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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 11 April 2024 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.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments at 30 April 2024 be received and noted.

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 \$1,337,726.18 from \$32,160,478.18 at 31 March 2024 to \$30,822,752 at 30 April 2024.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

Type	LT Rating	ST Rating	Issuer	Frequency	Purchase	Maturity	Days	Rate	Percentage of Portfolio	Principal
TD	BBB+	A-2	Australian Unity Bank	Annually	9/02/2023	9/05/2024	455	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	At maturity	26/06/2023	25/06/2024	365	5.48%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB-	A-3	Judo Bank	Annually	24/01/2023	25/07/2024	548	4.45%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	Annually	24/02/2023	16/08/2024	539	4.95%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	2/08/2023	4/09/2024	399	5.45%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank Macquarie Bank	Annually	15/03/2023	19/09/2024	554	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	A+	A-1	Macquarie Bank	At maturity	3/04/2024	2/10/2024	182	4.68%	5%	\$1,500,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Credit Union Australia	At maturity	17/04/2024	16/10/2024	182	5.13%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank	Annually	1/12/2023	29/11/2024	364	5.50%	13%	\$4,000,000
TD	NR	NR	NT Treasury Corp	Annually	28/09/2020	15/12/2024	1539	1.10%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	12/01/2023	13/01/2025	732	4.55%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	AA-	A-1+	NAB	Annually	24/02/2023	24/02/2025	731	4.93%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	AMP Bank	Annually	1/09/2023	4/03/2025	550	5.05%	6%	\$2,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Police Financial Svcs	Annually	1/03/2023	13/03/2025	743	5.15%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank Summerland	Annually	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90%	3%	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	CU	Annually	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80%	3%	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/03/2024	1	4.20%	22%	\$6,796,552.30
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/03/2024	1	1.00%	2%	\$526,199.70
TOTAL:										\$30,822,752

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

Portfolio Performance

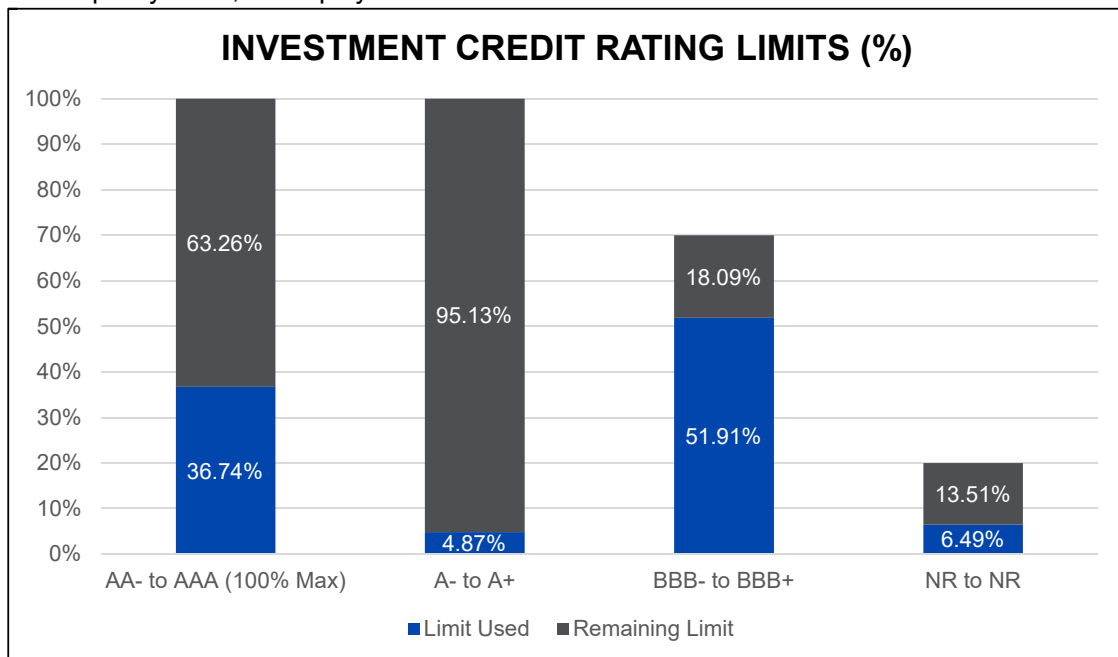
Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio weighted average interest for April 2024 was 4.23%. Performance indicators for comparison are:

- BBSW 4.4086% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.354%

Interest received in the period totalled \$77,915, with \$1,028,696 received for the year to date.

Credit Quality Compliance

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

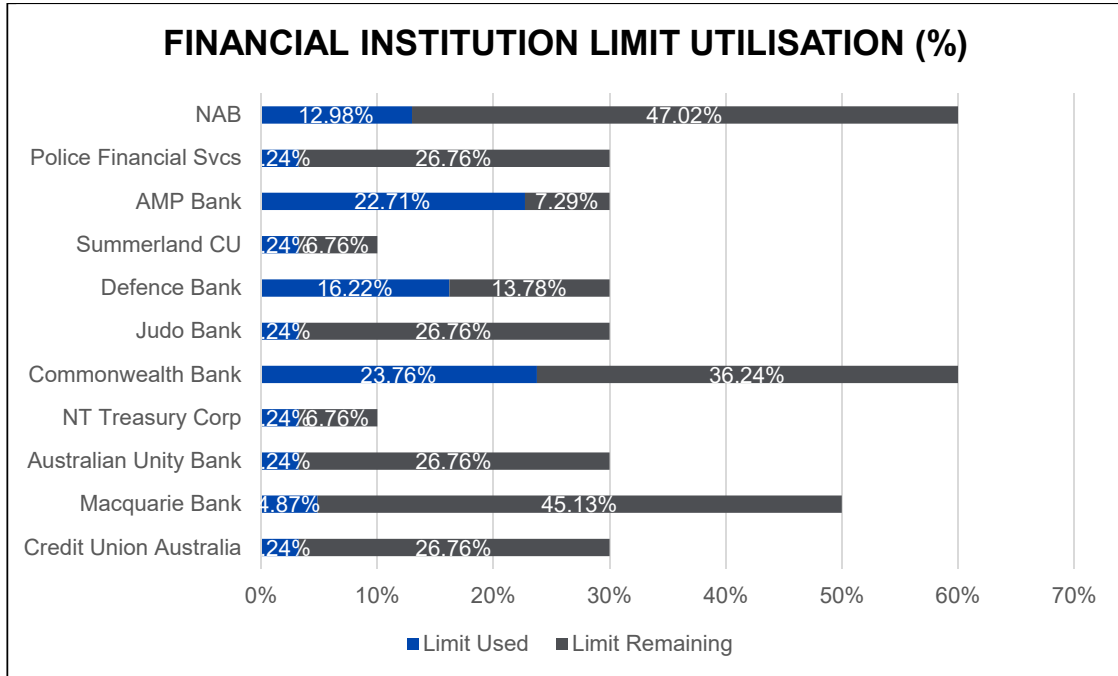


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Financial Institution Compliance

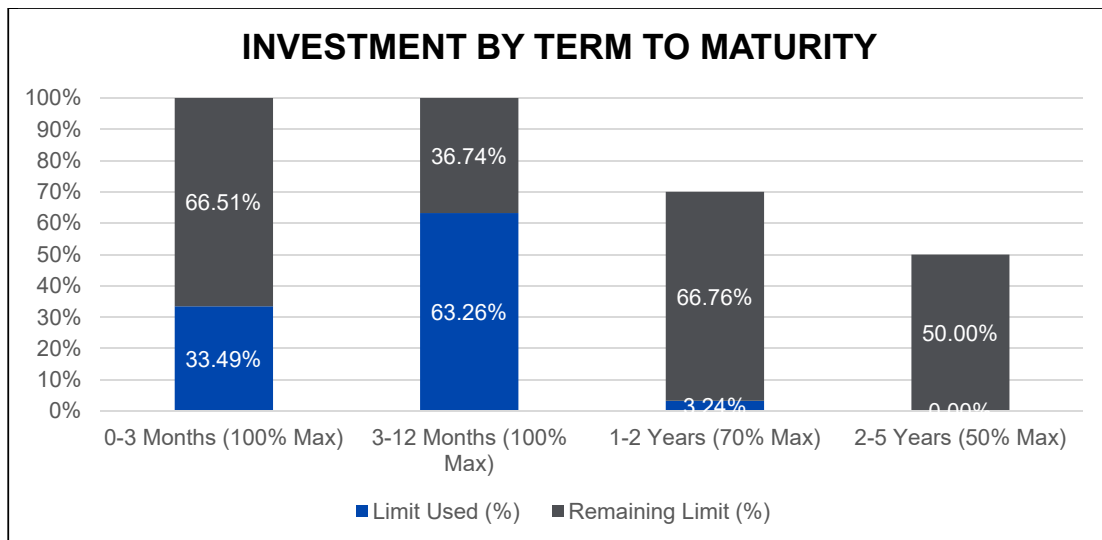
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Overall, the portfolio is diversified across a variety of credit ratings, including some exposure to unrated authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs).



Term to Maturity

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



GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

Application of Investment Funds

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

Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	\$1,462,793
Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$20,458,422
TOTAL	\$30,822,752

Declaration

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

Signed

Melody Carr

Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

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Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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REPORT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$2,356,815.31 from \$30,822,752 at 30 April 2024 to \$28,465,936.69 at 31 May 2024.

Cash and Investment Portfolio

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CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/03/2024	1	4.20%	15%	\$4,321,267.74
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/03/2024	1	1.00%	2%	\$644,668.95
TOTAL:										\$28,465,937

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Portfolio Performance

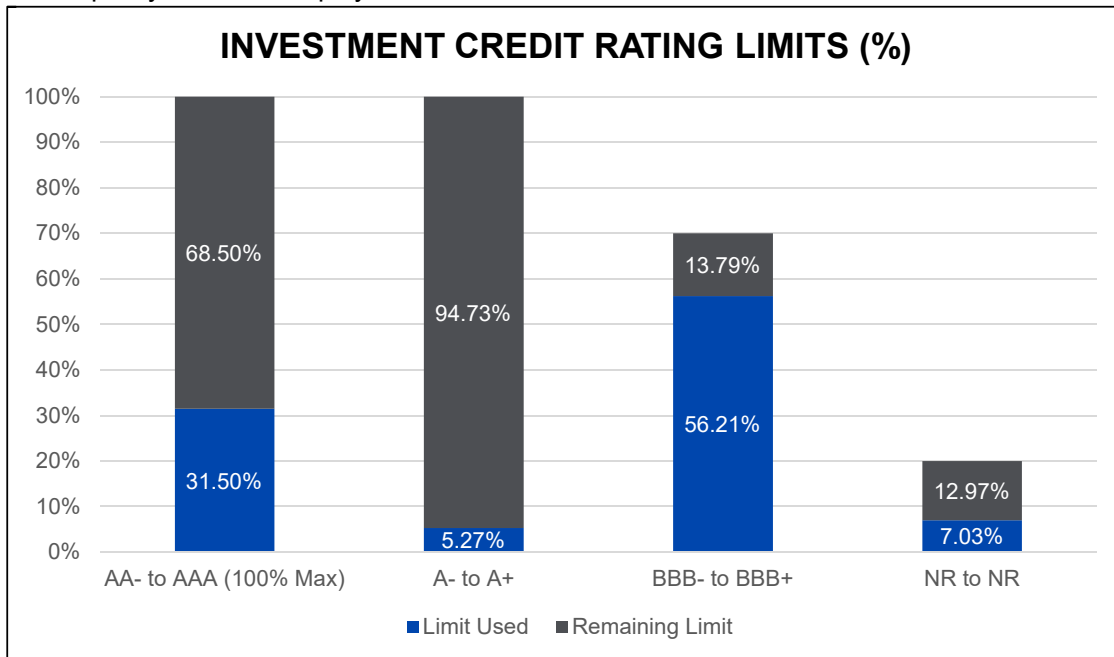
Goldenfields Water County Council’s investment portfolio weighted average interest for May 2024 was 4.24%. Performance indicators for comparison are:

- BBSW 4.35% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.322%

Interest received in the period totalled \$11,836, with \$1,040,532 received for the year to date.

Credit Quality Compliance

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

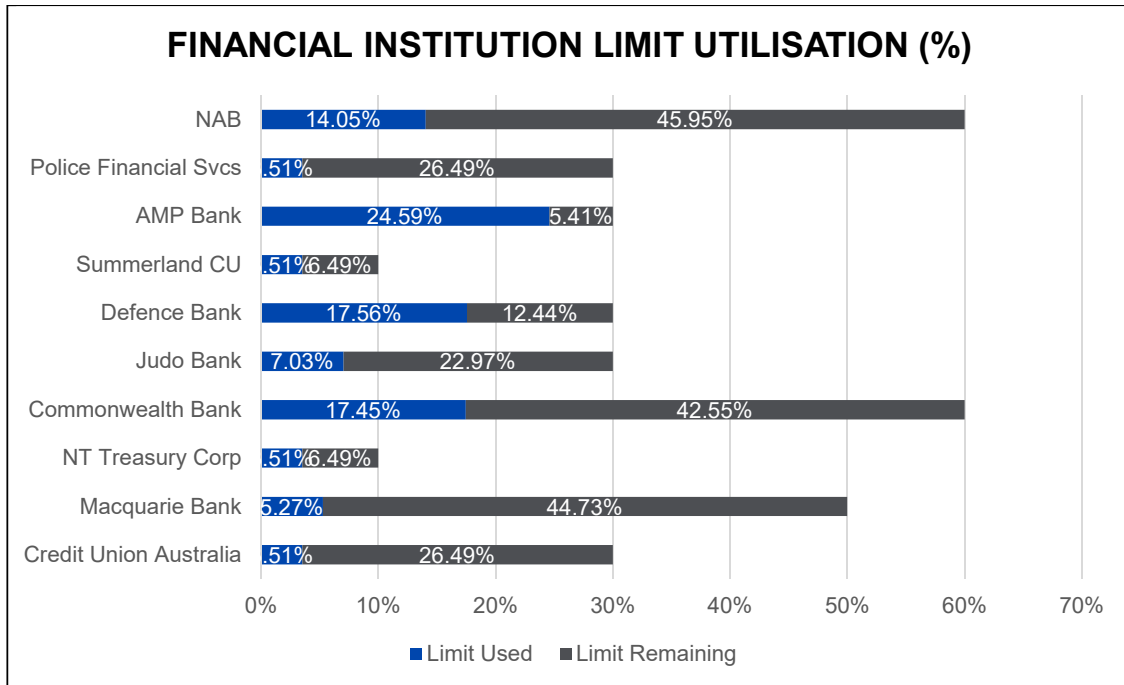


GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

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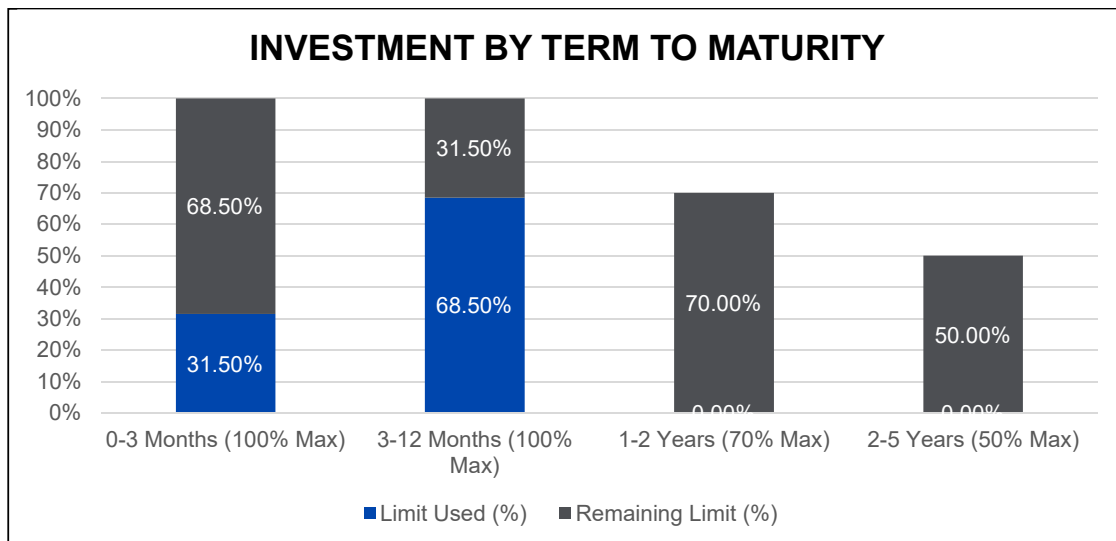
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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

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Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$18,101,607
TOTAL	\$28,465,937

Declaration

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Signed

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Corporate Services Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's cash and investment portfolio decreased by \$2,356,815.31 from \$30,822,752 at 30 April 2024 to \$28,465,936.69 at 31 May 2024.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 17 June 2024 be received and noted.

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 17 June 2024. Capital Works expenditure is reviewed on a weekly basis and discussed with relevant managers and by the Management team.

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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

ATTACHMENT B: Commentary on Major Capital Works on projects over multiple years as at 17 June 2024

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

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

ATTACHMENT A											
Goldenfields Water County Council											
CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS											
AS AT 17 JUNE 2024	Original Budget	2022-23 Carryovers	QBR Sep 2023	QBR Dec 2023	Proposed QBR Mar 2024	Revised Budget 2023/24	Actual YTD 31 Mar 2024	Commitment	Actual YTD & Commitment	Variance YTD Act v Rev Budget	% Actual to Rev Budget
CAPITAL INCOME											
Asset Sales	(616,500)	0	0	187,000	0	(429,500)	(751,962)	0	(751,962)	(322,462)	175%
Capital Contributions	(1,090,800)	0	0	(7,350,000)	0	(8,440,800)	(9,547,471)	0	(9,547,471)	(1,106,671)	113%
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(1,707,300)	0	0	(7,163,000)	0	(8,870,300)	(10,299,433)	0	(10,299,433)	(1,429,133)	116%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE											
Plant & Equipment	1,838,000	359,050	0	(1,003,050)	0	1,194,000	1,696,391	0	1,696,391	(502,391)	142%
Land & Buildings	1,550,000	49,780	0	(1,309,780)	0	340,000	170,089	70,688	240,777	169,911	50%
Information Technology	80,000	0	0	0	0	80,000	22,005	0	22,005	57,995	28%
Comms Network	0	868,210	0	0	(818,000)	50,210	179,747	282,135	461,881	(129,537)	358%
Mains - Reticulation	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	719,777	6,890	726,667	280,223	72%
Mains - Trunk	1,400,000	463,000	0	(1,363,000)	0	500,000	170,618	88,640	259,258	329,382	34%
Mains - Rural	400,000	0	0	(350,000)	0	50,000	23,455	0	23,455	26,545	47%
Water Network - Wyalong Pipelines	1,500,000	10,000	0	20,000	0	1,530,000	1,507,585	166,417	1,674,002	22,415	99%
Water Network - Thanowring Road	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	2,000,000	1,992,853	163,090	2,155,943	7,147	100%
Mains - Developer Paid	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000	14,269	4,727	18,996	25,731	36%
Water Network - Connections Renewal	1,000,000	0	0	(500,000)	(400,000)	100,000	113,583	1,800	115,383	(13,583)	114%
Water Network - Pipeline PVR Renewals	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	52,820	11,933	64,753	(2,820)	106%
Water Network - Pipeline Valve Renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,834	0	1,834	(1,834)	0
Pump Stations & Bores - Mechanical	800,000	90,250	0	(500,000)	0	390,250	103,666	227,672	331,338	286,584	27%
Pump Stations & Bores - Electrical	200,000	146,770	0	0	0	346,770	92,093	109,463	201,557	254,677	27%
Pump Stations & Bores - Engineering	650,000	0	0	0	0	650,000	249,963	68,463	318,426	400,037	38%
Pump Stations & Bores - West Wyalong PS	400,000	78,620	0	0	0	478,620	431,238	(51)	431,187	47,382	90%
Pump Stations & Bores - Oura PS Renewal	1,500,000	0	1,700,000	(1,200,000)	0	2,000,000	324,373	1,898,006	2,222,380	1,675,627	16%
Pump Stations & Bores - Jugiong CWPS1 HV	1,500,000	0	500,000	0	0	2,000,000	1,918,857	1,838,722	3,757,580	81,143	96%
Pump Stations & Bores - Oura PS HV	0	0	0	130,000	0	130,000	100,858	0	100,858	29,142	78%
Pump Stations & Bores - Pump Stations Valve Renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,101	0	8,101	(8,101)	0%
Pump Stations & Bores - Gantry Crane Renewals	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	109,934	0	109,934	(34,934)	0%
Reservoirs	6,380,000	617,220	0	(2,080,000)	3,401,000	8,318,220	6,735,520	5,813,926	12,549,446	1,582,700	81%
Treatment Plants	80,000	137,450	0	0	0	217,450	60,602	0	60,602	156,848	28%
Emergency Works	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	22,643,000	2,820,350	2,200,000	-8,155,830	\$2,183,000	21,740,520	16,800,231	10,752,522	27,552,753	4,940,289	77%

Goldenfields Water County Council Capital Expenditure Report														
ATTACHMENT A														
Work Order/Resource Description	W.O./GL	Original Budget 23-24	2022-23 Carryovers	QBR Sep 2023	QBR Dec 2023	QBR Mar 2024	QBR summary	Proposed Revised Budget 2023/24	Actual YTD 17-06-24	Committed YTD	Actual & Committed YTD	Variance - Rev Budget vs Actual	% Variance Revised Bud v Actual	% Variance Original Bud v Actual
CAPITAL INCOME														
Asset Sales														
Sale of Plant	3100	-\$616,500			\$187,000	\$0	\$187,000	-\$429,500	-\$751,962	\$0	-\$751,962	-\$322,462		
Asset Sales		-\$616,500	\$0	\$0	\$187,000	\$0	\$187,000	-\$429,500	-\$751,962	\$0	-\$751,962	-\$322,462	175%	122%
Capital Contributions														
Developer Contributions - Augmentation	3200.200.153					\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$93,469	\$0	-\$93,469	-\$93,469		
West Wyalong Capital Grant					-\$2,250,000	\$0	-\$2,250,000	-\$2,250,000	-\$2,797,060		-\$2,797,060	-\$547,060		
Developer Contributions - S64	1100.200.280				-\$5,100,000	\$0	-\$5,100,000	-\$5,100,000	-\$5,441,270		-\$5,441,270	-\$341,270		
Developer Contributions - S64	3200.200.280	-\$1,090,800				\$0		-\$1,090,800	-\$1,215,672	\$0	-\$1,215,672	-\$124,872		
Capital Contributions	Total	-\$1,090,800	\$0	\$0	-\$7,350,000	\$0	-\$7,350,000	-\$8,440,800	-\$9,547,471	\$0	-\$9,547,471	-\$1,106,671	113%	875%
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		-\$1,707,300	\$0	\$0	-\$7,163,000	\$0	-\$7,163,000	-\$8,870,300	-\$10,299,433	\$0	-\$10,299,433	-\$1,429,133	116%	603%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE														
Plant & Equipment														
Water Quality Instrumentation Renewal	1720	-				-		-	61,692	-	61,692	-\$61,692		
Plant & Equipment Purchases	3101	\$1,838,000	\$359,050		-\$1,003,050	\$0	-\$1,003,050	\$1,194,000	\$1,634,699	\$0	\$1,634,699	-\$440,699		
Plant & Equipment	Total	\$1,838,000	\$359,050	\$0	-\$1,003,050	\$0	-\$1,003,050	\$1,194,000	\$1,696,391	\$0	\$1,696,391	-\$502,391	142%	92%
Land & Buildings														
Capital - Administration Building	1717	\$50,000					\$0	\$50,000	\$21,131	\$5,100	\$26,231	\$28,869		
New Temora Depot Building	3176	\$1,500,000	\$49,780		-\$1,439,780		-\$1,439,780	\$160,000	\$117,678	\$65,588	\$183,266	\$42,322		
Concrete Storage Pad Temora Depot	3262	-			\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$12,350	-	\$12,350	\$37,650		
Rosehill Pipeline - Easements	1234				\$80,000		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$18,930	\$0	\$18,930	\$61,070		
Land & Buildings	Total	\$1,550,000	\$49,780	\$0	-\$1,309,780	\$0	-\$1,309,780	\$340,000	\$170,089	\$70,688	\$240,777	\$169,911	50%	11%
Information Technology														
Capital - IT Equipment	3112	\$80,000					\$0	\$80,000	\$22,005	\$0	\$22,005	\$57,995		
Information Technology	Total	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$22,005	\$0	\$22,005	\$57,995	28%	28%
Comms Network														
Communications Network - Huts	3136						\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	-\$1		
Microwave link sites for Scada	3109		\$868,210			-\$818,000	-\$818,000	\$50,210	\$179,746	\$282,135	\$461,881	-\$129,536		
Comms Network	Total	\$0	\$868,210	\$0	\$0	-\$818,000	-\$818,000	\$50,210	\$179,747	\$282,135	\$461,881	-\$129,537	358%	0%

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Water Network - Reticulation Renewals														
Reticulation Renewals - GWCC Wide - Budget Marrar Urban Renewal - Replacement of old sections of pipeline within Marrar township and trunk main downstream of PRV	3123	\$500,000			-\$150,000		-\$150,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000		
Stinson Street Coolamon Replacement	3259				\$120,000		\$120,000	\$120,000	\$111,267	\$1,364	\$112,631	\$8,733		
Coolamon town Retic - Replacement of old pipeline	3269				\$30,000		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$24,316	\$0	\$24,316	\$5,684		
Bland Historical Society Mains Extension	3272	\$500,000					\$0	\$500,000	\$401,368	\$2,273	\$403,640	\$98,632		
Barellan Retic Renewals	3279						\$0	\$0	\$4,137	\$0	\$4,137	-\$4,137		
Barellan Retic Renewals	3282						\$0	\$0	\$31,139	\$259	\$31,398	-\$31,139		
Temora - Little Crowley Street Pipeline Replacement	3283						\$0	\$0	\$1,247	\$0	\$1,247	-\$1,247		
Hoskins Street Pipeline Replacement - Polaris to Kitchener	3287						\$0	\$0	\$25,053	\$2,994	\$28,047	-\$25,053		
Water Network - Reticulation Renewals Total	3284	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$719,777	\$6,890	\$726,667	\$280,223	72%	72%
Water Network - Trunk Renewals														
Trunk Renewals (GWCC Wide) - Budget Kingsvale to Young Pipeline Upgrade	3115	\$300,000			-\$300,000		-\$300,000	\$0	\$1,129	\$0	\$1,129	-\$1,129		
Bulk/Production Meter Renewals - GWCC Wide Stockinbingal and Springdale PRV Replacement & Decommissioning of Bauroola PRV	3242	\$200,000						\$200,000	\$158,847	\$62,804	\$221,651	\$41,153		
Oura to Junee Connection Upgrades	3178							\$0	\$5,053	\$0	\$5,053	-\$5,053		
Rosehill to Harden Bypass	1726						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Oura New Connections from Riv Water (50% Contribution)	3267	\$100,000					\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$25,836	\$25,836	\$100,000		
Cooney's Creek Replacement - Replace approx 60m of exposed pipeline through Cooney's creek and rock armour section of erosion	3277	\$800,000	\$463,000		-\$1,063,000		-\$1,063,000	\$200,000	\$265	\$0	\$265	\$199,735		
	3202						\$0	\$0	\$4,196	\$0	\$4,196	-\$4,196		
Water Network - Trunk Renewals Total	3263	\$1,400,000	\$463,000	\$0	-\$1,363,000	\$0	-\$1,363,000	\$500,000	\$170,618	\$88,640	\$259,258	\$329,382	34%	12%
Water Network - Rural Renewals														
Bygoo Road Replacement - Ardlethan	3239						\$0	\$0	\$23,455	\$0	\$23,455	-\$23,455		
Water Network - Rural Renewals Total	3181	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	-\$350,000	\$0	-\$350,000	\$50,000	\$23,455	\$0	\$23,455	\$26,545	47%	6%
Water Network - Wyalong Pipelines														
Wyalong Reliability Project Investigation & Design	1703		\$10,000		\$20,000		\$20,000	\$30,000	\$54,308	\$0	\$54,308	-\$24,308		
Water Network - Wyalong Pipelines Total	3241	\$1,500,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$1,530,000	\$1,507,585	\$166,417	\$1,674,002	\$22,415	99%	101%

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Water Network - Thanowring Rd														
Thanowring Road Pipeline	1232	\$2,000,000					\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,992,853	\$163,090	\$2,155,943	\$7,147		
Water Network - Thanowring Rd		\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,992,853	\$163,090	\$2,155,943	\$7,147	100%	100%
Water Network - Developer Paid														
Mains - Developer Paid - GWCC Wide - Budget	3103	\$40,000					\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000		
New Water Service Connections - Oura	1211	\$0					\$0	\$0	\$8,077	\$0	\$8,077	-\$8,077		
New Water Service Connections - Mr Arthur	1213	\$0					\$0	\$0	\$5,779	\$1,818	\$7,597	-\$5,779		
Duke St Junee - Developer Mains Extension - Allen	3285	\$0					\$0	\$0	\$413	\$1,818	\$2,232	-\$413		
Water Network - Developer Paid		\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$14,269	\$4,727	\$18,996	\$25,731	36%	36%
Water Network - Connection Renewals														
Water Service Renewals - Oura	1216						\$0	\$0	\$1,058	\$0	\$1,058	-\$1,058		
Water Service Renewals - Jugiong	1217						\$0	\$0	\$1,495	\$0	\$1,495	-\$1,495		
Urban Meter & Taggle Replacement Program	3212	\$500,000			-\$250,000	-\$200,000	-\$450,000	\$50,000	\$41,597	\$1,800	\$43,397	\$8,403		
Rural Meter and Taggle Replacement Program	3213	\$500,000			-\$250,000	-\$200,000	-\$450,000	\$50,000	\$69,433	\$0	\$69,433	-\$19,433		
Water Network - Connection Renewals	Total	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	-\$500,000	-\$400,000	-\$900,000	\$100,000	\$113,583	\$1,800	\$115,383	-\$13,583	114%	11%
Water Network - Pipeline PRV Renewals														
PRV Replacement - Jugiong	1288						\$0	\$0	\$7,565	-\$14	\$7,551	-\$7,565		
PRV Replacement - Oura	1290						\$0	\$0	\$34,298	\$6,553	\$40,851	-\$34,298		
PRV Renewals - Budget	3116	\$50,000					\$0	\$50,000	\$478	\$0	\$478	\$49,522		
Water Network - Pipeline PRV Renewals	Total	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$52,820	\$11,933	\$64,753	-\$2,820	106%	106%
Water Network - Pipeline Valve Renewals														
Mains Valve Renewals - Oura	3118						\$0	\$0	\$1,567	\$0	\$1,567	-\$1,567		
Mains Valve Renewals - Jugiong	3119						\$0	\$0	\$199	\$0	\$199	-\$199		
Water Network - Pipeline Valve Renewals	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,834	\$0	\$1,834	-\$1,834	0%	0%
TOTAL WATER NETWORK		\$7,390,000	\$473,000	\$0	-\$2,193,000	-\$400,000	-\$2,593,000	\$5,270,000	\$4,597,062	\$443,497	\$5,040,560	\$672,938	87%	62%

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Pump Stations and Bores - PS & Bores - Mech														
Jugiong Raw water well Renewal	3219						\$0	\$0	\$12,435	\$9,930	\$22,365	-\$12,435		
Carrathool/Ballyrogan Bore - 2022	3257	-						-	\$54,205	19,666	73,871	-\$54,205		
Oura Bore 3 - 2022	3255	-						-	2,185	-	2,185	-\$2,185		
Jugiong CWPS1 P1 and P2 Inlet Manifold 2022	3246	\$500,000	\$68,890		-\$500,000		-\$500,000	\$68,890	\$3,496	\$0	\$3,496	\$65,394		
Matong Pump Station - 2022	3252		\$12,930				\$0	\$12,930	-\$4,630	\$0	-\$4,630	\$17,560		
Jugiong CWPS1 Pump 1 - 2022	3238						\$0	\$0	\$299	\$0	\$299	-\$299		
Pump Station - Mech (pump renewals/rebuilds)	3223	\$300,000					\$0	\$300,000	\$905	\$905	\$1,810	\$299,095		
Marinna Pump 2 - 2022	3245		\$8,430				\$0	\$8,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,430		
Jugiong Raw Water Pumps replacements - Replace 2 x Raw Water	3280						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$197,171	\$197,171	\$0		
Demondrille Pump 2 - 2022	3278						\$0	\$0	\$23,035	\$0	\$23,035	-\$23,035		
Temora Transfer Pump 2 2023	3270						\$0	\$0	\$1,553	\$0	\$1,553	-\$1,553		
Marina Pump 1 2023	3271						\$0	\$0	\$9,871	\$0	\$9,871	-\$9,871		
Junee Silos Pump 2023	3266						\$0	\$0	\$312	\$0	\$312	-\$312		
Pump Stations and Bores - PS & Bores - Mech		\$800,000	\$90,250	\$0	-\$500,000	\$0	-\$500,000	\$390,250	\$103,666	\$227,672	\$331,338	\$286,584	27%	13%
Pump Stations and Bores - PS & Bores - Elec														
Budget	3126	\$50,000					\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000		
Supply and install new Switchboard to improve site to minimum standards	3256						\$0	\$0	\$9,005	\$0	\$9,005	-\$9,005		
Lonsdale Control Panel	3247		\$14,470				\$0	\$14,470	\$144	\$0	\$144	\$14,326		
Ganmain Pump Station Switchboard Renewal	3229						\$0	\$0	\$5,607	\$0	\$5,607	-\$5,607		
Matong Bore 2 Switchboard Renewal	3228						\$0	\$0	\$77,337	\$0	\$77,337	-\$77,337		
Pump Station - Elec (Electrical Items, SBs, etc)	3224	\$150,000	\$132,300				\$0	\$282,300	\$0	\$109,463	\$109,463	\$282,300		
Pump Stations and Bores - PS & Bores - Elec	Total	\$200,000	\$146,770	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$346,770	\$92,093	\$109,463	\$201,557	\$254,677	27%	46%
Pump Station and Bores PS & Bores - Eng														
Marinna Pump Station - Investigation, design and installation of new pumps at Marinna, pipework and operation	3273	\$250,000					\$0	\$250,000	\$1,678	\$65,918	\$67,595	\$248,322		
Oura Bore 3 - Renewal	3274	\$400,000					\$0	\$400,000	\$248,285	\$2,545	\$250,831	\$151,715		
Pump Station and Bores PS & Bores - Eng	Total	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$650,000	\$249,963	\$68,463	\$318,426	\$400,037	38%	38%
Pump Station and Bores West Wyalong Pump Station														
West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station	3225	\$400,000	\$78,620				\$0	\$478,620	\$431,238	-\$51	\$431,187	\$47,382		
Pump Station and Bores West Wyalong Pump Station	Total	\$400,000	\$78,620	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$478,620	\$431,238	-\$51	\$431,187	\$47,382	90%	108%

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Pump Station and Bores Oura Pump Station Renewal														
Oura Pump Station Renewal	3218	\$1,500,000		\$1,700,000	-\$1,200,000		\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$324,373	\$1,898,006	\$2,222,380	\$1,675,627		
Renewal	Total	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,700,000	-\$1,200,000		\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$324,373	\$1,898,006	\$2,222,380	\$1,675,627	16%	22%
Pump Station and Bores Jugiong CWPS1 HV Jugiong High Voltage														
Jugiong High Voltage	3137	\$1,500,000		\$500,000			\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,918,857	\$1,838,722	\$3,757,580	\$81,143		
Renewal	Total	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0		\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,918,857	\$1,838,722	\$3,757,580	\$81,143	96%	128%
Pump Station and Bores Oura PS HV Oura High Voltage														
Oura High Voltage	1660				\$130,000		\$130,000	\$130,000	\$100,858	\$0	\$100,858	\$29,142		
Renewal	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$130,000		\$130,000	\$130,000	\$100,858	\$0	\$100,858	\$29,142	78%	0%
Pump Station and Bores Pump Station Valve Renewals														
Pump Station Valve Renewals - Oura	3128						\$0	\$0	\$562	\$0	\$562	-\$562		
Pump Station Valve Renewals - Jugiong	3129						\$0	\$0	\$4,683	\$0	\$4,683	-\$4,683		
Pump Station Valve Renewals - Mt Arthur	3131						\$0	\$0	\$2,857	\$0	\$2,857	-\$2,857		
Renewals	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$8,101	\$0	\$8,101	-\$8,101	0%	0%
Pump Station and Bores Gantry Crane Renewals														
Gantry Crane	1738	\$75,000					\$0	\$75,000	\$109,934	\$0	\$109,934	-\$34,934		
Renewals	Total	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$75,000	\$109,934	\$0	\$109,934	-\$34,934	147%	147%
Total Pump Stations		\$5,125,000	\$315,640	\$2,200,000	-\$1,570,000	\$0	\$630,000	\$6,070,640	\$3,339,084	\$4,142,276	\$7,481,361	\$2,731,556	55%	65%

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Reservoirs Reservoirs Elec														
Switchboard Renewals	3220		\$14,140				\$0	\$14,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,140		
Grong Grong Reservoir Switchboard Renewal	3221						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$592	\$592	\$0		
Reservoirs Reservoirs Elec	Total	\$0	\$14,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,140	\$0	\$592	\$592	\$14,140	0%	0%
Reservoirs Res External Adhoc Renewals														
Reservoir External Adhoc Renewals - GWCC Wide	3210	\$100,000			-\$50,000		-\$50,000	\$50,000	\$368	\$38,000	\$38,368	\$49,632		
Reservoirs Res External Adhoc Renewals	Total	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	-\$50,000	\$0	-\$50,000	\$50,000	\$368	\$38,000	\$38,368	\$49,632	1%	0%
Reservoirs Res Internal Adhoc Renewals														
Internal Adhoc Renewals	3134				\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$44,328	\$25,569	\$69,897	\$5,672		
Reservoirs Res Internal Adhoc Renewals	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$44,328	\$25,569	\$69,897	\$5,672	0%	0%
Reservoirs Wombat BT Renewal														
Wombat BT Renewal	3203	\$2,100,000			-\$2,080,000		-\$2,080,000	\$20,000	\$4,548	\$0	\$4,548	\$15,452		
Reservoirs Wombat BT Renewal	Total	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,080,000	\$0	-\$2,080,000	\$20,000	\$4,548	\$0	\$4,548	\$15,452	0%	0%
Reservoirs Oura Reservoir & Aerator														
Oura Reservoirs and Aerator	3183	\$3,300,000	\$499,240			\$3,401,000	\$3,401,000	\$7,200,240	\$6,304,114	\$5,501,189	\$11,805,302	\$896,126		
Reservoirs Oura Reservoir & Aerator	Total	\$3,300,000	\$499,240	\$0	\$0	\$3,401,000	\$3,401,000	\$7,200,240	\$6,304,114	\$5,501,189	\$11,805,302	\$896,126	88%	191%
Reservoirs W. Wyalong Res														
Wyalong Standpipe Res	3226	\$680,000	\$103,840				\$0	\$783,840	\$377,314	\$248,577	\$625,891	\$406,526		
Reservoirs W. Wyalong Res	Total	\$680,000	\$103,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$783,840	\$377,314	\$248,577	\$625,891	\$406,526	48%	55%
Reservoirs Reservoir Full Renewals														
Reservoir Full Renewals - GWCC Wide	3182						\$0	\$0	\$267	\$0	\$267	-\$267		
Reservoirs Reservoir Full Renewals	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267	\$0	\$267	-\$267	0%	0%
Reservoirs Site Fencing														
Site Fencing	3276	\$200,000					\$0	\$200,000	\$4,580	\$0	\$4,580	\$195,420		
Reservoirs Site Fencing	Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$4,580	\$0	\$4,580	\$195,420	2%	2%
Total Reservoirs		\$6,380,000	\$617,220	\$0	-\$2,080,000	\$3,401,000	\$1,321,000	\$8,318,220	\$6,735,520	\$5,813,926	\$12,549,446	\$1,582,700	81%	106%

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Treatment Mt Arthur Aeration														
Mt Arthur Aeration Tower	3275	\$50,000					\$0	\$50,000	\$829	\$0	\$829	\$49,171		
Treatment Mt Arthur Aeration	Total	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$829	\$0	\$829	\$49,171	2%	2%
Treatment Adhoc Renewals														
Jugiong WTP - Valve & Pneumatic Upgrade	3186		\$68,550				\$0	\$68,550	\$26,739	\$0	\$26,739	\$41,811		
Treatment Plant - Site Mechanical Renewals	3139	\$30,000					\$0	\$30,000	\$317	\$0	\$317	\$29,683		
Jugiong Compressor	1728		\$68,900				\$0	\$68,900	\$32,717	\$0	\$32,717	\$36,183		
Treatment Adhoc Renewals	Total	\$30,000	\$137,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167,450	\$59,773	\$0	\$59,773	\$107,677	36%	199%
Total Treatment Plant		\$80,000	\$137,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217,450	\$60,602	\$0	\$60,602	\$156,848	28%	76%
Other Emergency Works														
Emergency Works - GWCC Wide - Budget	3140	\$200,000					\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000		
Other Emergency Works	Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	0%	0%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	Total	\$22,643,000	\$2,820,350	\$2,200,000	-\$8,155,830	\$2,183,000	-\$3,772,830	\$21,740,520	\$16,800,500	\$10,752,522	\$27,553,022	\$4,940,020	77%	74%

MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS - ATTACHMENT B

Expenditure to 17 June 2024

WO No.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	ACTUAL	TOTAL BUDGET	VARIANCE	% Variance
1232	Thanowring Road Pipeline Construction of 40km of trunk pipeline	18/19	\$16,928.26			
		19/20	\$50,611.01			
		20/21	\$236,738.94			
		21/22	\$990,386.89			
		22/23	\$548,046.67			
		23/24	\$1,992,852.84			
		Total	\$3,835,564.61	\$7,000,000	\$3,164,435	55%
3137	Jugiong High Voltage Detailed designs for works, new HV building, purchase of HV equipment and electrical equipment install	20/21	\$61,185.63			
		21/22	\$1,664,286.64			
		22/23	\$3,426,271.48			
		23/24	\$1,918,857.25			
		Total	\$7,070,601.00	\$7,000,000	-\$70,601	101%
3183	Oura Reservoirs and Aerator Construction of 2 x 4ML reservoirs and aeration tower at Oura WTP plus ancillary pipework and electricals	21/22	\$130,686.84			
		22/23	\$500,756.99			
		23/24	\$6,304,113.65			
		Total	\$6,935,557.48	\$12,643,703	\$5,708,146	55%
3226	Wyalong Standpipe Res Construction of 24m high 2.4ML concrete reservoir	22/23	\$3,716,901.55			
		23/24	\$377,314.31			
		Total	\$4,094,215.86	\$4,420,728	\$326,512	93%

WO No.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	ACTUAL	TOTAL BUDGET	VARIANCE	% Variance
3241	Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction Construction of 8km DN300 bypass trunk main and 7km DN200 retic main	22/23 23/24 Total	\$5,132,906.64 \$1,453,276.67 \$6,586,183.31	\$7,357,394	\$771,211	90%
3225	Wyalong Pump Station Construction of pump station at Wyalong terminal reservoir site to supply new standpipe reservoir	22/23 23/24 Total	\$461,380.14 \$431,238.36 \$892,618.50	\$800,000	-\$92,619	112%
3218	Oura pump station and dosing rooms Constructuion of new pump station including 3 high voltage pumps and additional dosing systems	22/23 23/24 Total	\$31,455.76 \$324,373.34 \$355,829.10	\$7,605,943	\$7,250,114	5%
3242	Kingsvale to Young pipeline Upgrade of approx. 12km of pipeline	22/23 23/24 Total	\$109,228.12 \$158,847.18 \$268,075.30	\$8,300,000	\$8,031,925	3%

**Goldenfields Water County Council
Major Project Commentary
17/06/2024**

Project Ref	Project and description	Total project budget/ Start date	Total spent to Date/ Due date	Progress Comments
Ongoing Projects				
1232	Thanowring Road Pipeline Construction of 40km of trunk pipeline	\$7,000,000 Jan-22	\$3,835,565 Aug-24	Project tracking under budget. Works have been completed and commissioned up to Arah Park pump station. Construction works are continuing past the pump station with Approx 5km remaining and works will slip into the 2024-25 Financial Year
3137	Jugiong High Voltage Detailed designs for works, new HV building, purchase of HV equipment and electrical equipment install	\$8,755,000 Jan-21	\$7,070,601 Dec-24	Approx 6 months behind schedule. Currently tracking on budget.
3183	Oura Reservoirs and aerator Construction of 2 x 4ML reservoirs and aeration tower at Oura WTP plus ancillary pipework and electricals	\$12,643,703 May-23	\$6,935,557 Dec-24	Project on track, expected approximately 10% of the full budget as a cost savings on the project. Due for completion in December 2024.
3218	Oura pump station and dosing rooms Construction of new pump station including 3 high voltage pumps and additional dosing systems	\$7,605,943 Oct-23	\$355,829 Jun-25	Pumps and motors have been selected and procured, awaiting delivery. Consultant for the design of the dosing systems have been engaged. Design and Construct contract for the pump station building and dosing room is currently out for tender. Project has run behind time therefore the completion due date to June 2025
3242	Kingsvale to Young pipeline Upgrade of approx 12km of pipeline	\$8,300,000 Dec-22	\$268,075 Aug-26	Detailed design nearly complete.
Completed Projects				
3225	Wyalong Pump Station Construction of pump station at Wyalong terminal reservoir site to supply new standpipe reservoir.	\$800,000 Jun-22	\$892,619 Aug-23	Project is completed both both GWCC staff and sub contractors.
3226	Wyalong Standpipe Res Construction of 24m high 2.4ML concrete reservoir	\$4,420,728 Jun-23	\$4,094,216 Aug-23	Project is completed and under budget.
3241	Wyalong Reliability Project Pipeline Construction Construction of 8km DN300 bypass trunk main and 7km DN200 retic main	\$7,357,394 Jun-23	\$6,586,183 Aug-23	Pipeline has been completed. Project under budget.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 3 June 2024.

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 3 June 2024. 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 3 June 2024.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.



ARIC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Ref. ARIC		Minute taker: Ashleigh Burnett
Date: 29 February 2024	Time: 10:03 am	Location: 84 Parkes Street, Temora (Board Room)
Attendees: Peter McLean (Chairperson), Geoff Twomey, Melody Carr, Geoff Veneris, Ashleigh Burnett, Erin Hemphill, Phil Swaffield (National Audits Group) (Via Zoom)		
Apologies: Aaron Drenovski, Cr Bob Callow		

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened at 10:03 am. Apologies were received and accepted from Aaron Drenovski and Cr Bob Callow.

The Chairman acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, and paid respects to their Elders past and present.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the minutes of the meeting held 29 February 2024 having been circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chairperson Report

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the Committee received and noted the Chairperson's verbal report.

- **Last Meeting** – This will be my last meeting and I'd like to thank everyone for their support and contributions over my time as Chair of the Committee. I will be continuing as a Councillor at Camden Council.
- **Operation Hector** – ICAC released a report on 30 April 2024 on the findings of former Inner West Council and Transport for NSW employees and Contractors being corrupt. Former



Senior Project Engineer at Inner West Council, Tony Nguyen, engaged in conduct that resulted in contracts being awarded to businesses with which he had undisclosed associations. 9 people have been charged with corrupt conduct. There weren't reviews of Tender Panels or Panelist's addresses and connections. Large contracts weren't being reviewed and there was no screening. Nothing had been registered on TfNSW Risk Register. Prosecution sought through DPP.

- **Emerging Fraud & Corruption** – There is an emerging fraud and corruption case in NSW being investigated by ICAC. It involves fake invoices being created by a staff member at both small and large Councils in NSW.

It has also been flagged to monitor Payroll transactions. There have been a number of payroll corrections/amendments or underpayments being processed. The ATO is now charging businesses to submit claims of these transactions.

6. General Manager Report

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Peter McLean and Geoff Twomey that the Committee received and noted the General Manager's verbal report.

- **Confined Space Audit** – Staff have recently engaged an external independent party to facilitate and assist with the undertaking a comprehensive audit of GWCC's identified high risk locations that may require updated and/or developed controls in accordance with the WHS Act, regulations and code of practice.
Whilst GWCC maintains a strict undertaking of its approach to confined space assessment, there has been contention by staff in the past in regards to some locations and their individual determination of risk, such as valve pits, that might not warrant the same extreme controls in place when undertaking works. This project was established to provide clear guidance on the risks and the obligations staff should consider at each individual location assessed. Overall there were over 240 sites assessed for compliance against the code of practice. Staff are now just working through each audit item to determine a final outcome and a list of improvements that will need to be implemented.
- **Water Billing** – GWCC provided an update at the previous ARIC regarding its water billing, where it advised that there were some issues that have been identified and reported to the Board with an action plan, including the commencement of a meter replacement program.
A further update on this matter is that Quarter 3 billing had been delayed by around 5 weeks in order to fully correct the issues that had been identified. It is also expected that quarter 4 bills will push back two weeks in comparison with normal target dates.
- **Enterprise Resourcing Planning (ERP)** – GWCC currently utilise Civica Authority as its enterprise management system. Significant concerns have been raised over the system and its current lack of supplier support. Council currently maintains a 7.0 version of the product with CM9 records management system.
Staff have recently been advised that Civica will no longer be supporting our current version and are seeking us to move to version 7.1 and CM10 respectively. This will be expected to be undertaken at significant cost and downtime to councils' system whilst trying to maintain continuous function. Staff have contacted another similar water supply authority who have already transitioned, and significant concerns have been raised.
Management will look to undertake a digital transformation project to better align its business functions with appropriate enterprise products. It is expected that a project of this size will take an estimated 18 months to 2 years for development and delivery from time of market evaluation.
Management will seek to report a request for project establishment and budget within the 2024/25 financial year.
- **Budget** – Councils draft Operational Plan has been placed on public exhibition with a 5% increase on fees and charges without any comment. A report will be put to the June meeting for adoption with final minor corrections made.
 - As per Office of Local Government (OLG) Circular, Circular 24-05 / 19 April 2024 / A894200, Councils Interest rate will increase from 9% to 10.5% and the s603 application costs will go from a charge of \$95 to \$100 for 2024-25.

- Updated the quarterly and monthly tabulated columns within the document to reflect the 2024-25 annual rates.
- Amended the non-residential high volume 20mm connection to \$354 from \$353 so the monthly charge is a round number of \$29.50.
- Amended the non-residential high volume 25mm connection to \$546 from \$548 so the monthly charge is a round number of \$45.50.
- Amended the vacant unconnected properties 25mm connection to \$366 from \$365 to match the residential 25mm connection charge.
- **Fraudulent Resumes & Applications** – GWCC has been contacted by Detectives regarding applications made by a Serial Fraudster. We did receive one application from this individual for our ICT Coordinator position.
- **Thank you** – On behalf of GWCC I would like to thank the Committee for their contributions and advice and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

7. Review of Internal Audits

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the Committee receive and note the status of the 2023/24 Internal Audit Work Program.

REPORT

At the February meeting the Committee endorsed the combination of the two planned internal audits (Debt Recovery & Water Billing) due to the synergies and the relationship between the activities.

The scope for the engagement is:

Review Council's Water Billing and Accounts Receivable activities in relation to the following:

- *Control, risk management and compliance frameworks to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of relevant current controls in place including:*
 - *Accuracy and completeness of meter reading and billing for water usage and water access charges levied;*
 - *Billing processes including invoicing for trade and sundry debtors;*
 - *Debt recovery processes;*
 - *IT General Controls (ITGC);*
 - *User Access Creation and Management;*
 - *Authorisation including delegations;*
 - *Controls over Debtor Master Data;*
 - *Reconciliation Practices and Reporting (including subsidiary debtors ledger - control account/s and relevant general ledger accounts);*
 - *Related Fraud and Data Breach Risks and Controls;*
 - *Other Accounts Receivable Controls.*
- *Compliance with relevant policies, procedures, and legislation;*
- *Effectiveness of relevant policies, plans, processes and systems;*
- *Governance practices including efficiency and effectiveness of decision-making processes; and*
- *Monitoring and reporting frameworks.*

Due to recent staff changes and the timing of the water billing cycle this engagement has only recently commenced and is currently in progress. It is expected the final report will be tabled at the next meeting.

8. Risk Management and Internal Audit for GWCC

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the Committee receive and note the Office of Local Government Circular 23-15 – Regulation Amendments Prescribing Requirements for Audit Risk and Improvement Committees, Internal Audit and Risk Management.

REPORT

To ensure compliance with the OLG Circular the Council will be required to make a number of changes to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter particularly relating to the eligibility for membership, voting and non-voting members and the term of membership.



Recommend Council provide ARIC a draft Charter incorporating all required changes prior to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- Committee Members requested more reporting on the Budget to be presented at meetings as currently they only see the Financials once complete.
- PP022 – Section 8; Should include the Directors to be able to sign off as well as the General Manager.
- PP033 – Section 5.3; Include other Councillors. The Chair should be able to invite Councillors to attend the meetings as non-voting attendees.

9. ARIC Meeting Dates

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Geoff Twomey and Peter McLean that the Committee receive and note the meeting dates for the remainder of 2024, as adopted at the October 2023 meeting.

REPORT

The following dates were adopted at the October 2023 meeting:

- 10am Thursday 25 July 2024
- 10am Thursday 26 September 2024 – 2023/24 Financial Statements

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

10. Review of Action Items Progress Report

RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Peter McLean and Geoff Twomey that the committee receive and note the progress made with the Action Items.

ATTACHMENTS: Action Items Progress report

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- Amendment to Procurement Item – Should be 27th June for the Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 10am Thursday 25 July 2024

There being no further matters requiring the attention of the committee the meeting was declared closed at 11:21am.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2024/2025

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Councillors and Chairpersons Fees be increased by 3.75% for the 2024/2025 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 29 April 2024.
2. The annual remuneration for 2024/2025 is: Councillor \$10,997 and Chairperson \$18,062.80

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that annual fees are to be paid to councillors and chairpersons in accordance with categories determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal), while the setting of the fees is contained within sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

REPORT

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 29 April 2024 determined an increase of 3.75% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2024/2025 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2024.

For **Table 4: County Councils – Water** the fees are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor	\$2,030	\$11,280
Chairperson – additional	\$4,360	\$18,520

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

WATER BILLING & DEBT RECOVERY REPORT

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the update on Water Billing, Developer Contributions and Debt Recovery.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND**Water Billing**

Water billing occurs on a quarterly basis for the majority of Goldenfields Water customers however there are some customers that are billed monthly. This includes automatic meter reads along with some manual re-reads due to several anomalies.

WATER BILLING REPORT

We engaged specialised consultancy for our utility billing module and meter reading for both Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 programs for the financial year 2023-24 as a result of a significant demand of utility billing maintenance required. The Quarter 3 bills were delayed as a result but we are now on track.

The Quarter 3 water billing for the 2023-2024 financial year was delayed due the level of required utility billing maintenance. 11,616 accounts were levied for a total amount of \$4.598m.

Whilst there are still a number of maintenance issues to address prior to Quarter 4 water billing we are on track to levy the third week in July.

DEBT RECOVERY REPORT

Debt recovery action figures for 31 May:

NOTICES ISSUED	No. Customers	Outstanding Account (\$)
Final Notice (Bill period 2023 Q3)	2925	\$2,198,499.74
Debt Recovery Action:		
Pending Restriction Notice	300	\$533,863.47
Restriction Warning Card	5	\$70,860.65

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Physical Restriction / Disconnection	5	\$70,860.65
Total Payments Received (Following Debt Recovery Action)		\$281,818.54
RESTRICTION DETAILS		
Properties paid prior to restriction	147	\$217,706.15
Properties Unrestricted	0	\$0.00
Properties Remaining Restricted	5	\$40,412.18
Properties Referred to Debt Recovery Agent	21	\$193,813.33

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Council adopted PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy in June 2021. The policy review schedule has been brought forward to align with updated requirements legislated via amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, effective 1 July 2024.

REPORT

PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy has been reviewed and re-written to provide greater alignment to the NSW Office of Local Government guidelines in support of Goldenfields Water's enterprise risk management functions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP022 Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.



Policy No. PP022

Enterprise Risk Management Policy

Enterprise Risk Management Policy

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

Date Adopted by Board XXX	Resolution No. XXX
Policy Responsibility General Manager	
Review Timeframe Four Yearly	
Last Review June 2024	Next Scheduled Review June 2028

DOCUMENT HISTORY

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE AMENDED	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
v1.0	25/08/2018	New Policy. Adopted by Council, resolution 18/099.
v2.0	24/06/2021	Update review timeframe. Minor updates due to scheduled review. Adopted by Council, resolution 21/050.
v2.1	28/05/2024	Rewrite to incorporate new OLG requirements.
v3.0		Adopted by Council, resolution XX/XXX.

FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1993 Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations (NSW) 2017
Related Policies	PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy PP026 Asset Management Policy PP031 Code of Conduct Policy PP033 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter PP034 Fraud Prevention Strategy Policy
Related Procedures, Protocols, Statements and Documents	P025 Enterprise Risk Management Framework P038 Business Continuity Plan AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management - Guidelines



Enterprise Risk Management Policy

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Enterprise Risk Management Policy

3 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to express Goldenfields Water's commitment to implementing organisation-wide risk management principles, systems and processes that ensure the consistent, efficient, and effective assessment of risk in all planning, decision-making and operational processes.

4 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Goldenfields Water staff and the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

5 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Risk	The effect of uncertainty on outcomes. Risk is measured through a defined risk process which looks at the likelihood of the risk and the associated consequences that come with the risk.
Risk management	The process of designing systems and procedures that will help control and manage risks that allows Goldenfields Water to manage both negative consequences and future potential opportunities.

6 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Goldenfields Water is responsible for water supply functions within the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, and parts of Carrathool, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops, Lachlan and Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

Goldenfields Water also has service agreements and contractual obligations with government and non-government agencies and organisations and has its own strategic goals and objectives that it seeks to achieve on behalf of its customers.

It is therefore incumbent on Goldenfields Water to understand the internal and external risks that may impact the delivery of these services, contracts and strategic objectives and have processes in place to identify, mitigate, manage, and monitor those risks to ensure the best outcome for Goldenfields Water's staff and the community. It is also our responsibility to ensure the efficient, effective, and ethical use of resources and services by residents, staff, and visitors.

Goldenfields Water has developed a risk management framework consistent with Australian Standard (AS) International Standards Organisation (ISO) 31000:2018 Risk Management - Guidelines to assist it to identify, treat, monitor, and review all risks to its operations and strategic objectives and apply appropriate internal controls.

Goldenfields Water is committed to the principles, framework, and process of managing risk as outlined in AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management - Guidelines and commits to fully integrating risk management within Goldenfields Water and applying it to all decision-making, functions, services, and activities in accordance with our statutory requirements.

7 RESPONSIBILITIES

Goldenfields Water aims to create a positive risk management culture where risk management is integrated into all everyday activities and managing risks is an integral part of governance, good management practice and decision-making at Goldenfields Water. It is the responsibility of every staff member and business area to observe and implement this policy and Goldenfields Water's risk management framework.

7.1 Managers and Supervisors

Risk management is a core responsibility for all managers and supervisors at Goldenfields Water. In addition to their responsibilities as staff members, managers and supervisors are responsible for:

- Ensuring all workers manage their risks within their own work areas. Risks should be anticipated, and reasonable protective measures taken.
- Encouraging openness and honesty in the reporting and escalation of risks.
- Ensuring all workers have the appropriate capability to perform their risk management roles.
- Identifying and communicating improvements in Goldenfields Water's risk management practices.
- Managers are responsible for reporting to the General Manager on the status of risks and controls.

7.2 All Staff

All staff are responsible for identifying and managing risk within their work areas. Key responsibilities include:

- Being familiar with and understanding the principles of risk management.
- Complying with all policies, procedures, and practices relating to risk management.
- Alerting their supervisor or manager to risks that exist within their workplace.
- Performing any risk management activities assigned to them as part of their role.

7.3 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee

To ensure Goldenfields Water is effectively managing its risk and complying with its statutory obligations, Goldenfields Water's Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and internal audit function is responsible for reviewing:

- Risk management processes and procedures.
- Risk management strategies for major projects and undertakings.
- Control environment and insurance arrangements.
- Business continuity planning arrangements.
- Fraud control plan.

8 ANNUAL ATTESTATION

Goldenfields Water will attest each year in its Annual Report, commencing 2024/2025, operating compliance of its ARIC, risk management framework and internal audit function in accordance with the requirements set by the NSW Office of Local Government.

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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – June 2024

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

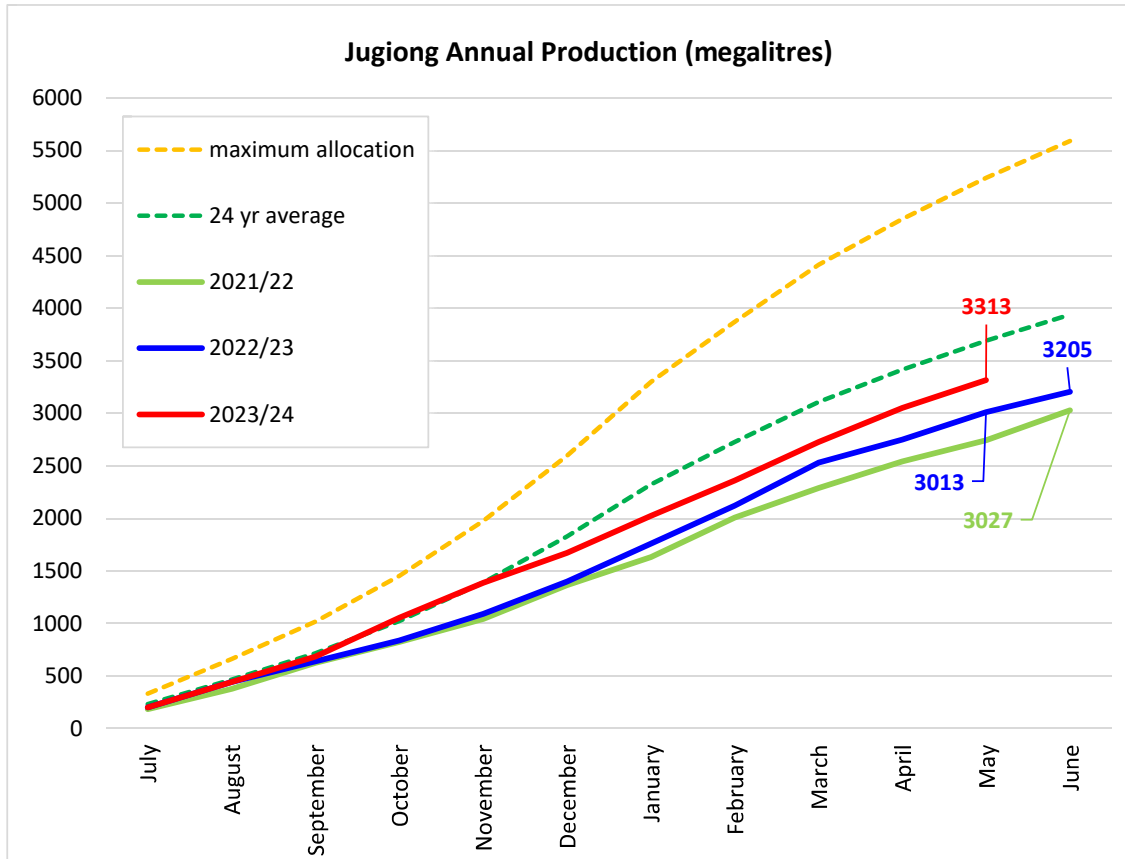
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

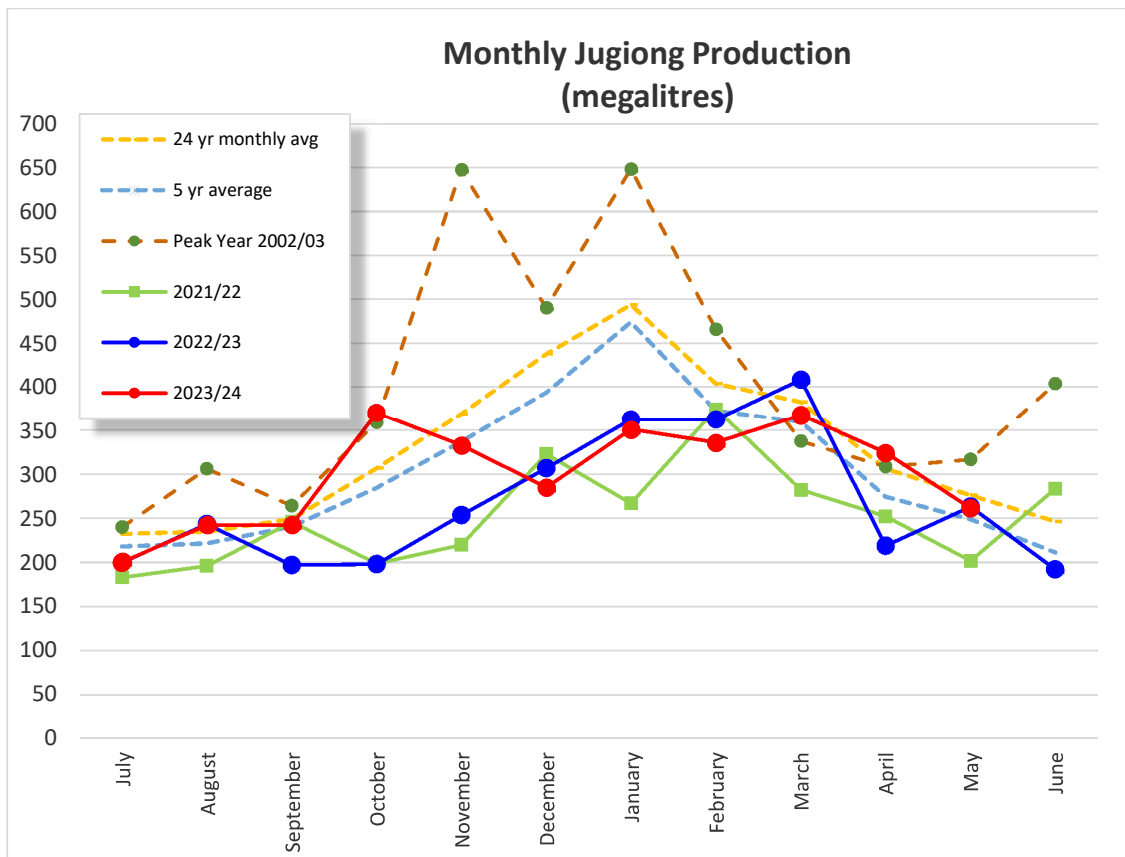
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For the 11 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 3313ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2022/23 FY where 3013ML was extracted. An increase of 300ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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



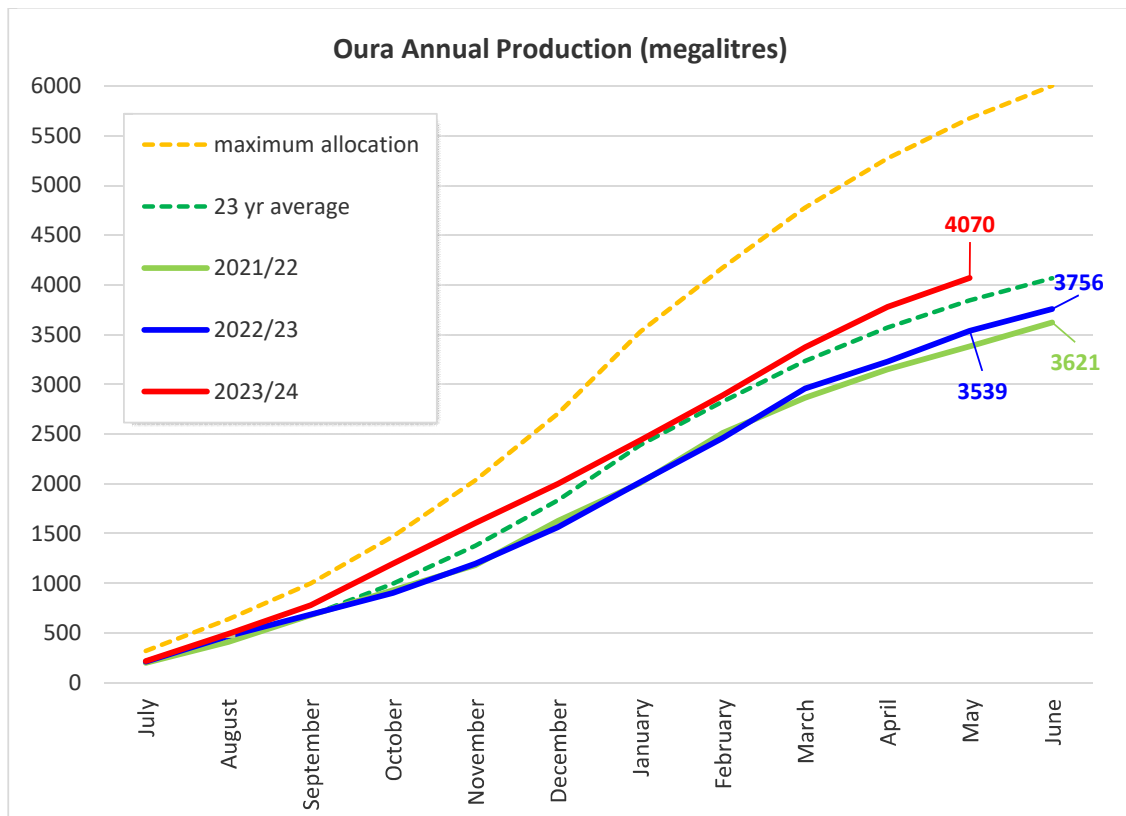
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Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

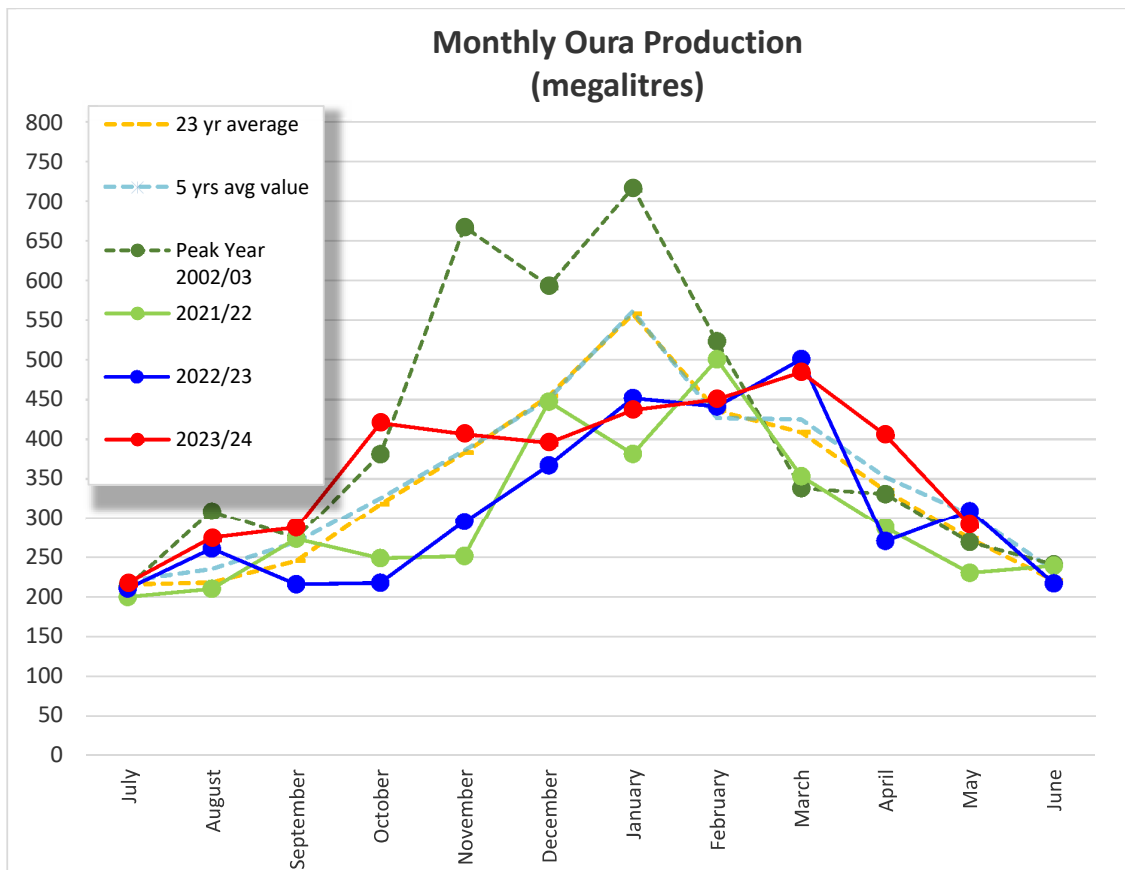
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs, and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the first 11 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 4070ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is an increase in production compared to 2022/23 FY where 3539ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 531ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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

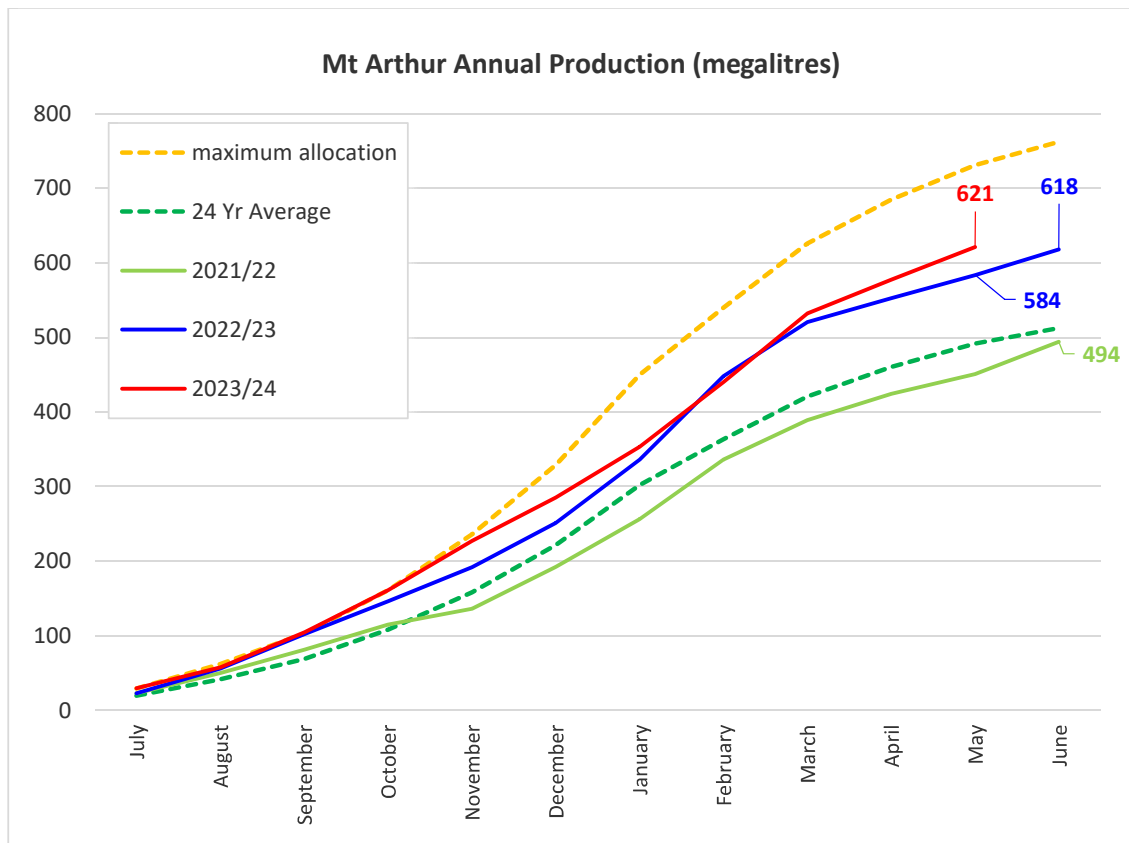


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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

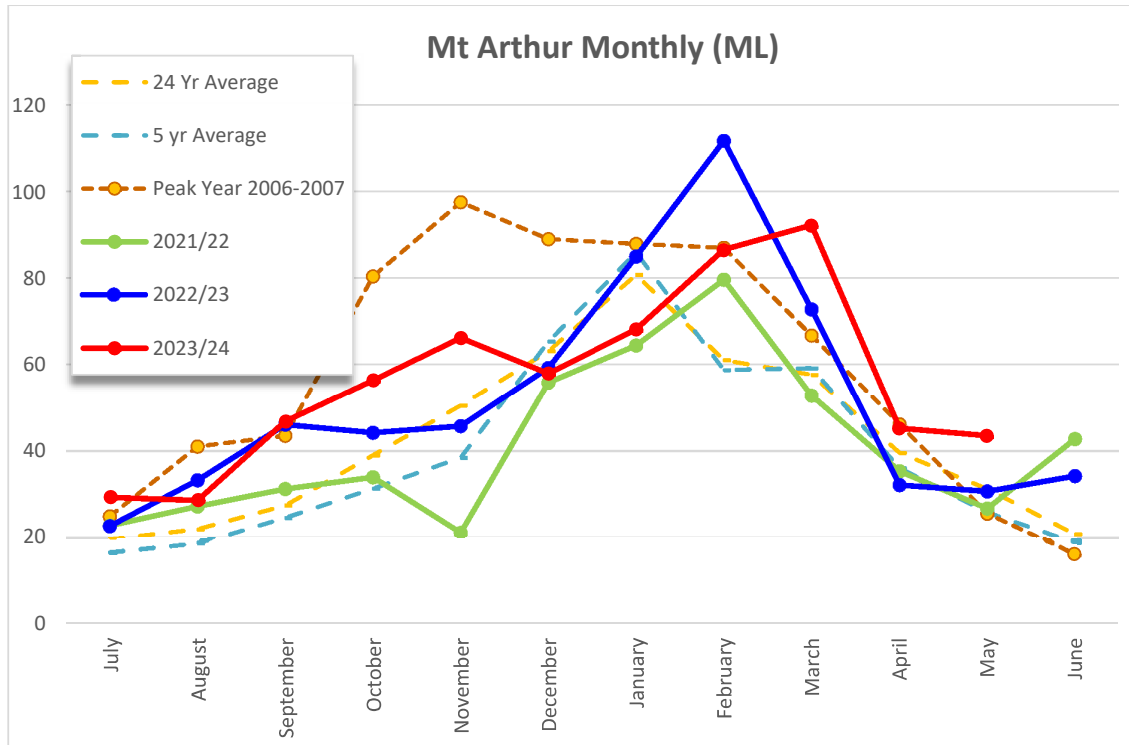
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

For the first 11 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 621ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to the 2022/23 FY where 584ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 37ML. As can be seen in the graph below, production is trending slightly higher to previous years.



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

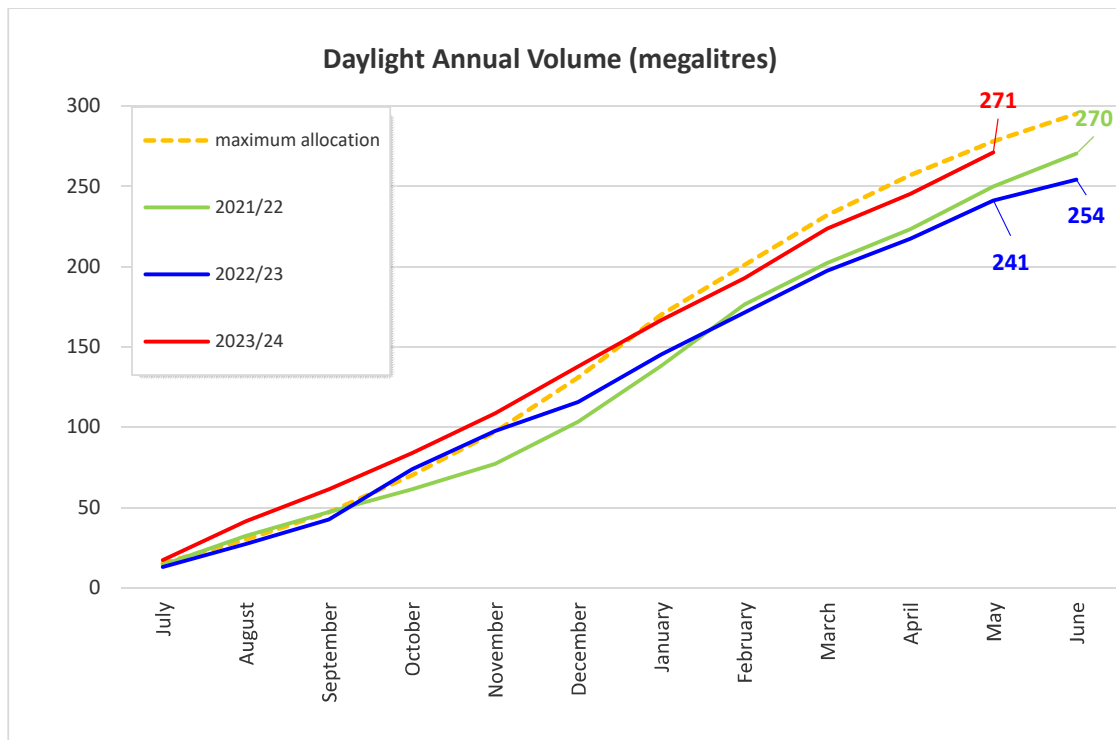


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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

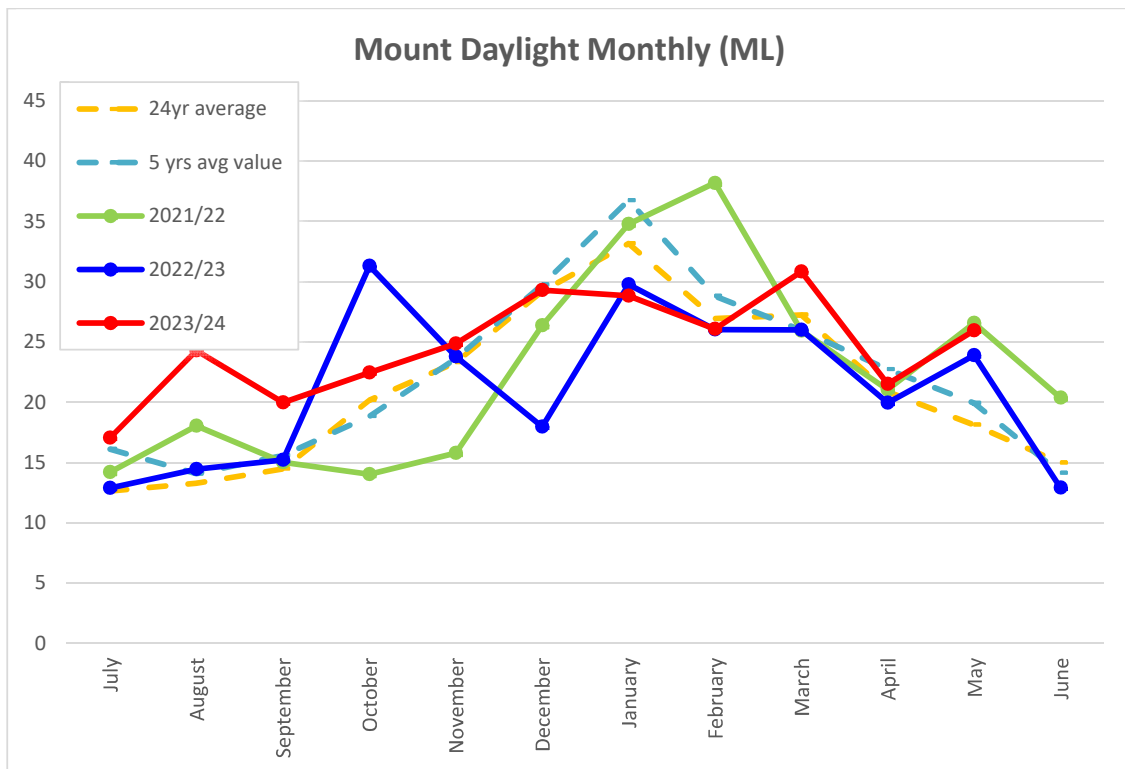
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately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

For the first 11 months of the 2023/24 financial year 271ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 30ML compared to the 2022/23 FY where 241ML was produced over the same period.



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



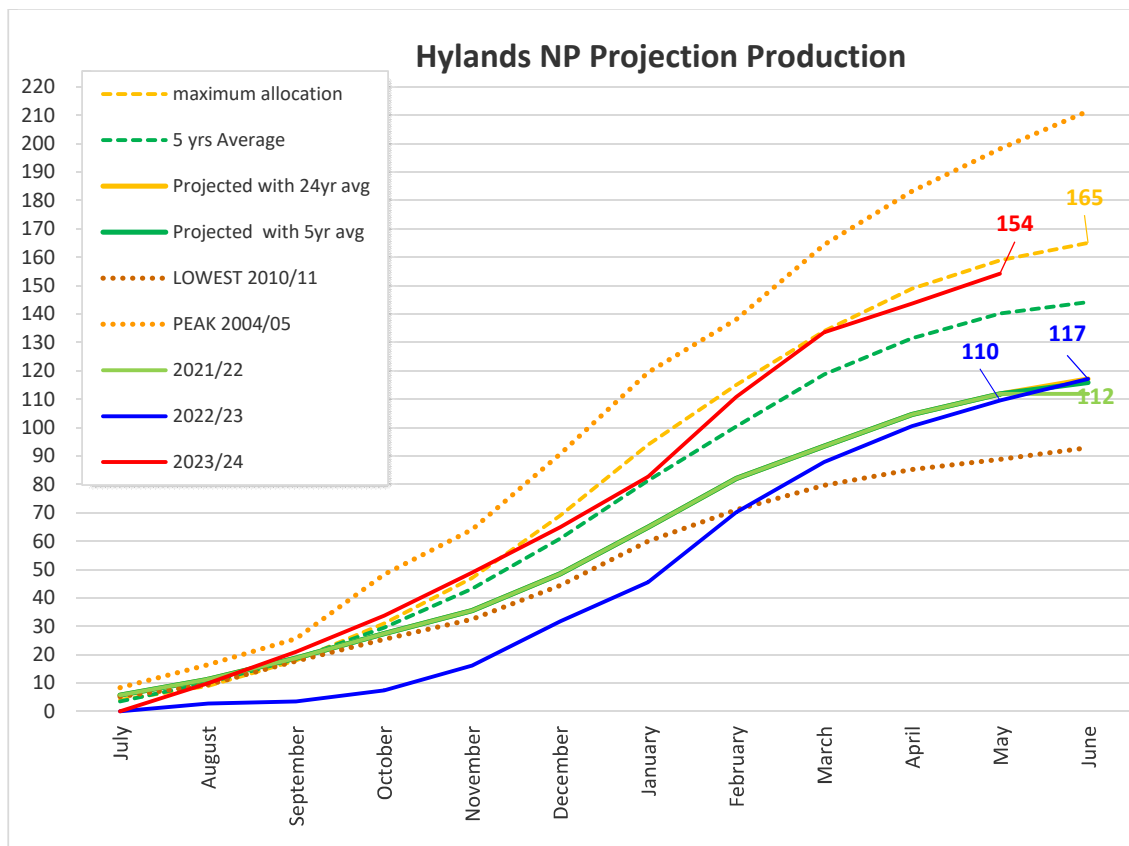
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Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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 11 months of the 2023/24 financial year 154ML 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 110ML had been extracted. Currently projecting to exceed our maximum allocation.

Note: A comparison between GWCC Production meter and Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) Production meter has indicated that there is a discrepancy between the two meters. GWCC will replace our old meter with a new meter as soon as one becomes available. GWCCs meter is reading between 30-35% higher than MI meter.



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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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PP039 HYDRANTS CONDITIONS OF USE POLICY

Report prepared by Engineering manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the draft policy

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

As a County Council, Goldenfields Water is required to install hydrants in its urban water mains as may be necessary for the ready supply of water to extinguish fires, and to maintain the hydrants in effective working order as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Goldenfields Water has hydrants located at approximately 60 metre interval spacing within their urban townships.

REPORT

The attached policy provides Goldenfields Water and the public with information regarding the purpose of hydrants, approval to access hydrants, illegal use and the available alternatives Goldenfields Water provides for water access.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft PP039 Hydrants – Conditions of Use Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



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Hydrants – Conditions of Use Policy



Hydrants – Conditions of Use Policy

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

Date Adopted by Board 2008	Board Resolution No. 08/148
Policy Responsibility Engineering Manager	
Review Timeframe 4 yearly	
Last Review 2024	Next Scheduled Review 2028

DOCUMENT HISTORY

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE AMENDED	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
	22/02/2024	
	DD/MM/YYYY	
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FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1993 Local Government Regulations
Related Policies	PP007 Water Connections Policy PP006 Backflow Prevention Policy
Related Procedures, Protocols, Statements and Documents	



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Hydrants – Conditions of Use Policy

3 PURPOSE

To protect Council's infrastructure from illegal water access, potential contamination of the potable water supply, damage to firefighting infrastructure and service disruption to nearby residents.

4 DEFINITIONS

Hydrant – a valve installed on Goldenfields Water's urban pipelines that enable access to water for firefighting purposes

Standpipe – A piece of equipment that connects to the hydrants and brings the water supply up to above ground level

5 HYDRANT INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

As a County Council, Goldenfields Water is required to install hydrants in its urban water mains as may be necessary for the ready supply of water to extinguish fires, and to maintain the hydrants in effective working order as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Goldenfields Water has hydrants located at approximately 60 metre interval spacing within their urban townships.

6 ILLEGAL USE OF COUNCIL HYDRANTS

A person (other than a fire service during emergency conditions) may only draw water from a County Council water supply or a standpipe with the prior approval of the County Council (*Local Government Act 1993*, s68(1)).

The *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) establishes a number of offences relevant to the unauthorised use of hydrants. The maximum penalty for each offence is 20 penalty units (\$2,200.00). These are as follows:

- failing to obtain an approval or carrying out an activity otherwise than in accordance with an approval (LG Act, ss626(3), 627(3)).
- wilfully or negligently damaging, destroying or otherwise interfering with a pipe, lock, tap, valve or other thing belonging to the County Council in connection with the supply of water (LG Act, s635).
- wilfully or negligently wasting or misusing water from a public water supply, or causing any such water to be wasted (LG Act, s637(1)).
- wilfully or negligently doing any act which damages or pollutes (or is likely to damage or pollute) a public water supply, or a source of that supply (LG Act, s639(1)).

7 IMPACTS OF HYDRANT USE

Hydrants are designed to rapidly expel water from the pipeline system to extinguish fires. The rapid expulsion of water from the system often has detrimental impacts to the water supply infrastructure and surrounding customers including:

- Damage to hydrant valves from incorrect use,

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- Damage to water pipelines from pressure related water hammer
- Reduced water supply to surrounding customers
- Stirring sediment and causing discoloured water for nearby residents
- Potential contamination of the water supply system

As such, it is the preference for hydrants to only be utilised during emergency conditions.

8 ALTERNATIVES TO HYDRANTS ACCESS

Goldenfields Water provides different options for contractors and members of the public to access water. These include:

- Bulk water refill stations which provide high flow rate filling options,
- Community operated standpipes, and
- Temporary connections

More information and the location of these services can be found on Goldenfields Water's website.

9 APPROVAL TO ACCESS HYDRANTS

If the community standpipes and bulk fill stations are not a suitable means for water access an alternate connection may be requested by submitting an application for a temporary water service connection.

Council will assess the application and determine whether there is a suitable location for water supply using either a temporary connection or approving hydrants access.

For approved hydrant access, Goldenfields Water will determine specific hydrants that may be used with due consideration given to the potential impacts on the surrounding area. Goldenfields Water will supply a portable metered standpipe with appropriate backflow prevention devices.

Fees and Charges will apply.

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PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy

Report prepared by Engineering manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the draft policy

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water maintains a public policy regarding the procurement of disposal of goods, services and materials.

REPORT

PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy is due for review. The following updates have been made:

- Review timeframe changed to 4 yearly to align with other policies
- Clarification of the Goldenfields Water area of operation
- Additional definition of a contract
- Update to the Prescribed Agencies
- Update to the quotation threshold

The quotation thresholds were reviewed and a comparison to a random selection of NSW Councils is provided below. The proposed changes are in line with other Councils and enable staff to undertake procurement of goods, services and materials in an efficient manner, particularly in a regional setting where there are lower volumes of contractors and suppliers available.

	Verbal	1 Quote	2 Quotes	3 Quotes	Formal Quotation
Inner West Council				10k and above	
Wollongong Council		Up to \$10k	\$10-\$50k	\$50k-\$150k	\$150k-\$250k
Lake Macquarie Council		Up to \$10k	\$10-50k	\$50-\$250k	
Hills Shire Council		Up to \$25k		\$25-227k tender over \$227k	
Ballina Council		Up to \$2k	\$10-\$50k	\$50k-\$250k	
Shellharbour Council		Up to \$5k	\$5k-\$25k	\$25k-\$100k	\$100k-\$250k
Hilltops SC	Up to \$1k	\$1k-\$5k	\$5k-\$20k	\$20k to \$50k	\$50k-\$250k
Temora CS	Up to \$5k	\$5-10k	\$10-50k	\$50-\$150k	\$150-\$250k
Riverina Water	Up to \$2k	\$2k-\$10k	\$10k-\$20k	\$20k-\$250k	
Goldenfields Water existing	Up to \$1k	\$1k-\$5k	\$5k-\$25k	\$25k-\$250k	

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Goldenfields Water proposed	Up to \$2k	\$1k-\$10k	\$10k-\$50k	\$50k-\$250k	
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

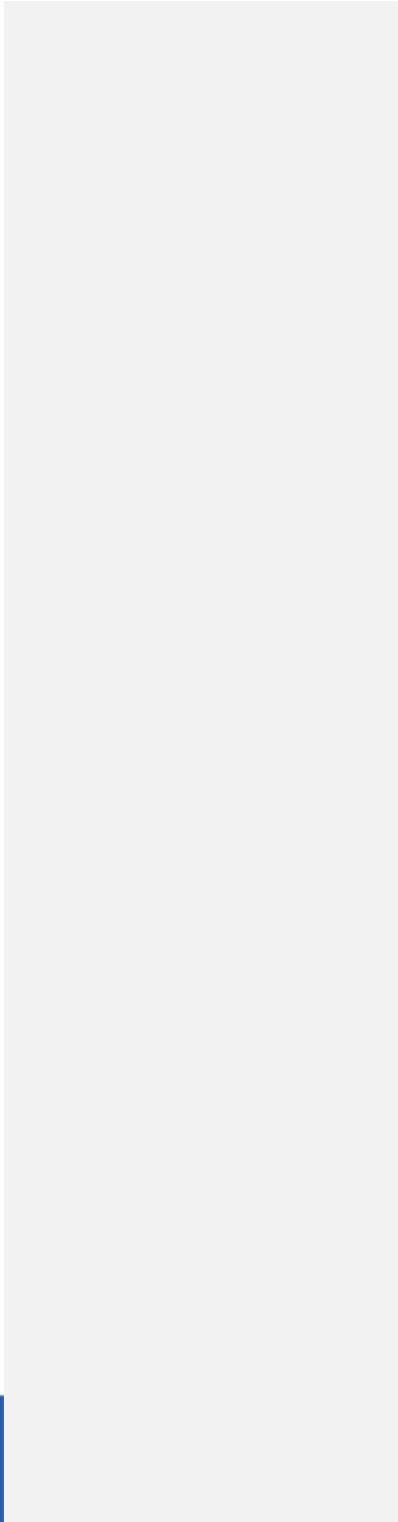
ATTACHMENTS: PP001 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



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Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy



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Policy No. PP001

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1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

Date Adopted by Board 27/08/2020	Resolution No. 20/087
Policy Responsibility General Manager	
Review Timeframe 4 yearly yearly	
Last Review 30/05/2024 08/2020	Next Scheduled Review 30/05/2028 07/2022

DOCUMENT HISTORY

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE AMENDED	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
	24/08/2017	Board Resolution No.17/060
	05/09/2018	Update Quotation Threshold Values - Table 1
	21/12/2018	Board Resolution No.18/117
	01/08/2019	Update Related Legislation, Definition – Goldenfields Water area of operation, sections 7, 9 and Table 1 – Quotation Threshold
	22/08/2019	Board Resolution No.19/072
	22/07/2020	Update policy title to include Disposal, additional section 15, Disposal of Assets and section 16 updated to include disposal

FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Related Legislation	NSW Local Government Act 1993 (in particular section 55) Local Government Amendment Bill 2019 (NSW) NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 05 (in particular section 7) NSW Local Government Financial Regulation
Related Policies	Goldenfields Water Code of Conduct PP030 Corporate Credit Card Policy PP038 Statement of Business Ethics
Related Procedures, Protocols, Statements and Documents	P003 Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Procedure P011 Corporate Credit Card Procedure



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Procurement and Disposal of Goods, Services and Materials Policy

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3 PURPOSE

Goldenfields Water is committed to implementing best practice procurement policy, principles and procedures for the procurement of goods, services and materials.

Goldenfields Water recognises that by conducting its procurement activities in a cost effective, socially responsible, sustainable, accountable and ethical manner we are ensuring value for money and best possible outcome for the community and the environment.

4 SCOPE

The requirements of this policy apply to tenders, quotations, and expressions of interest, lease agreements, ~~and~~ contracts involving either expenditure or income ~~and disposal~~. This policy does not apply to employment contracts or real estate property acquisitions and sales.

5 DEFINITIONS

~~**Contract** – An agreement entered into by an executed contract agreement or via issue of a purchase order~~

~~**Goldenfields Water area of operation** – Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops (Harden and Young), Junee, Temora and parts of Carrathool, Lachlan, Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.~~ **Goldenfields Water area of operation** – Areas that Goldenfields Water provides water supply to including Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Bland, Coolamon, Temora, Junee and parts of the Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops, Carrathool, Lachlan, Narrandera and Wagga Wagga LGAs.

Government Contract – means any of the following contracts between an agency and a private sector entity—

- (a) a contract under which a party agrees to undertake a specific project (such as a construction, infrastructure or property development project),
- (b) a contract under which a party agrees to provide specific goods or services (such as information technology services), other than a contract of employment,
- (c) a contract under which a party agrees to transfer real property to another party to the contract,
- (d) a lease of real property.

Local Supplier - A supplier of goods, services and materials that can effectively demonstrate that they are operating a business premises within the Goldenfields Water area of operation.

Quotation - The process of inviting offers to provide goods, services and materials. Generally not advertised and used for contracts that are not regulated.

Regulated Contract - A contract that is regulated by Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.



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Tender – The process of inviting parties, from a predetermined list or via public advertisement submit an offer to provide goods, services and materials. Generally used for regulated contracts.

6 PROBITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All procurement activities are to be conducted in an ethical manner and in accordance with Goldenfields Water's Code of Conduct.

Goldenfields Water expects tenderers and suppliers to Goldenfields Water to conduct their business in [accordance with Goldenfields Water's PP038 Statement of Business Ethics, an ethical manner](#). Canvassing of Board Members and Goldenfields Water employees at any stage up to and including the acceptance of Tenders, may disqualify the applicant.

Information in tenders and quotations, including the price, may be contained in the Business Agenda Paper, as well as on Goldenfields Water's website and therefore be a public record in accordance with Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act).

7 REGULATED CONTRACTS

Regulated contracts refer to contracts involving either expenditure or income with an estimated total contract value greater than or equal to \$250,000 (including GST if applicable). The estimated value must include the total amount payable to the service provider over the life of the contract, including any potential extensions, variations or contingencies. In addition to this policy, regulated contracts are subject to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021~~05~~.

8 VALUE FOR MONEY

Value for money in procurement is about selecting the supply of goods, services and materials taking into account both cost and non-cost factors including:

- Cost-related factors including whole-of-life costs and transaction costs associated with the purchase, utilisation, maintenance and disposal of the goods, services and materials; and
- Non-cost factors such as fit for purpose, quality, service and support.

9 LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Goldenfields Water recognises that money spent within Goldenfields Water's area of operation will facilitate growth in local commerce and employment. It is in Goldenfields Water's interest to promote opportunities for local firms to compete for Goldenfields Water business and encourage active competition provided that the quality of goods, services or materials are not compromised.

Goldenfields Water will:

- Apply a discount of five percent in the price assessment of tenders (for value equal to or greater than \$250,000), if the local supplier receives the same or better evaluation point score for non-price criteria; and
- Promote the utilisation of local suppliers across the organisation.



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10 REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Goldenfields Water ~~staff~~ may participate with other Councils in regional agreements for the acquisitions of goods, services and materials.

~~11 PRESCRIBED AGENCIES~~

Pursuant to the GIPA Act, contracts over a prescribed monetary value will be entered into Goldenfields Water's contracts register. The register is available on the Goldenfields Water website. The current prescribed monetary value is \$150,000 inc GST.

Furthermore, it is a condition of engagement that contractors, regardless of the value of the relevant contract, agree to Goldenfields Water requirements with respect to access to information contained in records held by the contractor in relation to the engagement.

~~14~~12 TENDERING REQUIREMENTS

Tenders are to be called in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation ~~2021~~95 and procedures approved by the General Manager.

~~13 PRESCRIBED AGENCIES~~

Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides Goldenfields Water with an exception from the requirement to call for tenders for the provision of goods, services and materials for value equal to or greater than \$250,000 inc GST where such items are available under contract through agencies prescribed under the act.

Currently the following agencies are prescribed and the Act and Regulations:

- Local Government Procurement Partnership
- Procurement Australasia

~~15~~14 QUOTATION THRESHOLDS

Quotations are to be called where supply agreements are not regulated. The quotation thresholds are:

For order/agreement value (GST inclusive)	Minimum requirements
Less than \$24,000	Direct Purchase (Credit Card or PO)
\$1,001 to \$10,000 5,000	One quotation (verbal or written)
\$105,001 to \$5025,000	Two written quotations
\$5025,001 to \$249,999	Three written quotations
Equal to, or greater than \$250,000	Prescribed agency purchase or tender in accordance with the Act and Regulation

Table 1 - Quotation Thresholds

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4615 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

The disposal of assets must be carried out in a manner consistent with relevant policies and procedures ensuring optimum value for Goldenfields Water.

4716 PROCEDURES

Procurement and disposal procedures that facilitate the application of this policy are to be implemented and approved by the General Manager.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the attendance of the General Manager, Chair and Deputy Chair.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The annual Local Government NSW Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

REPORT

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference will be held in Goulburn from Tuesday 23 July to Thursday 25 July 2024.

Nominations for attendance are sought from the Board to allow registration and booking arrangements to be made.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: 2024 LGNSW Water Management Conference Draft Program

TABLED ITEMS: Nil



2024 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

DRAFT PROGRAM (as of 30 April 2024)
Goulburn Recreation Area, 47-131 Braidwood Road, Goulburn
Tuesday, 23 - Thursday, 25 July 2024

Sustainable Futures: Addressing Challenges in Water and Sewerage Management

Conference MC: Sophie Hull		
Tuesday 23 July 2024		
2pm	Conference registration opens, Viola Arena - Recreation Area Trade exhibition opens, with arrival Tea and Coffee	
2.30pm - 4:30pm	Local Water Utility Workshop (NSW Water Directorate) The workshop, organised and facilitated by the NSW Water Directorate, provides opportunity to discuss high level responsibilities between Councillors and Water Managers as a strategic focus.	
5.30pm - 7.30pm	Welcome Reception Goulburn Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) Premier Partner message Atom Consulting	Cr Darriea Turley AM President Local Government NSW Cr Peter Walker Mayor Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Wednesday 24 July 2024		
8.15am - 9.00am	Conference registration opens, Viola Arena - Recreation Area Trade exhibition opens, with arrival Tea and Coffee	
9.00am - 9.10am	Conference opens Introduction and overview of the day	MC, Sophie Hull
9.10am - 9.15am	Welcome to Country Meeting place	To be announced
9.15am - 9.25am	Welcome to Goulburn Mulwaree	Cr Peter Walker Mayor Goulburn Mulwaree Council
9.25am - 9.35am	Opening Address	Cr Darriea Turley AM President Local Government NSW

This program is correct at the time of printing. Speakers and program details may have changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

9.35am - 9:45am	Federal Minister's Address (Pre-recorded Message)	Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for the Environment and Water
9.55am - 10:15am	NSW Minister's Address	Rose Jackson MLC NSW Minister for Water
10:15am - 10:45am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) To be advised	Speakers to be announced
10:45am - 10:50am	Overview of TRILITY	
30 minutes	Morning Tea partnered by TRILITY	
11:20am - 11:40am	NSW Health / Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Joint presentation) To be advised	Speakers to be announced
11:40am - 11:45am	Overview of GHD	
11:45am - 11:50am	Delegates move to chosen Stream	
Concurrent conference streams (Select one of the two streams)		
STREAM 1 – Sustainable Water Resource Management STREAM PARTNER – Taggle Location – To be advised		
11:50am - 11:55am	Stream Introduction and Overview	Steve Cato Taggle
11:55am - 12:20pm	<p>Water loss management – A regional hub approach</p> <p>The Regional Leakage Reduction Program is part of DCCEEW's efforts to support a resilient NSW water sector. A key part of the program was the establishment of a Regional Water Loss Management Hub set up with the Central NSW Joint Organisation and its member councils.</p> <p>Through a water loss management maturity audit, the hub identifies management and infrastructure gaps in water loss. Subsequently, initiatives spanning pressure management, metering, leak detection, training, and data enhancement are implemented. Key insights include prioritising embedment for sustained improvement and fostering cross-boundary collaboration between state and local government.</p>	<p>Jethro Laidlaw Manager Water Efficiency Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>Andrew Francis Director Infrastructure & Major Projects Parkes Shire Council</p>

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<p>12:20pm – 12:45pm</p>	<p>How metering compliance improves water security: insights from the NSW regulator</p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of how non-urban metering compliance supports drought resilience, reduces town water risk and improves future water security.</p> <p>Focused on local water utilities, it highlights metering compliance for local water utilities, featuring a case study on compliance pathways in NSW. It provides an overview of current council compliance, regulatory requirements, and showcases councils as community leaders in ensuring equitable access to water sources.</p>	<p>Sarah Flowers Manager, Education Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)</p>
<p>12:45pm – 1:10pm</p>	<p>Mid Coast Council's Energy Transition</p> <p>Mid Coast Council has embarked on a journey to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all its operations and transition to 100% renewable energy by 2040. Under Council's climate change strategy, key focus areas include increasing on-site generation, purchasing renewable energy and reducing energy demand. Recently Council has invested \$265,000 in solar PV systems across five sites over the past two years exemplifying its commitment to a sustainable energy transition.</p>	<p>Robert Scott Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services Mid Coast Council</p>
<p>STREAM 2 – Disaster management and resilience STREAM PARTNER – Available Location – To be advised</p>		
<p>11:50am – 11:55am</p>	<p>Stream Introduction</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>11:55am – 12:20pm</p>	<p>Progressing Stormwater Harvesting in Orange</p> <p>Stormwater Harvesting for non-direct potable use proved a critical raw water source for Orange during the Millennium drought and then again in the 2017-19 drought. Orange plans to progress to the next stage and enhance harvesting volumes through construction of the East Orange Harvesting Wetland. This presentation will describe what is next for Orange City Council and the water quality and quantity success factors that are enabling a future for stormwater.</p>	<p>Jonathan Francis Water Treatment Manager Orange City Council</p>

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<p>12:20pm – 12:45pm</p>	<p>Foreshadowing Climate Change Challenges - Gravity and Pressure Sewer flows during (currently) "rare" rainfall events</p> <p>Predicted climate change impacts include increased rainfall intensity and sea level rise, the latter reducing the stormwater drainage in estuarine areas. In March 2022, Clarence Valley Council on the NSW Far North Coast experienced rainfall events exceeding 1% Average Exceedance Probability (AEP), coinciding with river flooding. This presentation examines the council's sewerage networks' performance during March 2022, comparing wet and dry weather flows. With climate change, March 2022's system performance may become more "common".</p>	<p>Greg Mashiah Manager Technical Service Clarence Valley Council</p>
<p>12:45pm – 1:10pm</p>	<p>Fire & Water: Addressing water quality challenges in Brogo-Bermagui</p> <p>While it seemed the heat, smoke and ever-present threat of bushfires would never go away. A change in the weather was brewing. The Brogo-Bermagui catchment area went from being threatened by sweeping bushfires where water levels at the Brogo Dam dropped below 10%, the heavens opened and water levels rose over 90% in 24 hours, taking the Brogo Dam to capacity.</p>	<p>Stephen Marshall Manager, Water & Sewer Services Bega Valley Shire Council</p>
<p>1:10pm – 2:00pm Lunch partnered by GHD</p>		
<p>2:00 pm – 5:00pm</p>	<p>Site Visit partnered by Beca HunterH2O</p> <p>Goulburn Mulwaree Council will showcase their infrastructure both old and new, including Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Water Treatment Plant.</p>	
<p>6.30pm – 10.30pm</p>	<p>Conference Dinner – Goulburn Race Club Proudly partnered by NSW Water Directorate Presentation of the Sam Samra Award 2024</p> <p>Entertainment and guest speaker to be announced.</p>	

<p>Thursday 25 July 2024</p>		
<p>8.15am – 9.00am</p>	<p>Conference registration opens, opens, Viola Arena – Recreation Area Trade exhibition opens, Ground floor with arrival Tea and Coffee</p>	
<p>9.00am – 9.05am</p>	<p>Overview of the day</p>	<p>MC, Sophie Hull</p>
<p>9.05am – 9:20am</p>	<p>NSW Shadow Minister's Address</p>	<p>Steph Cooke, MP Shadow Minister for Water, and Crown Lands</p>

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9:20am – 9:50am	<p>Goulburn Mulwaree Council Panel</p> <p>Three-person panel from Goulburn Mulwaree Council to provide an overview of the works that Goulburn has done around water security in the past and lead into how Goulburn is managing this as well as any external pressures or developments that council are facing.</p> <p>This is a good opportunity for the leadership team to talk about its resilience in terms of water security and show all the work that Goulburn completed after the Millennium drought.</p>	<p>Cr Peter Walker Mayor</p> <p>Aaron Johansson Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Marina Hollands Director of Utilities</p>
9:50am – 10:20am	<p>Planning for Future Drought with rainfall independent water supplies</p> <p>NSW water supplies are largely replenished going into 2024, creating an opportunity for future drought planning. The 2018/19 drought revealed widespread vulnerabilities, nearly exhausting water in small communities and prompting larger cities to seek long-term solutions. These vulnerabilities persist and will resurface in future droughts. Early development of rainfall-independent water supplies can mitigate impacts. This presentation outlines opportunities and challenges in establishing such supplies to enhance resilience in NSW towns and cities.</p>	<p>Professor Stuart Khan Professor and Head of School, Civil Engineering University of Sydney</p>
10:20am – 10:50am	<p>Enhancing Climate Resilience: Building and Interpreting Seasonal Outlooks</p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview on leveraging seasonal outlook information to strengthen climate resilience. The presentation will cover the methodology behind constructing a climate outlook over the coming months and provide insights on how to interpret and apply this information. The presentation will show how seasonal forecasts can be integral to water management and climate resilience strategies.</p>	<p>Vjeko Matic Customer Lead – Water Sector Services Bureau of Meteorology</p>
10:50am – 10:55am	NSW Public Works overview	
10:55am – 11:25am	Morning Tea partnered by NSW Public Works	
11:25am – 11:55am	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>To be advised</p>	Speakers to be announced

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<p>11:55am – 12:25pm</p>	<p>Biosolids challenges and opportunities for regional NSW</p> <p>Biosolids' land use is likely ending due to PFAS contamination. Presently, thermal treatment is the sole method for PFAS destruction in biosolids, but traditional plants face operational challenges. RMIT's pilot of a fluidised bed heat recovery pyrolysis process with South East Water addresses these issues and will solve four big problems including PFAS destruction, 20% reduction in treatment plant scope 1 emissions, circular economy contribution with biochar and lower capital and operating cost. The presentation outlines the technology, business case, and implementation roadmap for this biosolids-to-biochar process.</p>	<p>Eamon Casey Technical Director Iota Services</p>
<p>12:25pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Regional NSW local water utilities improving water literacy, water awareness and water efficiency through collaboration.</p> <p>For 8 years, The Water Conservancy collaborated with local water utilities in NSW to promote water conservation. The Walter Smart and Friends program educated primary school students in the Central Coast and Dubbo. Over 5000 households statewide enhanced water literacy through Water Night, leading to more efficient water use. Businesses benefited from water efficiency assessments, driving savings. This presentation, alongside local water utility representatives, showcases achievements in fostering efficient water usage through examples and case studies.</p>	<p>Chris Philpot Chief Executive Officer The Water Conservancy</p>
<p>5 minutes</p>	<p>MC, wrap up and close of conference</p>	
<p>1 hour</p>	<p>Lunch sponsored by</p>	

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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

ADOPTION OF 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the 2024-2025 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display.
2. Council notes and adopts the minor adjustments as detailed in this report and reflected in the attached Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan.
3. The fees and charges be made for the 2024-2025 financial year, as detailed in the adopted 2024-2025 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an Operational Plan including an annual budget and annual fees and charges to be adopted before the beginning of each financial year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan incorporating the 2024/2025 budget and annual fees and charges has been on public exhibition for 28 days. No public submissions have been received.

Minor amendments to the exhibited document are required to cover a recent circular release by the Office of Local Government, incorrect quarterly and monthly tabulations within the document and the rounding of fees and charges. The amendments are as follows:

- As per attached Office of Local Government (OLG) Circular, Circular 24-05 / 19 April 2024 / A894200, Councils Interest rate will increase from 9% to 10.5% and the s603 application costs will go from a charge of \$95 to \$100 for 2024-25.
- Updated the quarterly and monthly tabulated columns within the document to reflect the 2024-25 annual rates.
- Amended the non-residential high volume 20mm connection to \$354 from \$353 so the monthly charge is a round number of \$29.50.
- Amended the non-residential high volume 25mm connection to \$546 from \$548 so the monthly charge is a round number of \$45.50.
- Amended the vacant unconnected properties 25mm connection to \$366 from \$365 to match the residential 25mm connection charge.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

The Draft 2024-2025 Operational Plan, incorporating 2024-2025 Fees and Charges and 2024-2025 Budget Summaries is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan
Circular 24-05 / 19 April 2024 / A894200

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

DRAFT 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN



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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.1.1	Drinking Water Management System Annual Reporting is completed	Drinking Water Management System annual reporting	Annual report developed and submitted to council by December prior to submission to NSW health	Production & Services Manager		X		

1.1.2: Backflow prevention is in place for high risk connections

1.1.3: Goldenfields adheres to NSW Government Best Practice Management

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.3.1	Develop and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	Goldenfields Water adheres to best practice guidance for water and wastewater operations.	Goldenfields will develop and adopt a new IWCM strategy	Production & Services Manager				X

1.2: Future growth is planned for and managed

1.2.1: Growth opportunities are considered through business planning

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.2.1.1	Economically viable extensions to the network are factored into Capital Works Program	GWCC progresses with Rosehill to Young strategy asset upgrades	Offtake to Rosehill pump station upgrade compete.	Engineering Manager				X
		Oura Reservoir and Aeration Project Complete	Practical Completion Granted.	Engineering Manager			X	

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1.3: Water supply is reliable and efficient

1.3.1: Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.3.1.1	Written notifications and social media is utilised to provide notice of planned outages	Disruptions to supply are planned for and managed	Report on number of planned and unplanned disruptions for quarter	Operations Manager	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.2.1	Councils Capital Works Program is generated from the asset management system	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				X
1.4.2.2	Projects are identified and planned in accordance with Council's asset management system	Council's backlog of works is continuing	Council's backlog of works is continuing.	Engineering Manager				X
		Minimum 5km of urban reticulation renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager				X
		Minimum 10km of rural renewals completed	Km undertaken	Operations Manager				X
1.4.2.3		Oura Pump Station and Dosing Room	Oura Pump Station and Dosing Room 80% complete	Engineering Manager				X

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Asset capacity is determined to meet long term demands	Renewal of Jugiong WTP High Voltage Assets	Completion of new High Voltage building, transformers, switchgear and Variable Speed Drives.	Production & Services Manager		X		

1.4.3: Maintenance programs are developed and implemented

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.4.3.1	Annual maintenance programs - mains flushing, valves inspections, Reservoir inspections	Routine Mains Maintenance Program	Minimum 30km of mains flushing undertaken	Operations Manager				X

2: Customer Service Focus

2.1: Well trained and highly motivated workforce

2.1.1: Workforce Strategy

2.1.2: Staff professional development opportunities

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.2.1	Staff Development Plan process incorporates employee development through informal and formal professional development and training opportunities	Staff professional development opportunities	Staff Development Plan process incorporates employee development through informal and formal professional development and training opportunities	HR Coordinator			X	

2.1.3: Build a diverse workforce

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.3.1	Action items from Goldenfields Water's EEO Management 2021-2025 implemented.	Build a diverse workforce	Action items from Goldenfields Water's EEO Management 2021-2025 implemented.	HR Coordinator				X

2.1.4: Measure and improve employee engagement

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1.4.1	Develop, implement and monitor organisation-wide training plan to ensure available funds for required training focusing on skills gaps and leadership	Measure and improve employee engagement	Develop, implement and monitor organisation-wide training plan to ensure available funds for required training focusing on skills gaps and leadership	HR Coordinator			X	

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2.1.1	MANEX team informed of WHS performance and accountable for continual improvement in workplace safety	Integrated approach to risk management in the workplace	WHS performance is reported to management via monthly MANEX meetings	WHS Coordinator	X	X	X	X
			Continuous review and improvement of WHS management system					
			Commitment to ongoing inspection and audit of systems and workplaces to ensure safe environments for all					

2.2.2: Implement WHS Program

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2.2.1	Wellness program undertaken	Implement WHS Program	Action items from Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2027	HR Coordinator			X	

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.3.1.1	Social media utilised for promotion of projects, outages and upcoming works	Social Media and traditional uses of media utilised for promotion of projects, outages and upcoming works.	Social media statistics, visitors to website, strong presence on all Council social media pages, media articles featured in print media.	Community Engagement Officer	X	X	X	X

2.3.2: Undertake Customer Survey

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.3.2.1	Survey completed and results considered in relation to future planning	Customer survey undertaken	Conduct an online community survey (via Survey Monkey) and collate responses for the October 2023 Council Meeting.	Community Engagement Officer			X	

2.3.3: Develop and implement a customer engagement strategy

2.4: Financial Management

2.4.1: Long term financial plan reviewed and updated regularly

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.1.1	Long term financial plan reviewed and updated annually	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Review and update Long Term Financial Plan	Corporate Services Manager				X

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.2.1	Develop a long term pricing path. Review and determine fees and charges annually	Develop a long term pricing path. Review and determine fees and charges annually	Review and determine fees and charges annually	Corporate Services Manager				X

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.4.3.1	Prepare and review annual plant replacement program	Plant replacement program maintained to ensure safe and fit for purpose fleet	Prepare annual plant replacement program	Corporate Services Manager				X

2.5: Improving performance and managing risk

2.5.1: Review and update Business Continuity Plan

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.1.1	Review Business Continuity Plan and undertake scenario training every two (2) years	Review and update Business continuity Plan	Undertake scenario training	Corporate Services Manager			X	

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.2.1	Hold ARIC meetings at least quarterly	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	X	X	X	X

2.5.3: Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.3.1	Prepare annual financial statements	Prepare statutory financial reports within required timeframes	Prepare Annual Financial Statements	Corporate Services Manager	X			
2.5.3.2	Prepare Quarterly Budget Reviews	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Prepare quarterly budget reviews	Corporate Services Manager	X	X	X	

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.5.4.1	Develop annual ICT project plan	Maintain an up to date ICT infrastructure to ensure organisational efficiency	Develop annual ICT project plan	Corporate Services Manager			X	

2.6: Regional Collaboration

2.6.1: Membership Joint Organisation

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.6.1.1	Active role in Joint Organisation initiatives	REROC	Goldenfields actively participates in REROC and projects with a joint interest.	General Manager				X

2.6.2: Work with Constituent Councils

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.6.2.2	Review and update SLA with bulk councils	Update SLA with Bulk Councils	New SLA developed and signed off between each Bulk Council and GWCC	General Manager				X

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

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.1.1.1	Energy usage reduced where possible considering levels of service provisions	Energy usage records kept and monitored	Energy trends monitored for inclusion in future upgrades of facilities	Production & Services Manager				X

3.1.2: Council Maintains an energy management system

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.1.2.1	Staff review annual energy consumption data	Council maintains an energy management system	Staff review annual consumption data to inform future upgrades and replacement requirements	Production & Services Manager				X

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**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.2.1.1	Environmental impacts considered for each project through production of Review Environmental Factors	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	X	X	X	X

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**

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.3.1.1	IWCM Strategy to consider climate change affects in modelling	Climate change considered in demand and supply figures in development of IWCM	Climate change considered in demand and supply figures	Engineering Manager				X

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

3.4.1: Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for

Key Activity Code	Key Activity	Action Name	Performance Measure	Responsible Officer Position	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.4.1.1	Production and bulk meters are compared to identify losses within the system	Non-revenue water is minimised and accounted for	Production data and demand data is utilised to monitor Non-Revenue water	Production & Services Manager				X

STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

Council obtains its income from the following sources:

Water Access and User Charges

Council has adopted a two-part water charge for each of its customer categories, consisting of an access charge based on service connection sizing and a user charge based on the water consumed. As part of its Delivery Program, Council has set its access and usage charges for the 2024/2025 year.

Council levies interest on overdue charges. The interest rate is maximum allowable – TBA for 2024/2025.

Interest on Investments

Council invests surplus funds in accordance with its Investment Policy.

Fees

Council charges appropriate fees for service. These fees are based on actual costs and ensure that those who benefit from the service pay for it.

Private works

Occasionally Council carries out private works. Any such works are undertaken at price on application.

Grants and subsidies

Council will receive the Pensioner Rebate Subsidy provided by the State Government in 2024/2025. This subsidy offsets 55% of the total rebate provided.

Developer Contributions

Developers are required to pay the cost of providing the assets that they require. These costs usually fall into two categories:

The reticulated pipes which a developer is required to pay in full; and

A contribution towards the provision of infrastructure (headworks-e.g. treatment plants, major pipelines etc)

Loan Borrowings

New capital infrastructure projects can be funded from borrowings. Council would normally expect that such borrowing approvals to be granted.

Council has not provided for any specific borrowings for 2024/2025.

Access and Usage Charges Statement

The following is a brief explanation of how Council categorises its customer base.

Residential

Customers are categorised as residential if:

The connection is within the Council's urbanized areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for residential accommodation (but not as a hotel, motel, guesthouse, boarding house, lodging house or nursing home).

It is a vacant land within this Council's urbanized areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network.

Non-Residential Rural

Customers are categorised as non-residential rural if:

The connection is located outside this Council urbanized areas, is serviced directly from a main and the main use is for stock and domestic.

Non-residential Other

Customers are categorised as non-residential other if:

The connection is within this Council's urbanized areas serviced by a reservoir via a reticulated distribution network and the main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional.

Other remote and direct connections to mains outside of this Council's urbanized areas where there is no commercial rural activity.

Non-Residential High Volume Monthly

Customers are categorised as non-residential high volume monthly if:

The main use is for commercial, industrial, community or institutional and the customer uses over 50,000kl pa.

Non-Residential Bulk Councils

Hilltops Council and Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council together with water supplied to Riverina Water consumers are categorised as non-residential Bulk Councils.

Council's Annual Access and Usage charges, Interest, Fees, Private Works, and/or Developer Contributions are levied and or charged under various sections on the NSW Local Government Act including but not limited to sections 501, 502, 552, 566 section 64 and its cross reference to water Management Act section 305-307 and NSW Local Government Act Chapter 15, Part 10 Division 3

COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT 2024-25



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COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT 2024-25

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL											
INCOME STATEMENT	Current Year	Projected Years									
	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000	2030/31 \$'000	2031/32 \$'000	2032/33 \$'000	2033/34 \$'000
Income from Continuing Operations											
Rates & Annual Charges	6,129	6,464	6,669	6,878	7,075	7,297	7,520	7,749	7,984	8,228	8,479
User Charges & Fees	17,163	17,902	18,415	18,946	19,517	20,074	20,675	21,280	21,914	22,569	23,225
Other Revenues	243	986	930	815	747	877	850	830	834	856	851
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	80	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	8,942	2,161	2,104	2,245	2,588	2,274	2,303	2,352	2,379	2,327	2,340
Interest & Investment Revenue	928	960	713	492	291	182	162	232	341	472	602
Total Income from Continuing Operations	33,485	28,554	28,912	29,457	30,299	30,785	31,591	32,524	33,533	34,533	35,578
Expenses from Continuing Operations											
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	8,338	9,890	10,228	10,521	10,839	11,161	11,491	11,831	12,183	12,544	12,917
Materials & Contracts	8,587	9,275	9,189	9,462	9,749	10,037	10,337	10,646	10,965	11,292	11,629
Depreciation & Amortisation	8,480	8,560	8,640	8,720	8,800	8,890	8,980	9,070	9,160	9,250	9,340
Other Expenses	217	198	199	206	205	202	203	204	204	203	203
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	25,622	27,923	28,256	28,909	29,593	30,290	31,011	31,751	32,512	33,289	34,089
Net Operating Result for the Year	7,863	631	656	548	706	495	580	773	1,021	1,244	1,489
Net Operating Result before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	(1,079)	(1,530)	(1,448)	(1,697)	(1,882)	(1,779)	(1,723)	(1,579)	(1,358)	(1,083)	(851)

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL											
BALANCE SHEET	Current Year	Projected Years									
	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000	2030/31 \$'000	2031/32 \$'000	2032/33 \$'000	2033/34 \$'000
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Investments	25,518	16,096	12,442	4,970	2,219	(454)	1,074	3,189	6,646	9,718	13,529
Receivables	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460	5,460
Inventories	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840
Total Current Assets	34,818	25,396	21,742	14,270	11,519	8,846	10,374	12,489	15,946	19,018	22,829
Non-Current Assets											
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	343,001	363,979	379,198	398,118	412,478	426,548	436,508	446,078	454,558	463,648	472,248
Total Non-Current Assets	343,001	363,979	379,198	398,118	412,478	426,548	436,508	446,078	454,558	463,648	472,248
TOTAL ASSETS	377,819	389,375	400,940	412,388	423,997	435,394	446,882	458,567	470,504	482,666	495,077
LIABILITIES											
Current Liabilities											
Payables	1,730	1,743	1,755	1,766	1,777	1,788	1,799	1,811	1,823	1,836	1,849
Provisions	2,610	2,715	2,810	2,895	2,983	3,072	3,164	3,259	3,357	3,458	3,562
Total Current Liabilities	4,340	4,458	4,565	4,661	4,760	4,860	4,963	5,070	5,180	5,294	5,411
Non-Current Liabilities											
Payables	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Provisions	130	135	140	144	148	152	157	162	167	172	177
Total Non-Current Liabilities	140	145	150	154	158	162	167	172	177	182	187
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,480	4,603	4,715	4,815	4,918	5,022	5,130	5,242	5,357	5,476	5,598
Net Assets	373,339	384,772	396,225	407,573	419,079	430,372	441,752	453,325	465,147	477,190	489,749

BALANCE SHEET	Current Year	Projected Years									
	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000	2030/31 \$'000	2031/32 \$'000	2032/33 \$'000	2033/34 \$'000
EQUITY											
Retained Earnings	104,944	105,577	106,231	106,778	107,484	107,978	108,558	109,331	110,352	111,596	113,084
Revaluation Reserves	268,395	279,195	289,994	300,795	311,595	322,394	333,194	343,994	354,795	365,594	376,395
Total Equity	373,339	384,772	396,225	407,573	419,079	430,372	441,325	453,325	465,147	477,190	489,479
Total Cash & Investments	28,518	19,096	15,442	7,970	5,219	2,546	4,074	6,189	9,646	12,718	16,529

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL											
CASH FLOW STATEMENT	Current Year	Projected Years									
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES											
Receipts											
Rates & Annual Charges	5,352	6,464	6,669	6,878	7,075	7,297	7,520	7,749	7,984	8,228	8,479
User Charges & Fees	18,008	17,902	18,415	18,946	19,517	20,074	20,675	21,280	21,914	22,569	23,225
Investment & Interest Revenue Received	849	960	713	492	291	182	162	232	341	472	602
Grants & Contributions	8,952	2,242	2,185	2,326	2,669	2,355	2,384	2,433	2,460	2,408	2,421
Other	99	986	930	815	747	877	850	830	834	856	851
Payments											
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	(8,510)	(9,767)	(10,116)	(10,421)	(10,736)	(11,057)	(11,383)	(11,719)	(12,068)	(12,425)	(12,795)
Materials & Contracts	(8,233)	(9,273)	(9,191)	(9,462)	(9,749)	(10,038)	(10,337)	(10,646)	(10,965)	(11,292)	(11,629)
Other	(217)	(198)	(199)	(206)	(205)	(202)	(203)	(204)	(204)	(203)	(203)
Net Cash from/(used by) Operating Activities	16,300	9,316	9,406	9,368	9,609	9,488	9,668	9,955	10,296	10,613	10,951
INVESTING ACTIVITIES											
Receipts											
Redemption of Term Deposits	1,982	9,422	3,654	7,472	2,751	2,672	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of IPPE	710	710	710	710	710	710	710	710	710	710	710
Payments											
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(21,740)	(19,448)	(13,770)	(17,550)	(13,070)	(12,870)	(8,850)	(8,550)	(7,550)	(8,250)	(7,850)
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,528)	(2,115)	(3,456)	(3,073)	(3,811)
Net Cash from/(used by) Investing Activities	(19,048)	(9,316)	(9,406)	(9,368)	(9,609)	(9,488)	(9,668)	(9,955)	(10,296)	(10,613)	(10,951)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(2,748)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of year	5,748	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of year	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

Add: Investments on hand at end of year	25,518	16,096	12,442	4,970	2,219	(454)	1,074	3,189	6,646	9,718	13,529
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	28,518	19,096	15,442	7,970	5,219	2,546	4,074	6,189	9,646	12,718	16,529

Goldenfields Water County Council											
CAPITAL BUDGET	Current Year Updated	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
<i>Expenses</i>											
Network Asset Class											
Reticulation Renewals - GWCC Wide	350,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,800,000
Marrar Urban Renewal	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stinson Street Coolamon Replacement	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coolamon Town Retic - Replacement of old pipeline	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trunk Renewals (GWCC Wide) - Budget	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
Thanowring Road Pipeline	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingsvale to Young Pipeline Upgrade	200,000	10,000	-	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Rosehill to Harden Bypass	200,000	1,263,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Metering Installs	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oura to Junee Connection Upgrades	100,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganmain to Coolamon Trunk Upgrade	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rural Renewals (GWCC Wide)	50,000	-	-	-	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Jansens - Daylight Scheme	-	700,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyalong Reliability Project Investigation & Design	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyalong Pipelines	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mains - Developer Paid - GWCC Wide - Budget	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Urban Meter & Taggle Replacement Program	50,000	250,000	250,000	15,000	15,000	250,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Rural Meter & Taggle Replacement Program	50,000	250,000	250,000	15,000	15,000	250,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
PRV Renewals	-	50,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
PRV Replacement - Budget	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Network Asset Class	5,270,000	3,603,000	2,725,000	4,255,000	6,355,000	4,825,000	3,855,000	3,855,000	3,855,000	3,855,000	4,655,000
Pump Stations Asset Class											
Oura Pump Station Renewal	2,000,000	5,605,943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAPITAL BUDGET	Current Year Updated	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Oura High Voltage	130,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong High Voltage	2,000,000	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong High Voltage 2	-	-	4,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong Pump Station	-	-	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong Raw Water Well Renewal	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong CWPS1 P1 and P2 Inlet Manifold	68,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matong Pump Station	12,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pump and Electrical Renewals - GWCC Wide - Budget	50,000	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Marinna Pump Station - Investigation, Design & Install	250,000	170,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marinna Pump 2	8,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daylight Bore Flood Protection	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pump Station - Mech (Pump Renewals/Rebuilds)	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
PS Hylands Bridge	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pump Station Electrical	282,300	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
PS Renewals - Meter Sites	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harden/Demondrille Pump Station	-	-	-	-	120,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Oura Bore 3 - Renewal	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oura Bore 2 - Renewal	-	50,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gantry Crane	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Ariah Park PS Construction	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Wyalong Transfer Pump Station	478,620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lonsdale Control Panel	14,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pump Stations Asset Class	6,070,640	8,020,943	5,175,000	4,375,000	1,695,000	2,825,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000
Reservoir Asset Class											
Full Renewal Replacements - GWCC Wide	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000	1,700,000	1,000,000	1,700,000	1,000,000
Reservoir External Adhoc Renewals - GWCC Wide	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

CAPITAL BUDGET	Current Year Updated	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Internal Adhic Renewals	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Oura Reservoirs & Aerator	7,200,000	5,443,703	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyalong Standpipes Res	783,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard Renewals	14,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wombat BT Renewal	20,000	-	350,000	2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harden BT Renewal	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,700,000	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong Additional Clear Water Storage	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-
Site Fencing	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Junee Balance Tank	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Wyalong Terminal Coating	-	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Reservoir Asset Class	8,317,980	5,593,703	2,500,000	4,650,000	3,650,000	3,350,000	2,650,000	1,850,000	1,150,000	1,850,000	1,150,000
Treatment Asset Class											
Treatment Plant - Site Mechanical Renewals	30,000	30,000	30,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Jugiong Filter Media Replacement	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Plant Augmentations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-
Mt Arthur Aeration Tower	50,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong WTP - Valve & Pneumonic Upgrade	68,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jugiong Compressor	68,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Treatment Asset Class	217,450	230,000	30,000	1,580,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	580,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Comms Network											
Microwave Link Sites for Scada	50,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Comms Network	50,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment											
Water Quality Instrumentation Renewal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAPITAL BUDGET	Current Year Updated	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Plant & Equipment Purchases	1,194,000	800,000	1,200,000	900,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	900,000
No-Des Truck	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Plant & Equipment</i>	<i>1,194,000</i>	<i>1,300,000</i>	<i>1,200,000</i>	<i>900,000</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>	<i>1,500,000</i>	<i>1,200,000</i>	<i>1,200,000</i>	<i>1,400,000</i>	<i>1,400,000</i>	<i>900,000</i>
Other											
Furniture & Office Equipment	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Information Technology	80,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Land & Building Upgrades	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
New Temora Depot Building	110,000	10,000	1,549,780	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mech Workshop Lean-to Storage Area	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temora Admin Office Air Con	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosehill Pipeline - Easements	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concrete Storage Pad Temora Depot	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Administration Building	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Other</i>	<i>420,000</i>	<i>100,000</i>	<i>1,939,780</i>	<i>1,590,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>
Emergency											
Emergency Works - GWCC Wide - Budget	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
<i>Total Emergency</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>
Total Expenses	21,740,070	19,447,646	13,769,780	17,550,000	13,070,000	12,870,000	8,850,000	8,550,000	7,550,000	8,250,000	7,850,000

FEES & CHARGES



Goldenfields
Water

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Goldenfields Water County Council

Access Charges (Annual)

Residential

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$58.50	\$222.00	\$234.00		
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$91.50	\$348.00	\$366.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$150.00	\$572.00	\$600.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$233.50	\$890.00	\$934.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$366.00	\$1,394.00	\$1,464.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$935.50	\$3,564.00	\$3,742.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

Non-Residential - Rural

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$187.50	\$714.00	\$750.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$292.00	\$1,112.00	\$1,168.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$480.00	\$1,828.00	\$1,920.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$748.50	\$2,852.00	\$2,994.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$1,169.50	\$4,456.00	\$4,678.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$2,994.50	\$11,408.00	\$11,978.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

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Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
Non-Residential - Rural [continued]				
20mm Connection - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC Quarterly Charge: \$133.50	\$509.00	\$534.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
25mm Connection - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC Quarterly Charge: \$208.50	\$795.00	\$834.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Non-Residential - Other

Includes: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Community, Direct and Remote

20mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$102.50	\$390.00	\$410.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
25mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$159.50	\$608.00	\$638.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
32mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$263.50	\$1,004.00	\$1,054.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
40mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$409.50	\$1,560.00	\$1,638.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
50mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$643.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,572.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
80mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$1,649.50	\$6,284.00	\$6,598.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
100mm Connection Quarterly Charge: \$2,573.00	\$9,802.00	\$10,292.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

Non-Residential - High Volume (Monthly)

20mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$29.50	\$336.00	\$353.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
25mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$45.50	\$522.00	\$548.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
32mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$75.00	\$852.00	\$900.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
40mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$117.00	\$1,332.00	\$1,404.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
50mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$183.00	\$2,088.00	\$2,196.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
80mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$467.00	\$5,340.00	\$5,604.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

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Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Non-Residential - High Volume (Monthly) [continued]

100mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$731.00	\$8,352.00	\$8,772.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
150mm Connection Monthly Charge: \$1,644.00	\$18,792.00	\$19,728.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N

Non-Residential - Bulk Councils

Applied per equivalent no. of 20mm connections	\$152.00	\$160.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
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Vacant Unconnected Properties

20mm Connection (applied to new subdivisions after 1/07/2011) Quarterly Charge: \$58.50	\$222.00	\$234.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N
25mm Connection (applied to new subdivisions after 1/07/2011) Quarterly Charge: \$91.50	\$348.00	\$366.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N

Consumption Charges (per kilolitre)

* Excess Charges apply when allocated volumes exceeded

Residential Charge - all consumption	\$2.73	\$2.87	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Non-Residential Rural - all consumption*	\$2.03	\$2.13	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Non-Residential Rural - Mandamah consumption*	\$2.73	\$2.87	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502 and Section 552	N
Non-Residential Rural - Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC*	\$1.82	\$1.91	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Non-Residential Other - all consumption*	\$2.27	\$2.38	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Non-Residential High Volume Monthly consumption*	\$2.47	\$2.59	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Non-Residential Bulk Council - all consumption	\$1.86	\$1.95	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
*Excess Charges	\$4.20	\$4.41	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N

Water Filling Stations & Temporary Water Supply Charges

Water Filling Station Charges

AvData Key Deposit	\$50.00	\$50.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Minimum AvData when purchased at Goldenfields Water Office	\$60.00	\$60.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Standpipe / Temporary Water Supply Charges

Deposit for Non-Local Customer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Short Term Hire (per week or part thereof)	\$95.00	\$100.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Annual Hire (per annum of part thereof - nil consumption allow)	\$368.00	\$386.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 501	N
All Portable Standpipe Water Sales - per kilolitre - Commercial, Portable & Temporary	\$4.20	\$4.41	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N
Maximum Retail Charge - per kilolitre - Standpipe / Filling Station Water Sales	\$5.57	\$5.85	Local Government Act 1993 Section 502	N

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Connection & Developer Charges

Water Connection & Development Proposals

Assess development proposals (incl subdivision, strata & community/neighbourhood plans - per connection) incl site inspection

Single connection	\$330.00	\$345.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Up to 5 connections	\$257.00	\$270.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
6 to 15 connections	\$231.00	\$243.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
16 to 30 connections	\$200.00	\$210.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
> 30 connections		POA	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Infrastructure Charges

Equivalent Tenement (ET) = 250 kilolitres per annum

Retail DSP areas (per ET)	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
Bulk Council DSP areas (per ET)	\$7,134.00	\$7,134.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N

Augmentation Charges - Tapping, Service and Meter Charges

Downsizing a Connection: half the regular cost of the resultant connection size

Augmentations: additional charges may apply where Dial Before You Dig indicates other services that require external location

20mm Connection	\$1,995.00	\$2,095.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
25mm Connection	\$2,205.00	\$2,315.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
32mm Connection	\$2,888.00	\$3,032.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
40mm Connection	\$3,360.00	\$3,528.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
50mm Connection	\$3,938.00	\$4,135.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N

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Augmentation Charges - Tapping, Service and Meter Charges [continued]

> 50mm Connection		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
20mm Connection where service pipe has already been laid	\$400.00	\$420.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
25mm Connection where service pipe has already been laid	\$504.00	\$529.00	Local Government Act 1993 (Water Management Act 2000) Section 64 (Section 306 WMA) / Section 608	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 1 Quarterly Charge: \$139.50	\$531.00	\$558.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 2 Quarterly Charge: \$139.50	\$531.00	\$558.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 3 Quarterly Charge: \$139.50	\$531.00	\$558.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N
NR Rural - Mandamah Annual Augmentation Charge (per Entity) - Stage 4 Quarterly Charge: \$137.75	\$525.00	\$551.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 552	N

Customer Services

Bulk Customer Charges

Bulk Customer - Backflow Device Testing (per device) plus additional hourly rates may apply	\$373.00	\$392.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Backflow Installation	\$2,010.00	\$2,115.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Trunk Main New Connection	\$14,425.00	\$15,146.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Bulk Customer - Trunk Main Relocation During Construction Fee	\$6,628.00	\$6,959.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Backflow Prevention

*Charges apply to 20mm installation. Larger sizes charged at cost.

Installation of RPZD device (incl cost of device)*	\$1,080.00	\$1,130.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Inspection & Testing of Backflow Prevention Device (per device) plus additional hourly charges may apply	\$373.00	\$392.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Installation of Double Check Valve*	\$295.00	\$310.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Yearly Servicing of Double Check Valve	\$72.00	\$76.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Pipe Locations

Locate Only (min 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$160/hr)		Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Locate and Expose (min 24 hours notice) (min 1 Hour)	At Cost (min \$160/hr)		Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Engineering Services

Site Inspections (per visit)	\$335.00	\$350.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Pressure and Flow Test	\$380.00	\$400.00		N
Pressure Testing of New Mains	\$919.00	\$965.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Chlorination / Disinfection of New Mains (per service)	\$919.00	\$965.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Cutting in of New Mains		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Attend Bursts or Emergency Repairs - during developer defect liability period		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Site Survey (per day)	\$1,010.00	\$1,065.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Design and Drafting including Plans (per day)	\$1,102.00	\$1,157.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Review Developer Designs and Documentation		At Cost	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Engineering Consult per hour (min 1 hour)	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
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Private Works

Private Works Admin Fee	10% (Max \$500)		Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	Y
Hire rates for Labour, Plant & Equipment		POA	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	Y

Other Charges

Administrative Fees

Administration

Statutory Charges, to be determined.

S603 Certificate - Search Enquiry Certificate Fee (State Govt scheduled fee) - per property	\$95.00	\$100.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 603	N
S603 Certificate Urgency Fee - process in less than three working days (incl Certificate)	\$190.00	\$190.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 603 and Section 608	N
Restriction / Disconnection Attendance Fee - Permanent or Temporary (non-payment of account or at customer request)	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Reconnection Fee after Temporary Restriction / Disconnection	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Debt Recovery Attendance Fee (serving notices)	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Meter Test Deposit

Non-refundable if meter registers less than 4% more than the correct quantity

20 or 25mm meter	\$162.00	\$170.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
32 or 40mm meter	\$246.00	\$258.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
50 or 80mm meter	\$271.00	\$285.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
> 80mm meter	\$325.00	\$340.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Special Meter Reading

Refundable if routine reading by Council is in error

Routine service (min 48 hours notice)	\$98.00	\$103.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Same Day Service	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Special Enquiry/Certificate/Attendance Fee per hour (min 1 hour)	\$170.00	\$180.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Other

Interest on Overdue Accounts (State Govt scheduled rate)		10.5% Last Year Fee – 9%	Local Government Act 1993 Section 566	N
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Name	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Legislation	GST
Other [continued]				
Processing of Dishonoured Cheques	\$55.00	\$55.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Processing of Dishonoured Direct Debit (initial \$0, each subsequent dishonour)	\$25.00	\$25.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Reallocate Electronic Payment of Water Account	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Copy of Documents (per copy) when freely available from website	\$37.00	\$39.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A4 Black & White	\$0.50	\$0.50	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A4 Colour	\$2.00	\$2.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A3 Black & White	\$1.00	\$1.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Printing / Photocopying - A3 Colour	\$3.00	\$3.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Copy - Water Notice	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Copy - Water Account Financial Data	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N
Copy - S603 Certificate	\$10.00	\$10.00	Local Government Act 1993 Section 608	N

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Requests

Statutory Charges, to be determined.

Application Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Section 41	N
Processing Charge (/hr after first 20hrs)	\$30.00	\$30.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Section 64	N
Internal Review	\$40.00	\$40.00	Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Section 85	N
Amendment of Records		No Cost		N

Circular Details	24-05 / 19 April 2024 / A894200
Previous Circular	23/02 – Information about Rating 2024-25
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council staff
Contact	Performance Team / (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information / Council to Implement

Subject**Information about rating 2024-25****What's new or changing**

- Maximum boarding house tariffs for 2024-25 have been determined.
- Maximum interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Section 603 Certificate fee for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Statutory limit on the maximum amount of minimum rates for 2024-25 has been determined

What this will mean for your council

Councils should incorporate these determinations into their 2024-25 rating structures, Operational Plan and Revenue Policy.

Key pointsBoarding House Tariffs

In accordance with section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), it has been determined that for the purpose of the definition of 'boarding house' and 'lodging house', the maximum tariffs, excluding GST, that a boarding house or lodging house may charge tariff-paying occupants are:

- Where full board and lodging is provided:
\$453 per week for single accommodation; or
\$747 per week for a family or shared accommodation
- Where less than full board or lodging is provided:
\$305 per week for single accommodation; or
\$502 per week for family or shared accommodation

Notice giving effect to these decisions has been published in the NSW Government Gazette (Government Gazette No 140 – 19 April 2024).

Maximum Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566(3) of the Act, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 will be 10.5% per annum.

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The methodology used to calculate the interest rate applicable for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 June 2025 is the Supreme Court methodology (the Reserve Bank cash rate plus 6%), rounded to the nearest half per cent. The cash rate used for the purposes of the maximum interest rate for local government is based on the cash rate set by the Reserve Bank of Australia on 5 December 2023.

Notice giving effect to these decisions has been published in the NSW Government Gazette (Government Gazette No 140 – 19 April 2024).

Section 603 Certificate

Under section 603 of the Act, councils may issue a certificate as to the amount (if any) of rates, charges, etc. due or payable to the council for a parcel of land. Section 603(2) states the application must be accompanied by the approved fee. In accordance with the approved methodology, the approved fee for 2024-25 is determined to be \$100. This is an increase of \$5 from the 2023-24 fee.

This determination applies to the issuing of a certificate for the matters specified in section 603(2) of the Act. Where a council offers to provide other information as an optional service, the council is not prevented from separately determining an approved fee for that additional service. Furthermore, a council is not prevented from determining approved fees for additional services required by an applicant for the expedited processing of a Section 603 Certificate.

Statutory limit on the maximum amount of minimum rates

Following a recommendation by Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), clause 126 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 will be amended on 1 July 2024 by the Local Government (General) Amendment (Minimum Amounts of Rate) Regulation 2024, so that under section 548(3)(a) of the Act, the maximum amount of the minimum ordinary rate will be \$617 for 2024-25.

The maximum amount of a minimum special rate (not being a water supply special rate or a sewerage special rate) prescribed by section 548(3)(b) of the Act will remain unchanged at \$2.

Where to go for further information

Office of Local Government has further information available at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/council-finances/rating-and-special-variations/>

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GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

PP020 COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report prepared by HR Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP020 Complaints Management Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

PP020 Complaints Management Policy establishes an effective complaints management system in accordance with the best practice model as provided by the NSW Ombudsman.

REPORT

PP020 Complaints Management Policy sets a complaints management system which ensures complaints regarding Goldenfields Water County Council are received, recorded and resolved in a timely and appropriate manner and dealt with fairly and impartially.

This document has been revised in accordance with its review schedule and no changes have been made.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP020 Complaints Management Policy.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.



Policy No. PP020

Complaints Management Policy

Complaints Management Policy

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

Date Adopted by Board 22 June 2017	Resolution No. 17/040, 20/021
Policy Responsibility General Manager	
Review Timeframe 4 Yearly	
Last Review March 2024	Next Scheduled Review March 2028

DOCUMENT HISTORY

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE AMENDED	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
	21/02/2020	Updated in line with review schedule
	26/03/2024	Updated in line with review schedule
	DD/MM/YYYY	

FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1993 Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 Ombudsman Act 1974 Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 NSW Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPAA) Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act NSW 1998 (PPIPA) Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022
Related Policies	PP031 Code of Conduct Policy (Code of Conduct) PP021 Internal Reporting Policy
Related Procedures, Protocols, Statements and Documents	



Complaints Management Policy

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Complaints Management Policy

3 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is ensure Goldenfields Water has in place an effective complaints management system which;

- ensures complaints are received, recorded and resolved in an appropriate manner;
- allows Goldenfields Water to deal with complaints in an fair, open and impartial manner;
- uses complaints as a means to improve Goldenfields Water's service quality, policies and procedures;
- demonstrates Goldenfields Water's commitment to deal with complaints in a positive manner; and
- allows general complaints to be dealt with in a timely manner.

4 SCOPE

This Policy applies to all staff and delegates of Goldenfields Water.

5 TYPES OF COMPLAINTS

5.1 General Complaints

This category covers a wide range of issues about policies and procedures, behaviour of employees and quality of service that are dealt with and resolved inside the organisation. These complaints may be written or verbal and there is an identified complainant. Goldenfields Water aims is to deal with these complaints as close to the source of the complaint as possible. Goldenfields Water determines how to deal with general complaints, unlike complaints where statutory rules exist.

Customers who have made a general complaint and are dissatisfied with the outcome can take the matter further by contacting the Office of Local Government, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the NSW Ombudsman or Anti-Discrimination Board, so it is important that Goldenfields Water does everything possible to try to resolve the issue. However, there are times when a complaint is not justified and a decision or outcome cannot be changed. At these times Goldenfields Water must continue to deal with the complainant in a professional way and inform complainants about their rights and other avenues available to them.

5.2 Anonymous Complaints

While anonymous complaints will be recorded, they will generally only be acted on where the matter is relatively serious and where there is sufficient information in the complaint to enable an investigation to be undertaken.

Anonymous complaints should always be referred to the relevant Manager. Complaints about hazards and public safety concerns should be referred to Goldenfields Water's WHS Coordinator.

Generally only anonymous complaints about staff involving the following serious matters will be investigated:

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- hazards involving possible risks and public liability;
- corrupt conduct;
- illegal activities; and
- public safety concerns.

5.3 Code of Conduct Complaints

These complaints relate to breaches of the Code of Conduct. Any complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct by a Board Member, member of staff or delegate of council will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures prescribed under the Code of Conduct.

5.4 Competitive Neutrality Complaints

This is a complaint that Goldenfields Water has not met its obligations under the National Competition Policy and has not abided by the spirit of competitive neutrality in the conduct of a Council business.

5.5 Complaints with Statutory (including Industrial) Reporting requirements

This category covers a range of issues that may be dealt with and resolved inside the organisation and may also have external reporting requirements. These complaints will be dealt with by the relevant Manager and possibly referred to an appropriate external authority. The General Manager will be kept informed about the nature and resolution of these types of complaints and the process used.

Public Interest Disclosure, Corrupt Conduct, Maladministration and Serus/Substantial Waste

These complaints are to be dealt with in accordance with PP021 Internal Reporting Policy. The General Manager will be notified about all protected disclosures made.

Pecuniary Interest

These complaints are to be referred to the relevant Manager for investigation.

Grievance Complaints

These complaints may be referred to the relevant Manager or Human Resources Coordinator.

Complaints regarding service quality and reliability will be dealt with in accordance with 'best practice' as set out by the Office of Water.

6 UNREASONABLE COMPLAINTS

This Policy exists for the benefit of service users to provide a process which is both transparent and fair in dealing with expressions of dissatisfaction. However in certain instances it is apparent that some complaints are unlikely to be concluded due to their unreasonable nature. Complaints are deemed unreasonable if:

- The complaint lacks substance or merit;

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- The complaint is outside of Goldenfields Water’s jurisdictional responsibility; or
- The conduct of the complainant is unreasonable, unacceptable or uncooperative.

7 COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Goldenfields Water recognises that an effective complaints system is an essential part of the provision of quality public sector service. To achieve this, the best practice model as advocated by the NSW Ombudsman to handle complaints has been adopted:

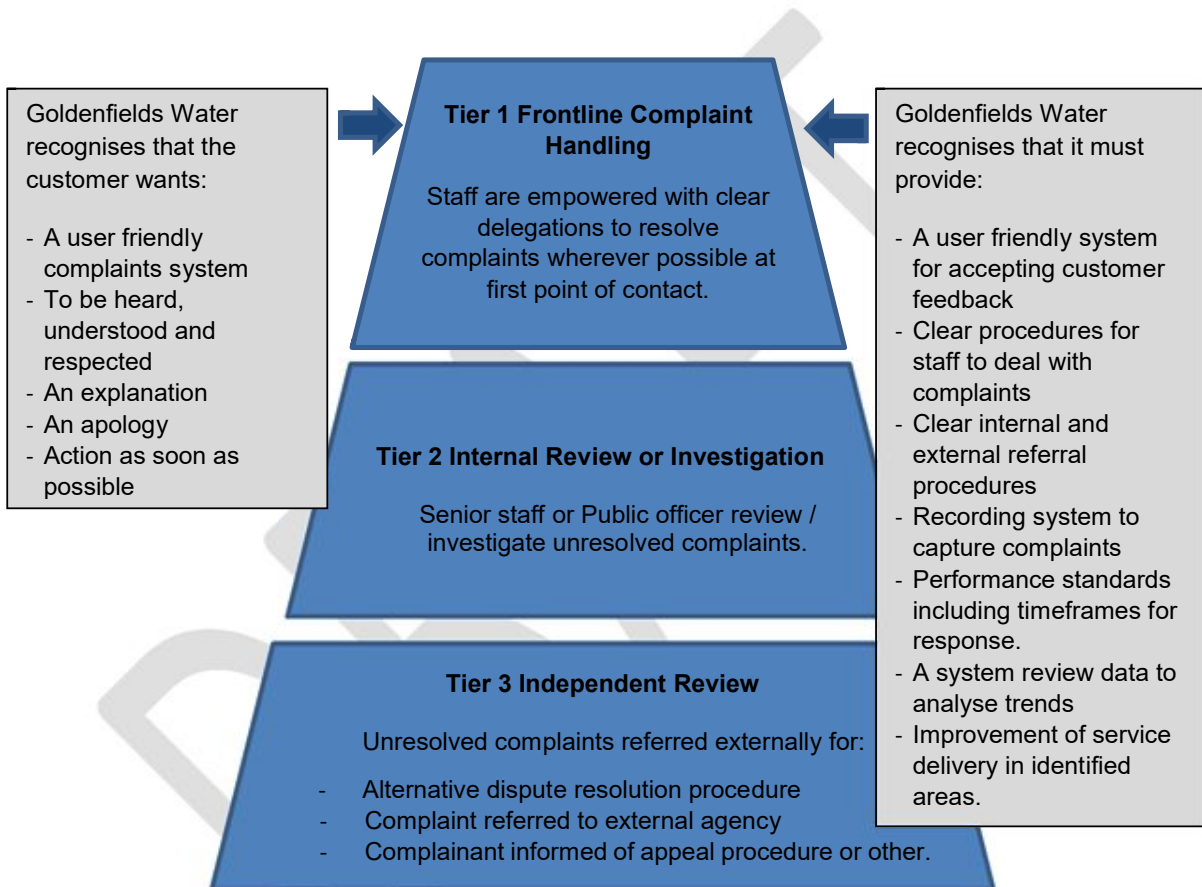


Figure 1: Goldenfields Water’s Complaints Management Process

Tier 1. Frontline Complaint Handling

Staff are empowered with clear delegations to resolve complaints wherever possible at first point of contact. All complaints are registered in Goldenfields Water’s records management system to outline the resolution/action taken.

Tier 2. Internal Review

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If the complaint cannot be resolved at the first point of contact then the complaint is reviewed or investigated by the Public Officer, Senior Officer or General Manager and the results of the review are reported back to the complainant.

Tier 3. External Review

If the complaint cannot be reviewed within Goldenfields Water the complainant is referred to an outside agency or to some other alternative resolution procedure or, as a last resort any legal remedy.

Goldenfields Water will maintain a Complaints Register which will provide a complete record of all complaints received and processed.

The Corporate Services Manager shall maintain statistics of complaints to allow performance reporting in the quarterly review and the Annual Report.

By adopting the best practice model for complaint handling as advocated by the NSW Ombudsman's Office, Goldenfields Water will ensure it has in place an efficient and effective system for handling complaints. It will ensure that complainants can see that Goldenfields Water has a transparent system which handles their complaint fairly. Also, it will allow Goldenfields Water to learn as an organisation in achieving better outcomes for the constituent communities.

8 RESPONSE TIMES FOR COMPLAINTS

It is the aim of Goldenfields Water to finalise all complaints within twenty-eight working days. However, in some cases, response times may be delayed due to the nature and complexity of the complaint. Additional information or clarification may be required. Staff handling the complaint may also need to consult or seek information from other Goldenfields Water employees. The investigation period will vary according to the nature and complexity of the complaint. When response times are longer than the set standard, the complainant will be informed about progress.

All complaints will be acknowledged within five working days regardless of the way the complaint was made. Wherever possible, complaints will be acknowledged at the time the complaint is made.

9 RECORD KEEPING

General complaints received by telephone, e-mail and mail are to be recorded and placed on the relevant file.

Complaints about staff, Code of Conduct complaints, competitive neutrality complaints, protected disclosures and grievances are to be kept on a secure and confidential file.

10 MONITORING PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE POLICY

Regular monitoring of performance response times against the time standards set out in the Policy will be undertaken with an annual report being presented to the Management Executive (MANEX) and circulated to Board Members.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

AUGUST EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider holding an Extra Ordinary Council Meeting on 14 August 2024.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month at the Temora Office, commencing at 10.00am. The August Ordinary Council Meeting has been resolved to be held 22 August 2024.

With anticipated acceptance for the Oura Pump Station and Dosing Design and Construct Tender in August and the caretaker period commencing 16 August, staff are seeking approval to host and Extraordinary Council Meeting, to be held on 14 August to facilitate the approval of this Tender.

REPORT

Oura Pump Station and Dosing Design and Construct Tender (RFT 01/2024) was released on 28 May 2024 with a closing date for tender submissions of 10 July 2024. As such, acceptance of a successful tender will require approval at the August 2024 Council Meeting.

Due to caretaker period commencing 16 August 2024, it is Council officers' recommendation that the Board consider an Extraordinary Council Meeting, to be held on 14 August 2024.

Failing to resolve a successful tender prior to the caretaker period, via an Extraordinary Council Meeting, may risk the price submissions to be null and void, as contractors may not be able to hold their prices firm by the next available council meeting outside of the caretaker period. In addition to this, the project will be delayed for a period of at least two months

Staff are seeking Board approval to assist with the timely delivery of this contract via the attendance of an Extraordinary Council Meeting, which is recommended to be held on the 14 August, or the consideration of an alternate date that may achieve a Quorum.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

ENERGY MARKET UPDATE

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Pursuant to s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Board considers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the purchase of energy, due to extenuating circumstances, being:
 - a. current energy market volatility and significant risk in entering into a fixed agreement
 - b. flexibility in purchasing processes is required for speed of acting on low price demands within the National Energy Market (NEM)
2. provide the General Manager or their delegate the delegation to negotiate the purchase of energy and enter into any such Agreements necessary to continue the efficient operations of Goldenfields Waters supply network.
3. Note that staff will report back to the Board if any negative variation to the 2024/25 budgetary provisions will be expected.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council has historically undertaken the purchase of energy contracts via the Local Government Procurement panel process; however, in 2022 Council sort to engage t. Council has two current energy contracts relating to around 53 small sites and 17 large sites. Both contracts are currently awarded to Shell Energy since 1st January 2023. Expiry of existing contracts are set for 1st January 2025.

Council at its September 2022 meeting resolved:

BOARD RESOLUTION

22/085 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and McGlynn that the Board

1. *Pursuant to s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Board considers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the purchase of energy, due to extenuating circumstances, being:*
 - a. current energy market volatility and significant risk in entering into a fixed agreement*
 - b. multiple options for purchasing energy, such as wholesale purchasing*
 - c. flexibility in purchasing processes is required for speed of acting on low price demands within the National Energy Market (NEM)*
2. *authorise the General Manager or their delegate the delegation to negotiate the purchase of energy and enter into any such Agreements necessary to continue the efficient operations of Goldenfields Waters supply network.*

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REPORT

Goldenfields staff were successful in entering a value for money contract through the last energy market approach which provided the best rate on offer that had been seen over the previous 3 year period.

It is hopeful that staff will be able to achieve similar success to the contracts entered into in 2022.

The existing two Shell energy contracts expire in December 2024 and staff will be looking to negotiate with the market to achieve the best value for money result possible. Current energy market and futures are showing higher costs at the moment; however, staff are hoping these highs start to trend down prior to the end of year before our contracts look to expire.

Staff are using the current contract price level as our basis for target. Staff are seeking to achieve better than this rate if possible; however, will look to negotiate a rate similar to the existing if the market remains volatile.

This report is seeking approval to proceed with the same process entered into in 2022 where a successful energy price was sort. This request is for an exemption of tendering pursuant to s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, where the Board considers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the purchase of energy, due to extenuating circumstances. Those being:

- a. current energy market volatility and significant risk in entering into a fixed agreement
- b. flexibility in purchasing processes is required for speed of acting on low price demands within the National Energy Market (NEM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Energy prices are volatile at present and results of negative or positive financial impacts will not be known until negotiations within the market have been completed. If a higher cost will be expected, staff will report back to the Board with estimated costs compared to the 2024/25 budgetary provisions.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JUNE 2024

OURA RESERVOIRS AND AERATOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCT PROJECT UPDATE – JUNE

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council at its April 2023 meeting, 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.

A further report was provided at the February 2024 providing an update on the contract and some additional variations to contract. Specifically the provision of council procuring pipeline materials and insurance. The report noted that Council had directly engaged the pipe supplier through a local government panel contract after a request for quotation was carried out and that extensive negotiations had been occurring regarding the supply and manufacture of the aeration system to ensure that the manufacture of the aerator component is completed locally to guarantee quality requirements.

The Oura reservoirs and aerator are components of the Oura Water Treatment Plant (WTP) which supplies approximately half of all Goldenfields Water's network, including the townships of Junee, Temora and West Wyalong. This project will address the concerns of assets at end of life, redundancy and growth.

REPORT

At the February 2024 meeting, the progress reported to Council was:

- Earthworks for new reservoirs and geotechnical investigations completed;
- Overland flood assessment completed;
- Over 100 metres of DICL DN750 and DN600 pipe laid for the inlet and outlet pipework;
- Reservoir concrete slabs poured and fully tensioned;
- 5 reservoir concrete wall slabs poured.

Since the February meeting, the project has continued to progress with all 48 wall panels having been poured and vertically tensioned, another 50 metres of DN600 DICL pipe has been laid and the milestone of lifting the wall panels was completed across two separate weeks. The next stages of construction involve pouring concrete between the wall panels, horizontally tensioning the reservoir and completing piling for the aerator works.

The engagement that Council took on for the supply of pipework required for the project is completed, with final delivery having been received 31st May, 2024. The total spend for all

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pipework has come in under the engaged contract amount following the negotiation of variations.

Following discussions with Council staff, Quay Civil have secured a local manufacturer for the aerator system with fabrication expected to commence imminently. Piling for the aerator and tower is to commence in the near future to support the structure.

Quay Civil have proposed to use an unconventional methodology for pouring the concrete infills between panels whereby the concrete is filling from the bottom up, which has resulted in delays to completing the infills while the design of the formwork was confirmed to be fit for purpose. Despite this, no change is anticipated to the program and the project is still programmed for completion by the end of 2024.

The overall project has been budgeted at a total cost of \$12.6 million. As it stands, \$6.1 million has been expensed to this project with a further \$5.6 million committed to contractors. At the April Board meeting, the March QBR increased the FY23/24 budget to \$7.2 million based off forecasting of where the project would be at by the end of the financial year. Due to design hold ups, fabrication of the aerator and associated tower has not commenced and construction of the piles to support the structure has also been delayed. This has resulted in the cashflow shortfall of \$1.1 million.

With the Principal Contractor, Council have only executed four (4) variations to date, in the form of both positive and negative variations resulting in a net zero difference. The project, despite some contractual changes/negotiations and design hold ups, is progressing well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

For FY23/24, a total \$6.2 million is anticipated to be expensed to the project compared to the expected \$7.2 million accepted at the last QBR.

For FY 24/25, a total of \$5.4 million is allowed. The project is expected to be fully expensed by the end of FY 24/25

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 August 2024 at 10.00am

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

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

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TEMORA OFFICE on 11 April 2024**

The meeting commenced at 10:02am

PRESENT

Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr J Piper, Cr G Sinclair, Cr M Stadtmiller.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mrs M Carr (Corporate Services Manager) Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Miss B Coleman (Administration Officer Records).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that a leave of absence be granted to Cr B Callow and Cr A White.

2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

Nil

3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

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

4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

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

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

6. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024,

BOARD RESOLUTION

21/023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McAlister that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 February 2024, having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

15. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

15.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

15.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS – FEBRUARY 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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TEMORA OFFICE on 11 April 2024**

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted

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 \$780,354.07 from \$29,426,039.18 as at 31 January 2024 to \$28,645,685.11 as at 29 February 2024.

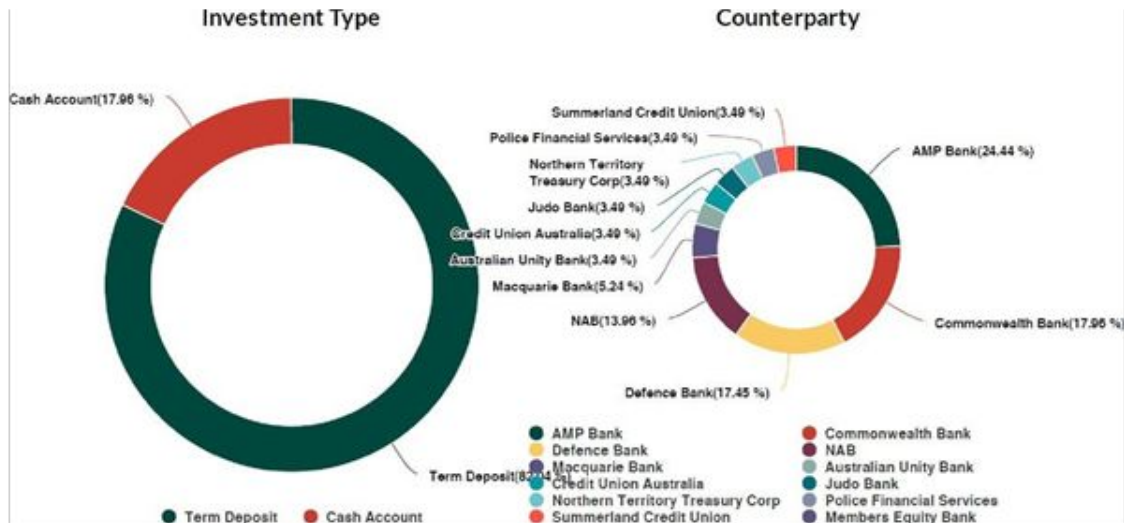
Cash and Investment Portfolio

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TD	BBB	A-2	Defence Bank Summerland CU	Annually	8/03/2023	27/03/2025	750	4.90%	4.36%	\$1,000,000
TD	NR	NR	Commonwealth Bank	Annually	22/03/2023	8/05/2025	778	4.80%	4.36%	\$1,000,000
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/03/2024	1	4.35%	4.35%	\$3,777,905.71
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/03/2024	1	1.00%	1.00%	\$1,367,779.40
TOTAL:										\$28,645,685

Cash and Investment Portfolio

The graphs indicate Council's Investment Type - cash percentages compared to term deposits, and investments and Counterparty investment percentages for each financial institution.

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Portfolio Performance

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

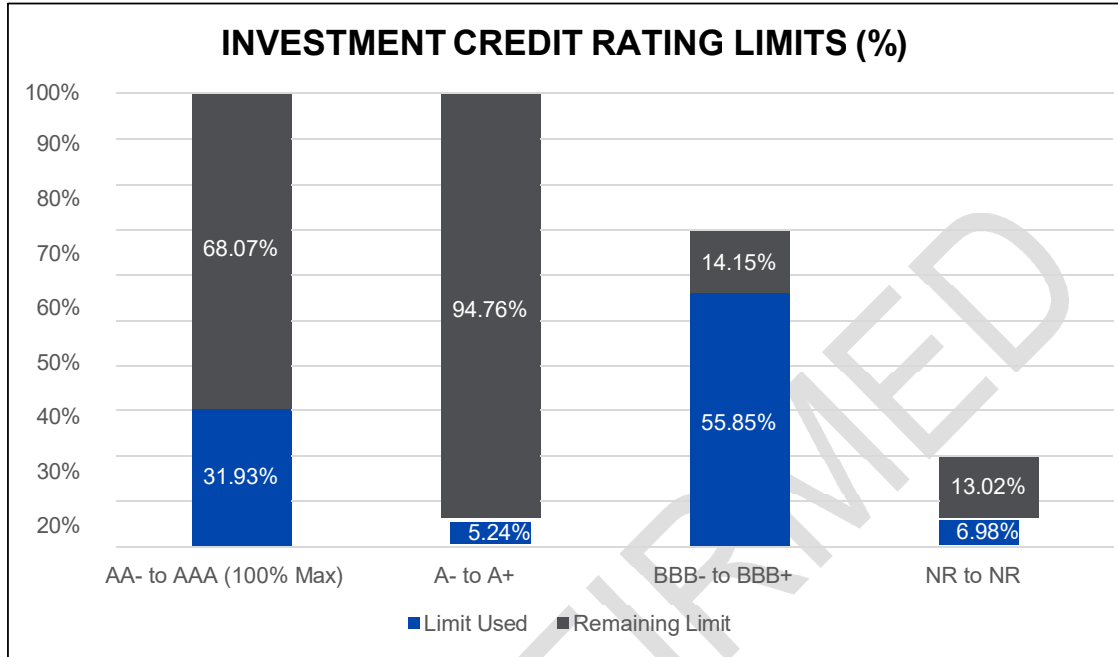
- BBSW 4.335% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.32%

Total Cost	Yearly Interest Received	Weighted Average Term
\$28,645,685.11	\$753,877.27	198 Days
Total Portfolio Value	Monthly Interest Received	Weighted Average Yield
\$29,132,860.92	\$396,774.53	4.72%

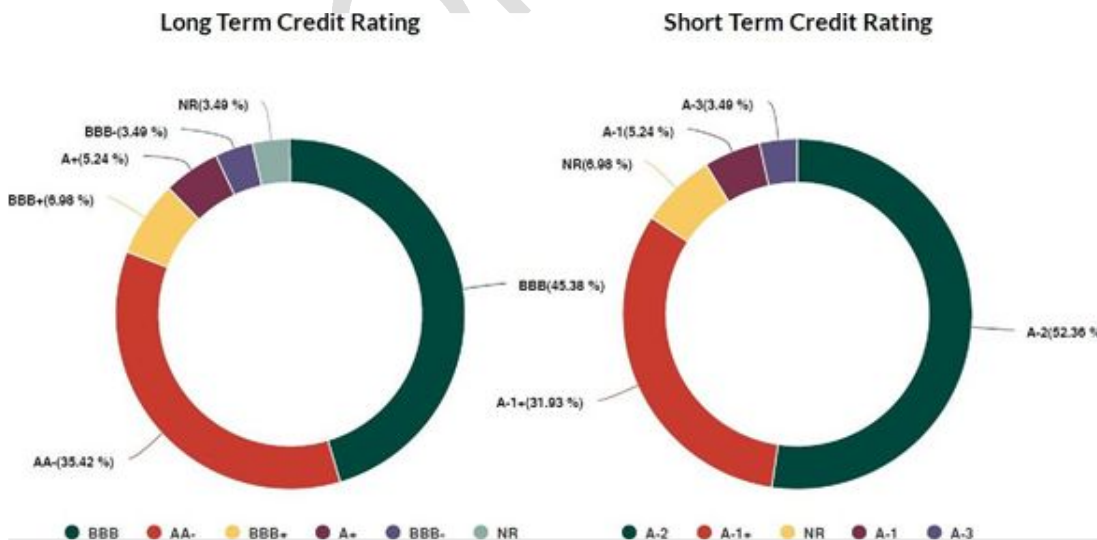
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Credit Quality Compliance

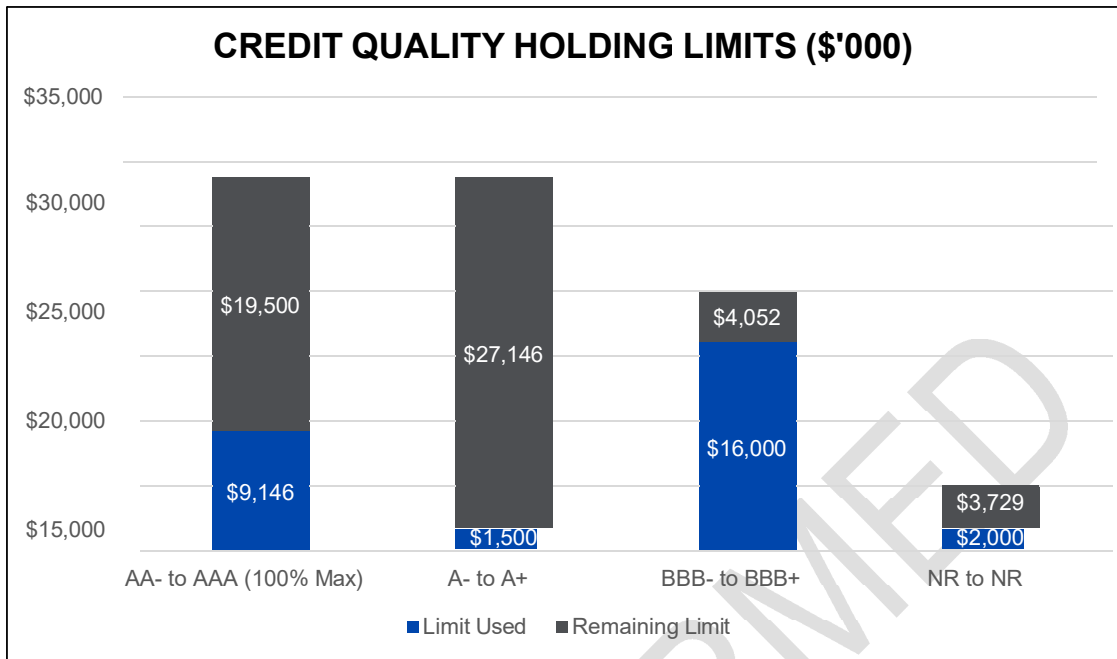
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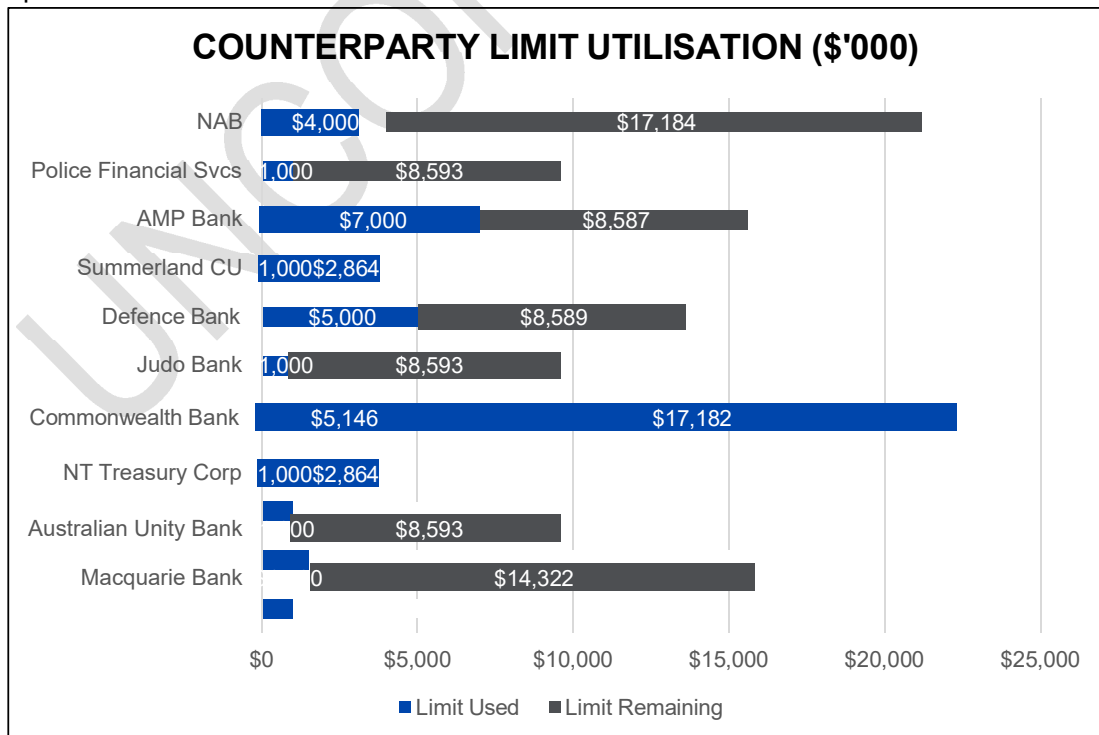
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Counter Party Compliance

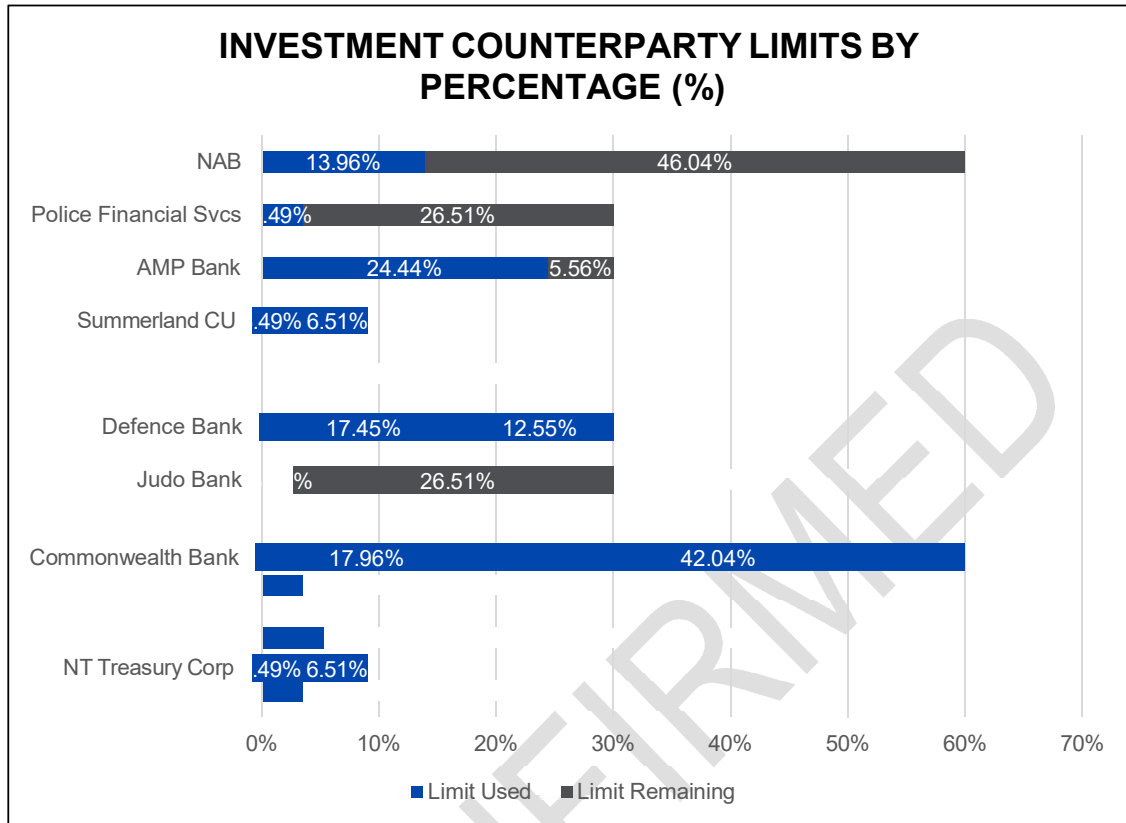
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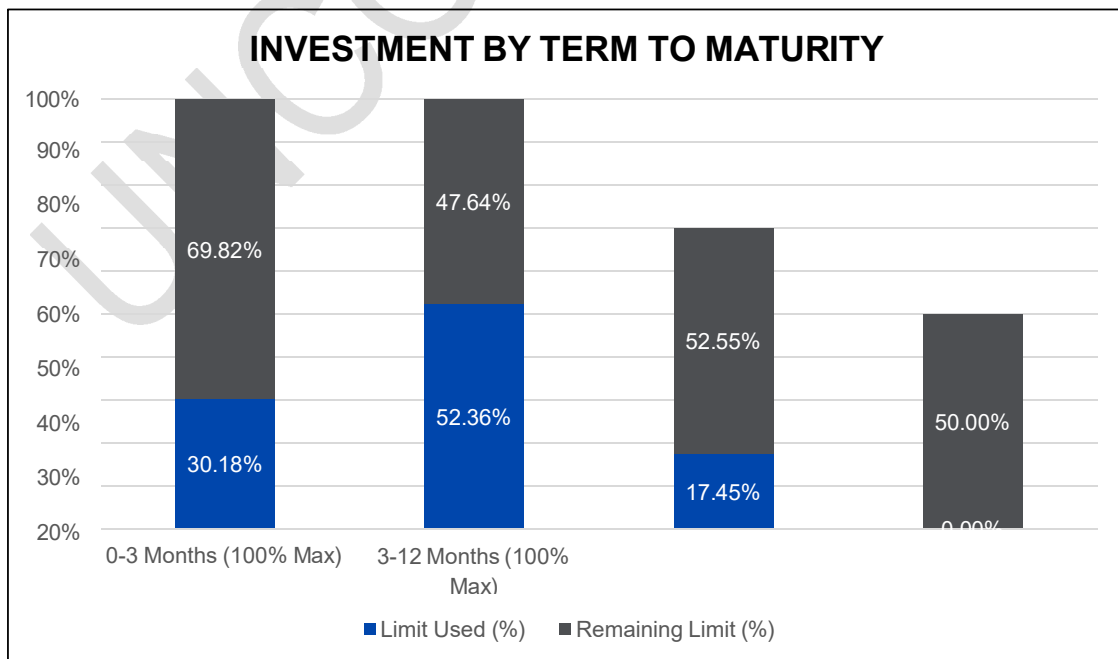
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Term to Maturity

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Application of Investment Funds

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Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	\$1,462,793
Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$18,281,355
TOTAL	\$28,645,685

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

15.1.2. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS – MARCH 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31 March 2024 be received and noted

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

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REPORT

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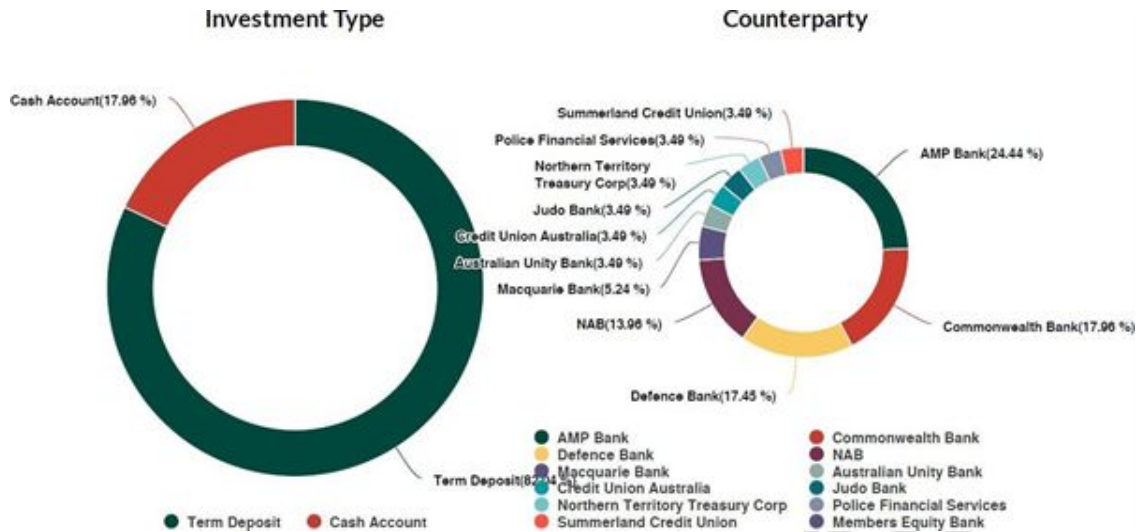
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CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/03/2024	1	4.35%	4.35%	\$3,782,918.25
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/03/2024	1	1.00%	1.00%	\$4,877,559.93
TOTAL:										\$32,160,478

Cash and Investment Portfolio

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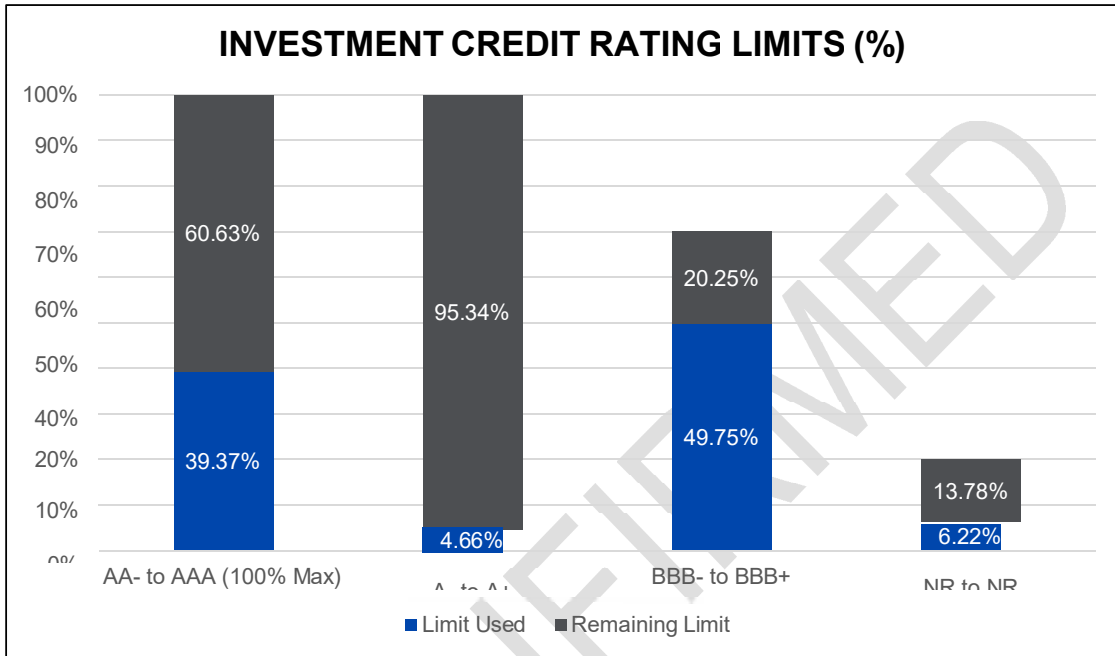
- BBSW 4.3442% RBA Cash Rate 4.35% AusBond Bank Bill 4.324%

Total Cost \$32,160,478.18	Yearly Interest Received \$950,781.39	Weighted Average Term 153 Days
Total Portfolio Value \$32,547,587.87	Monthly Interest Received \$196,904.12	Weighted Average Yield 4.60%

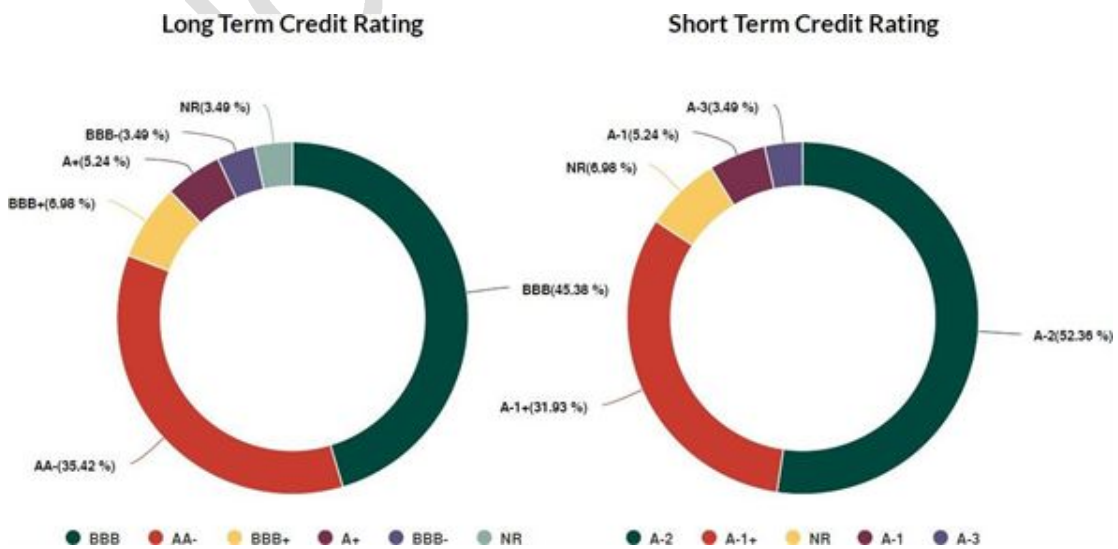
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Credit Quality Compliance

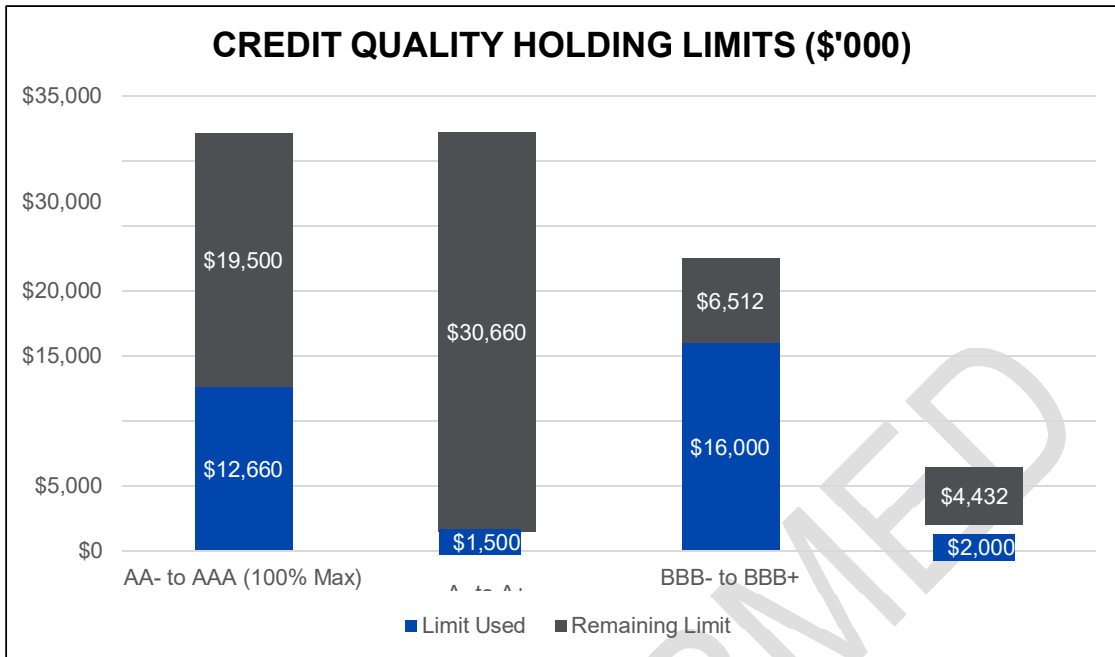
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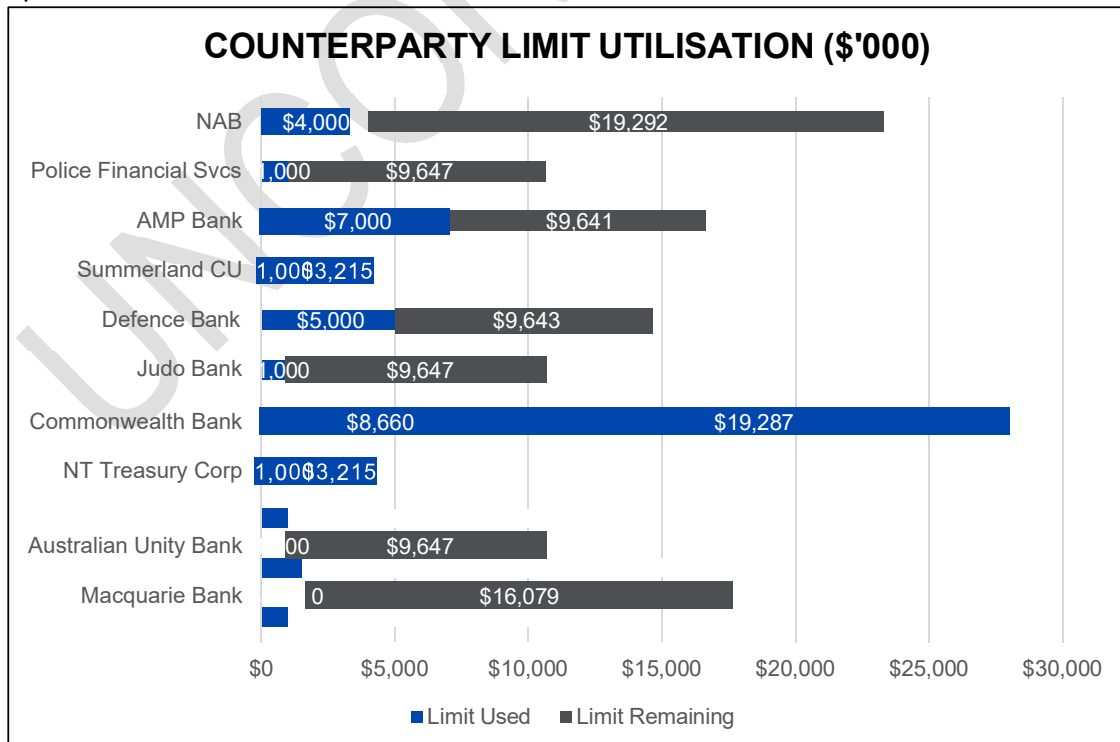
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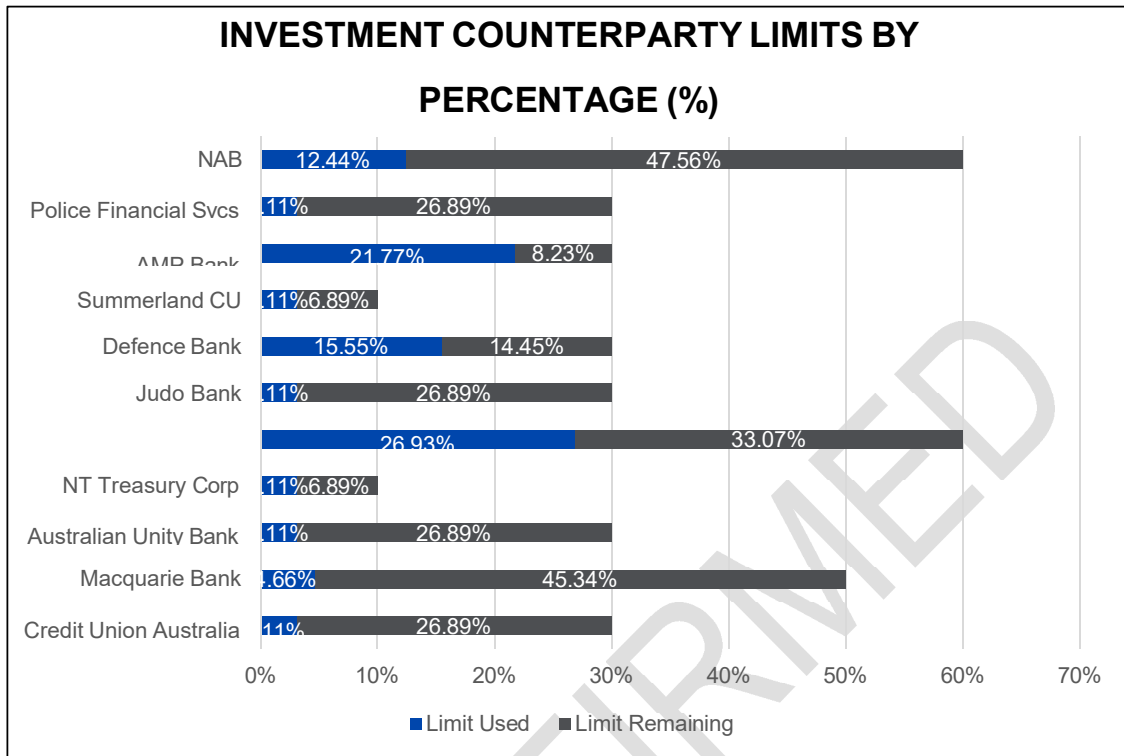
Counter Party Compliance

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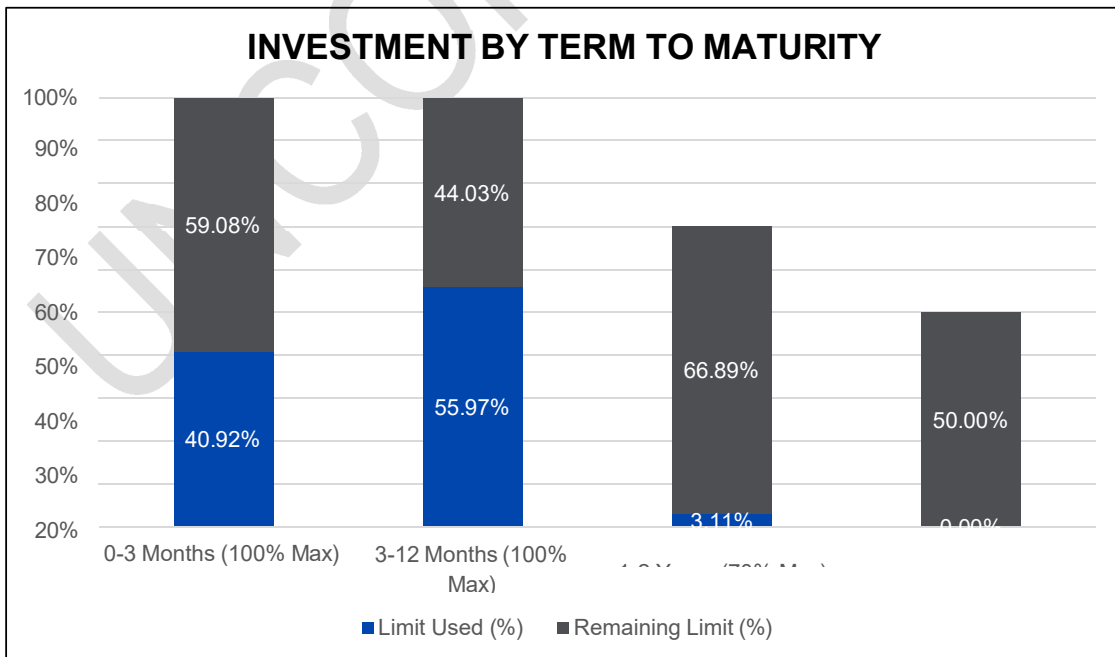


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Term to Maturity

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Application of Investment Funds

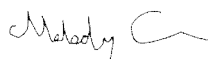
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Restricted Funds:	
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$2,551,897
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Infrastructure Replacement	\$1,349,640
Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
Unrestricted Funds	\$21,796,148
TOTAL	\$32,160,478

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

15.1.3. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Piper that the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 March 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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That the Capital Works Progress Report as at 31 March 2024 be received and noted.

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 31 March 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 proposed budget variations listed in Attachment B in the column "Proposed QBR Mar 2024" and are included in the Quarterly Budget Review December Report submitted for your approval.

A detailed report on Council's Major Projects over multiple years is included in this report as **Attachment B** for your information. This report includes the Projects expected completion dates and progress commentary on the individual capital works.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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

ATTACHMENT B: Commentary on Major Capital Works on projects over multiple years as at 31 March 2024

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

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.1.4. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2024

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Piper that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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That the Board receives and adopts the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2024.

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 31 March 2024 is submitted for examination and adoption by Council.

The revised operating result for 2023/24 remains at a deficit of \$1,079,000 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.

Proposed March 2024 quarterly review adjustments:

Operational Additional Income

- Nil

Operational Additional Expenditure

\$'000

- Nil

Capital Revenue

- Nil

Capital Expenditure

- | | |
|---|-------|
| • Oura Reservoir and Aerator | 3,401 |
| • Microwave link sites for SCADA – to move to 2024-25 | (818) |
| • Urban & Rural taggle and meter replacements | (400) |

Total Capital Works Expenditure increase	2,183
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation has increased capital expenditure \$2,183,000. The operating budget remains the same as the December Quarter outcome.

ATTACHMENTS: Quarterly Budget Review 31 March 2024

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

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15.1.5. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 29 February 2024 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 29 February 2024.

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 29 February 2024. 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 29 February 2024.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

15.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

15.2.1. THANOWRING RD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McAlister and Piper that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

Council is renewing the pipeline operating from Temora to Aria Park, known as the Thanowring rd trunk main pipe. This pipeline is a critical bulk water supply asset of the Oura Water Supply Scheme. The pipeline currently supplies potable water to the towns of Ardlethan, Aria Park, Mirrool, Beckom, Kamarah, Moombooldool and Barellan with the possible future extension of the supply area to the Hylands Bridge Scheme (West of Barellan)

The pipeline is at the end of its usable life and requires an estimated 40km of renewal which has been earmarked as a high priority. Renewal of this trunk main will require sections of the existing main to remain in service during construction.

REPORT

Construction commenced in January of 2022 and had to cease from March through to November of 2022 due to heavy rainfall and flooding which restricted access to landholders' property for construction to continue.

Construction re-commenced in November of 2022 and is currently at the 30 klm marker (Aria Park Pump Station). This section of pipeline has been commissioned and all existing consumers (41) have been transferred over.

The final 12 klms of Mandamah stage 4 has been commissioned with the 4 remaining consumers to be connected once full payments have been received.

The final stage of Thanowring rd pipeline will commence on the Western side of Aria Park Pump Station and finish at Quades Lane, total length being approximately 9 klms. This last section of pipeline was originally designed to be constructed with 200mm OPVC pipe but with further investigations and the real possibility of future extension and expansion of the water supply area to the Hylands Bridge scheme west of Barellan the decision was made to continue construction with 250mm OPVC pipe.

Under the current Tender agreement with Clover Pipelines pricing for 250mm OPVC pipe is \$281 ex gst per length. This price is pre Covid and in today's market, pricing for a length of 250mm OPVC pipe per length is \$398 ex gst.

Clover Pipelines current tender price for 250mm OPVC pipe ceases at the Aria Park pump station. After discussions with Clover, they have agreed to honour the original tender price for the remaining 9 klms of pipe.

- Thanowring rd pipeline constructions (pipe only) final stage (tender price) = 9 klms @ 1500 lengths x \$281 per length = \$421,500. ex gst

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- Current market price for 250mm OPVC pipe per length = \$398 x 1500 lengths = \$597,000. ex gst
- Total savings (pipe only) = \$175,500.

The original budget set for Thanowring rd was \$7M. To date, construction of 30,000 mtrs of pipeline at a cost of \$2.6M which equates to between \$85 - \$95 p/m. The current NSW Reference Rate is \$260 p/m.

Attached are photos depicting different stages of construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil



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15.2.2. URBAN CONSTRUCTION CREW UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Services Focus

REPORT

The urban construction crew was formed in February 2022 with the intention of concentrating, on urban pipeline renewals, pipelines that were at end-of-life ie.: Asbestos (AC) pipes, Cast Iron (CI) pipes and Poly Vinyl Chloride (white PVC) pipes.

To date this crew has completed the following renewals/new installations:

- Strathmore Lane Junee (White PVC at end of life) (5 kilometers)
- Beach and Pretoria Streets Junee (AC at end of life)
- Marrar town retic completed (AC at end of life)
- Coolamon town North retic (AC at end of life)
- Coolamon Industrial Subdivision Estate (new pipeline construction)
- Grey Street Temora (AC at end of life)
- Currently undertaking pipeline renewals in Hoskins Street Temora, working in conjunction with Temora Shire Council and TfNSW

Projected and planned projects include:

- Cowabbie Street Coolamon pipeline renewals
- Coolamon South retic pipeline renewals
- Ganmain township retic renewals
- Marrar South trunk main renewal (5k's)

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil

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15.2.3. WATER MAINS FLUSHING

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Piper that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Services Focus

BACKGROUND

Water Mains flushing – as per 2023/2024 operational plan 1.4.3.1.

The water mains flushing is undertaken in the months of April, July, and October totaling 41 kilometers.

REPORT

Coolamon Township

<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
<i>Campbells Lane</i>	<i>1.8 klms</i>
<i>Moses Road</i>	<i>1.9 klms</i>
<i>Wallace Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Moses Road</i>	<i>1.9 klms</i>
<i>Mann Street, Kingdon drive and Iverach Streets</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Loughnan Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Methul Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Jacaranda and Waratah Streets</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Learys Lane</i>	<i>1.3 klms</i>
<i>Mc Craigs Lane</i>	<i>1.1 klm</i>
<i>Wattle Lane</i>	<i>1.6 klm</i>
<i>Coolamon Road</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>Dyces Lane</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Millwood Road to Garland Street and new subdivision</i>	<i>2.4 klm</i>
<i>Angel Street to Maloneys Lane</i>	<i>2 klm</i>
<i>Iverach Street to Canola Way</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>

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<i>Cowabbie Street</i>	<i>2 klms</i>
<i>Kindra Crescent</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Bruce Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
Total	22.8 klms

Ganmain Township

<i>Ashbridge Road</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Cave Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Moore Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Grant Street, Last Street and Waterview Streets</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Waterview Street</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Short Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Hall Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Rocks Road</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ford Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Campbell Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Grave Street, Park Street and Grant Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Loch Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
Total	6.6 klms

Junee Township

<i>Regent Street to Cable Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>
<i>Loughnan Road</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>DeSallis Drive</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Taylor Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Walster Street to Smythe Road</i>	<i>700 mtrs</i>
<i>Olympic Way</i>	<i>1.2 klm</i>
<i>Percy Street to Arnold Street</i>	<i>1 klm</i>
<i>Beach Street to Clarence Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>Cuttle Street</i>	<i>200 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Fitzroy Street</i>	<i>500 mtrs</i>
<i>Ducker Street to Crown Street</i>	<i>400 mtrs</i>
<i>William Street</i>	<i>300 mtrs</i>
<i>George Street</i>	<i>800 mtrs</i>

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<i>McAllister Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Gundagai Road to Kahmoo Lane</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
<i>Kahmoo Lane to Pitt Street</i>	<i>1.6 klm</i>
<i>Cedric Street</i>	<i>600 mtrs</i>
Total	11.6 klms

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil

15.2.4. OPERATIONS MANAGER – FINAL WORKDAY**BOARD RESOLUTION**

24/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McAlister that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Operations Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

REPORT

Operation Managers final workday prior to undertaking extended leave is scheduled to be Friday 31st May 2024. The successor to this position is Alex Dahlenburg who will be commencing on Monday 6th May.

Given Alex's background and previous employment the handover is expected to go smoothly with Alex transitioning into the role and taking ownership prior to month's end. Tony is more than happy to dedicate whatever extra time is required to ensure Alex is proficient in the Operations Manager role to adequately support his staff and the Leadership Team

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLES ITEMS: Nil

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15.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

15.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McGlynn that the Water Production Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 3 A Healthy Natural Environment

BACKGROUND

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

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, 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

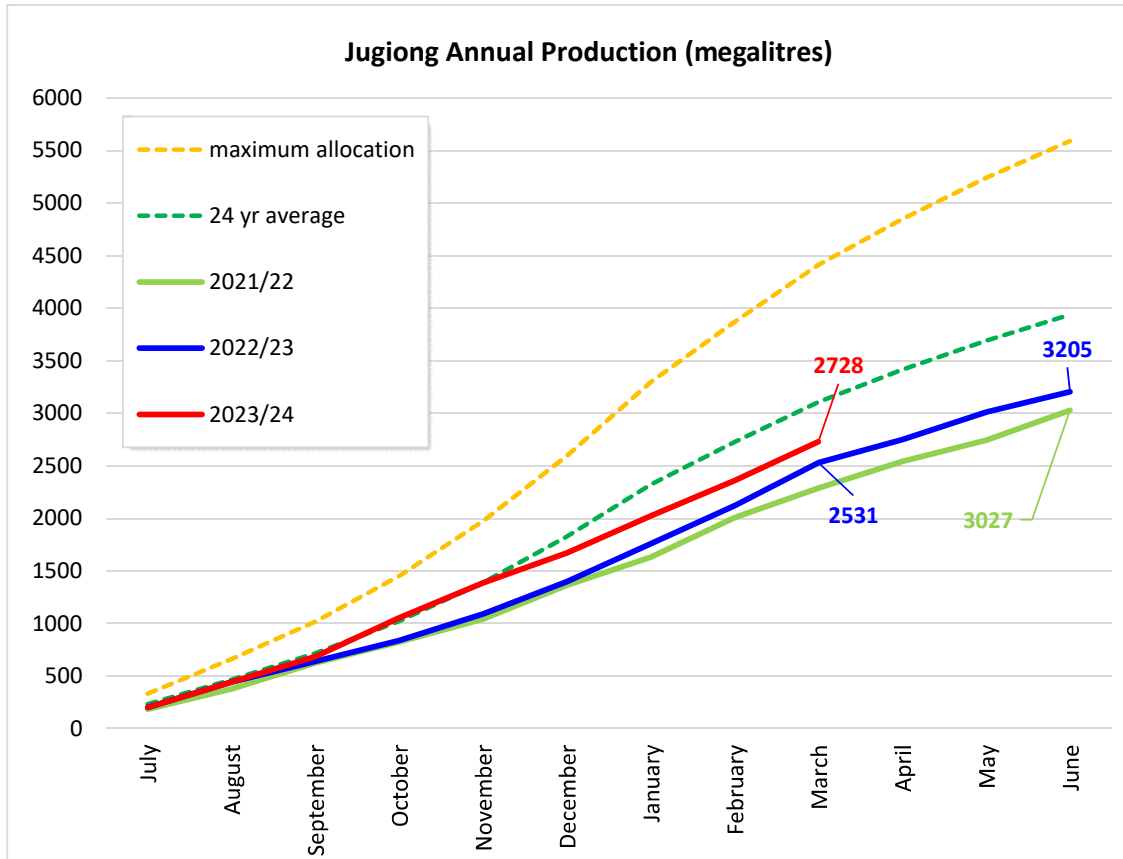
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

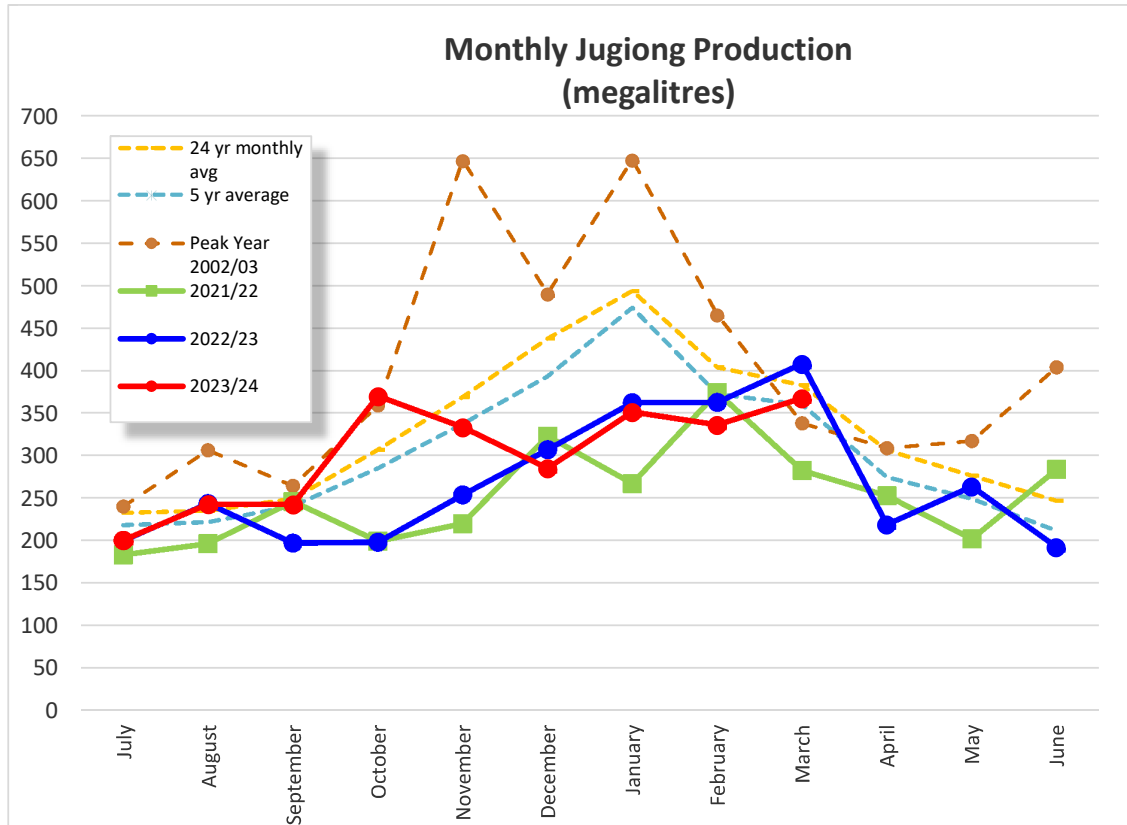
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For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 2728ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2022/23 FY where 2531ML was extracted. An increase of 197ML. This is illustrated in the graph below.



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Jugiong monthly production started slightly higher in July with 200ML extracted and treated for the month. August saw a further increase in production with 242ML and September was like August with 242ML extracted and treated. Some warm dry weather saw 370ML extracted in October before some stormy wet periods saw a decrease for the month of November with 333ML extracted and treated. December also saw a decrease in production with 294ML extracted before an increase in January with 356ML extracted and treated. A slight decrease in production for February with 336ML extracted before an increase in Production in March saw 368ML extracted and treated.



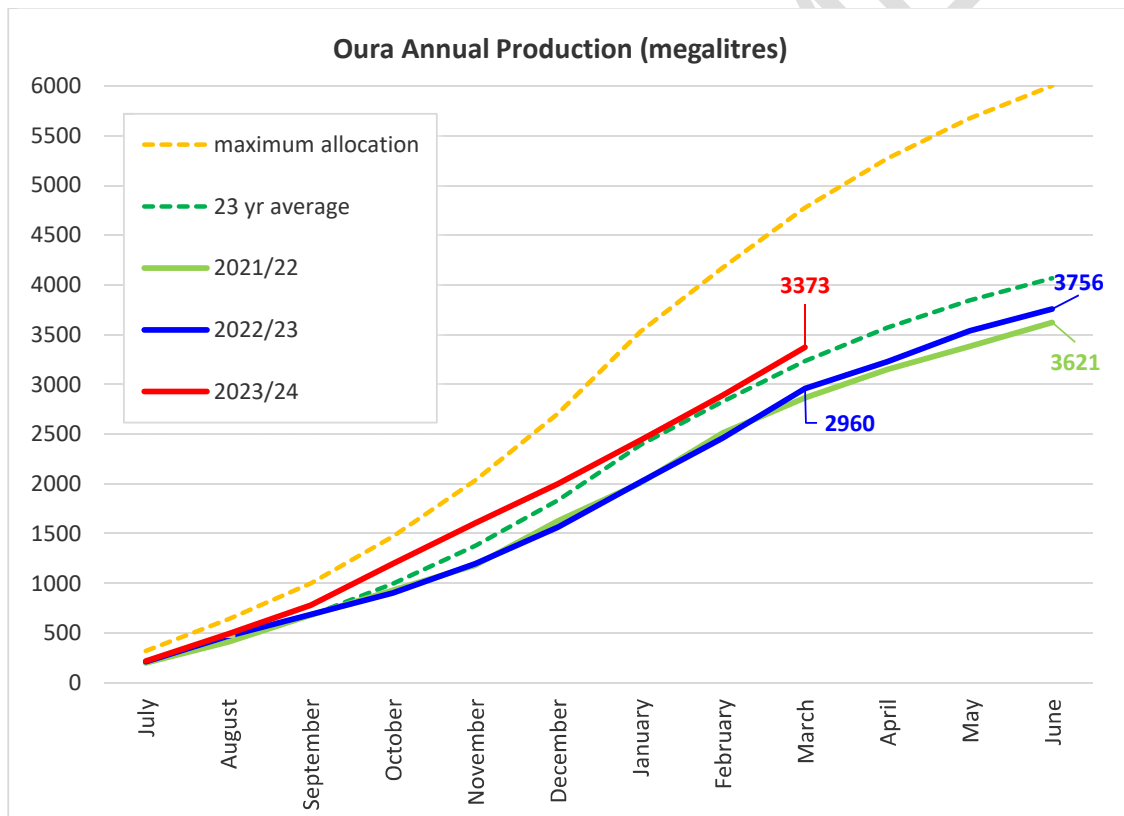
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Oura Drinking Water Scheme

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.

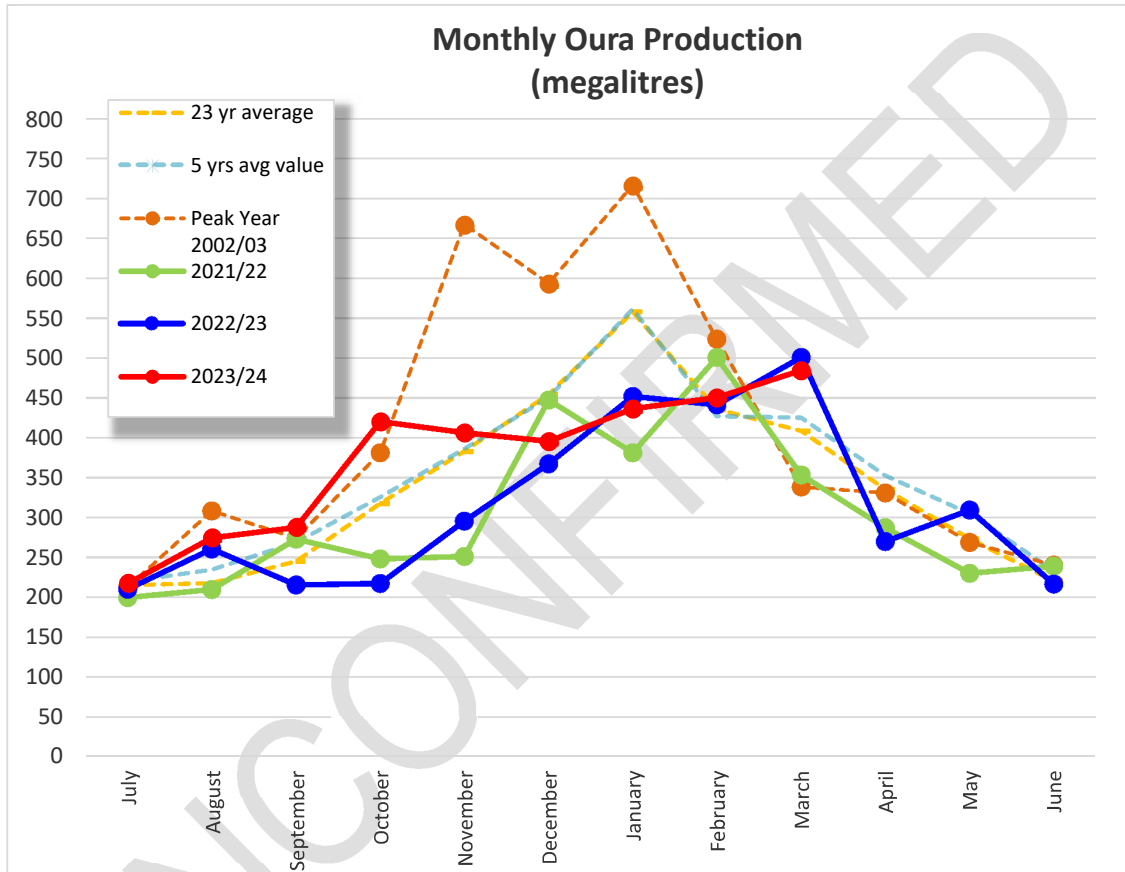
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs, and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 3373ML of water has been extracted from the Oura Borefield and processed at the Oura Water Treatment Plant. This is an increase in production compared to 2022/23 FY where 2960ML of water was extracted for the same period. An increase in production of 413ML. This is depicted in the graph below.



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Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 217ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 274ML was extracted, a further increase in production for September saw 287ML extracted. As with Jugiong a warm dry period saw a further increase in production for October 420ML before some stormy wet periods in November saw a slight decrease in production for the month with 406ML extracted in November. December saw a slight decrease to 395ML before an increase in production in January 437ML, further increases in production have been observed for February 450ML and March 484ML.

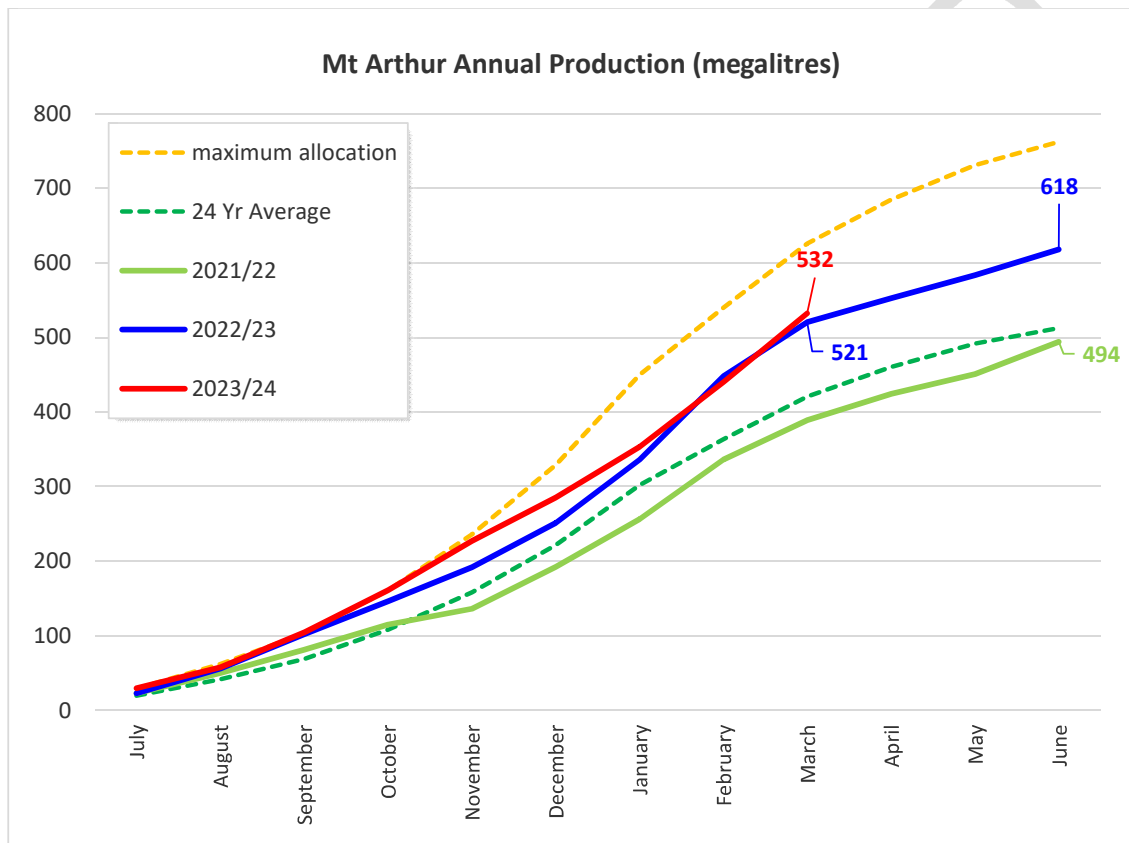


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Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

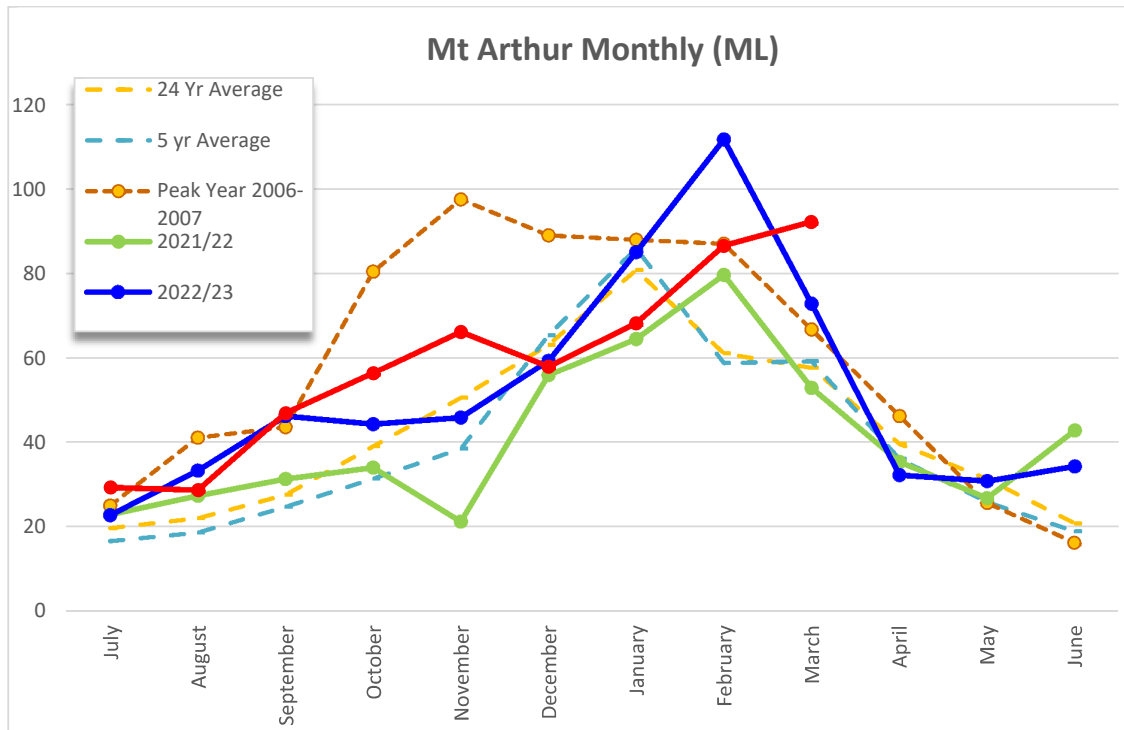
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 532ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Arthur Borefield. This is an increase compared to the 2022/23 FY where 521ML was extracted from the Mt Arthur bores for the same period. An increase of 11ML.As can be seen in the graph below, production is trending slightly higher to previous years.



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Mt Arthur monthly water production started slightly higher to previous years with 29ML of water extracted from the bores in July. August saw a slight decrease to 28ML extracted and September a further increase to 47ML extracted. Production for the period of September through to November has been steadily increasing every month with September 47ML, October 56ML and November 66ML extracted. December saw a decrease in Production to 68ML for the month. January 68ML, February 87ML and March 92ML have all recorded steady increases in production.

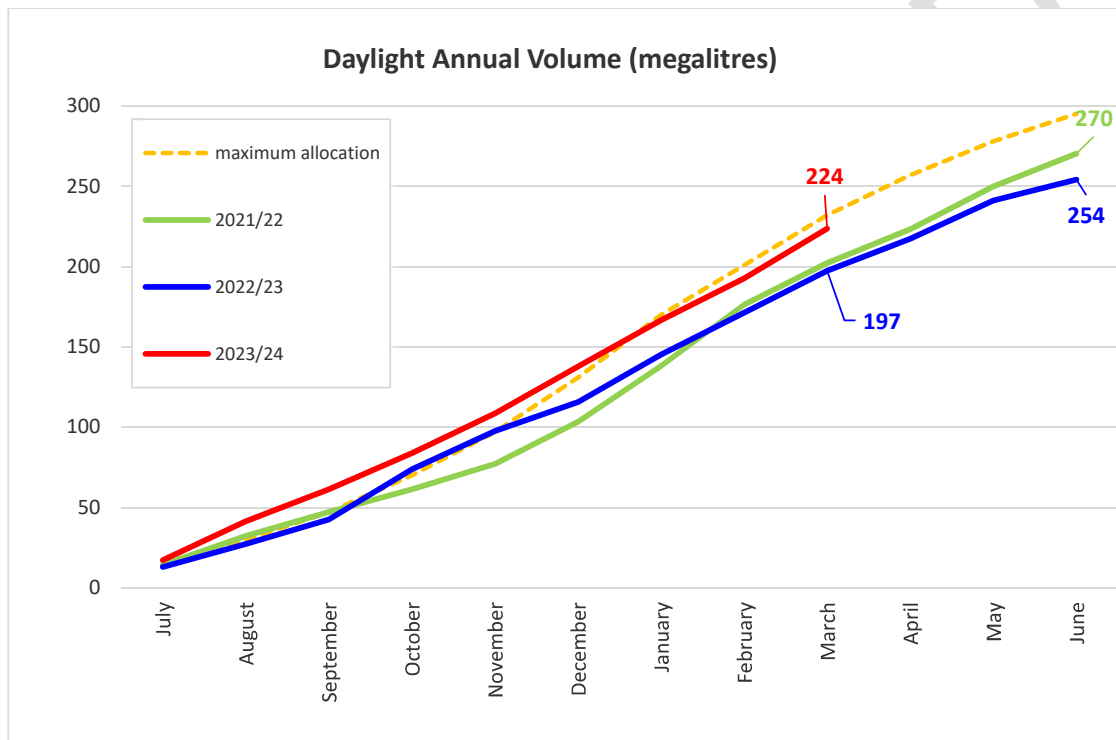


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Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

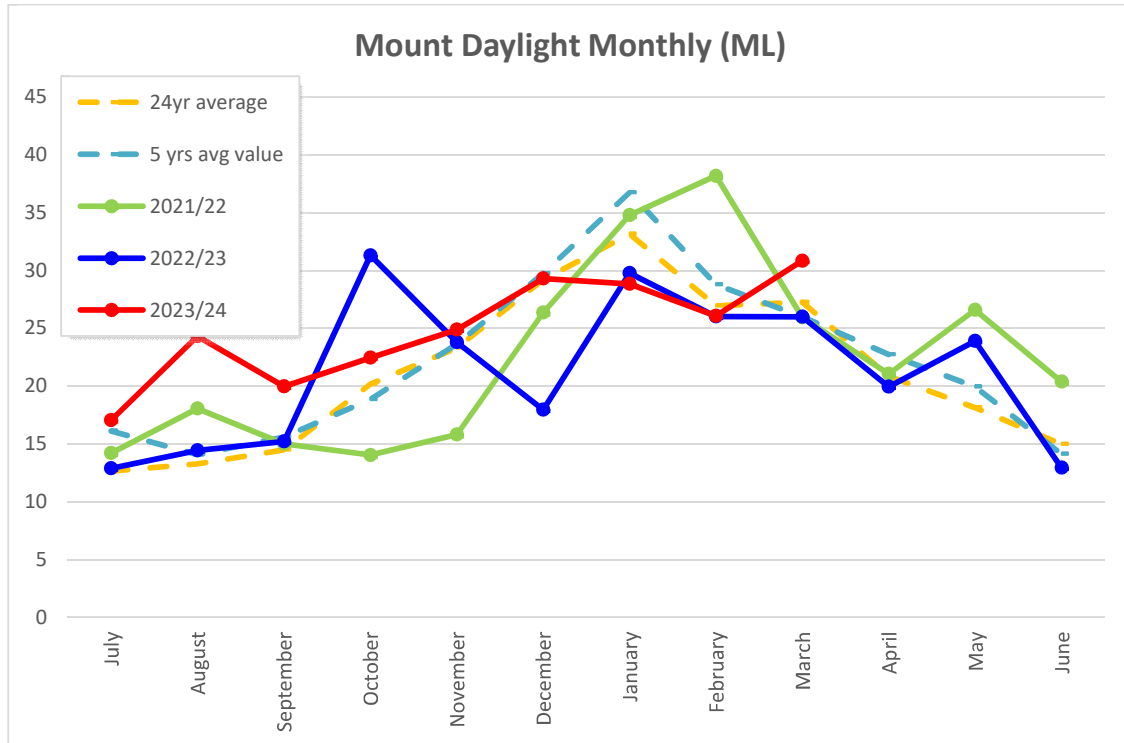
The Mount Daylight water source is from the Lower Lachlan alluvium aquifer. The Mount Daylight bores are jointly operated with Carathool Shire Council. Carathool Shire Council is responsible for bore management. There are 7 sets of reservoirs in the Mt Daylight scheme. Mt Daylight supplies water to approximately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

For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year 224ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 27ML compared to the 2022/23 FY where 197ML was produced over the same period.



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The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores started very consistently with July seeing 17ML extracted with slight increases in August 24ML, September was slightly lower in production with 20ML extracted, the period September through to November seen consistent increases in production every month with September 20ML, October 22ML and November 25ML extracted from the Mt Daylight Bores. December saw a further decrease in production to 29ML, January was similar with just under 29ML extracted for the month. February 26ML saw a decrease in production before an increase in March where 31ML was extracted.

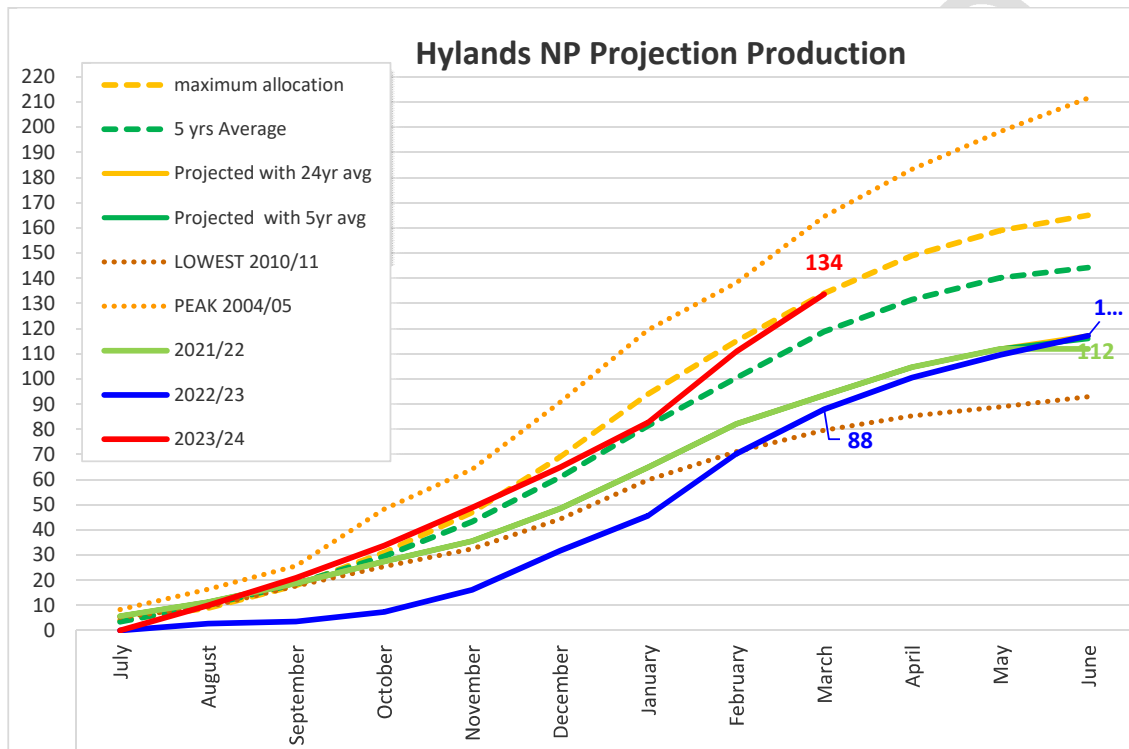


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Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable

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 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year 134ML 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 88ML had been extracted. Currently projecting to exceed our maximum allocation.



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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15.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER

15.4.1. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Piper and Sinclair that the revised PP013 Work Health and Safety (WHS) Policy be adopted.

Report prepared by WHS Coordinator

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopts the revised PP013 Work Health and Safety (WHS) Policy.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Council adopted PP013 WHS Policy in April 2020. The policy has been reviewed in accordance with the required timeframe.

REPORT

PP013 WHS Policy has been reviewed and updated to provide greater practical detail for Officer, Manager, Supervisor, Workers, and Others' responsibilities. Additionally, a section on compliance has been included.

Consultation with all staff occurred for the period 5 February – 28 February 2024 to align with WHS legislative requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

15.4.2. DRAFT 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN

BOARD RESOLUTION

24/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and McAlister that the draft Operational Plan 2024/2025 incorporating the 2024/2025 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2024/2025 incorporating the 2024/2025 budget and annual fees and charges to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

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ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 1 High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

BACKGROUND

The 2022-2026 Delivery Program was adopted by Council in June 2022 in accordance with Chapter 13, part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, and Section 196A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2022.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an Operational Plan including an annual budget and annual fees and charges to be adopted before the beginning of each financial year and for the draft documents to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The 2024/2025 Operational Plan is the third subset of the 2022-2026 Delivery Program.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2024/2025 Operational Plan incorporating the 2024/2025 budget and annual fees and charges is now presented in draft for Council's consideration, prior to being placed on public exhibition.

All fees and charges have been increased by 5 % for the 2024/25 financial year (except statutory fees and charges determined by other government agencies and authorities).

Variations include a 3% increase in line with CPI, and water sales projections of 7,550ML.

The 2024/2025 Operational Plan estimates a net operating result of \$631,000.00.

The Delivery Program was reviewed during the preparation of the Operational Plan, with no alterations being required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

16. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27 June 2024 at 10:00am.

17. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11.04am