

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at  
TEMORA OFFICE on 11 April 2024**

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The meeting commenced at 10:02am

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

Nil

**3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

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

**4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS**

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

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

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

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

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

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**12. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**14. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

Nil

**15. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**15.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**

**15.1.1. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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Priority 1 High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

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**REPORT**

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**Cash and Investment Portfolio**

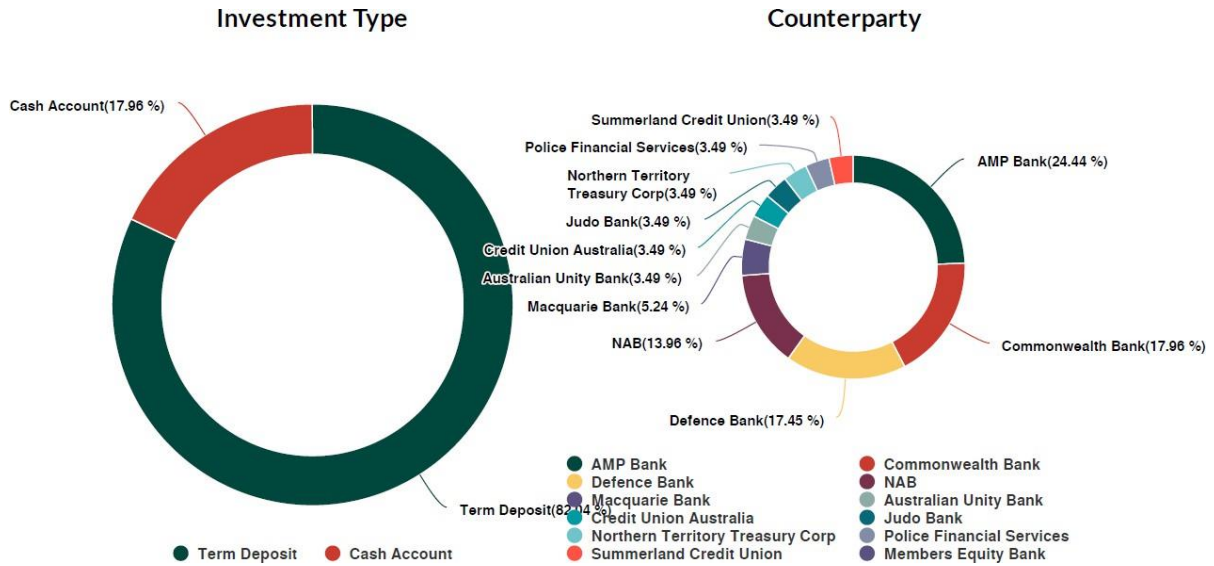
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CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	At Call Account		1/03/2024	1	4.35%	4.35%	\$3,777,905.71
CASH	AA-	A-1+	Commonwealth Bank	Cash Account		1/03/2024	1	1.00%	1.00%	\$1,367,779.40
<b>TOTAL:</b>										<b>\$28,645,685</b>

**Cash and Investment Portfolio**

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

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**Portfolio Performance**

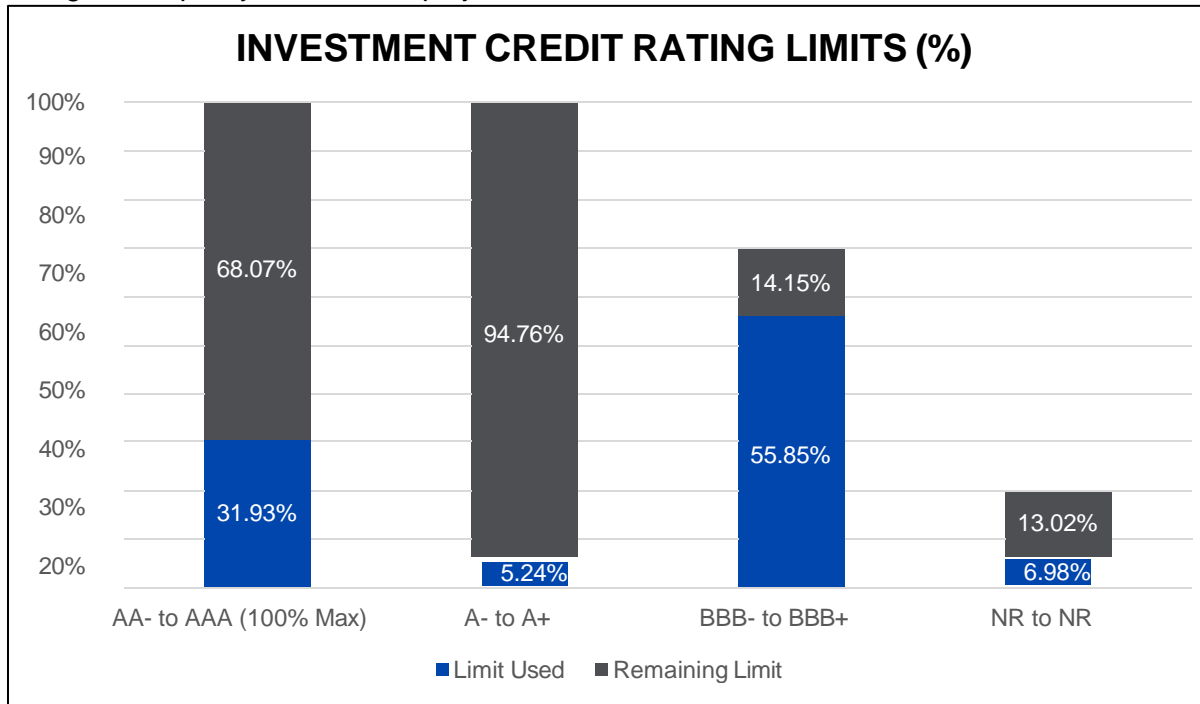
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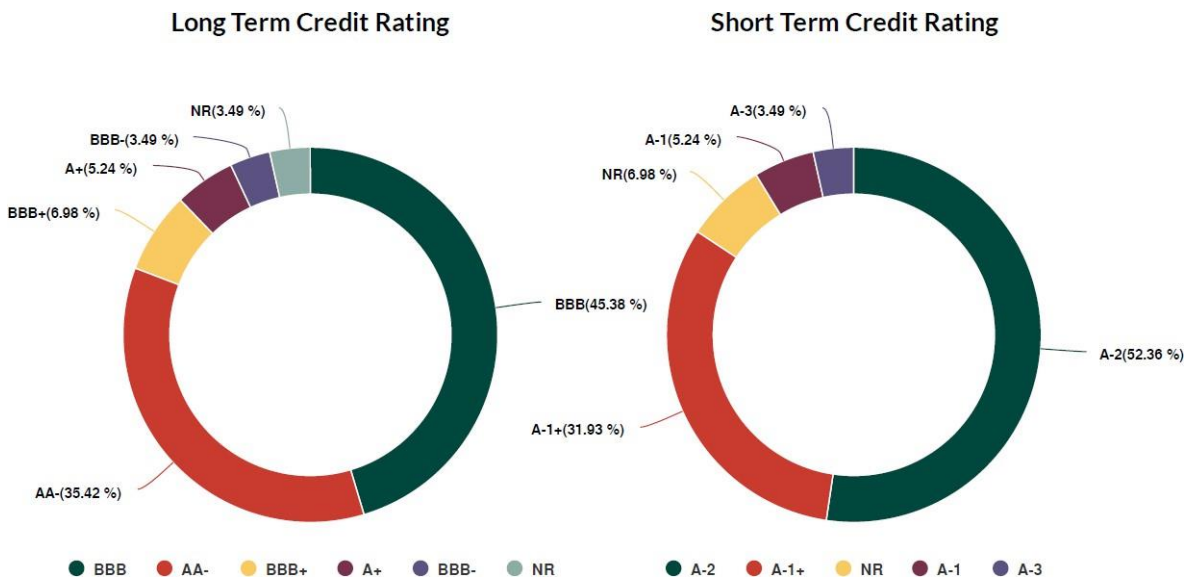
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Yearly Interest Received</b>	<b>Weighted Average Term</b>
<b>\$28,645,685.11</b>	<b>\$753,877.27</b>	<b>198 Days</b>
<b>Total Portfolio Value</b>	<b>Monthly Interest Received</b>	<b>Weighted Average Yield</b>
<b>\$29,132,860.92</b>	<b>\$396,774.53</b>	<b>4.72%</b>

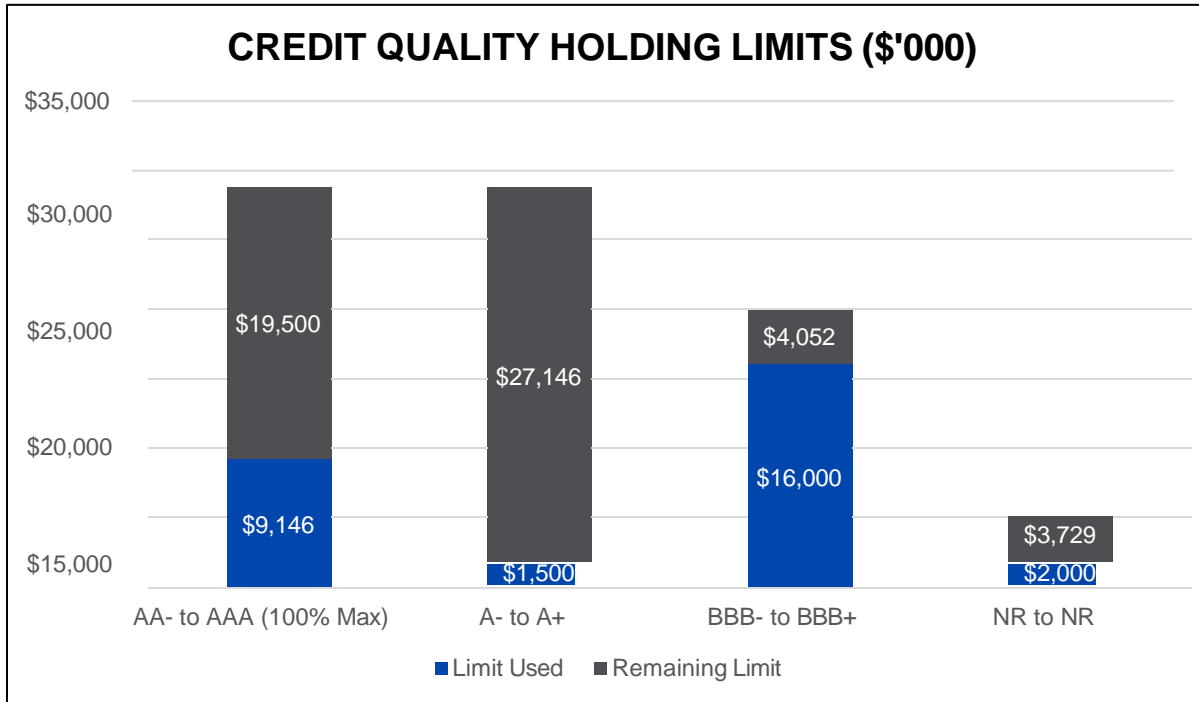
**Credit Quality Compliance**

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



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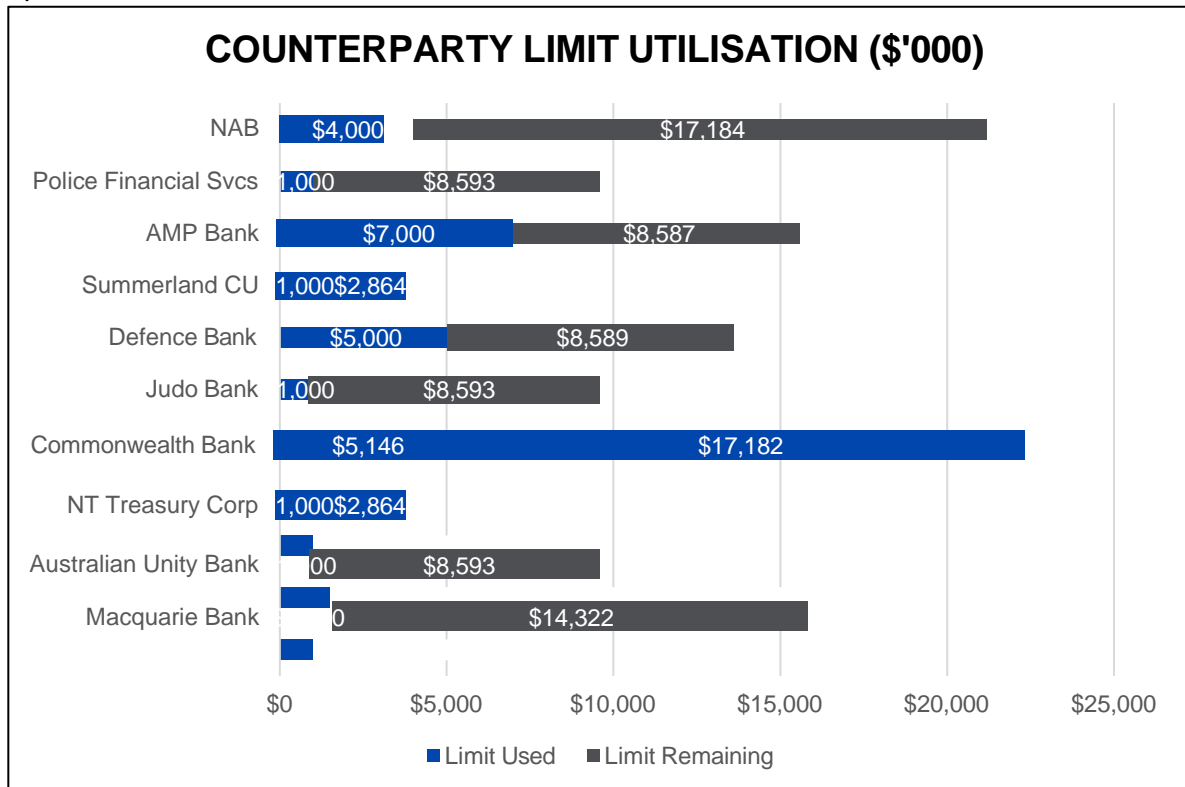


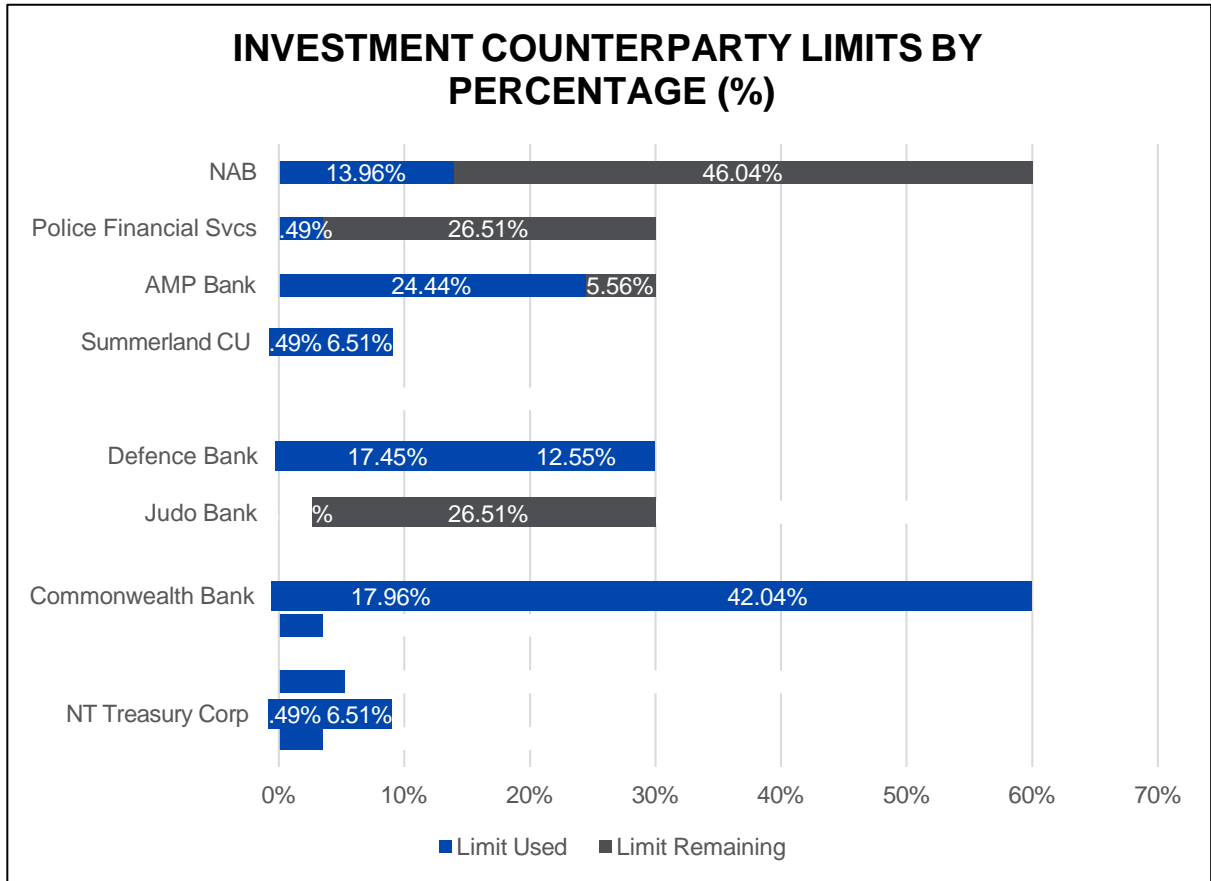


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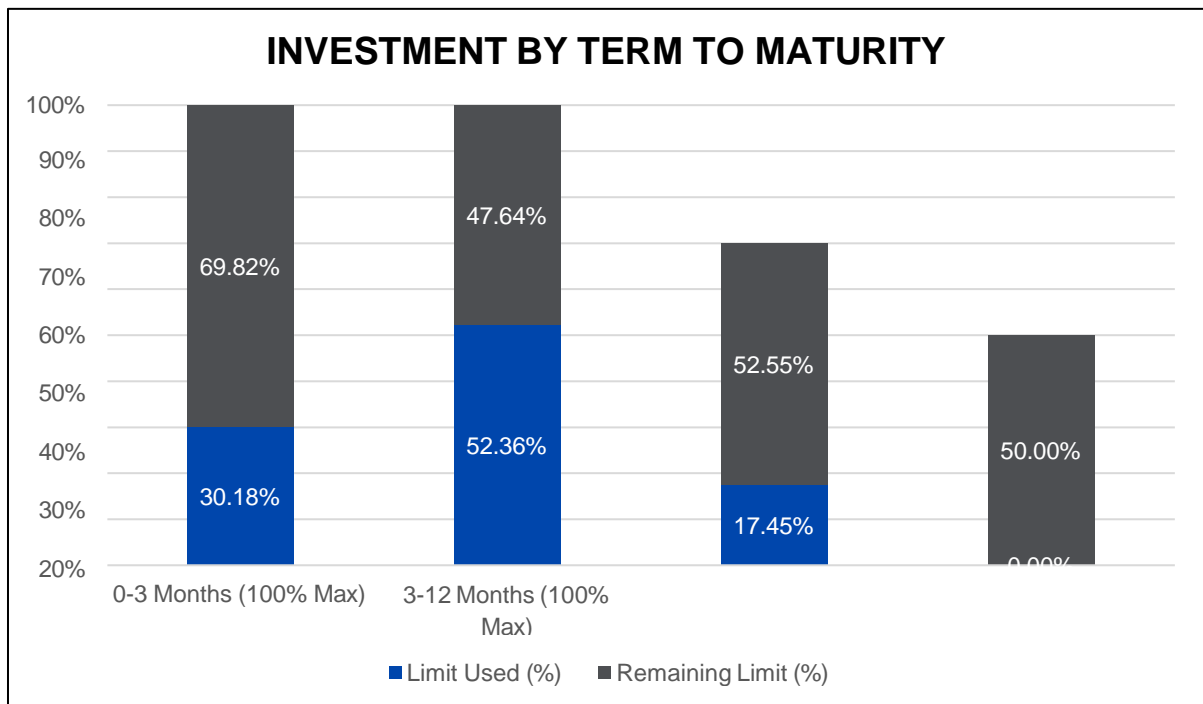
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**Term to Maturity**

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**Application of Investment Funds**

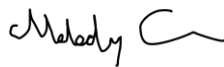
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Section 64 Developer Contribution Reserve	\$5,000,000
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	\$18,281,355
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$28,645,685

**Declaration**

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

Signed



Corporate Services Manager

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**15.1.2. COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS – MARCH 2024**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**



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**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**REPORT**

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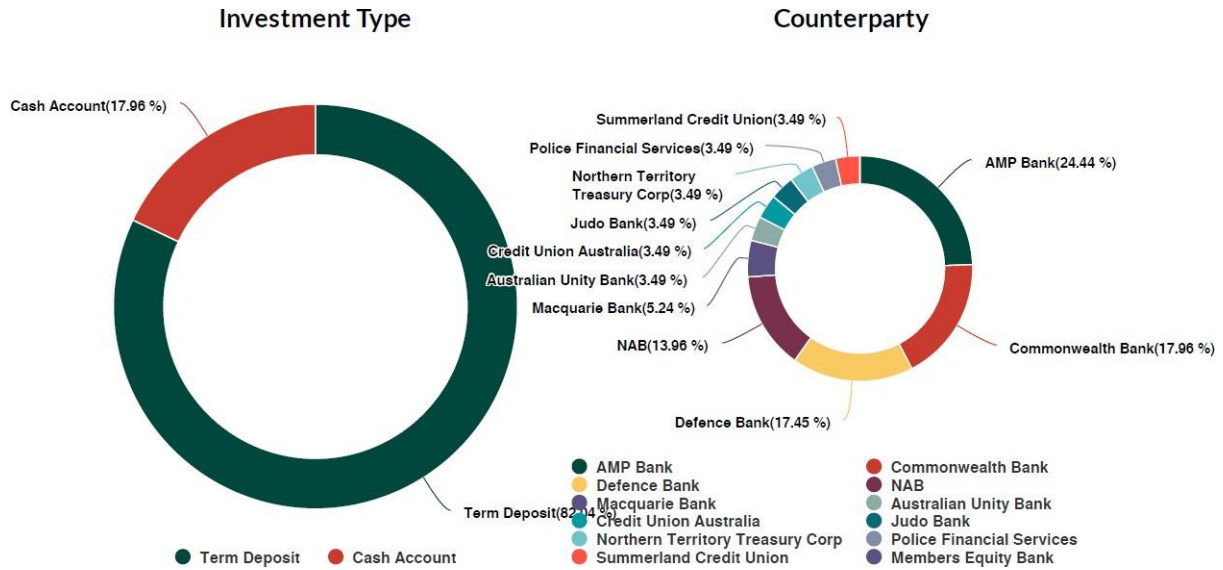
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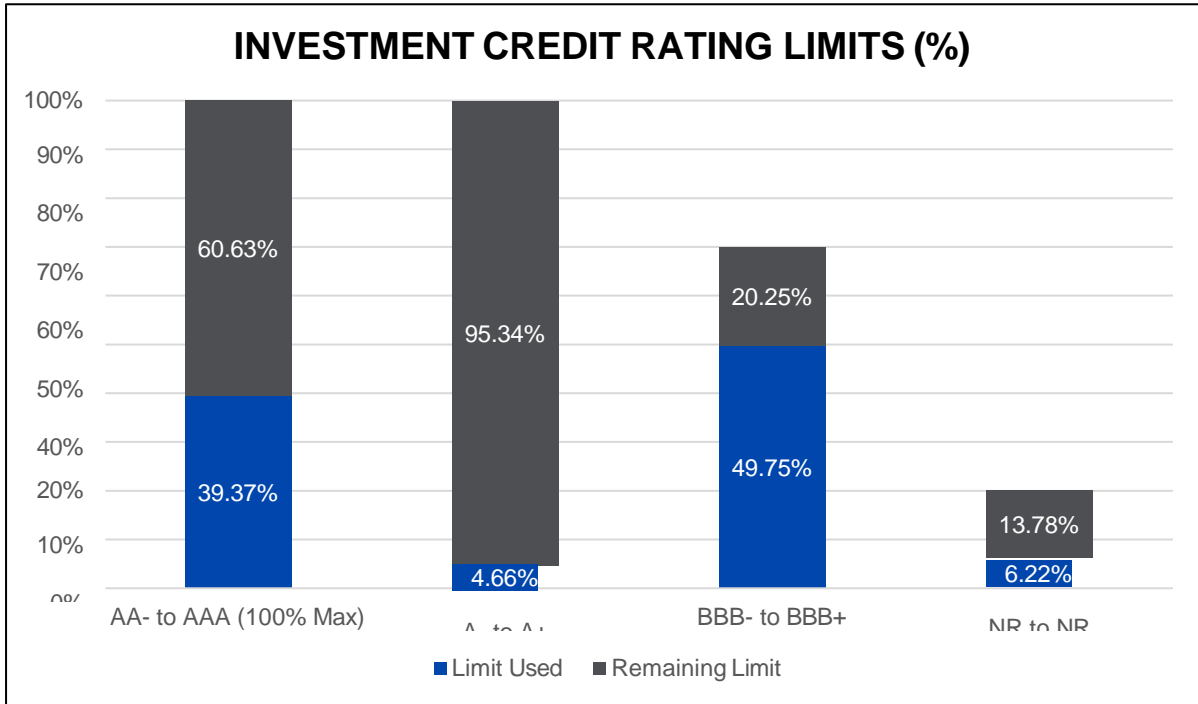
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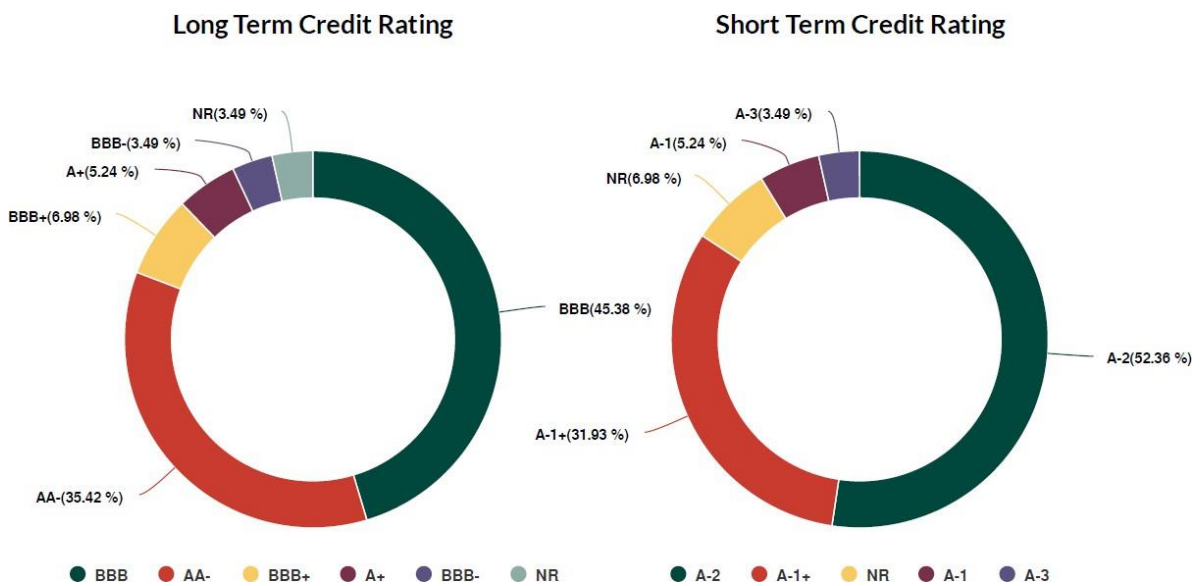
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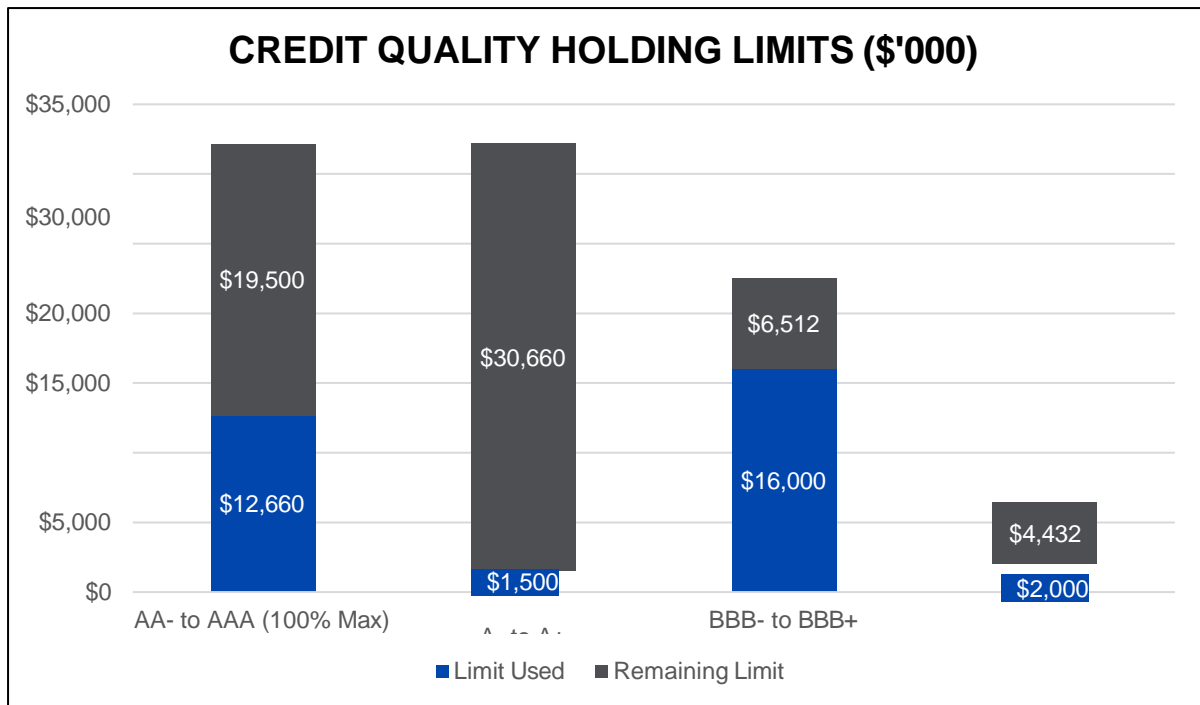
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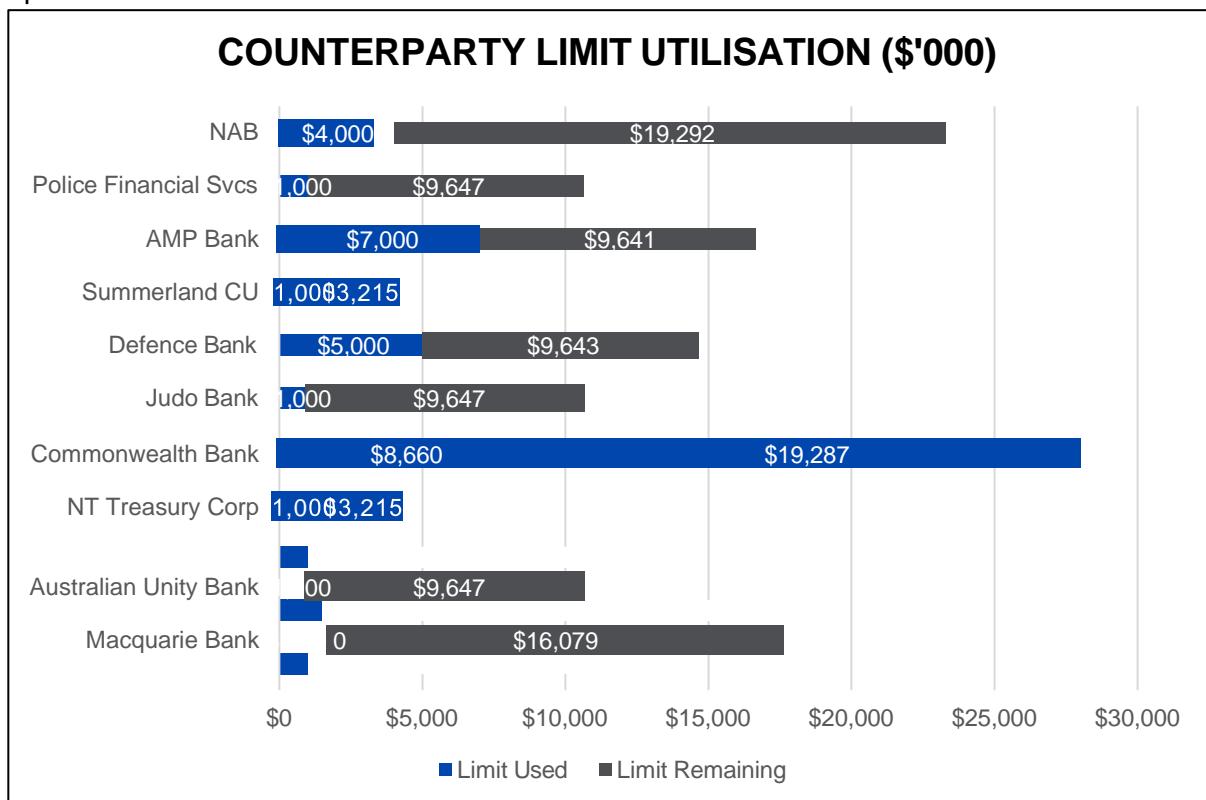


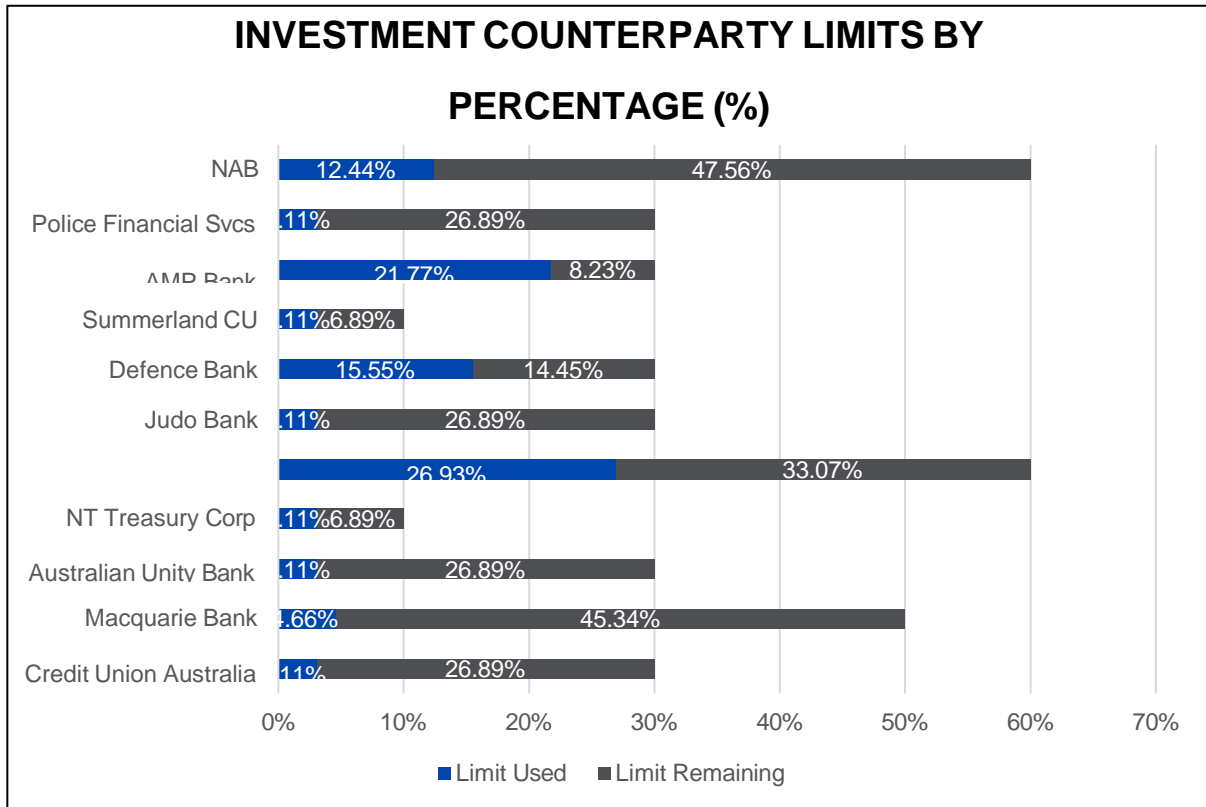


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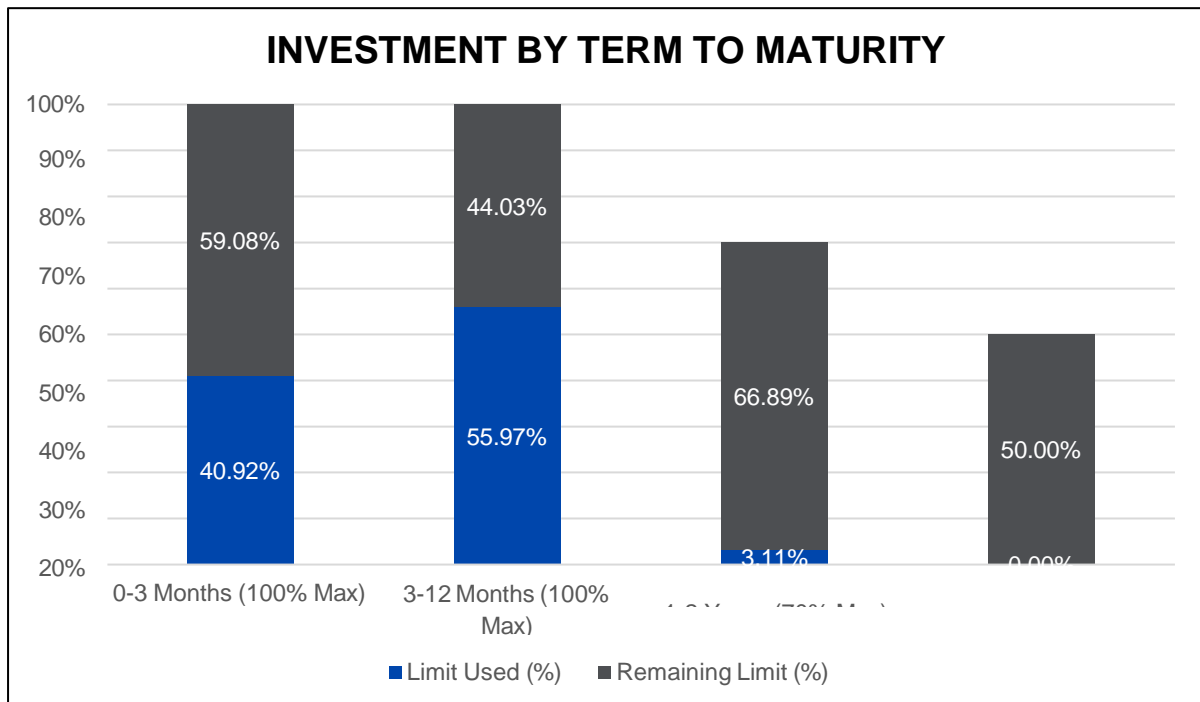
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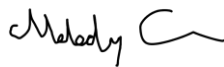
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<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$21,796,148</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,160,478</b>

**Declaration**

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**15.1.3. PROGRESS REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

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

**REPORT**

The Capital Works financial report provides a "snapshot" of Council's Capital Works Program on 31 March 2024. Capital Works expenditure is reviewed on a weekly basis and discussed with relevant managers and by the Management team.

The Capital Works Report **Attachment A** includes the proposed budget variations listed in Attachment B in the column "Proposed QBR Mar 2024" and are included in the Quarterly Budget Review December Report submitted for your approval.

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

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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

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

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

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**15.1.4. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2024**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

**BACKGROUND**

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is presented to Council in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2022, for the purpose of periodically reviewing and revising estimates of income and expenditure.

**REPORT**

The Quarterly Review of Council's Budget for the period ended 31 March 2024 is submitted for examination and adoption by Council.

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

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

Proposed March 2024 quarterly review adjustments:

**Operational Additional Income**

- Nil

**Operational Additional Expenditure**

**\$'000**

- Nil

**Capital Revenue**

- Nil

**Capital Expenditure**

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

Total Capital Works Expenditure increase	2,183
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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Quarterly Budget Review 31 March 2024

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil



### 15.1.5. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

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

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

#### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

#### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

#### BACKGROUND

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

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

#### REPORT

The Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met on 29 February 2024. Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Minutes of ARIC Meeting 29 February 2024.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

### 15.2. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY OPERATIONS MANAGER

#### 15.2.1. THANOWRING RD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - UPDATE

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

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

Report prepared by Operations Manager

#### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

## **BACKGROUND**

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

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

## **REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attached are photos depicting different stages of construction.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil





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## **15.2.2. URBAN CONSTRUCTION CREW UPDATE**

### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by Operations Manager**

### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2      Customer Services Focus

### **REPORT**

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

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

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

Projected and planned projects include:

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

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

### 15.2.3. WATER MAINS FLUSHING

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

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

Report prepared by Operations Manager

#### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2      Customer Services Focus

#### BACKGROUND

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

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

#### REPORT

##### Coolamon Township

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

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

Ganmain Township

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

Junee Township

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

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Councils financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil

**15.2.4. OPERATIONS MANAGER – FINAL WORKDAY**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by Operations Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure and Efficient Water Supplies

**REPORT**

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

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLES ITEMS:** Nil



### 15.3. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

#### 15.3.1. WATER PRODUCTION REPORT

##### BOARD RESOLUTION

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

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

##### COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Water Production Report be received and noted.

##### ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 3      A Healthy Natural Environment

##### BACKGROUND

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

Goldenfields Waters' supply system consists of five separate water schemes, Jugiong, Oura, Mt Arthur, Mt Daylight and Hylands Bridge. Goldenfields Water carries out water supply functions within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Hilltops, Junee, Temora, and parts of Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

Hilltops Shire Council, Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and Riverina Water County Council are retailers, who purchase bulk water from Goldenfields and supply the water to retail customers in their respective local government areas.

##### REPORT

###### Jugiong drinking Water Scheme

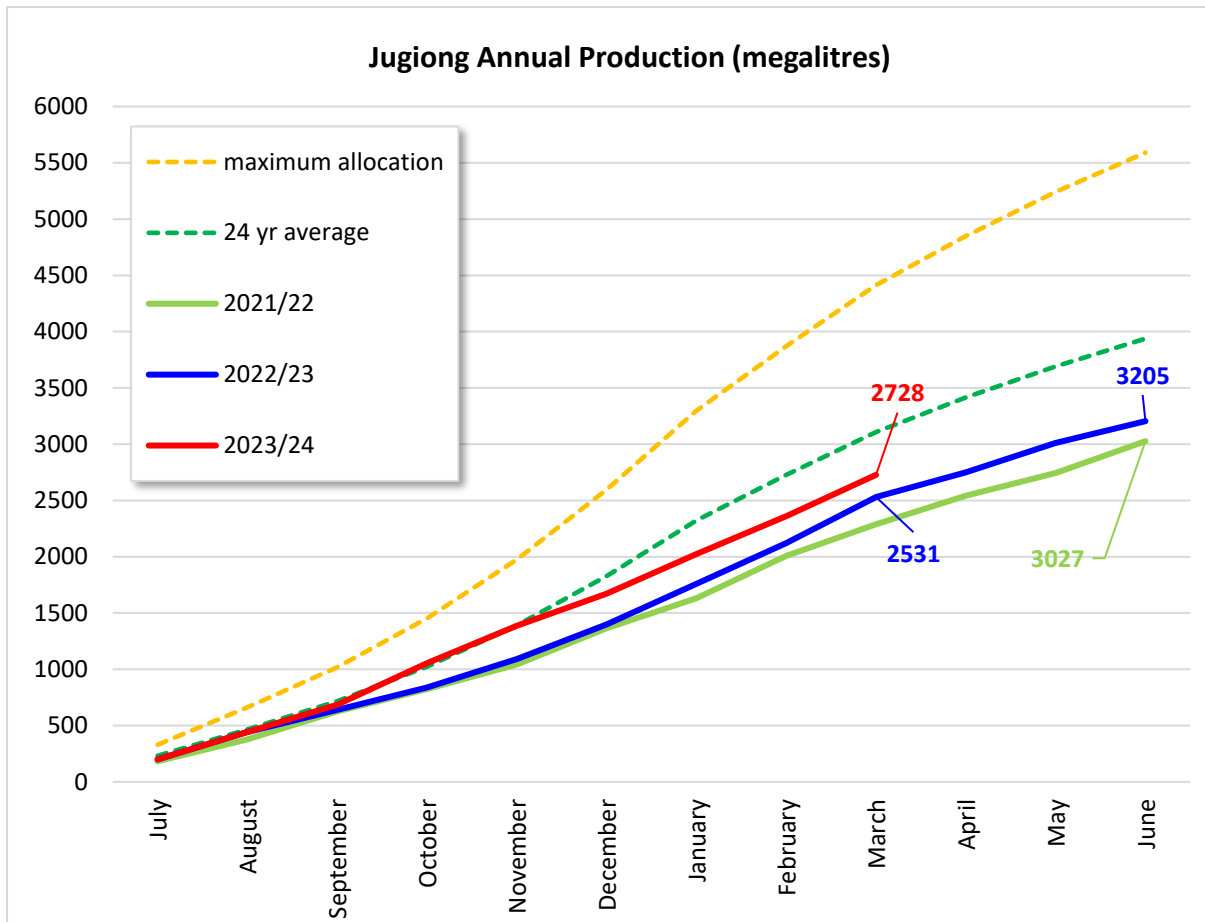
The Jugiong drinking water scheme sources water from the Murrumbidgee River and has an extraction licence entitlement of 5590ML per annum. Water from the Murrumbidgee River is treated through a 40ML/day, conventional Water Treatment Plant that consists of: Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification, Filtration,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

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

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

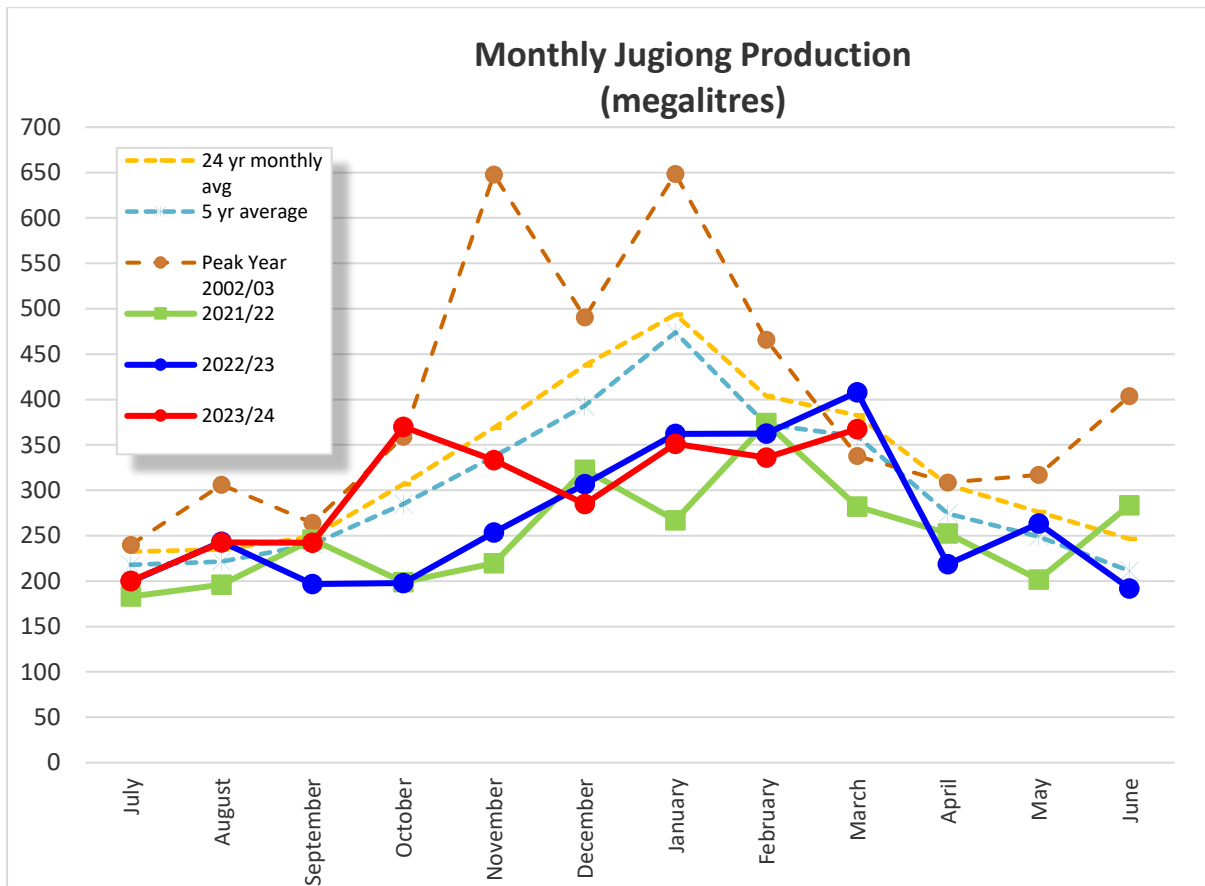
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For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year, 2728ML of water had been extracted from the Murrumbidgee River and processed at the Jugiong Water Treatment plant. This is slightly higher than for the 2022/23 FY where 2531ML was extracted. An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



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



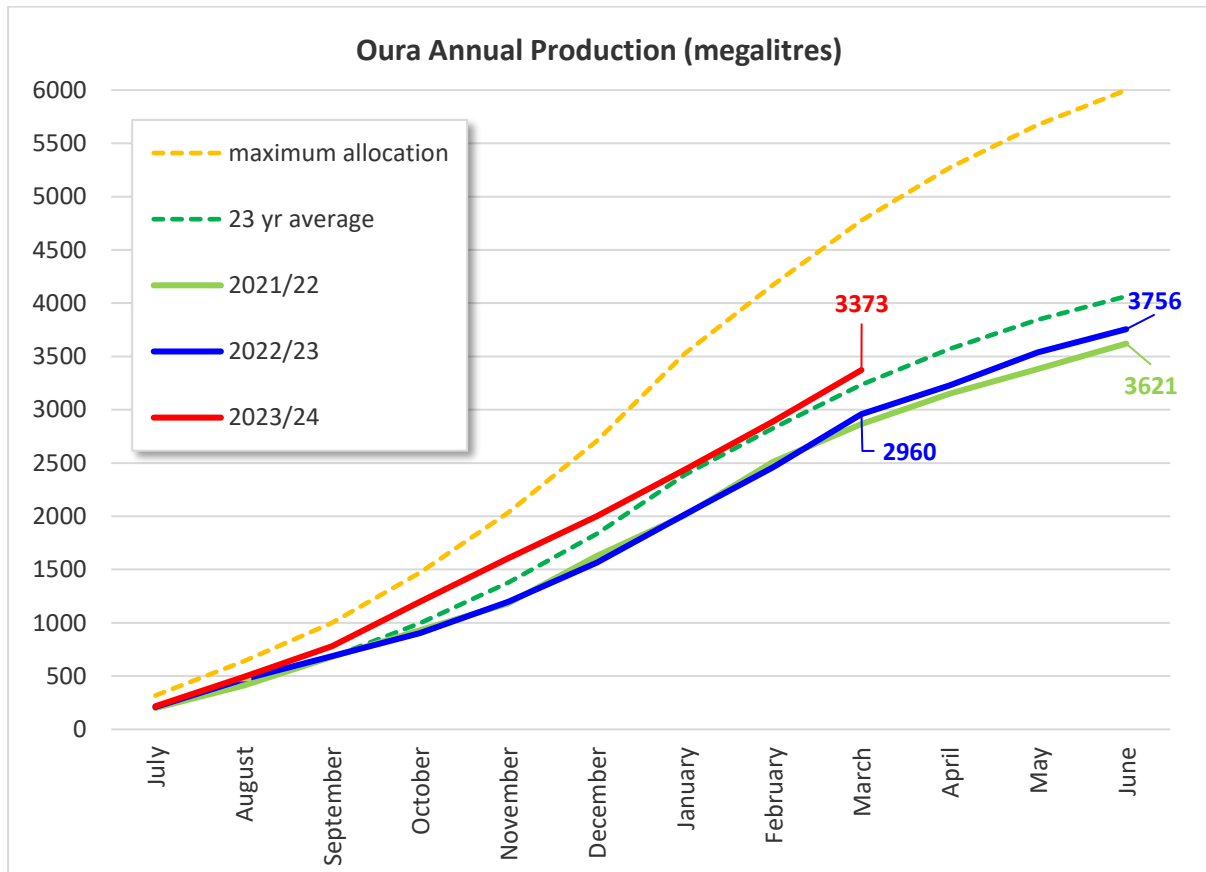
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**Oura Drinking Water Scheme**

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

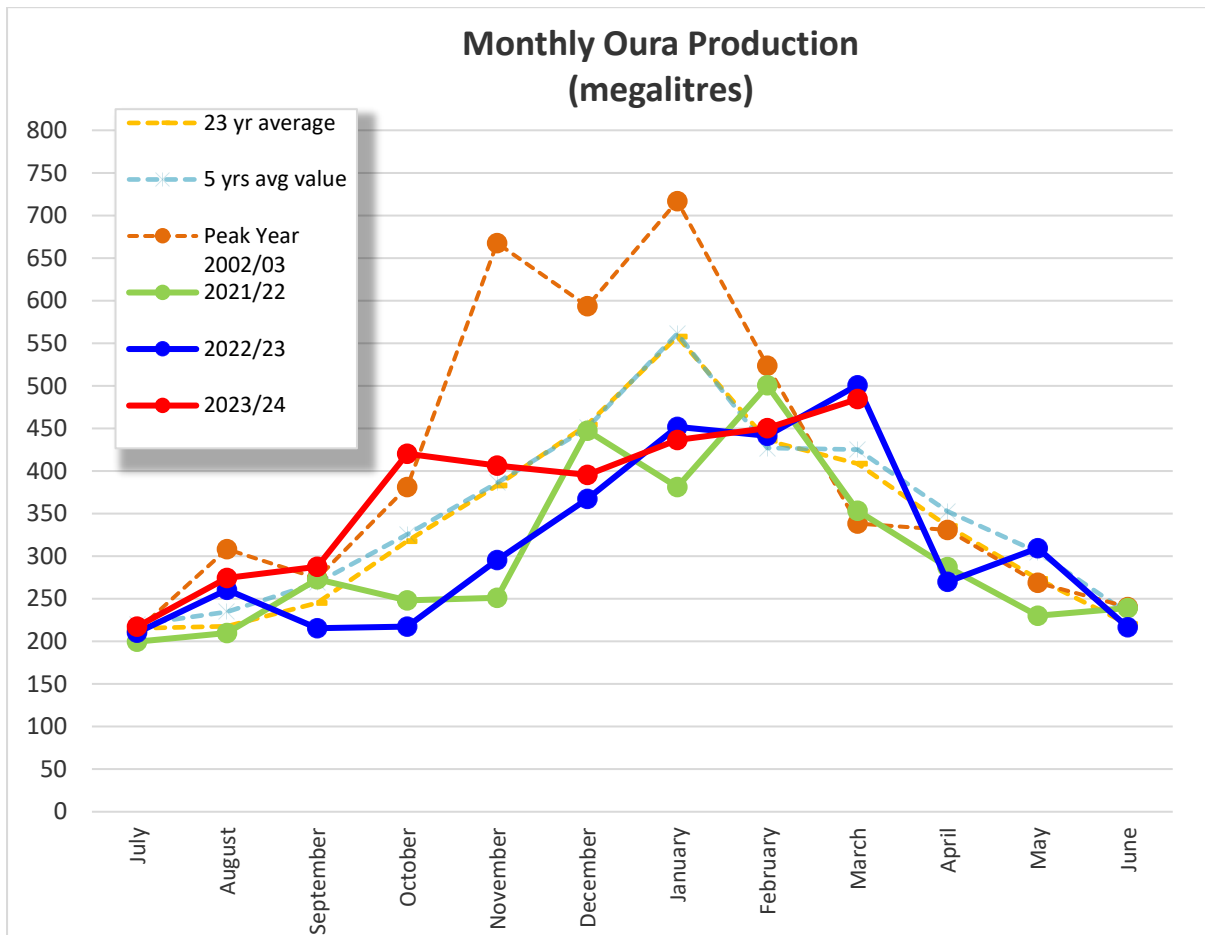
The Oura scheme has 33 sets of reservoirs, and 19 pumping stations, produces drinking water for approximately 14,600 people in the Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Narrandera and Temora Shires. The Oura scheme can also supply water to the Northern side of the rural area of Wagga Wagga City when required.

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



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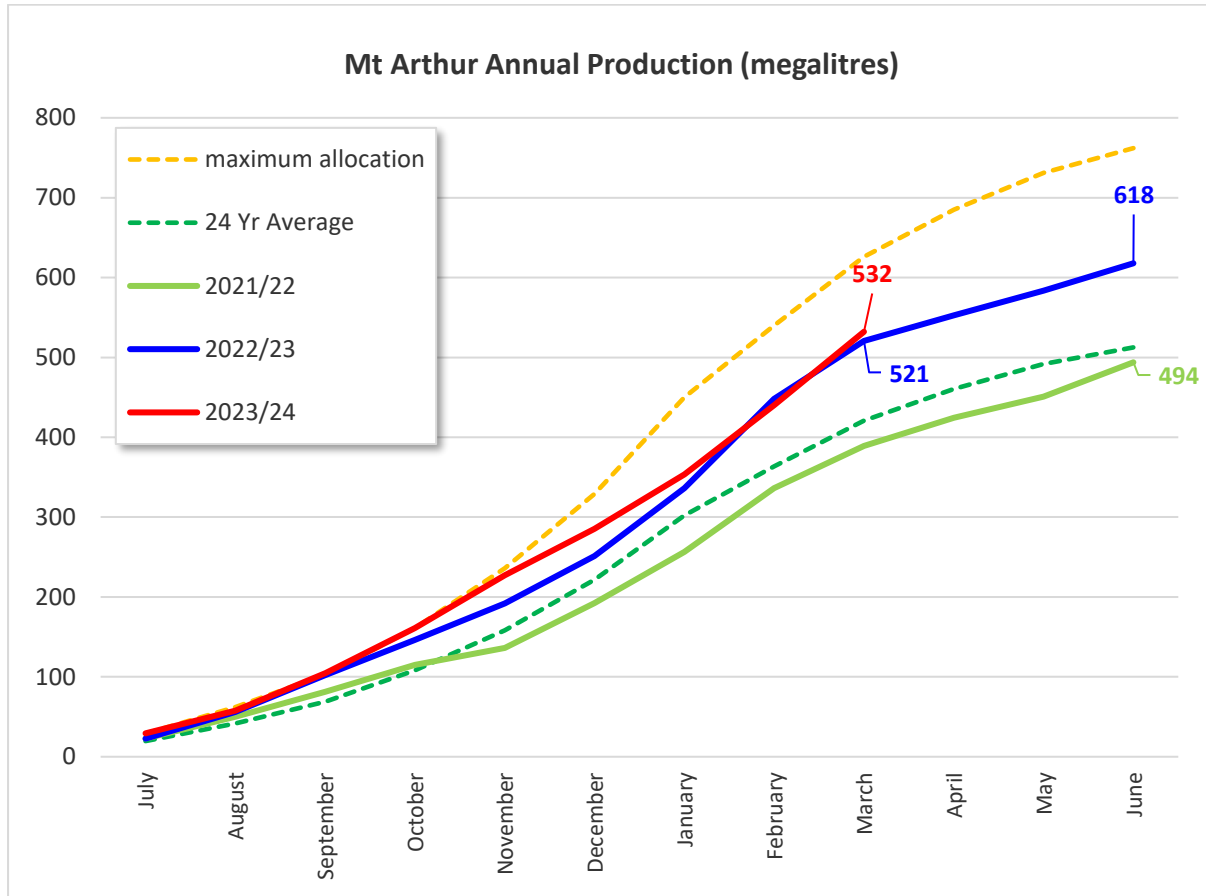
Oura monthly water production has started slightly higher in July where 217ML was extracted from the Oura bores. August saw an increase in production where 274ML was extracted, a further increase in production for September saw 287ML extracted. As with Jugiong a warm dry period saw a further increase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



### Mount Arthur Drinking Water Scheme

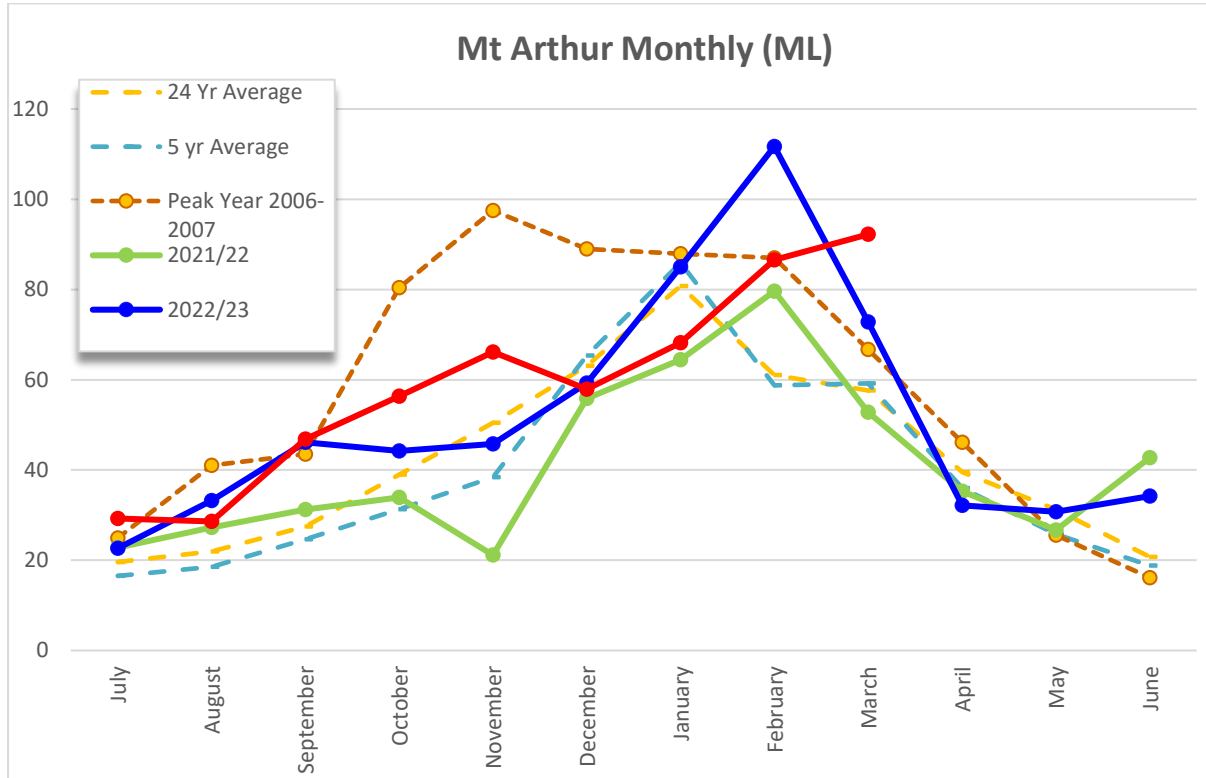
The Mount Arthur Water Source is from the Lachlan Fold belt Aquifer System. The water is extracted via two bores, bores 1 and 2 located in the Wagga Wagga City Council area South of Matong. The water is disinfected before distribution through 9 sets of reservoirs supplying approximately 2400 people with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

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



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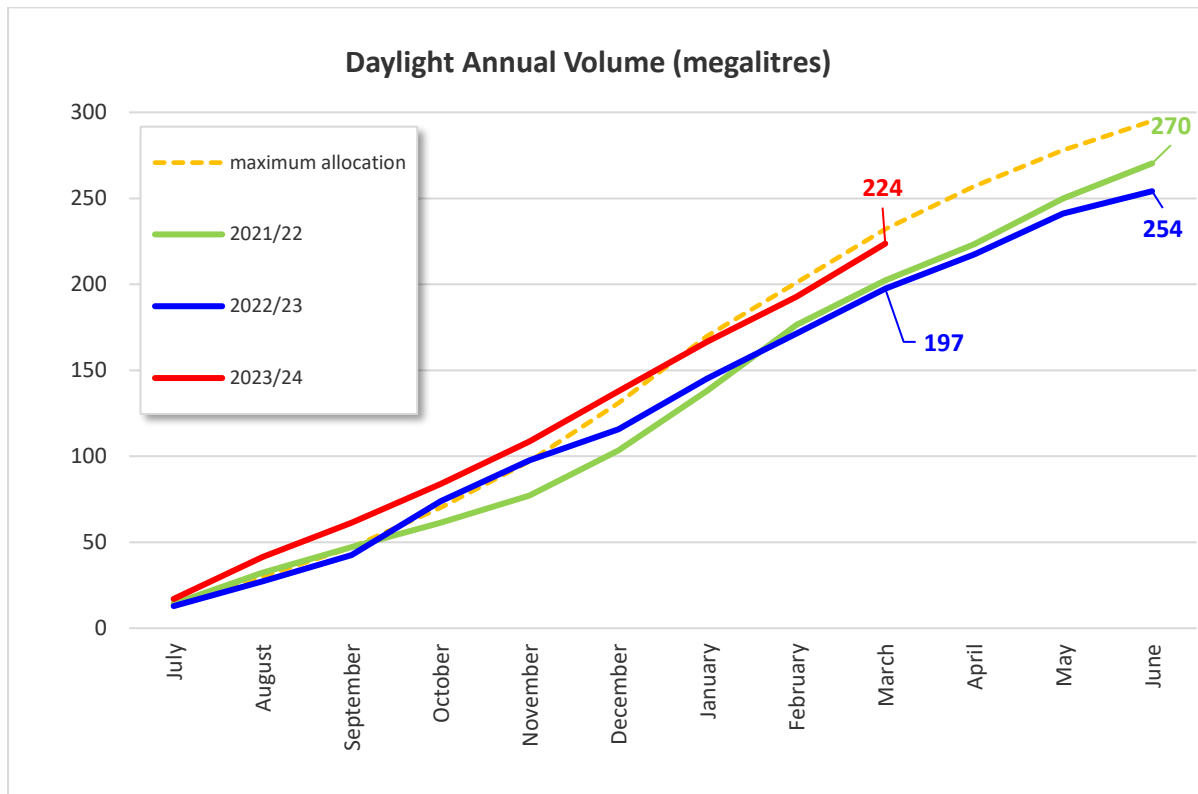
Mt Arthur monthly water production started slightly higher to previous years with 29ML of water extracted from the bores in July. August saw a slight decrease to 28ML extracted and September a further increase to 47ML extracted. Production for the period of September through to November has been steadily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



### Mount Daylight Drinking Water Scheme

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

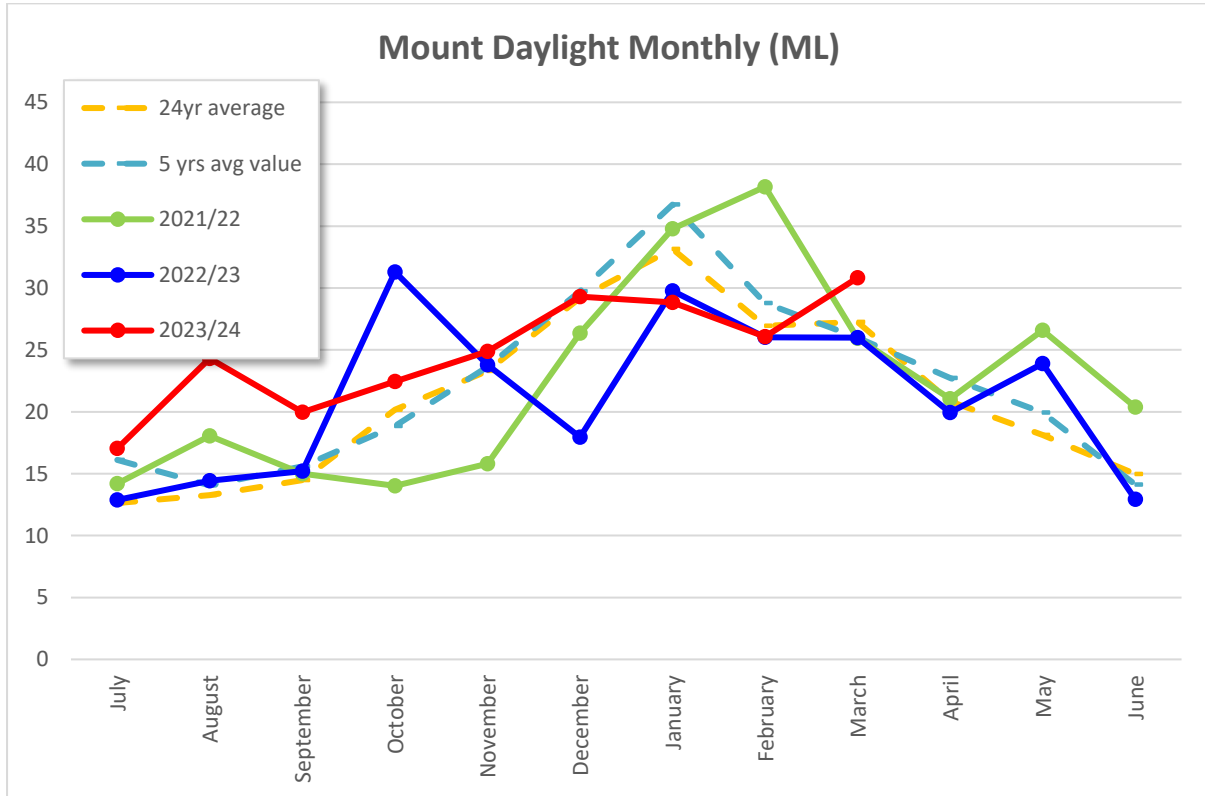
For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year 224ML of water has been extracted from the Mt Daylight Borefield. This is an increase in volume of 27ML compared to the 2022/23 FY where 197ML was produced over the same period.





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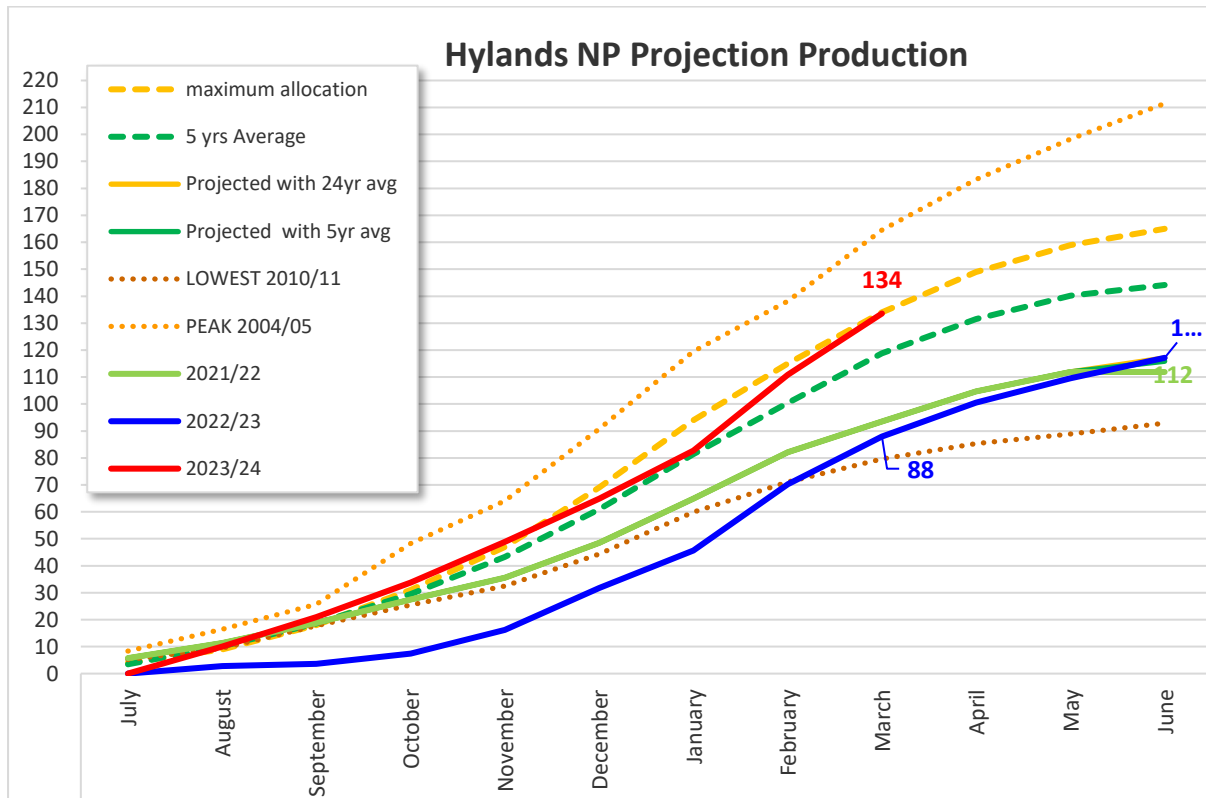
The monthly extraction totals for the Mt Daylight bores started very consistently with July seeing 17ML extracted with slight increases in August 24ML, September was slightly lower in production with 20ML extracted, the period September through to November seen consistent increases in production every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



**Hylands Bridge - Non-Potable**

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

For the first 9 months of the 2023/24 financial year 134ML of water has been extracted from the Hylands Bridge Raw Water Scheme. This is a large increase compared to the same period last year where only 88ML had been extracted. Currently projecting to exceed our maximum allocation.



**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**LOCAL PREFERENCE**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

#### 15.4. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER

##### 15.4.1. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

###### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by WHS Coordinator**

###### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

###### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 2      Customer Service Focus

###### **BACKGROUND**

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

###### **REPORT**

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

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

###### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** PP013 Work Health and Safety Policy

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

##### 15.4.2. DRAFT 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN

###### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**Report prepared by General Manager**

###### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Priority 1      High Quality, Secure & Efficient Water Supplies

**BACKGROUND**

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

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

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

**REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

**16. NEXT MEETING**

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

**17. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

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