

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 23 August 2018**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Hancock (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr I Graham (Corporate Services Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

An apology has been received for Cr M Stadtmiller.

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Armstrong that the Board note and accept the apology of Cr M Stadtmiller.

2. 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.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 29 June 2018.

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29 June 2018 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

It is recommended that the minutes of the meeting held 29 June 2018 having been circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received from Temora Shire Council.

Temora Shire Council



Our reference: GCL:ATR:

23 July 2018

Mr Darryl Hancock
General Manager
Goldenfields Water County Council
84 Parks Street
TEMORA NSW 2666

GOLDENFIELDS WATER		
23 JUL 2018		
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Dear Darryl,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 June 2018 advising of the intention of Council to provide a water refill station in the 2018/19 financial year, continuing the commitment of Goldenfields Water to this program.

You are advised that the 2018/19 allocation will be located in the village of Springdale, providing an excellent facility for locals and visitors to our local government area.

At the meeting of Temora Shire Council held 19 August 2018, it was resolved to formally thank Goldenfields Water for the provision of these water refill stations. The existing units have proven to be very popular and provide a much needed facility, particularly in hot weather. It would be appreciated if this sentiment could be conveyed to the Council.

Once again, thank you on behalf of the Temora Shire community.

GC Lavelle, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

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9. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

10. .NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

12. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

12.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORTAE SERVICES MANAGER

12.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 2018 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council Investments as at 31st July 2018 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

This report is presented for information on Council Investments as at 31st July 2018.

Council's investment portfolio increased by \$200,000.00 from \$49,450,000.00 as at 31st May 2018 to \$49,650,000.00 as at 31st July 2018.

For the month of July, the deposit portfolio provided a solid return of +0.25% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.06% (actual). The strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3% p.a. However, some of these deposits are fast maturing and may be reinvested at lower prevailing rates unless a longer duration is maintained.

Over the past 12 months, the deposit portfolio returned +3.10% p.a., strongly outperforming bank bills by 1.27% p.a. This is considered very strong given deposit rates reached their all-time lows and margins have generally contracted over the past 2 years.

As at the end of July 2018, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 3.04% p.a. (up 2bp from the previous month), with an average duration of around 668 days (~1.8 years).

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council's investment portfolio increased by \$200,000.00 from \$49,450,000.00 as at 31st May 2018 to \$49,650,000.00 as at 31st July 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Council Investments Report as at 31st July 2018.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.2. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31st July 2018 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report detailing Council's Capital Works Program as at 31st July 2018 be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents an important part of Councils activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works. Water mains are a significant part of the annual program and are also reported in more detail.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31st July 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Capital Works Progress Report as at 31st July 2018.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.3. DEBT RECOVERY UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Armstrong that the update on Goldenfields Water's debt recovery process be noted.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the update on Goldenfields Water's debt recovery process be noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water has been using the services of an external debt collection company, Outstanding Collections, since June 2017 to assist in the recovery of monies that are overdue for water related fees, charges and other debts in line with Council's Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy.

REPORT

Since engaged, 321 accounts with a total debt of \$469,520 have been referred to Outstanding Collections for further recovery action. These customers exceeded the allowable Final Notice timeframe to make payment or put a payment arrangement in place.

At 31 July 2018 Goldenfields Water has recovered \$339,609. Furthermore, 47 customers with a total debt of \$116,530 have current payment arrangements in place with Goldenfields Water.

The overall result for Council is a debt recovery performance (debt either paid in full or under a payment plan) of 97% up to 31 July 2018 for debt referred to Outstanding Collections.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The financial impact is a net reduction in outstanding debts of \$11,574 for the two monthly period of June/July 2018.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.4. 2017/18 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that:

- 1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 (including movements in restricted assets) be referred to Council's Auditor;**
- 2. The Chairperson, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillor's and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018;**
- 3. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the auditors reports subject to their being no material changes or audit issues; and**
- 4. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October 2018.**

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 (including movements in restricted assets) be referred to Council's Auditor;
2. The Chairperson, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillor's and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018;
3. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the auditors reports subject to their being no material changes or audit issues; and
4. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October 2018.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

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

REPORT

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 are finalised for audit. It is envisaged that Council will present its audited Financial Statements to the public

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in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October 2018. Councillors will be supplied with a complete set of reports, including the Auditor's Reports, before the public hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2017/18 Draft Financial Statements.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.1.5. PROJECT BUDGET CARRY-OVERS FROM 2017/18 TO 2018/19

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Morris that the Board approve the 2017/18 Project Budget Carry-Overs totalling \$3,125,355.00 for inclusion in the Annual Budget for the 2018/19 financial year.

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the 2017/18 Project Budget Carry-Overs totalling \$3,125,355.00 for inclusion in the Annual Budget for the 2018/19 financial year.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

Project budget carry-overs are unspent amounts from the previous financial year carried forward to the current year's budget.

REPORT

This report is prepared to seek Board approval for unspent budgeted project funding to be carried over to the following year to enable project completion. A list of project expenditure items not completed as at 30th June 2018 to be carried-forward to the 2018/19 financial year budget is shown below.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed budget carry-overs will increase the 2018/19 capital expenditure budget by \$3,125,355.00 as disclosed below:-

PROJECT BUDGET CARRY-OVERS FROM 2017/18 TO 2018/19

	\$
CIVICA	242,345
Heavy Rigid Truck and Crane	300,000
IntraMaps	21,500
Wyalong Pump Station Gantry	11,050

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Mandamah	1,605,000
Rosehill Mains Renewal	498,100
Junee and Wyalong Reservoir Repairs	304,000
MyH2O App.	125,000
Old Jugiong WTP	18,360

TOTAL CARRY-OVERS: **\$3,125,355**

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

12.2.1. 2017/18 ELECTRICITY COSTS

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the Board note the information provided in this report justifying the increased energy costs incurred during the 2017/18 financial year.

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Board note the information provided in this report justifying the increased energy costs incurred during the 2017-18 financial year.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Staff provided an estimated budget of \$2.6m to Council at its April 2017 council meeting. Closure of the end of financial year for 2017/18 has identified actual costs incurred are around \$3.25m

REPORT

Staff reported the following to Council at its April 2017 meeting:

The usage costs for Goldenfields Water is around 35% of the total electricity costs. 65% of the costs are made up of network charges. Projected usage charges for the current contract price is around \$430,000 per annum. With the expected increase in contract prices after 1 July 2017 a projected total annual cost for usage charges will be \$815,000.

Based upon current budget projections for energy costs at \$2.4m, Council Officers are expecting an increase on the 2017/18 budget of around \$200,000 per annum, allowing a 17/18 budget projection of \$2.6m.

Total costs for the 2017-18 financial year have exceeded the projected amount by around \$650,000. Usage charges for the 2017-18 year was 56% of the total cost of electricity with

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44% of costs being made up of Network and Service charges. This is a significant shift in contributing electricity charges in comparison to the previous financial year. This shift in percentage of attributing costs is specifically related to the change in contract cost provisions in cost per kilowatt watt hour (kWh). This change in contract occurred as of 1st July 2017 where usage charges were predicted to significantly rise.

In respect to the \$650,000 exceedance of budgetary projections incurred during the 2017/18 financial year as identified above, this was attributed to an increase in total energy consumption by 5903.668GJ in comparison with the 2016/17 financial year. This is specifically related to additional supply/demand requirements from the energy grid in order for Goldenfields Water to accommodate additional water supply demands from its customer base.

This additional consumption to accommodate the supply demands, incurred an added \$392,298.90 to our projected totals. The remaining increase in costs that make up the \$650,000 budget difference, is attributed to usage charges allocated at a higher cost per kilowatt watt hour (kWh), during peak or shoulder periods. This basically means that with the increase in demand our pump and treatment plant operations would have been operating during the Peak and Shoulder periods more often and at a greater expense than the previous year.

It should be noted that whilst an increase in energy consumption and charges have been incurred, Council has also received an increase in operating revenue which is attributed to the higher production and sales in water supply. Income comparisons between the previous financial years 2016/17 to 17/18 was \$13.495m compared with \$15.419m providing an increase in usage income of \$1.924m.

For the proposed 2018/19 financial year a standard 3% budget increase was established from previous \$2.6m allocation. The current energy contract is set to expire in December 2018, therefore only providing known usage costs for a 6 month period. It was intended to commence a new tendering process for through Local Government Procurement to seek a new contract rate: however recent advice from Local Government Procurement has recommended we seek a 12 month extension on the existing contract due to predicted cost inflations involved with the current volatility of the Market. Staff will review and consider all options prior to finalising the approval for extension of contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.2.2. DRAFT DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that the Board adopt Goldenfields Water's Draft Drinking Water Quality Policy that supports the Drinking Water Management System.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt Goldenfields Water's *Draft* Drinking Water Quality Policy that supports the Drinking Water Management System.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

01 Excellence in Service Provision

BACKGROUND

The Board at its February 2018 meeting, to *adopt Goldenfields Water's Drinking Water Management System (DWMS)*.

REPORT

With the adoption of the new DWMS, the Board has resolved to meet all objectives under the 12 elements within the requirements under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011 v3.4 (NHMRC 2017).

This report is to present the final application for adoption of the new DWMS which is highlighted under Element 1 of the document. The action required under Element 1 is the adoption of a Drinking Water Quality Policy.

Goldenfields Water is committed to managing its drinking water supply systems to provide a safe, high quality drinking water which consistently meets the requirements of ADWG, consumer expectations and regulatory requirements.

The development and implementation of the DWMS and now Policy, formalises and demonstrates Goldenfields Water's commitment to drinking water quality management throughout the organisation by:

- Defining Goldenfields Water's role and responsibility in regards to providing high quality drinking water
- Identifying and assessing risks associated with the drinking water system and introducing controls, preventive measures, appropriate training, procedures and emergency response plans to protect drinking water quality and public health
- Adopting a measurable Improvement Plan that will increase the integrity of the DWMS
- Reinforcing the ongoing and active involvement of all staff and supports senior management to ensure actions and policies support the management of drinking water quality

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This policy has been established to clearly resolve Goldenfields Water's commitment to providing organisational support and long-term commitment to meeting its drinking water quality obligations and to enforce Goldenfields Water's commitment to the system previously adopted in February 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Drinking Water Quality Policy

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.2.3. BOOROWA PIPELINE PROJECT UPDATE

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McCann that the Board note the updated information provided on the Boorowa Pipeline Project

Report prepared by Production & Services Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Note the updated information provided on the Boorowa Pipeline Project.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 02 Maximising Regional Water Supply
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- 05 Proactive Customer Relations

BACKGROUND

The Board, at the February 2018 meeting resolved the following;

1. Proceed with the development of a business case for the Boorowa Water Supply Scheme and associated grant submission.
2. Include the options for both bulk supply and reticulation as part of the business case.

REPORT

To date, the completion of a draft Project Initiation Plan (PIP) and the templated Safe & Secure funding Expression of Interest (EOI) has been completed and submitted for review.

The submission of the EOI requested, 50% funding allocation be provided for the delivery of Phase 1 of the project, being the "Scoping Phase". This Phase incorporates significant background investigation works including but not limited to:

- Demand modelling
- Yield security and water treatment capacity studies

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- Options study reviews of source water supplies
- Land holder consultation, and
- Preliminary review of environmental factors

Both Hilltops and Goldenfields Water staff have met with Department of Industry & Water to discuss the project and it was considered pertinent to first eliminate all other source water opportunities prior to committing to a permanent water supply connection to Goldenfields Water's Jugiong supply scheme. Therefore, Phase 1 of the project will require a more detailed investigation prior to the development of an appropriate business case on Goldenfields Water supply connection.

The EOI for Phase 1 has been successful in moving to a detailed submission stage. This stage requires the development of a completed draft project management plan.

The value of Phase 1, is now estimated at \$500,000 upon completion of the draft PIP. The funding request as part of the EOI requested an allocation of \$250,000, with the remaining costs of works to be split between Hilltops Council and Goldenfields Water.

Original budget allocation from Goldenfields Water was for a total of \$100,000 to complete works for the delivery of a Business Case (Phase 2).

Based on more detailed project analysis and task breakdown during the development of the PIP, current funding requirements are now estimated at \$125,000 with Phase 2 of the project estimated at \$80,000. Goldenfields Water's obligation for Phase 2 of the project is estimated at \$20,000, if 50% funding allocation is achieved for Phase 2 of the Safe & Secure grant funding submission. Phase 2 of the project will require a separate EOI and detailed submission in order to gain funding at each phase of the project.

This will include an additional \$25,000 allocation to the original budgeted amount. An update will be included in the Quarter 1 Budget update.

Staff have been working closely with Hilltops Council to engage a suitably qualified consultant to complete a review of the draft PIP and provide a completed Project Management Plan (PMP) to meet the requirements for the detailed submission stage for Phase 1. Once the PMP is completed, the Safe & Secure funding panel will evaluate and hopefully allocate required funds.

Funding approval process is expected to take three months to achieve once the submission of detailed documentation has been completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The increase in cost estimation for phase1 of the project will increase Goldenfields Water's allocation by \$25,000 to complete phase 1 of the project.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

12.3.1. SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA REPORT

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that Goldenfields Water Social Media and Media report be received and noted.

Report prepared by the Community Education and Engagement Officer

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Goldenfields Water Social Media and Media report be received and noted.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

05 Proactive Customer Relations

BACKGROUND

In January 2018, Goldenfields Water engaged a full time Community Education and Engagement Officer. One of the key components of this role is to provide a broad range of proactive and reactive social and other media activities. These activities are in line with the objectives and key actions identified in our Community Engagement Strategy, with the aim of informing and engaging with our stakeholders.

Social media are computer-mediated technologies that facilitate the creation and sharing of information, ideas and other forms of expression via virtual communities and networks. Users typically access social media services via web-based technologies on desktop, computers, and laptops, or download services that offer social media functionality to their mobile devices (e.g., smartphones and tablet computers).

Goldenfields Water also utilises a variety of services including digital media such as our website, Google listing, and MyH2O advertising.

Goldenfields Water continues to utilise traditional media, with proactive media releases and communication with the local newspapers and television news outlets.

REPORT

In accordance with the Community Engagement Strategy, Goldenfields Water's social media campaign was enhanced with the launch of our Facebook page and Twitter accounts on the 31st January 2018. Instagram was launched mid-February. In the past five months to 30 June 2018, we have grown audiences on these channels to more than 770. We enjoyed a collective reach (content views) of 37,700 for non-paid content only across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This reach has seen us significantly increase our ability to directly engage stakeholders.

Since its launch, Goldenfields Water has posted on Facebook 44 times, being viewed by over 20,000 people, receiving 675 likes and over 500 content engagements (reactions, comments and shares). During the same period, Goldenfields Water has tweeted 61 times, reaching over 14,000 twitter account holders, with 27 followers.

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Facebook advertising has seen us extend our reach (content views) even further. Our 19 ads on social media for this had a reach of more than nearly 83,000, Together with our non-paid reach we were able to engage our social media audiences with more than 105,000 (22,000 non-paid views plus 83,000 paid ad views).

The attachment consolidates our engagement performance on each social media channel for the last two quarters of the 2017/18 financial year. The methods for measuring engagement performance have been established by each social media platform's analytics function and are therefore industry standard for social media reporting.

During this same period, the Goldenfields Water website had over 14,000 unique page views and appeared in over 2,000 Google searches.

Social media in partnership with our website are ways to make our content available to stakeholders 24/7 regardless of their location.

In April 2018, Goldenfields Water commenced the proactive monitoring of local and social media. The results reported cover the period of 23 April to 29 June (approximately nine weeks) and include:

- Proactive media generated from Goldenfields Water media release
- Reactive media releases generated from media releases
- Other – other means that don't include a Goldenfields Water media release or response to media enquiry

In addition, there has been 9 articles / news items delivered through local print and television media, covering 5 media releases from Goldenfields Water.

Goldenfields Water has continued to build its presence across traditional media including newspapers and television. Our coverage has been achieved through a mix of media releases, responding to media enquiries and other. Five media releases have been issued covering topics including proactive discoloured water management and Mandamah Rural Supply Scheme. These media releases resulted in nine pieces of coverage, including a Prime7 news bulletin.

The results in this report indicate that sharing content with our local media, via social media and on our website provides media with the opportunity to follow and publish stories that are of interest to them. It also allows us to maximise our reach, while we minimise the risk of missing our target audiences.

We look forward to continued engagement with audiences in these ways and developing media content that:

- Builds our image as responsive and proactively engaged with media and social media
- Grows our traditional media and social media audiences
- Builds our brand recognition
- Builds trust, accountability and openness

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Attachment "1" of this report details the statistical information on Goldenfields Water's media performance from 31 January to 29 June 2018.

It also provides insights on the following social media:

- Goldenfields Water website traffic (using Google Analytics)
- Goldenfields Water Google listing (using Google Analytics)
- MyH2O advertising

Attachment "2" of this report contains Goldenfields Water approach to the use of media to promote our brand and work in the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

All activities are funded within the operational budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Media Statistics
2. Goldenfields Water Media Approach

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

12.3.2. ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT OVER CROWN LAND

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Sinclair that:

- 1. Council proceed with the acquisition easement for water supply 6 metres wide in Lot 7001 DP 94359 and Lot 7306 DP 1151913.**
- 2. Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire an easement 6 metres wide in Lot 7001 DP 94359 and Lot 7306 DP 1151913 for water supply purposes under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 3. Council authorise the execution of all necessary documentation by the Chairman and General Manager and affix council seal if required.**
- 4. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate and pay compensation where required.**

Report prepared by Engineering Officer

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the acquisition easement for water supply 6 wide in Lot 7001 DP 94359 and Lot 7306 DP 1151913.
2. Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire an easement 6 wide in Lot 7001 DP 94359 and Lot 7306 DP 1151913 for water supply purposes under section 186(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3. Council authorise the execution of all necessary documentation by the Chairman and General Manager and affix council seal if required.
4. Allow the General Manger to negotiate and pay compensation where required.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC) replaced the water main between the Cowangs and Bauloora Reservoirs (Cootamundra area) in 2007. The pipeline received partial funding under the Federal Governments 'Strengthening Basin Communities' program. A 6m wide easement was acquired over the replacement pipeline allowing access for operation, maintenance, and future replacement of the pipeline. The land around the Bauloora reservoirs however is a Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) and at the time was part of a state wide Aboriginal Land Claim. GWCC's original and design alignment traversed the TSR. Crown Lands at the time agreed to the pipeline and easement but required written permission from the Young Local Aboriginal Land Council because of the land claim. GWCC were unable to secure permission for from the Aboriginal Land Council but were able to install the replacement pipe through the TSR under the Local Government Act 1993.

REPORT

The land claim has now been determined allowing GWCC to acquire an easement over the effected pipeline(s). A surveyor from NSW Department of Primary Industry Crown Lands and Water was on site in June and has prepared survey plans ready for lodgement. In order to finalise the matter and current Board resolution is required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position, as the funds are allocated in the 2018/19 Financial Year capital works budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

12.3.3. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that Council note the report and the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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That Council note the report and the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2018.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

Under section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, councillors and designated persons (staff) must provide a declaration of pecuniary interest as contained in the prescribed form.

REPORT

Declaration of Pecuniary interest returns must be completed and lodged with the General Manager within three (3) months after becoming a councillor or designated person, or alternatively a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June is required to lodge their pecuniary interest return with the General Manager by 30 September each year.

Returns must be tabled at the first meeting held after the required lodgement date.

The lodgement of all required pecuniary interest returns from councillors and designated staff for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 has occurred, thereby meeting the legislative requirements.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, these returns are now tabled before Council as public documents.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Pecuniary Interest Returns.

13. NEXT MEETING

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that the next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 October 2018 at 10:00am.

Nominations were called for the Local Water Utilities Advisory Group.

Cr McCann expressed his interest.

BOARD RESOLUTION

18/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that Cr McCann be nominated as the representative.

14. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr McCann – Requested Board agreement that the Chair and Deputy Chair meet with the General Manager on the off month of each council meeting to discuss matters as they arise.

Cr Callow – Nil.

Cr McGlynn – A request for a partnership agreement with West Wyalong High School has been raised with the General Manager. Cr McGlynn requested a meeting with the General Manager to discuss.

Cr Morris – Requested a verbal update on the Mandamah Scheme – The General Manager provided.

Cr Sinclair enquired as to the possibility of a connection being made available from the Mandamah Scheme to Rural Fire Service shed in the area. The Operations Manager will consider and respond.

Cr Morris had requested a report on the availability of water at the last meeting and was supplied with information. However he would like a report on the capacity of water within the areas to enable understanding of what can be supplied if required. The General Manager will supply a report.

Cr McGlynn enquired about a Board tour of the Mandamah Scheme. The Chair called for a suitable date. Cr McGlynn suggested Tuesday 11 September at 10am. Arrangements will be made.

Cr Armstrong – Nil.

Cr Sinclair – Raised concern over the potential impact of drought and the use of standpipes with flow quite slow. Cr Sinclair questioned when the new standpipe for Temora was scheduled for installation. The General Manager responded and will discuss with staff and reply.

15. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further matters requiring the attention of the Board, the meeting was closed at 11.45am.
