,940.02

Final project contribution Goldenfields Water \$3,589,626.71
Final project contribution Bland Shire Council \$547,059.98

Bland Shire Council paid the invoice on 02 July 2024.

Bland Shire Council have since requested Goldenfields Water to review the calculated contribution as they do not agree with the Resources for Regions Grant funding not being included in their contribution amount.

The reasoning provided was as follows:

"Resources for Regions (R4R) funding is an allocated program by the NSW Government, provided to General Purpose Councils, and was allocated to Bland Shire Council.

It was at Council's discretion and through working with the NSW Government, after which Council resolved to provide this funding to Goldenfields Water for the Water Security Project.

An impact of this decision by Bland Shire was that it diverted funding from other local projects that may have been delivered in the community."

Under a scenario where the Resources for Regions grant funding is included in the calculation of Bland Shire Council's contribution, then this increases the contribution percentage of Bland Shire Council to being 40% in which case their portion of the surplus would be \$759,011.39 and their final contribution being \$40,988.61.

Goldenfields Water have reviewed the request and the information regarding the commitment of both the Resources for Regions Grant Fund as well as the \$800,000 commitment from the Community Facilities Reserve. Goldenfields Water do not consider that there was intent for the Resources for Regions fund to be allocated on a pro rata basis. Under such an arrangement,

should Goldenfields Water have secured further funding or made additional project savings in the order of \$102,000, this would have resulted in Goldenfields Water owing funds back to Bland Shire Council.

As such, the officer's recommendation is to maintain the current calculations for the determination of Bland Shire Council's funding contribution towards the Wyalong Water Reliability Project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

However, if the Board wishes to consider changing the contribution, some options have been provided below. Each option shows both the calculated contribution amount of Bland Shire Council and the applicable refund amount given that the invoice has already been paid.

One item the Board may wish to take into consideration is the project costs that Goldenfields Water encountered in undertaking both the options report and detailed design prior to the construction phase which equates to a value of \$575,826.83. These costs were not included in previous calculations due to the discussions and intent of the agreements only pertaining to the construction phase.

Options	BSC Contribution (\$)	Refund amount (\$)
Officers recommendation and previous determination	547,059.98	0
Including the Resources for Region Fund in the calculation of Bland Shire Council's contribution percentage (other items remain as is)	40,988.61	506,071.37
As a meet in the middle approach, the Board may wish to consider splitting the difference between the two options above	294,024.29	253,035.69
This option includes both the Resources for Regions Fund in Bland Shire Council's contribution calculation and also includes the cost of the options report and detailed design in Goldenfields Water's contribution calculation given that both of these costs were costs that each Council had committed to the project prior to the 15 June 2022 resolution regarding the pro rata requirement	302,321.28	244,738.70

15 PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**15.1 WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

Author: Water Quality Technical Officer

Authoriser: Production & Services Manager

Attachments: Nil

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/095

Moved: Cr L Cooper

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that Council receive and note the Water Production Report.

CARRIED

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.

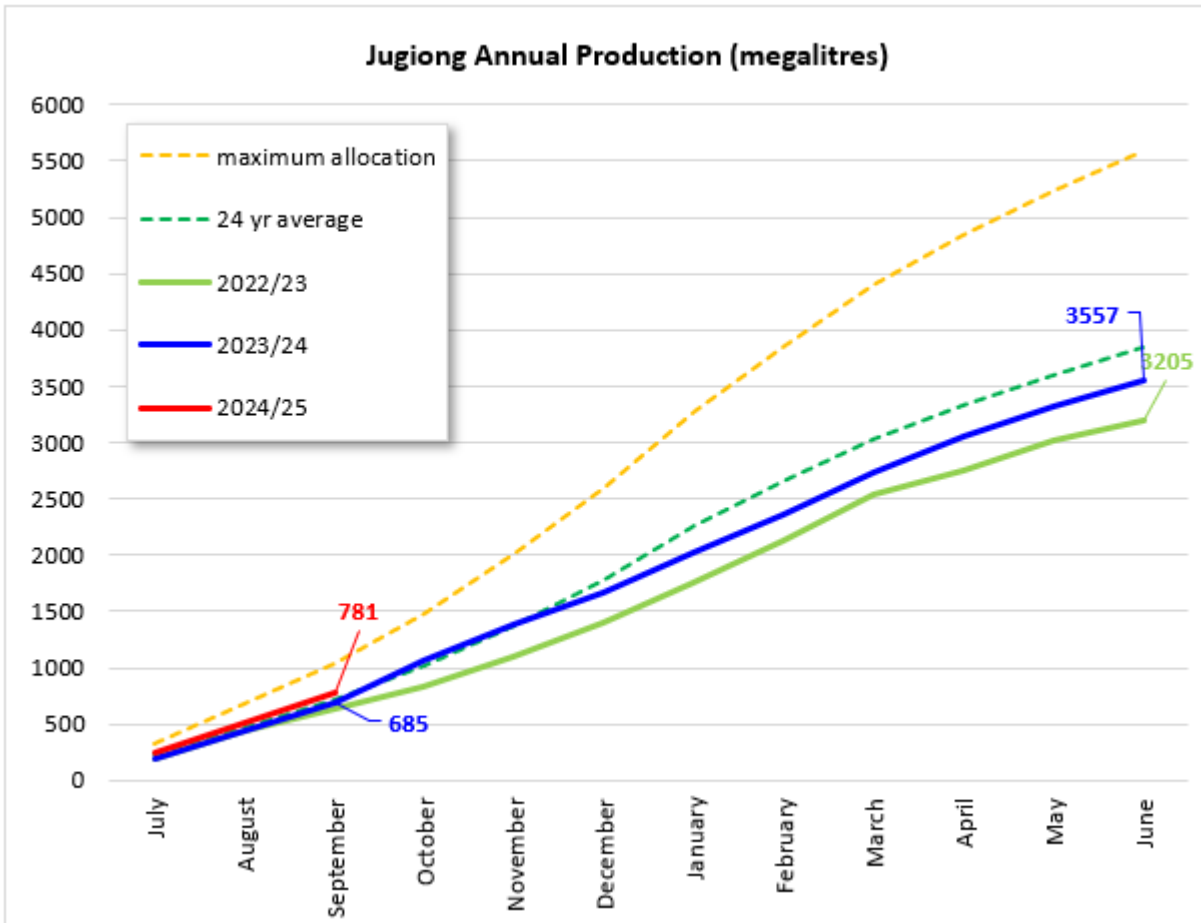
REPORT**Jugiong drinking Water Scheme**

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.

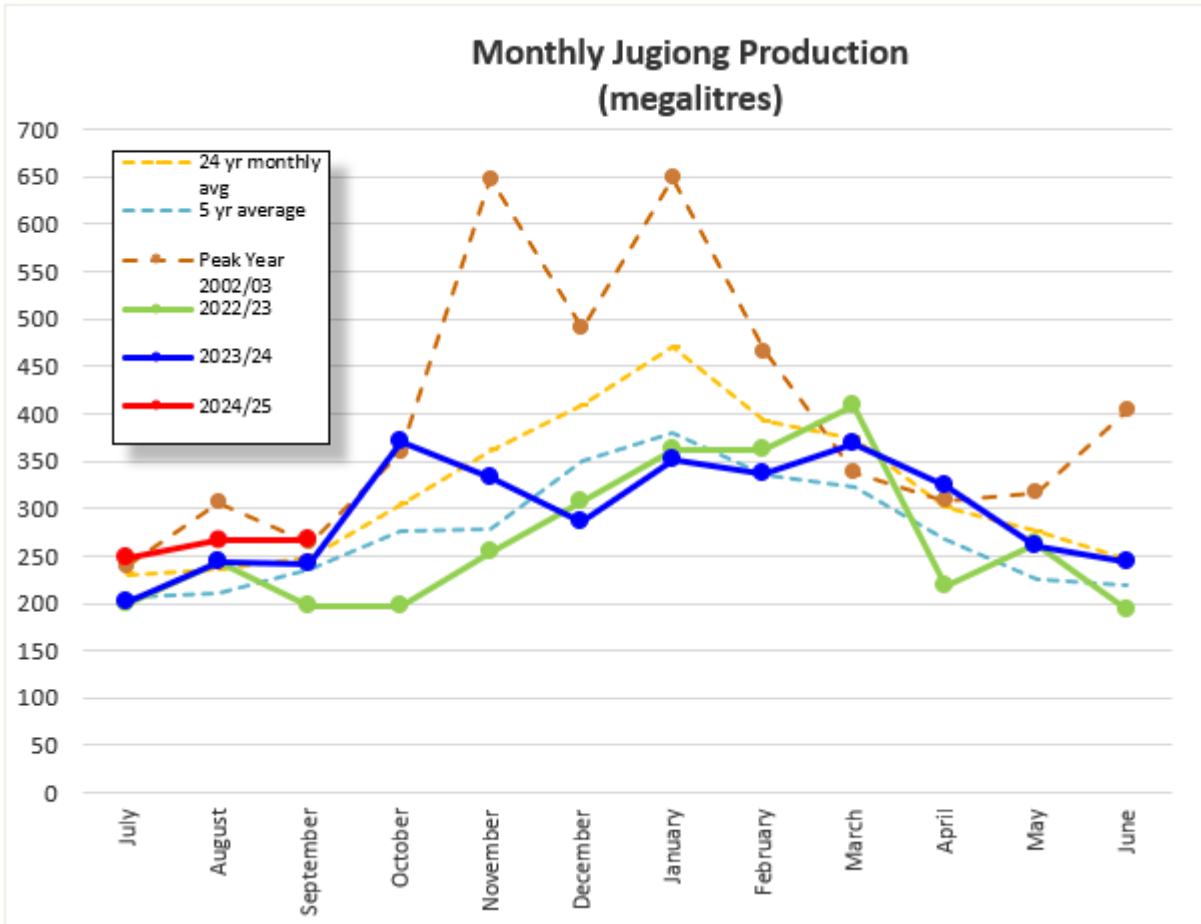
The Jugiong Scheme has 14 sets of reservoirs and 8 pumping stations. The Jugiong Scheme supplies bulk water to the Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Councils for supply to the townships of Cootamundra, Harden and Young with a population of approximately 6800, 2200 and 8000 respectively.

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

For the first 3 months of the 2024/25 financial year, 781ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2023/24 FY where 685ML was extracted. An increase of 96ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 248ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 267ML and September was similar to August with 267ML extracted and treated.

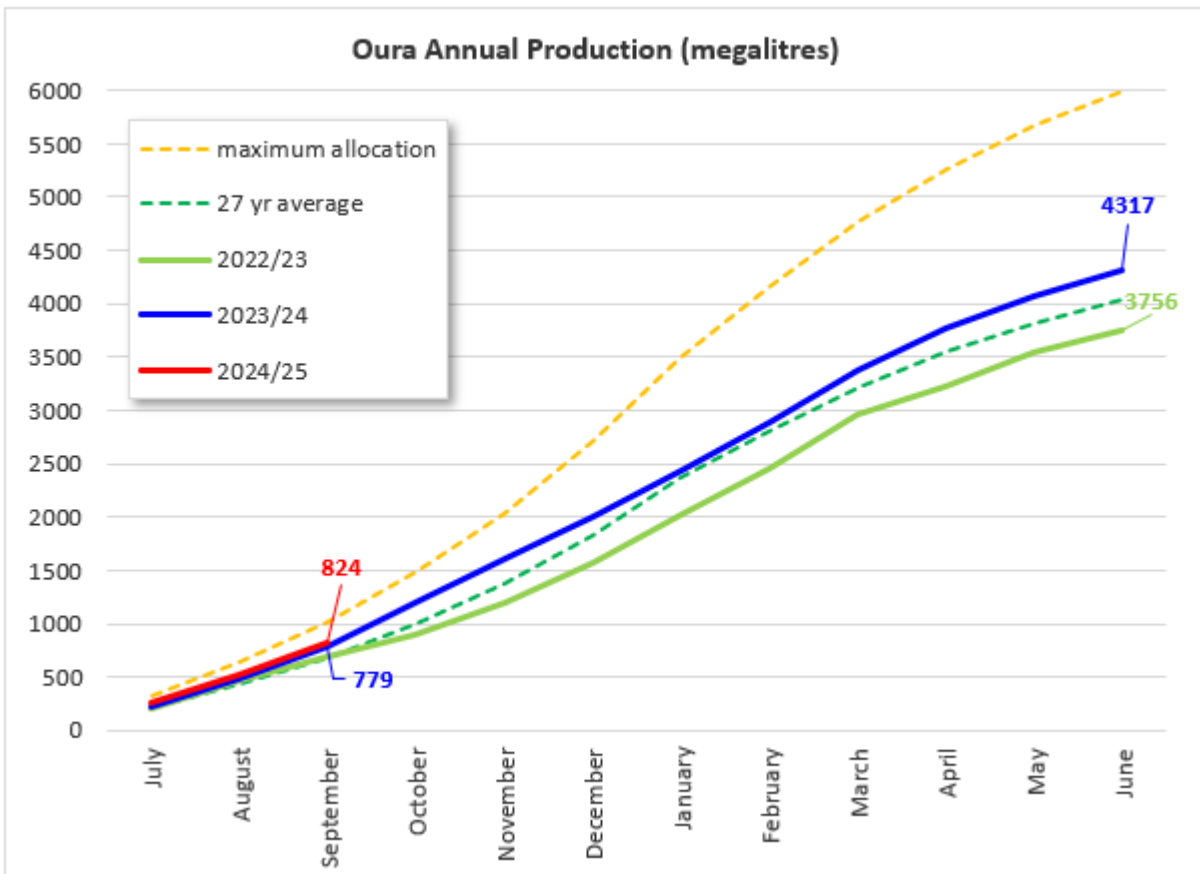


Oura Drinking Water Scheme

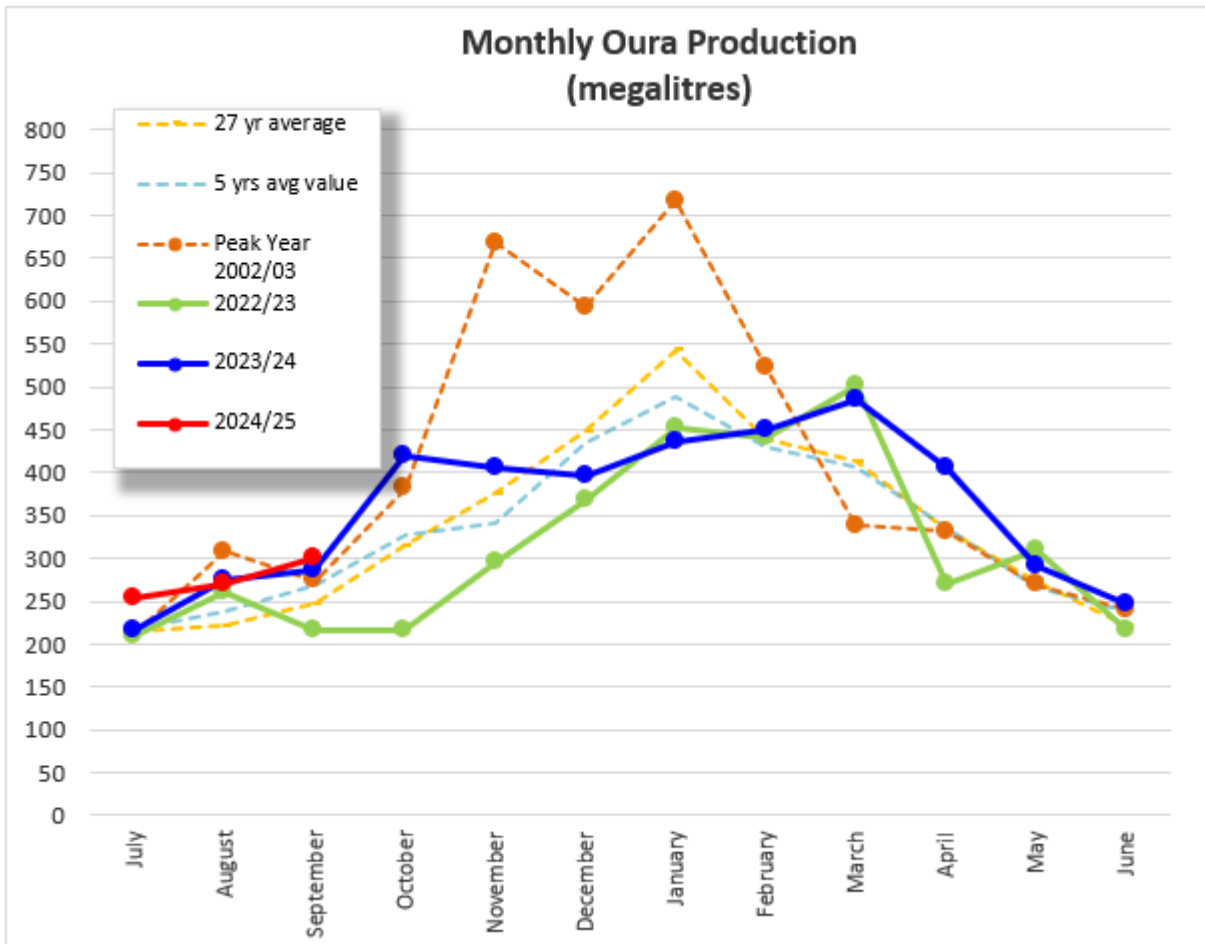
The water source at Oura is the Murrumbidgee inland alluvial aquifer, this water is extracted from 4 bores namely: Bores 2, 3, 4 and 6. The raw water then goes through a treatment process at the Oura Water Treatment Plant that includes Aeration, Disinfection and Fluoridation.

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 2024/25 financial year, 824ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is an increase in production compared to 2023/24 FY where 779ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 45ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



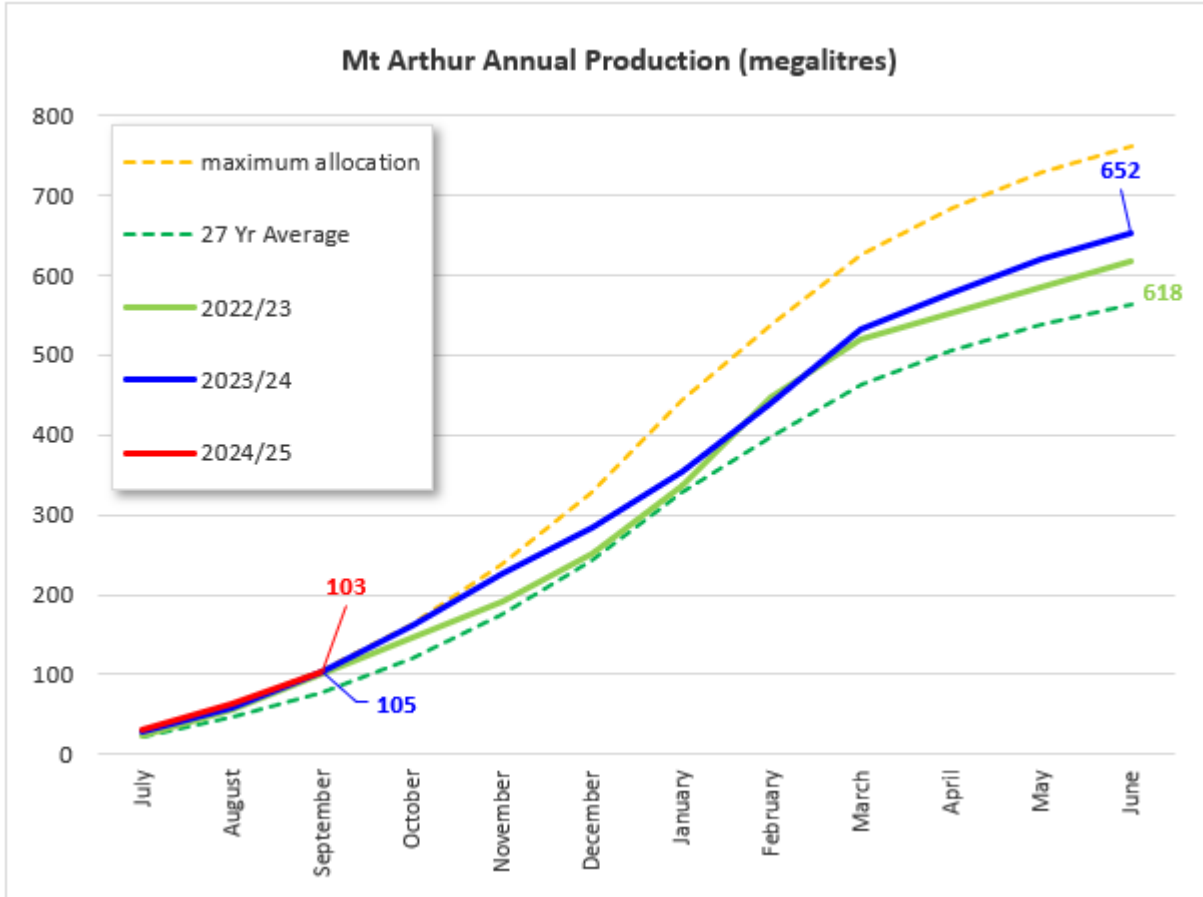
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 253ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 271ML was extracted, a further increase in production for September saw 300ML extracted.



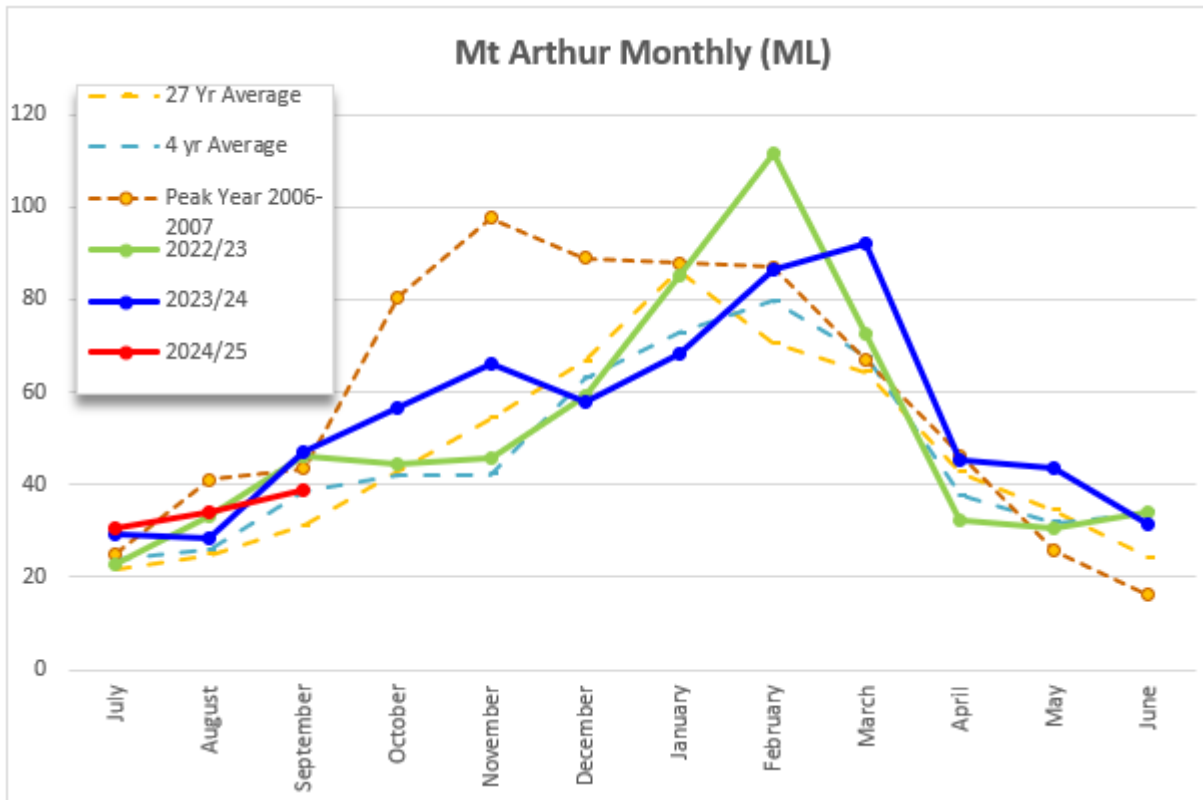
Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

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 2024/25 financial year, 103ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is a slight decrease compared to the 2023/24 FY where 105ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. A decrease of 2ML. As can be seen in the graph below, production is trending in similar fashion to previous years.



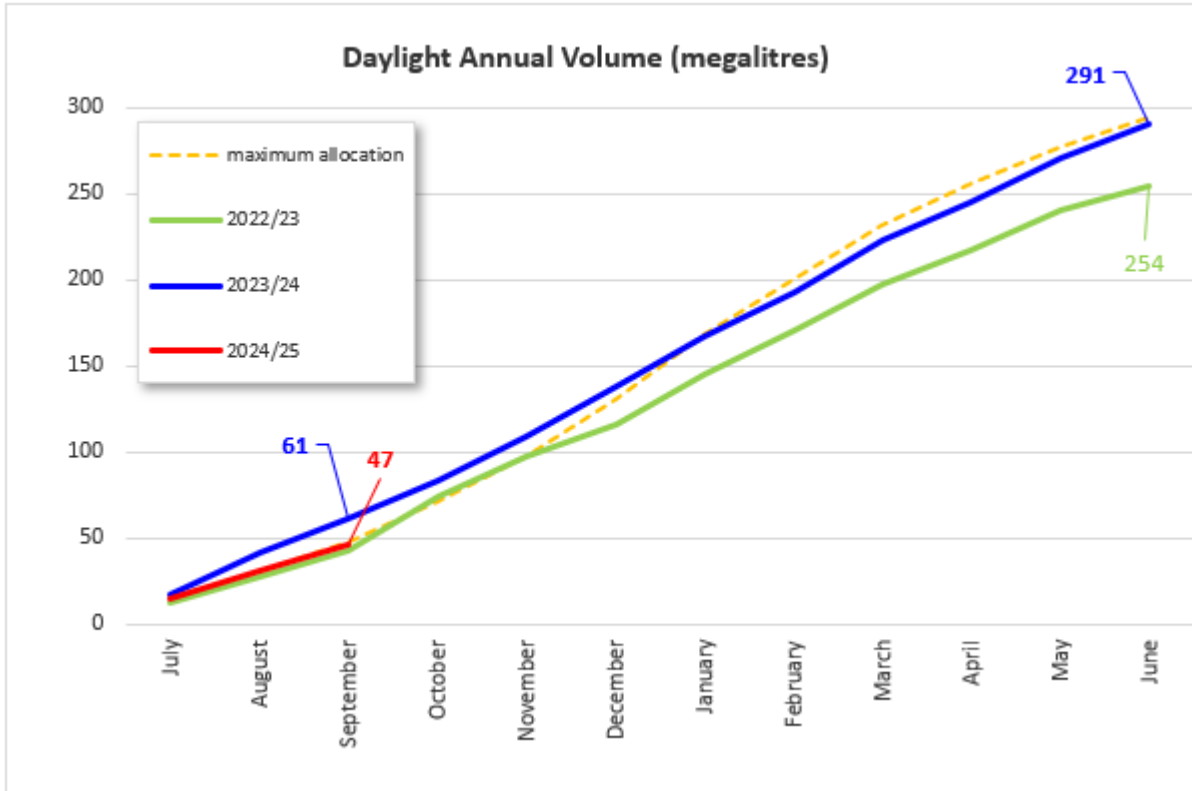
Mt Arthur monthly water production started slightly higher to previous years with 30ML of water extracted from the bores in July. August saw a slight increase in Production to 34ML extracted and September saw a further increase in production to 39ML extracted.



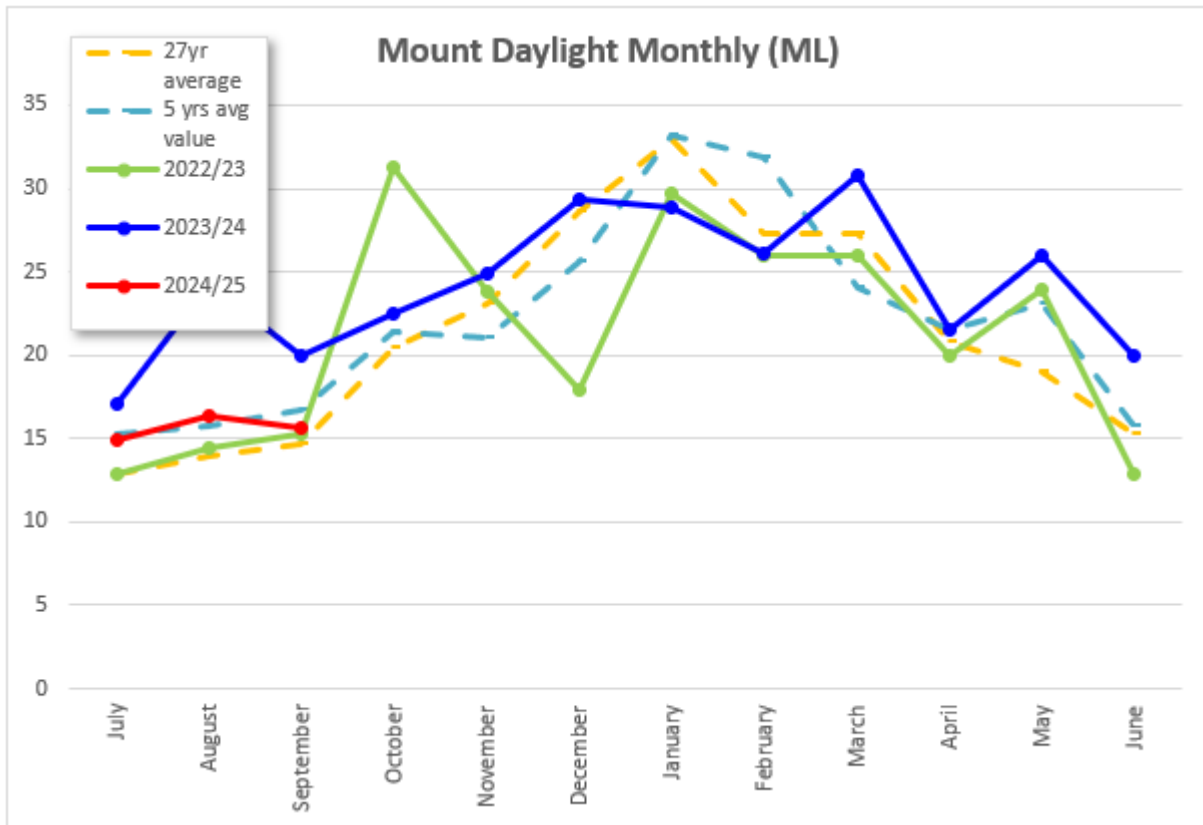
Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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 2024/25 financial year 47ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is a decrease in volume of 14ML compared to the 2023/24 FY where 61ML was produced over the same period.



The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores started very consistently with July seeing 15ML extracted with a slight increase in August 16ML, September was slightly lower in production with 15ML extracted.

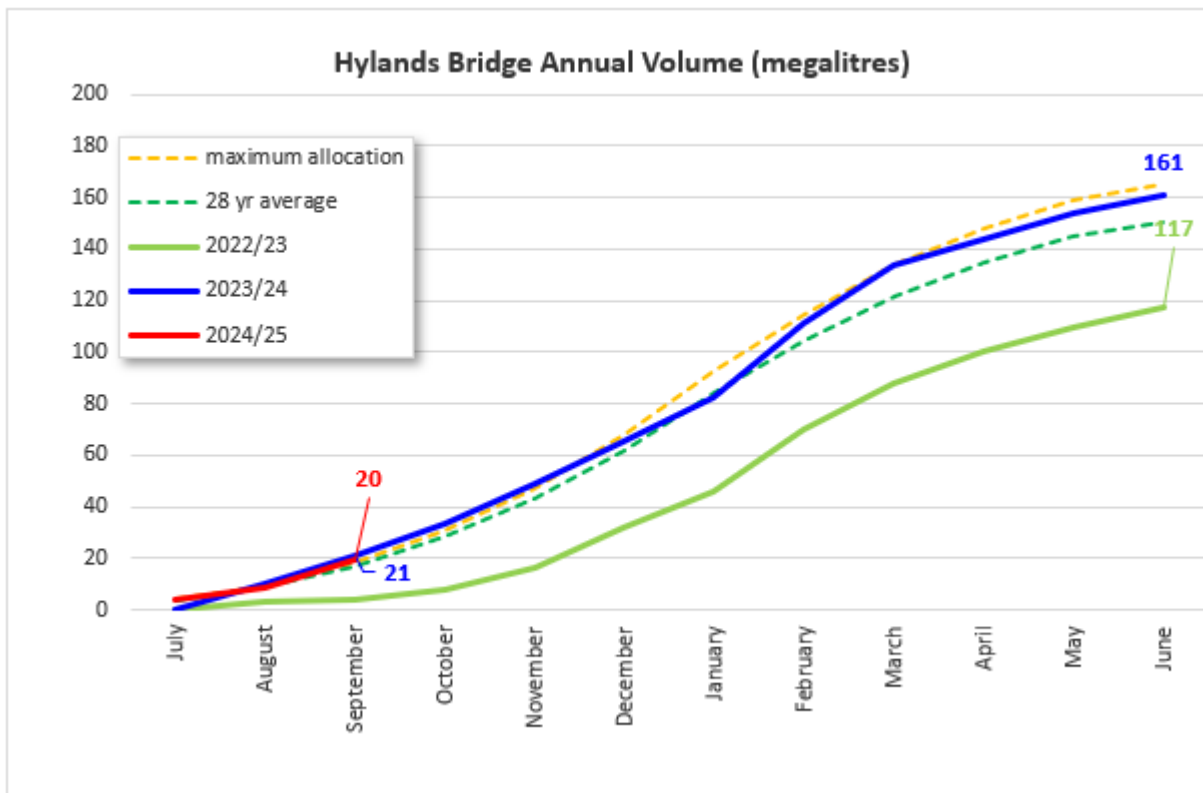


Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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

For the first 3 months of the 2024/25 financial year 20ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water Scheme. This is a small decrease compared to the same period last year where 20ML had been extracted.

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



FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

16 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**16.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS REPORT - AUGUST 2024****Author:** Accountant**Authoriser:** Corporate Services Manager**Attachments:** Nil**BOARD RESOLUTION 24/096****Moved:** Cr M Austin**Seconded:** Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that Council receive and note the report detailing Council cash and investments at 31 August 2024.

CARRIED**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio increased by \$1,507,174.60 from \$32,061,798.46 at July 2024 to \$33,568,973.06 at August 2024.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	LT Rating	ST Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Percentage of Portfolio	Principal
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	2/08/2023	4/09/2024	399	5.45%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	At maturity	25/06/2024	24/09/2024	91	5.03%	9%	\$3,000,000
TD	A+	A-1	Macquarie Bank Credit Union Australia	At maturity	3/04/2024	2/10/2024	182	4.68%	4%	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Judo Bank	At maturity	17/04/2024	16/10/2024	182	5.13%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A-3	NAB	Annually	9/05/2024	7/11/2024	182	5.20%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	Defence Bank	Annually	16/08/2024	15/11/2024	91	4.90%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	NT Treasury Corp	Annually	1/12/2023	29/11/2024	364	5.50%	12%	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	AMP Bank	Annually	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	At maturity	25/07/2024	23/01/2025	182	5.28%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	Annually	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	1/09/2023	4/03/2025	550	5.05%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Police Financial Svcs	Annually	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank	Annually	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Summerland CU	Annually	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonw ealth Bank	At Call Account		1/09/2024	1	4.20%	17%	\$5,571,708.83
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonw ealth Bank	Cash Account		1/09/2024	1	0.01%	7%	\$2,497,268.23
TOTAL:										\$33,568,973

Portfolio Performance

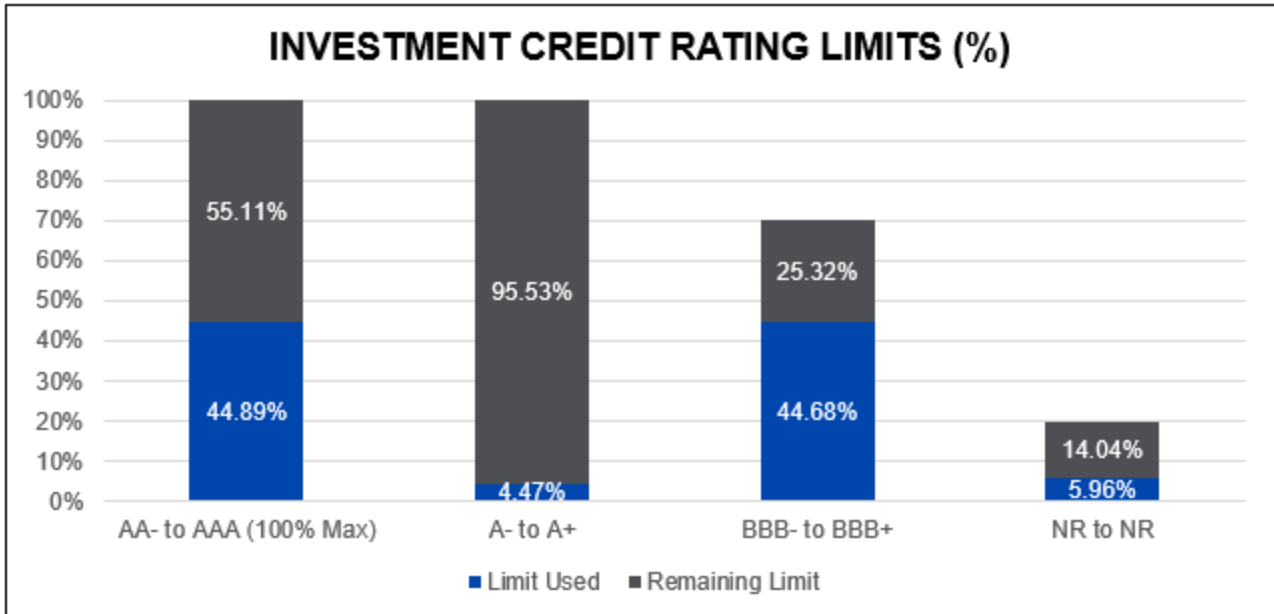
Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio weighted average interest for August 2024 was 4.67%. Performance indicators for comparison are:

- BBSW 4.39% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.35%

Interest received to August 2024 totalled \$178,261.64.

Credit Quality Compliance

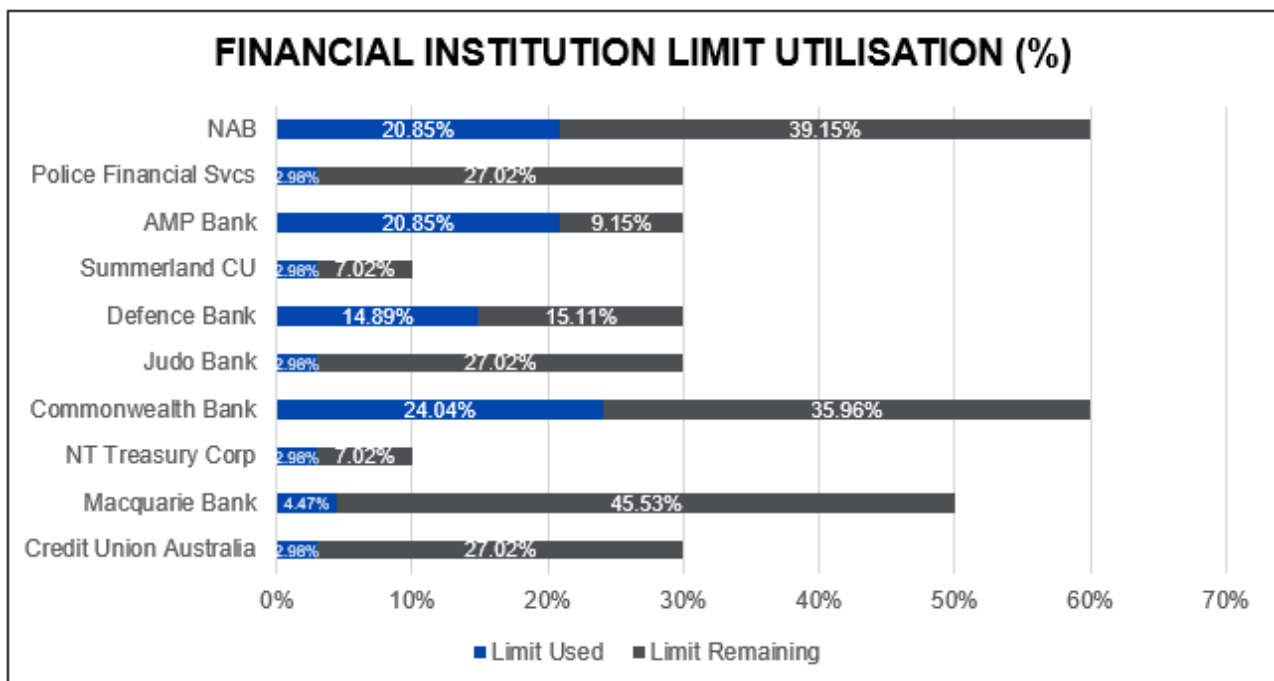
Council’s investment portfolio was compliant with policy in terms of S&P long term rating credit quality limits, as displayed below.



Financial Institution Compliance

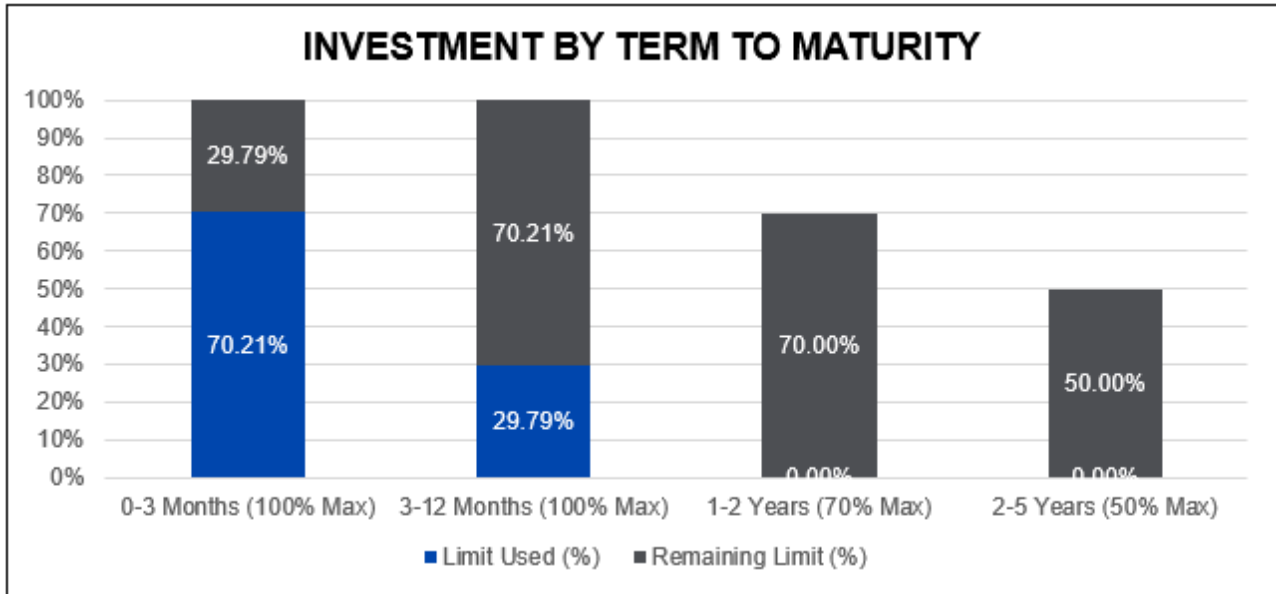
As at the end of August, Council was compliant with policy in terms of individual financial institution capacity limits. It is worth noting that capacity limits are affected by changes in the on-call account balance compared to the total portfolio balance.

Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs).



Term to Maturity

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



Application of Investment Funds

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

Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	\$1,462,793
Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$23,204,643
TOTAL	\$33,568,973

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 2022* and Council’s Investment Policy PP004.

Signed

Melody Carr

Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council’s cash and investment portfolio increased by \$1,507,174.60 from \$32,061,798.46 at July 2024 to \$33,568,973.06 at August 2024.

16.2 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024

Author: Accountant
Authoriser: Corporate Services Manager
Attachments: Nil

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/097

Moved: Cr G Sinclair
Seconded: Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that Council receive and note the report detailing Council cash and investments at 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

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 \$1,213,490.03 from \$33,568,973.06 at August 2024 to \$32,355,483.03 at September 2024.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	LT Rating	ST Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Percentage of Portfolio	Principal
TD	A+	A-1	Macquarie Bank	At maturity	3/04/2024	2/10/2024	182	4.68%	5%	\$1,500,000
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CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonw ealth Bank	At Call Account		1/09/2024	1	4.20%	13%	\$4,091,581.80
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonw ealth Bank	Cash Account		1/09/2024	1	0.01%	5%	\$1,783,901.23
TOTAL:										\$32,355,483

Portfolio Performance

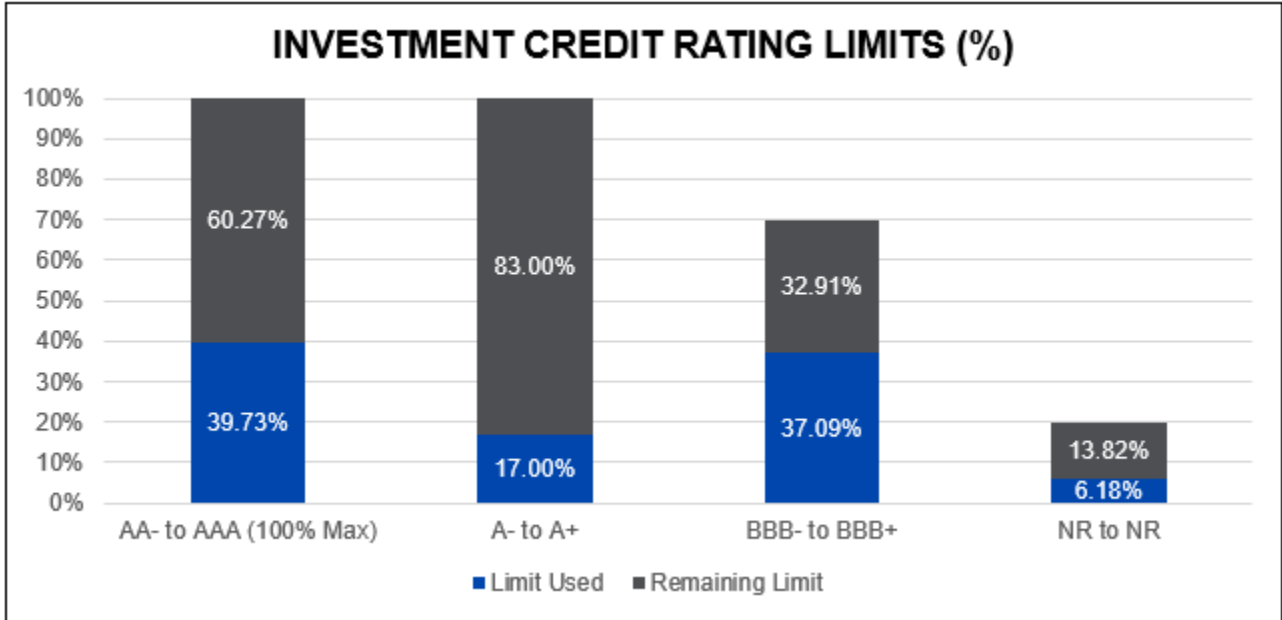
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Credit Quality Compliance

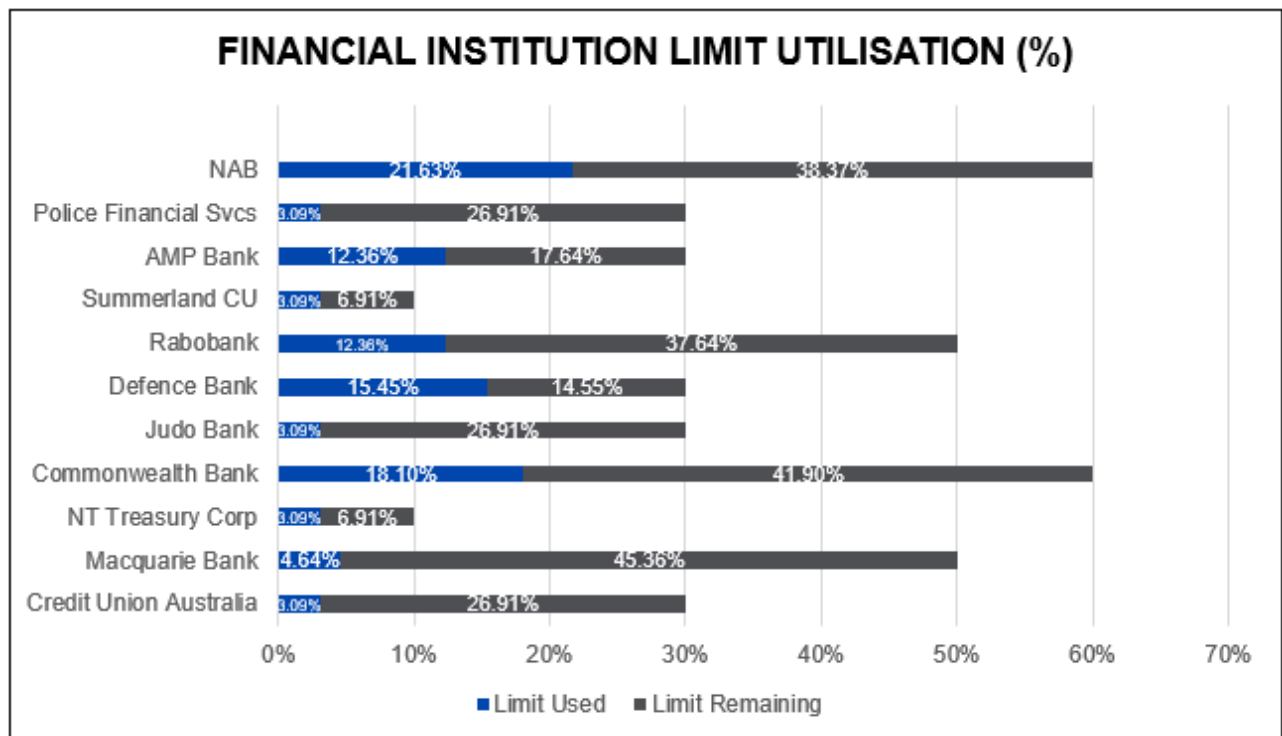
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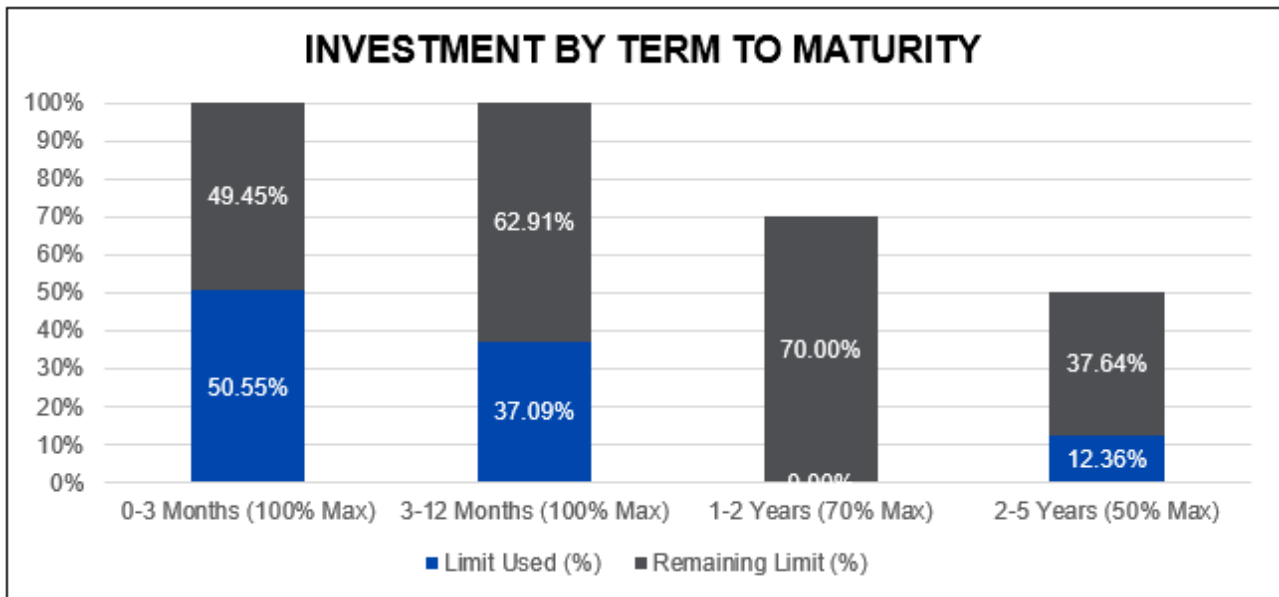
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Melody Carr

Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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16.3 PROGRESS REPORT - CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

Author: Accountant

Authoriser: Corporate Services Manager

Attachments: 1. Capital Works Expenditure - October 2024
2. Major Capital Projects - October 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/098

Moved: Cr N Langford

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that Council receive and note the Capital Works Progress Report as at 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

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

The capital works report **Attachment A** includes the original budget and any subsequent budget variations previously approved and the actuals to 30 September 2024.

A detailed report on Council's major projects over multiple years is included in this report as **Attachment B** for your information. This includes relevant commentary and the expected completion dates for the current financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

16.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2024

Author: Corporate Services Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Quarterly Budget Review 30 September 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/099

Moved: Cr C Rouse

Seconded: Cr J Mackay

It was resolved that Council receive and adopt the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

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 2022, 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 2024 is submitted for examination and adoption by Council.

The operating result for 2024-25 remains at a deficit of \$1,530,000 excluding Capital Income.

Capital Works expenditure is not included in the Operating Result and is an additional outlay. Further detail regarding capital works can be found in the Capital Budget Review Statement in the Quarterly Budget Review attachment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

16.5 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-24

Author: Corporate Services Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements - *Tabled Separately*

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/100

Moved: Cr M Austin

Seconded: Cr G Sinclair

It was resolved that Council note the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

The Audit Office of NSW have completed their audit of the 2023-24 Financial Statements. Council's auditor representative under appointment by the Auditor General, Jason Gilbert, will be in attendance at the meeting to present the Audit Report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

16.6 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. PP033 - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/101

Moved: Cr G Sinclair

Seconded: Cr M Austin

It was resolved that Council nominates a board member to serve as a non-voting member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

CARRIED

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/102

Moved: Cr M Austin

Seconded: Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that Nicole Legovich be appointed independent member of the Goldenfields Water County Council ARIC for a term of two years.

CARRIED

Cr Graham Sinclair was appointed as non-voting member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

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 (General) Regulation 2023. 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 provides independent assurance and assistance to Goldenfields Water County Council on risk management, control, governance and external accountability responsibilities. The Committee is composed of three voting members and three non-voting members and meets at least four times per year.

With the commencement of the new Council term, a board member will need to be nominated to serve as a non-voting member of the Committee. The Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Charter is attached for the information of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

17 OPERATIONS MANAGER

Nil

18 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**18.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Draft 2024 Annual Conference Program

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/103

Moved: Cr R Crowe

Seconded: Cr J Mackay

It was resolved that Council:

1. Endorse the Chairperson as Goldenfields Water's voting delegate for the LGNSW Annual Conference.
2. Approve the attendance of the General Manager and the Chairperson.
3. Approve the attendance of an additional Board Member.

CARRIED

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

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 Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre from Sunday 17 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024.

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.

Goldenfields Water has registered for 3 attendees for the conference and obtained accommodation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

19 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**BOARD RESOLUTION 24/104****Moved: Cr N Langford****Seconded: Cr M Austin**

It was resolved that Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 at 11:30am:

20.1 Springdale Free Range Egg Farm - Request for Regional Economic Benefit Consideration

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d(i)) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CARRIED

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/106

Moved: Cr M Austin
Seconded: Cr L Cooper

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:47am.

CARRIED

21 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**20.1 SPRINGDALE FREE RANGE EGG FARM - REQUEST FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT CONSIDERATION**

Author: Engineering Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Temora Shire Council Letter Of Support for MLK - LPC Development
2. MLK-LPC Supporting Financial Information 25.09.24

*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(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

BOARD RESOLUTION 24/105

Moved: Cr M Austin
Seconded: Cr L Cooper

It was resolved that Council:

1. Note the information provided within the report and attachments.
2. Offer a 10% reduction in Developer Infrastructure Charges to MLK Properties Temora Pty Ltd ATF MLK Properties Temora Unit Trust, Lot 16 DP 1236221 in accordance with the Regional Economic Development provision of PP008 Developer Charges Policy, subject to a signed MOU between Goldenfields Water County Council and Temora Shire Council being achieved.
3. Delegate to the General Manager the function of negotiating, finalising and entering into voluntary planning agreement with MLK Properties Temora Pty Ltd ATF MLK Properties Temora Unit Trust in relation to the Springdale Free Range Egg Farm, Lot 16 DP 1236221

CARRIED

22 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Goldenfields Water Temora office at 4:30PM on Thursday 12 December 2024.

23 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 11:50am.