

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 28 APRIL 2016**

The meeting commenced at 1.02pm

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr D McCann, Cr C Manchester, Cr D Palmer, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Rudd (General Manager), Mr G Carr (Acting Manager Finance & Administration), Mr C Lasdauskas (Manager Technology), Mr T Goodyer (Acting Manager Distribution & Construction), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES

16/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that leave of absence be granted to Cr K Morris and Cr A Miller.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016, 7 MARCH 2016 and 12 APRIL 2016.

16/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 February 2016, 7 March 2016 And 12 April 2016 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

16/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council consider the following late reports:

9.3.8 Draft Operational Plan 2016-2017

9.3.9 Inquiry into Water Augmentation for Rural and Regional NSW

9.3.10 Organisational Restructure

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

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9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL & PRODUCTION REPORTS

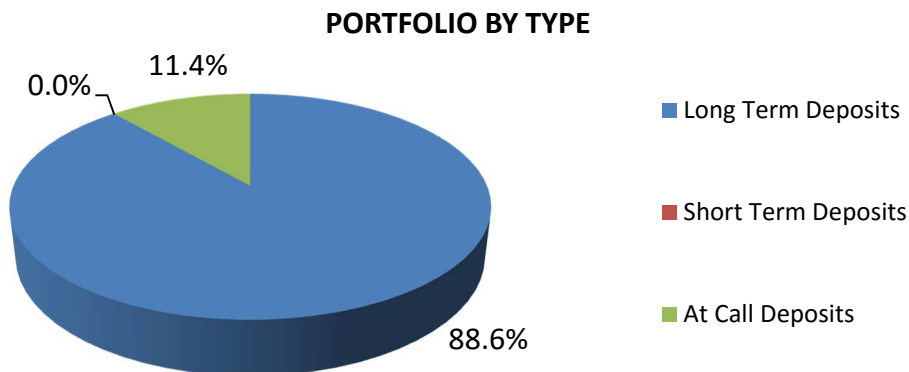
9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

19/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Manchester that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

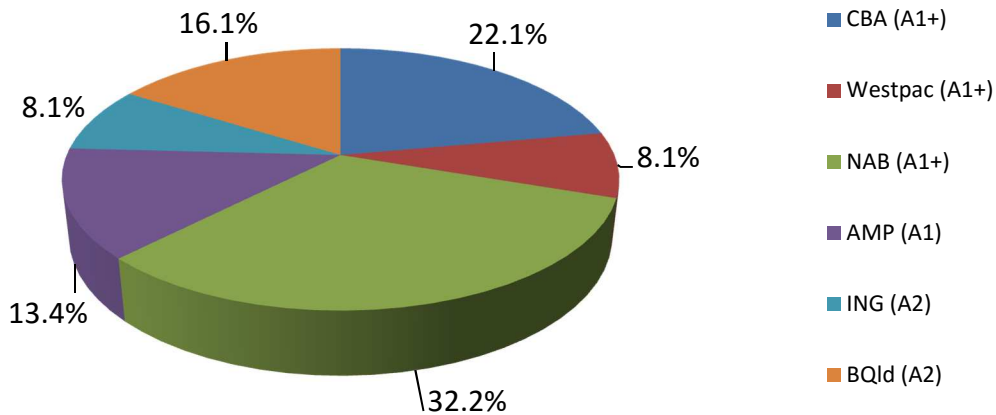
This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 31 March 2016:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	33,000,000.00				88.6%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	8.1%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	8.1%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	8.1%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	8.1%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	29/10/18	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.18%	18/03/19	8.1%
Short Term Deposits	0.00				0.0%
	0.00				0.0%
At Call Deposits	4,250,000.00				11.4%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	2,250,000.00	At Call	1.95%	N/A	6.0%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	2.55%	N/A	5.4%
Total Value of Investment Funds	37,250,000.00				100.0%



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PORTFOLIO BY INSTITUTION (incl S&P Rating)



Movements within Bank account for the reporting period (\$)

Cash Book balance as at 31 January 2016	\$443,858.38
Plus Deposits	
February	\$4,480,277.99
March	\$4,124,872.74
Less Payments	
February	-\$4,135,249.84
March	-\$4,682,054.47
 Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2016	 \$231,704.80
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$106,798.37
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$113,132.26
 Bank balance as at 31 March 2016	 \$238,038.69

It is hereby certified that the above investments have been secured in accordance with:

- Local Government Act, 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005;
- Investment Order - dated 12 January 2011; and
- Council's Investment Policy (adopted 26/6/2014).

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

19/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 March 2016:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	\$331,933.21	\$22,634.93	\$177,687.15	\$532,255.29
Consumption Charges	\$849,300.44	\$49,824.87	\$779,050.04	\$1,678,175.35
Deferred Developer Charges	\$15,842.00	\$0.00	\$342,439.00	\$358,281.00
Sub-Totals	\$1,197,075.65	\$72,459.80	\$1,299,176.19	\$2,568,711.64
Less Overpayments Received				-\$218,755.56
Total Outstanding				\$2,349,956.08
				-\$1,113,567.57
				-\$358,281.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				\$878,107.51

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 WATER DEBTOR WRITE-OFF (G35308005)

19/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that to honour the previous General Manager's commitment, that Council write off \$1,055.00 from water account 72217 which is half the difference between the excessive bill and normal consumption for the loss of water beyond the customer's reasonable control. Further, the customer is advised that this is a one-off grant and that they are encouraged to monitor their future water consumption.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

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A submission was received in November 2014 from a customer seeking relief on their water account due to an undetectable leak.

The account balance was \$3,274.18. The General Manager wrote to the customer advising that Council will consider the previous bill of 30 April 2014 and a possible refund.

Council has previously provided 50% reductions between excessive bills and normal consumption.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.4 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

19/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the reports detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

The attached graph shows water production comparatives between 2014/15, the 18 year average (1997-2015) , maximum allocations for Council's two main water sources, and Jugiong and Oura production to the 31 March 2016.

Overall production is up 1.9 % or 139 megalitres compared to the same period in 2014/15. Individually Jugiong is up 6.2 % and Oura down 0.5%.

While the overall sales forecasts were downgraded in the half yearly Budget Review, the January to March quarter production are now showing similar patterns to 2014/15 year.

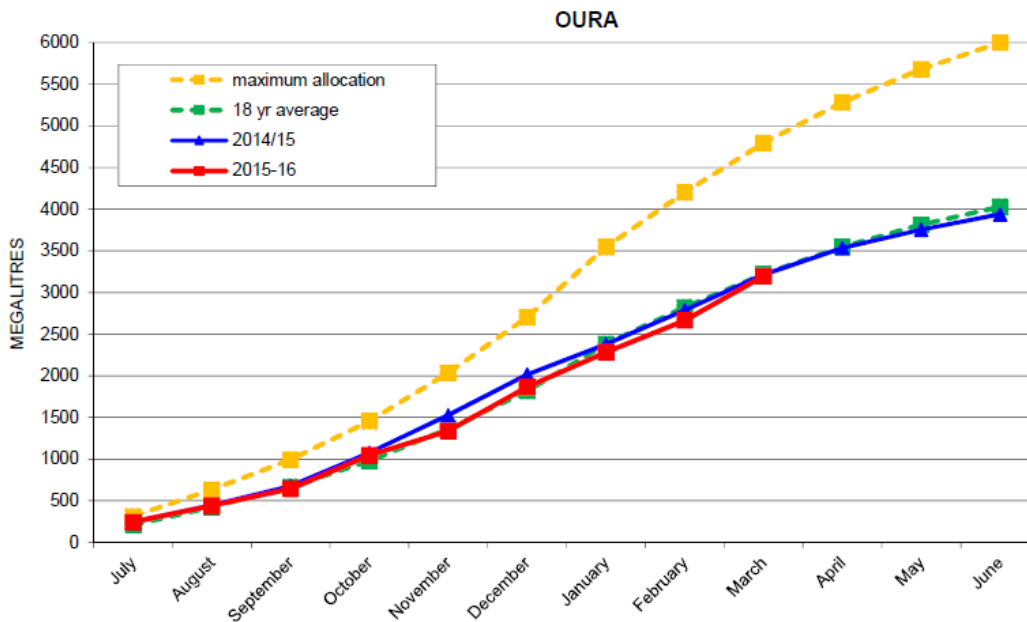
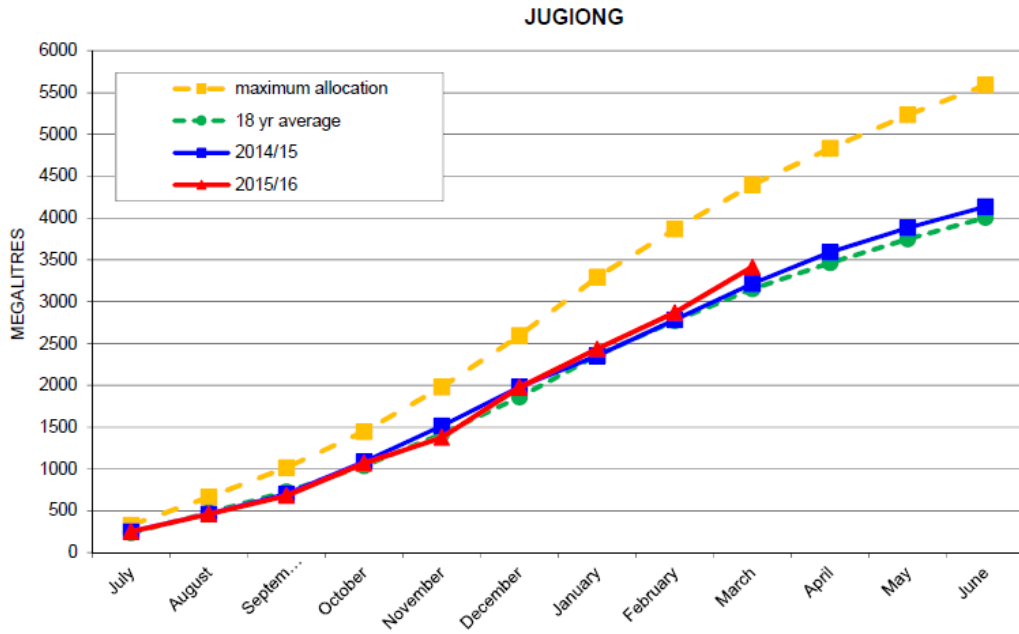
April continues to see above average weekly production for both Jugiong and Oura.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

Attachment 9.1.4

WATER PRODUCTION
 UP TO 31/03/2016



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9.1.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – March 2016 (G35201005)

16/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton;

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2016 be received and noted.
2. That the following Capital Works budgets be approved.
 - Monia Gap Naradhan increase by \$ 25,000 to \$100,000
 - Fishers Lane Weethalle increase by \$252,000 to \$720,000
 - Total Pump Station Capital Works increase by \$120,000 to \$261,000
 - Capital Works for Barellan Low Level Reservoir of \$65,000
 - Capital Works for Oura Bore 3A of \$80,000

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented to Council to revise estimates of income and expenditure in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The review is for the third quarter ending 31 March 2016 and is attached for Council's consideration.

The budget review statement is provided in two formats. The first being by type and reflective of how the end of year Income Statement is reported. The second being by activity as Special Schedule 3 is reported in the Financial Statements.

There has been no changes with a projected budgeted surplus result before Capital is \$5,523,000.

The changes to Capital Works approved at Council's February Meeting have been included in this quarterly review as follows:

- Plant and Equipment-Electrical Spares reduced by \$30k.
- Plant and Equipment-Computer Equipment increased by \$20k.
- Bores-Oura Additional/ Replacement reduced by \$45k.
- Pump Stations-Daylight Pump Replacement reduced by \$50k.
- Jugiong & Oura Pump Station Investigations reduced by \$50k.
- Pump Station Lonsdale Ln Panel & Motor replacement reduced by \$65k.
- Double Check Valves reduced by \$20k.
- Water Quality Investigation \$20k.
- Corporate Computer / Document Management Systems Investigation \$20k.
- SCADA Systems Investigations \$20k.

The following items have been included in the quarterly review's Capital Works:

Review of two major water main renewals have been made with increases in the anticipated budgets for:

- Monia Gap Naradhan to increase by \$25k to \$100k.
- Kolkilbertoo Rd/ Fishers Lane to increase by 252k to \$720k.

Rehabilitation of Barellan Low Level Reservoir with a replacement liner \$65k.

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Pump Station Renewals requires an increase of \$120k with the following pumps included for the remainder of 2015/16 Financial year.

Jugiong Raw Water Station No 3
Jugiong No 1 Pump Station No 2
RoseHill No 2
Demondrille No 2
Marinna No 2
Talbingo Lane No 1
Wyalong No 2
Thanowring Road No 2
North Weethalle No 1 & No 2
Garloolgan No 2

Oura Bore 3A is out for investigation / renewal with an anticipated budget of \$80k.

Please refer to the attached statements for financial details and accompanying notes.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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Attachment 9.1.5

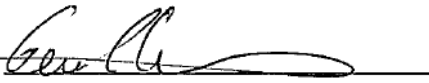
Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Goldenfields Water County Council for the quarter ended 31/03/16 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/16 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: 
Gerard Carr
Responsible Accounting Officer

date: 15. 4. 16.

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

Goldenfields Water County Council
Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016
Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs				
Income									
Annual Charges	4,545			5		4,550	4,550	2,504	
User Charges and Fees	14,885			(65)		13,320	13,320	7,927	
Interest and Investment Revenues	1,050			150		1,220	1,220	857	
Other Revenues	320			57		306	306	289	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	160			(64)		96	96	129	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	600			1,202		1,622	1,622	1,270	
Net gain from disposal of assets	-					-	-	-	
Total income from Continuing Operations	21,560	-	-	1,285	(1,731)	21,114	21,114	12,976	
Expenses									
Employee Costs	4,080				438	4,518	4,518	3,446	
Borrowing Costs	-					-	-	-	
Materials & Contracts	1,840			(300)		1,590	1,590	1,348	
Depreciation	5,075			365		5,440	5,440	4,008	
Legal Costs	10		50			60	60	75	
Consultants	50					50	50		
Other Expenses	3,910				23	3,933	3,933	2,228	
Net Loss from disposal of assets								3	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	14,965	-	50	65	511	15,591	15,591	11,108	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	5,523	1,868	
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)									
Net Operating Result from All Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	5,523	1,868	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	5,995	-	(50)	18	(2,062)	3,901	3,901	598	

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016
Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS				
Income									
Residential Access Charges	1,185			5		1,190	1,190	602	
Residential Usage Charges	4,560			(350)		3,960	3,960	1,970	
Non-Residential Access Charges	3,360					3,360	3,360	1,902	
Non-Residential Usage Charges	10,325			285	(1,250)	9,360	9,360	5,957	
Interest	1,060			150	20	1,220	1,220	857	
Other Income	320			57	(71)	306	306	289	
Operating Grants & Contributions	160			(64)		96	96	129	
Capital Grants & Contributions	600			1,202	(180)	1,622	1,622	1,270	
Net gain from disposal of assets									
Total Income from Continuing Operations	21,560	-	-	1,285	(1,731)	21,114	-	12,976	
Expenses									
Management Operations & Maintenance:	3,600	50		(240)	511	3,921	3,921	3,039	
Mains	1,445					1,445	1,445	1,055	
Reservoirs	185					185	185	125	
Pumping Stations	3,470			(300)		3,170	3,170	1,689	
Treatment	660					660	660	581	
Other	755					755	755	593	
Less: Plant Dep'n Costed to Operations	(240)			240		-	-	-	
Depreciation	5,075			365		5,440	5,440	4,008	
Miscellaneous Expenses	15					15	15	15	
Net Loss on Disposal of Assets								3	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	14,965	-	50	65	511	15,591	-	11,108	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	-	1,868	
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)									
Net Operating Result from All Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	-	1,868	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	5,995	(50)	18			5,963	5,963	598	

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

Goldenfields Water County Council
Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement
Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016
Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes			Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾									
Employee Leave Entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,287	
Plant Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,194	
Infrastructure Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,090	
Deposits & Retentions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	
Total Internally Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,586	
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restrictive)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,896	
Total Cash & Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,482	

(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose

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Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS					
Capital Expenditure										
New Assets										
- Plant & Equipment	100	-	657	-	757	-		757	642	
- Land & Buildings	530	219	497	-	1,246	-		1,246	952	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	1,720	531	-	-	2,251	-		2,251	383	
Renewal Assets (Replacement)										
- Plant & Equipment	838	-	14	-	852	(10)	1	842	1,007	
- Land & Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	7	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	450	304	249	527	1,530	312	2	1,842	653	
Total Capital Expenditure	3,638	1,054	1,417	527	6,636	302		6,938	3,644	
Capital Funding										
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
Capital Grants & Contributions	-	-	-	462	462	-		462	492	
Reserves:										
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	3,068	1,054	1,417	65	5,604	302		5,906	2,549	
New Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
Receipts from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
- Plant & Equipment	570	-	-	-	570	-		570	603	
- Land & Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
Total Capital Funding	3,638	1,054	1,417	527	6,636	302		6,938	3,644	
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1	Plant & Equipment - Electrical Spares has been reduced by \$30k and Computer Equipment Purchases has been increased by \$20k.
2	A number of capital works programs were postponed to the value of \$230k. These included Bores-Oura Additional/Replacement, Pump Stations - Daylight Pump Replacement, Juglong & Oura Pump Station Investigations, Pump Station Lonsdale Ln Panel & Motor Replacement, and Double Check Valves Mains Replacement Naradhan Monia Gap Rd has been increased by \$25k. Mains Replacement Weethalle Fishers Lane has been increased by \$252k. Reservoir-Barellan Low Level Renewal of Liner \$65k. Pump Station Renewals totalling \$120k. Bore 3A \$80k.

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Investments

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

Cash

The Cash at Bank figure included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$231,705

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 30/03/16

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:		\$ 000's
Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		238
Investments on Hand		37,250
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	(10)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	4
less: Identified Deposits (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	-
add: Identified Outflows (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	-
less: Unidentified Deposits (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	-
add: Unidentified Outflows (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	-
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		37,482
Balance as per Review Statement:		37,482
Difference:		-

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9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 FEBRUARY 2016 / MARCH 2016 (G95507005)

16/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the Works Report for February/March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution and Construction

Pipeline Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
129.	1/2	14:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	Longitudinal Break
130.	2/2	12:00	13:00	Junee, Coolamon Road	100	Longitudinal Break
131.	3/2	8:00	11:00	Kingsvale, Kingsvale Road	375	Joint Failure
132.	4/2	8:00	11:30	Harden, Substation Road	375	Joint Failure
133.	5/2	10:30	15:30	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	Hole
134.	8/2	3:00	21:00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	375	Hole
135.	9/2	11:30	16:30	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	150	Hole
136.	9/2	16:00	21:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Hole
137.	10/2	10:00	17:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	Hole
138.	15/2	11:30	15:00	Binya, Bandys Road	100	Hole
139.	17/2	12:30	16:30	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	Longitudinal Break
140.	18/2	8:30	9:30	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
141.	18/2	9:00	11:00	Eurongilly, Wantiool Road	40	Longitudinal Break
142.	18/2	9:30	11:30	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
143.	19/2	7:00	12:30	Ganmain, Langham Street	100	Longitudinal Break
144.	20/2	10:00	14:00	Temora, Warre Warral Lane	150	Circumferential Break

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
145.	22/2	11:00	20:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	Joint Failure
146.	22/2	12:20	15:00	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	100	Hole
147.	22/2	17:00	7:00	Cootamundra, Rosehill Road	600	Joint Failure
148.	23/2	9:00	11:00	Junee, Gundagai Road	150	Joint Failure
149.	23/2	15:30	18:00	Temora, Crowley Street	100	Circumferential Break
150.	24/2	7:00	9:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	Hole
151.	24/2	17:30	19:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	Longitudinal Break
152.	26/2	5:30	10:30	Coolamon, Cowabbie Street	100	Longitudinal Break
153.	26/2	17:30	22:30	Coolamon, Lewis Street	150	Longitudinal Break
154.	28/2	6:30	11:00	Springdale, Fergusons Road	375	Hole
155.	29/2	6:30	10:00	Coolamon, Bruce Street	100	Circumferential Break
156.	1/3	7:30	12:30	Weethalle, Mid Western Hwy	150	Longitudinal Break
157.	2/3	8:00	12:00	Coolamon, Jacaranda Avenue	100	Circumferential Break
158.	4/3	8:30	13:30	Ungarie, Girral - Lake Cargelligo Road	100	Circumferential Break
159.	4/3	9:30	14:00	Temora, Trungley Hall Road	300	Longitudinal Break
160.	7/3	8:00	10:00	Cootamundra, Dudauman Road	50	Longitudinal Break
161.	7/3	12:00	15:30	Naradhan, Bootoowa Road	80	Hole
162.	7/3	15:30	17:00	Weethalle, Talleeban Road	100	Longitudinal Break
163.	8/3	8:00	9:30	Cootamundra, Lismore Road	80	Longitudinal Break
164.	9/3	7:30	10:00	Coolamon, Doubleday Lane	100	Circumferential Break
165.	9/3	10:30	13:45	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	Longitudinal Break

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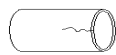
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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
166.	11/3	11:00	14:00	Junee, Olympic Hwy	50	Longitudinal Break
167.	14/3	8:00	12:00	Springdale, Fergusons Road	375	Hole
168.	15/3	9:00	12:00	Matong, Deepwater Road	250	Longitudinal Break
169.	15/3	13:00	14:30	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	100	Longitudinal Break
170.	15/3	17:00	19:00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	50	Longitudinal Break
171.	16/3	12:30	16:30	Wyalong, Gilbert Street	100	Longitudinal Break
172.	16/3	13:00	16:30	Binya, Williams Road	150	Hole
173.	18/3	16:00	19:00	Marrar, Crick Street	100	Longitudinal Break
174.	19/3	12:00	14:00	Junee, Olympic Hwy	80	Longitudinal Break
175.	21/3	11:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	Longitudinal Break
176.	22/3	8:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
177.	23/3	12:30	15:30	Weethalle, Jansens Lane	80	Longitudinal Break
178.	28/3	18:00	21:00	Coolamon, Lewis Street	100	Longitudinal Break
179.	29/3	13:00	15:00	Junee, Stanmore Lane	100	Longitudinal Break
180.	30/3	7:30	14:00	Naradhan, High Street	100	Longitudinal Break
181.	30/3	14:00	16:00	Junee, Harefield Road	80	Longitudinal Break
182.	31/3	11:00	7:00	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	Longitudinal Break



CIRCUMFERENTIAL
BREAK



LONGITUDINAL
BREAK



SPLIT BELL



BELL SHEAR



SPIRAL BREAK



RUPTURE/BLOW-
OUT



HOLE



JOINT FAILURE

Construction and Major Maintenance

- Flushed dead ends Coolamon
- Flushed bore line Matong
- Replaced Taggles and Meter rereads
- Marrarvale Lane pipeline replacement complete
- Bulk Meter replacement commenced
- Bethungra Valve Maintenance
- Marrar Valve Maintenance
- Cleaned outside of Temora East Reservoir (calcium stain)
- Replaced stop valve at Springdale PRV
- Replaced Scour valve at Matong Bore line
- Replaced air valve at Cartwrights Lane
- Replaced stop valve at Junee Rural main
- Read Monthly Bulk Meters
- Flushed dead ends Ganmain
- Repaired major break Jugiong No2 pump station
- Lowered main in James Street Temora
- Cleaned and painted hydrant Brampton Street Temora
- Underbore and cut in at Wyalong Bypass
- Replace stop valve cover Matthews Street Temora
- Disinfected and flushed Mansfield Road Temora
- Disinfected, flushed, micro tested and commissioned Uley Lane Ardlethan
- Pump checks for prevention monitoring and abnormalities
- Servicing of ACV & PRV
- Bird proofing and repairs to reservoir roofs
- Replaced fatigued flex joints
- New vehicle fit out – mounting brackets. Toolboxes, rear bars
- Hard facing wear plates for Trencher
- Fabricate and install access door Barellan pump station
- Repairs to excavator trailer
- Fabricated and installed folding arm for installation of river turbidity monitoring at Jugiong
- Fabricated new chlorinator door for Jugiong Water Treatment Plant
- Fabricated pitched roof pot lid for Laves PRV
- Installed and fabricated hatch for access to overflow at Temora
- Removed Wyalong Pump 2 for servicing
- Pumping fundamental and advanced pump training
- Demondrille no2 pump removed for servicing
- LCV repairs at Illabo
- Removed Talbingo lane pump no1 and motor, serviced, reinstalled and tested
- Repaired Jugiong WTP fluoride pump
- Removed Matong Bore 1 due to fault to earth and sent for assessment
- PRV repairs to Eurolie Rd, Springdale, Laves
- Lathe trials and testing

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

16/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that the report detailing Councils Capital Works Program and amendments as at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2016:

Description	Q3 Review	2015/16 Estimate	Costing to 31/03/2016
Water Mains-Developers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,313
Total New -Water Mains	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ 360,837
Total New System Assets-Reservoirs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Pumping Stations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Treatment	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,170
Total New System Assets-Bores	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Services-Meters	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 85,720
Total New Plant & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New Assets-Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital New Asset Buildings-Temora Workshop	\$ -	\$ 1,353,500	\$ 940,805
Total New Capital	\$ -	\$ 1,843,500	\$ 1,406,845
Total New System Assets-Mandamah Stage 1	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
Total New Capital (incl Mandamah)	\$ -	\$ 3,843,500	\$ 1,406,845
Total Renewals Mains	\$ 277,000	\$ 1,241,300	\$ 427,294
Total Renewals Reservoirs	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 16,995
Total Renewals Pump Stations	\$ 120,000	\$ 261,000	\$ 55,514
Total Renewals Treatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Renewals Bores	\$ 80,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 106,041
Total Renewals Services Meters-Taggles	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 4,610
Total Renewals Plant and Equipment		\$ 106,800	\$ 45,681
Total Renewals-Buildings	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 7,235
Total Capital Renewals	\$ 542,000	\$ 1,854,100	\$ 654,150
Total Plant Purchases	\$ -	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 336,808
Total Plant Sales	\$ -	-\$ 570,000	-\$ 358,830
Grand Total	542,000	6,452,600	2,038,973

The Capital Works area of Council's General Ledger has been reviewed with changes made to reflect New and Renewal Capital Works with standard asset classes. Major projects like the New Temora Workshop and Mandamah will be reported separately.

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Water Main Renewals are a large part of Capital Works. These have had additional job numbers introduced to identify variable travelling and associated costs depending on where in the GWCC supply area the works are being carried out.

This will provide more data to better determine replacement rates per metre for future projects.

Capital Works required by developers has also been separated, as contributions are received for these works. Wyalong Showground Road is also being funded by contributions.

The following table shows Water Mains for 2015/16 in their respective areas with Capital Works adjustments as reported in the Third Quarterly Budget Review Report:

Description	2015/16 Estimate	Costing to 31/03/2016
New System Assets-Mains Developer Paid		
Commissioning-Developer-Provided Mains-South	\$ -	\$ -
Commissioning-Developer-Provided Mains-North	\$ -	\$ 2,260
New Mains Temora Gallopli & James Streets	\$ -	\$ 12,053
New Mains Ariaah Park Cut in & mains Extn	\$ -	\$ -
New Mains West Wyalong Evans Street	\$ -	\$ -
Water Mains-Developers	\$ -	\$ 14,313
New System Assets-Mains		
Total Ardlethan Uley Lane	\$ 349,313	\$ 349,315
Total New -Water Mains	\$ 370,000	\$ 360,837
Capital Renewals-Mains		
Mains Renewal- Cartwrights Hill Ware Warral Ln	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,817
Mains Renewal-Coolamon Maravale Ln	\$ 184,834	\$ 184,834
Restitution-Jugiong Main East of #2	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,588
Mains Renewal Jugiong Rosehill #5	\$ 100,000	\$ 61,431
Total Naradhan Monia Gap	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,125
Total Cootamundra-Temora Road	\$ 60,466	\$ -
Total Weethalle Fishers Lane	\$ 720,000	\$ 131,321
Total Coolamon Wade & Lewis	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Total Ganmain-Loch St	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total Wyalong-Showground Road RMS	\$ -	\$ 45,857
Total Renewals Mains	\$ 1,241,300	\$ 427,294

RECOMMENDATION

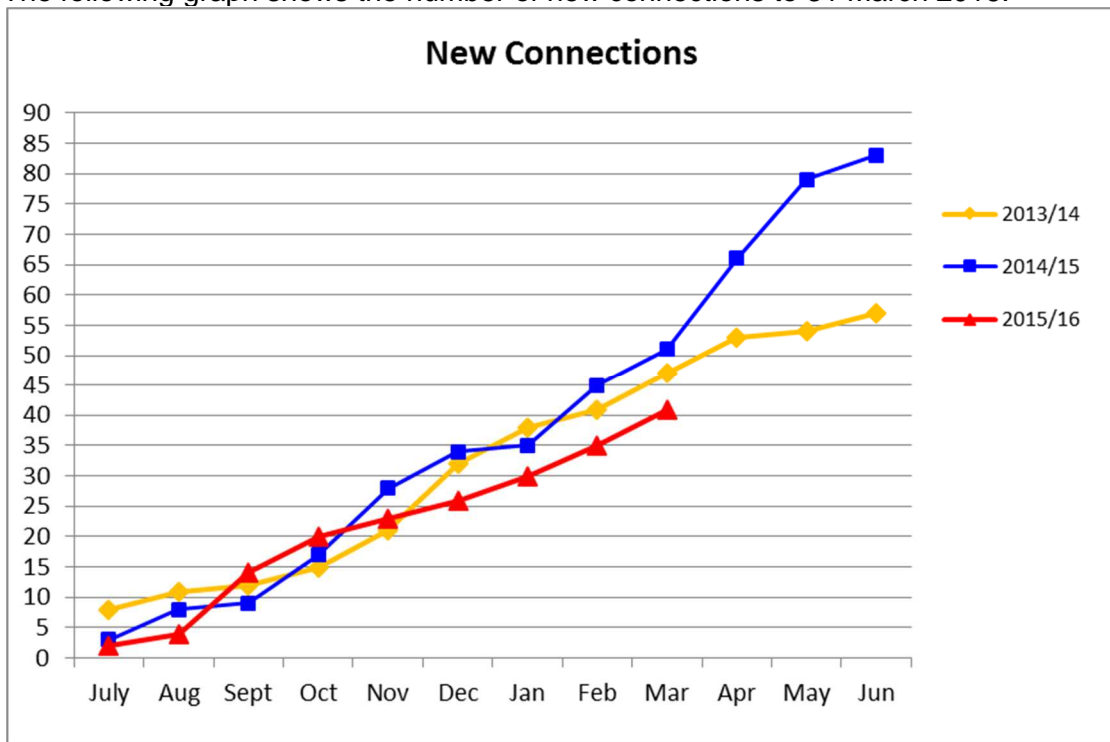
Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

16/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

The following graph shows the number of new connections to 31 March 2016.



There are a further 6 new connection work orders pending. 11 letters of offer are still valid with 2 under investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 SUB-DIVISION AUGMENTATION COSTS (G95151005)

16/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that;

1. For developments requiring water main augmentations, where there is a potential for “dead end” mains within an existing LEP Zone Residential, (including large lot residential) up to \$10,000 will be considered by Council Officers. Augmentation above \$10,000 will be considered by Council on a case by case basis.
2. For a proposed development in Wallace Street , Coolamon between Devlin Street and Millwood Road, that the developer pay \$10,500 augmentation and an additional \$2,000 per lot augmentation with GWCC covering the additional cost to avoid a “dead end” water main.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Recent inquires and an application have highlighted ad-hoc sub-divisions where augmentation is required to service the proposed developments. In some circumstances developers are proposing they only meet minimal costs suggesting their developments be serviced by “dead ended” water mains.

To agree, exposes GWCC to “reduced levels of service”, and/or increased maintenance for the life of the development, or at a later date GWCC would complete the missing link.

GWCC already deals with similar “dead end mains” from the previous practices of our predecessors, and where possible GWCC joins the missing links at its cost to improve levels of service for existing customers.

Should GWCC allow “dead end” water mains for ad-hoc developments, even though water mains exist in cross streets to fully interconnect the water mains knowing that levels of service will be compromised?

The options are:

1. Allow water mains to be constructed to meet the minimum distance required by the Owner/Developer at their cost.
2. Require the Owner/Developer to meet the cost of augmentation with water mains constructed to interconnect with existing water mains.
3. GWCC Subsidise the augmentation cost. (point 2)

It should be noted that no GP Council confirms if sufficient water infrastructure exists prior to development approvals being given. Rather, consent is granted (to the developer) subject to the Council’s conditions being met.

GWCC is not a consent authority under the Planning and Assessment Act. Developers are generally required to obtain a Certificate of Compliance (Certificate) from GWCC prior to the issue of the sub division certificate allowing registration. The Certificate shows if the owner of the land has met GWCC’s conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse Developers meeting the full cost of augmentation where water mains in cross streets exist, to avoid “dead end” water mains being constructed.

9.2.5 SUB-DIVISION AUGMENTATION COSTS RECOVERY (G95151005)

16/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that Council endorse a sub division scheme as described.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Owners and developers meeting the costs of augmentation, often contend they are providing infrastructure that another's in the future may take the advantage of.

Council could consider introducing a scheme whereby, the original provider (Owner/Developer A) of the infrastructure, is compensated for any future users connecting to that infrastructure. A ten year period is considered reasonable.

When a new Owner/Developer B applies at any-time within the first 10 years, a nominal augmentation cost (NAC) will be calculated, being the original water main distance (in metres) times the NSW Office of Water's reference rate for that size water main at that time.

This will be divided by the original connections and the new connections (to the nearest \$100.00). This will be the Additional Developer Charge Contribution (per new connection) payable to GWCC by Owner/Developer B.

Once received in full, Owner/Developer A would receive 90% of that contribution. 10% to be retained by GWCC for administration.

Should subsequent developments occur, then the NAC will be recalculated to include those new proposed lots with a new additional developer charge contribution (per connection). Previous Owner/Developers who also contributed, will also be refunded per their number of connections, less 10% for administration.

This will apply to any sub-division where augmentation exceeds \$10,000 (2016 rate indexed to CPI)

This would cease after 10 years from the date of commissioning or after 50% of the original infrastructure has been recovered by the original Owner/Developer A, whichever occurs first.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

**9.3.1 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES AND MATERIAL POLICY
(G40350505)**

Cr Palmer declared an indirect Pecuniary Interest in this matter.

16/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that Council endorse the Procurement of Goods, Services and Material Policy as presented.'

Report prepared by the General Manager

The Procurement of Goods, Services and Material Policy has been updated. The draft policy is presented below as Attachment 9.3.2 for Councils consideration.

Procedures that facilitate the application of the Policy will incorporate Credit Card, Petty Cash, Tenders and Quotations eliminating the need for these individual policies. The procedures will be implemented and approved by the General Manager.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

Attachment 9.3.1

Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

Policy No. PP001

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

Date Adopted By Board		Resolution No.	
Policy Responsibility	General Manager		
Review Timeframe	2 yearly		
Last Review Date		Next Scheduled Review Date	April 2018

Document History

Doc No.	Date Amended	Summary of Changes

Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	NSW Local Government Act 1993 (in particular section 55), NSW Local Government General Regulation 2005 (in particular section 7) and NSW Local Government Financial Regulation
Related Policies	Code of Conduct
Related Procedures / Protocols, Statements, Documents	Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Procedure

Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

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Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

Policy No. PP001

Policy Title: Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

3 PURPOSE

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

GWCC 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. This policy does not apply to employment contracts or real estate property acquisitions and sales.

5 DEFINITIONS

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.
Quotation:	The process of inviting offers to provide goods, services and materials. Generally not advertised and used for contracts that are not regulated.
Local Supplier:	A supplier of goods, services and materials that can effectively demonstrate that they are operating a business premises within the area of GWCC operation.
Regulated Contract:	A contract that is regulated by Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
Area of GWCC Operation:	Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Narrandera, Temora and Young.

6 PROBITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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

GWCC expects tenderers and suppliers to GWCC to conduct their business with GWCC in an ethical manner. Canvassing of Board Members and Council staff at any stage up to and including the acceptance of Tenders, may disqualify the applicant.

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

7 REGULATED CONTRACTS

Regulated contracts refer to contracts involving either expenditure or income with an estimated total contract value greater than or equal to \$150,000 (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 2005.

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, maintaining and disposal of the goods, services and materials.
- Non-cost factors such as fit for purpose, quality, service and support.

9 LOCAL SUPPLIERS

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

GWCC will:

- Apply a discount of 5% in the price assessment of Council Tenders (for value equal to or greater than \$150,000), if the local supplier receives the same or better evaluation point score for non-price criteria.
- Promote the utilisation of local suppliers across the organisation.

10 REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

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

11 PRESCRIBED AGENCIES

Section 55 of the Act provide GWCC with an exception from the requirement to call tenders for the provision of goods, services and materials for value equal to or greater than \$150,000 where such items are available under contract through agencies prescribed under the act.

Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

Policy No. PP001

12 TENDERING REQUIREMENTS

Tenders are to be called in accordance with Section 55 of The Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulation 2005 and Procedures approved by the General Manager.

13 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 or equal to \$10,000	1 quotation (verbal or written)
\$10,001 to \$50,000	2 written quotations
\$50,001 to \$149,999	3 written quotations
Equal to or greater than \$150,000	Prescribed agency purchase or Tender in accordance with the Act and Regulation

Table 1 - Quotation Threshold

14 PROCEDURES

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

9.3.2 EMPLOYEE OPINION SURVEY (G70650505)

16/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that;

- A. The General Manager undertakes annual Employee Opinion Survey
- B. Employee Opinion Survey to be an ongoing requirement of GWCC Operational Plans
- C. Annual Employee Opinion Survey results to be presented to the Board

Report prepared by General Manager

Employee Opinion Survey is an anonymous questionnaire that captures employee feedback on issues critical to an organisation's success. It provides staff with an opportunity to have their say independently and anonymously on key employee concerns that exist within the organisation.

It provides an action plan for improving employee satisfaction, engagement and building a high-performance culture. Annual surveys will allow GWCC to measure and benchmark workplace satisfaction variables over time.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 GWCC500 UPDATE (G30608005)

16/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the GWCC500 Update report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Technology

Purposes:

- Environmental offsets for damage done whilst laying pipelines.
- May establish linkages between environmental 'islands' in the landscape
- Educational outreach to schools in the GWCC footprint
- Improved amenity in some areas
- Through Riverina LLS, funding of landholder schemes for rehabilitation and protection
- Possible protection of soils and may help control salinity and water table levels.
- Favourable publicity for GWCC

An effective environmental corridor needs to be at least 100 m wide, more for some species, meaning we would need at least 50,000,000 m² or 5,000 Ha of land for the GWCC500 project – so far we have 881 Ha through the LLS Landholder Scheme, about 49 Ha of which had been planted for revegetation at the end of last year. This year's LLS programme (finalised 30/3) should add roughly 167 Ha for a total of about 1,048 Ha acquired.

There are 28 schools currently involved:

- 5 in Coolamon
- 4 in each of Bland, Harden, Junee and Young,
- 3 in Temora, and
- 2 in Cootamundra and Narrandera

Nineteen of these schools have received a workshop (either at the new workshop site or at their own school) and the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre has been appointed to deliver workshops to the remaining schools, including 'zoomobile' visits , and has also started a Facebook page.

The next step is to finalise plot sites with local councils and LLS, and do the preparatory works (deep ripping, weed control). The schools can then start planting seedlings and caring for them on the designated plots, as well as placing and observing bat and bird boxes.

The stage 1 (of 3) report for the NSW Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Grant (2013/SL/0025) was accepted and the second disbursement of \$32,564 approved.

The report for the LLS Community Partnership funding was submitted and another extension arranged to allow completion of the work involved.

The stage 1 (of 2) report for the NSW Trust Environmental Education Grant (2014/EG/0021) has been submitted and we are awaiting approval and the next disbursement of funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS (G45055005)

16/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that this matter be deferred and considered at a future workshop once additional information regarding amalgamations and boundary adjustments is available.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Minister for Local Government will shortly receive comments regarding the various merger proposals within NSW; several of these proposals affect constituent Councils of Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC). Any merger of constituent Councils will facilitate the need for the GWCC proclamation to be amended.

It would be prudent for the Board to write to the Minister of Local Government outlining the Boards perspective on GWCC proclamation amendments. Amendments may include:

- The area of operation of GWCC
- Board Member representation
- Removal of transitional type provisions

RECOMMENDATION

The Board consider possible amendments to the GWCC Proclamation and authorise the General Manager and Chairperson to write to the Minister requesting the desired amendments.

9.3.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016 (G40151005)

16/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council approve the General Manager, the Chairman and two other Board members (to be determined closer to the event) to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference 2016.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held at Wollongong from Sunday 16 October to Tuesday 18 October 2016.

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

In past years the General Manager and a member/s of the board have attended this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Nominate Board attendees for the 2016 LGNSW Annual Conference
2. Approve the attendance of General Manager.

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**9.3.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2016
(G40151005)**

16/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council approve the General Manager. 2 Board Members and 1 senior staff member (to be determined closer to the event) to attend the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2016.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference will be held at Broken Hill on Sunday 28 August 2016 to Tuesday 30 August 2016.

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

In past years the General Manager and a member/s of the board have attended this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Nominate Board attendees for the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference
2. Approve the attendance of General Manager
3. Authorise the General Manager to select staff representatives to attend.

9.3.7 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 June 2016 at 1.00PM.

9.3.8 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016-2017 (G05601005)

16/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Templeton that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2016-2017 (Parts 1 and 2) to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

Legislative requirements for Integrated Planning and Reporting require the Operational Plan to be updated annually and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2016-2017 Operational Plan – Part 1 and 2 incorporating the 2016/2017 budget are now presented in draft for Council's consideration prior to being placed on public exhibition.

The 2016-2017 Operational Plan estimates an operating result of \$3.1M before capital expenses.

Tabled Items: Draft Operational Plan (Parts 1 and 2)

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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**9.3.9 INQUIRY INTO WATER AUGMENTATION FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW
(G05050512)**

16/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the information be received and noted.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

The NSW Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 is currently conducting an inquiry into water augmentation in rural and regional New South Wales.

REPORT

The NSW Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 has invited Goldenfields Water County Council to make a submission to the inquiry. The closing date for submissions is 14 August 2016.

The inquiry will take place over 18 months, with the committee intending to hold public hearings across rural and regional New South Wales, following the closing date of submissions.

The terms of reference have been referred to the Water Directorate and REROC.

Tabled Items: General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 Terms of Reference

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

Inquiry into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional
New South Wales

1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on the performance or effectiveness of the NSW government agencies that are responsible for the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales, and in particular:
 - a) investigate the requirement for a water equation (demand and supply out to the middle of this century) for rural and regional New South Wales
 - b) examine the suitability of existing New South Wales water storages and any future schemes for augmentation of water supply for New South Wales, including the potential for aquifer recharge
 - c) review the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the June 2013 report by the Standing Committee on State Development on the adequacy of water storages in New South Wales
 - d) examine the 50 year flood history in New South Wales, particularly in northern coastal New South Wales, including the financial and human cost
 - e) examine technologies available to mitigate flood damage, including diversion systems, and the scope of infrastructure needed to support water augmentation, by diversion, for rural and regional New South Wales
 - f) examine social, economic and environmental aspects of water management practices in New South Wales and international jurisdictions, including the following case studies:
 - i. Broken Hill town water supply/Menindee Lakes system
 - ii. South Western NSW water management practices
 - iii. North Western NSW water management practices
 - g) the efficiency and sustainability of environmental water being managed by different State and Federal Government departments and agencies
 - h) the management, appropriateness, efficiency and reporting of:
 - i. inter-valley transfers

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- ii. conveyance and loss water
 - iii. carryover
 - iv. the management and reporting of the water market, and
 - i) any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by 27 October 2017.

Committee membership

The Hon Robert Brown MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Rick Colless MLC	The Nationals	
Mr Scot MacDonald MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Gregory Pearce MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party	

9.3.10 ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE (G70157005)

16/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that Council adopt the revised structure.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

On 12 April 2016, Council resolved to adopt a new organisational structure under General Manager Report – 7.1 Organisational Structure Change. The Council resolved that the General Manager to refer the Organisational Structure to Council's Consultative Committee and relevant Unions.

REPORT

The formal consultation period with staff has concluded, during the consultation period the proposed structure was referred to the consultative committee and the United Services Union. A number of meetings have also been held with all staff to discuss the proposed changes and to allow the General Manager to address any questions from staff.

At the conclusion of the consultation period no comments were received regarding structural changes to the proposed structure, a small number of comments have been received associated with titles of several roles, these have been reflected in attachment A. In general the structure has been widely accepted by staff, the majority of the questions were focused on the recruitment process of the vacant positions and the process for establishing the Construction and Support Team. These questions have been addressed formally through the consultative committee and also through the various staff meetings.

Tabled Items: Attachment A; Revised Structure

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Templeton enquired if the water refill stations were still going ahead for constituent councils. The General Manager advised that they will be going ahead.

Cr Clinton enquired who will be responsible for maintenance of the water refill stations. The General Manager advised that the respective shires will be responsible for maintenance.

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11. CLOSED SESSION – 3.15PM

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

16/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council meet in Closed Session.

11.1 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT (G25500505)

16/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Palmer that the Electricity Contract Report be received and noted.

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:*
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*
 - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or*
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret*

Report prepared by Manager Technology

A report was presented at the February Council Meeting regarding investigation into Goldenfields' electricity contract. Local Government Procurement had offered Goldenfields inclusion in their 2016/17 electricity tender.

After consideration of the LGP likely prices and Origin Energy likely prices it was determined that Origin Energy was the best value option.

An additional one year extension with Origin for the 2016/17 financial year has been accepted and signed.

OPEN SESSION – 3.20PM

16/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council, the Meeting was closed at 3.20pm.
