

MINUTES of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held in the TEMORA office on 23 AUGUST 2012

The meeting commenced at 1:00 pm.

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr J Macaulay, Cr C Manchester, Cr J McGregor, Cr J O'Brien and Cr Palmer.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Administration), Mr R Barrett (Acting Manager Technology), Mr C Perry (Manager Distribution & Construction) and Mrs L Breust (Acting Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

At the June 2012 meeting Cr Mangelsdorf sought and was granted leave of absence for this meeting (minute 12/067).

An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr Morris.

12/074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that leave of absence be granted to Cr Mangelsdorf and Cr Morris.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this time.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2012

12/075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and McGregor that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2012 having been circulated and read by members, be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

No requests for public access were received.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No notices of motion or rescission motions were received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

12/076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Palmer that Council consider the Late Report Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir Pipeline Replacement Project which the Chairperson ruled to be urgent.

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8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairman did not submit a Chairperson's Minute to the meeting.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

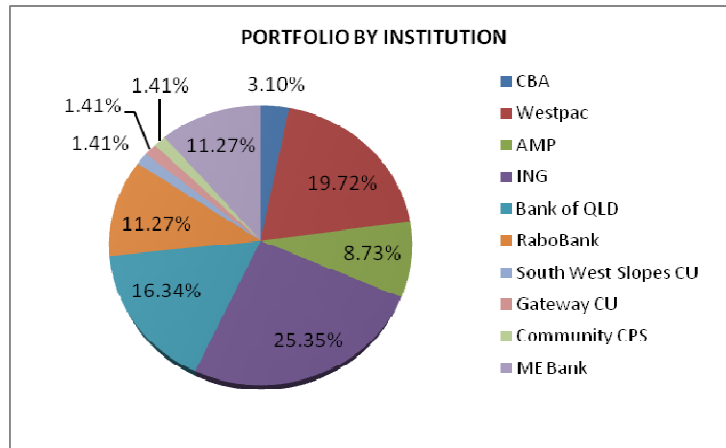
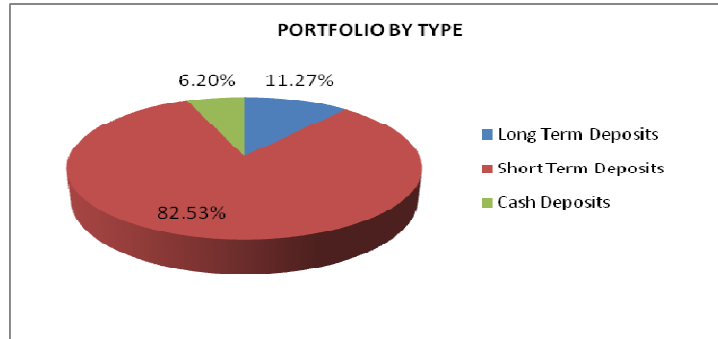
12/077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McGregor that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31 July 2012 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager 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 July 2012:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				11.27%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	3m BBSW+1.3%	5.39%	27/10/15	11.27%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	14,650,000.00				82.53%
Gateway CU	250,000.00	98	5.73%	7/08/12	1.41%
AMP Bank	1,000,000.00	187	6.00%	7/08/12	5.63%
Community CPS	250,000.00	96	5.71%	7/08/12	1.41%
Bank of Queensland	900,000.00	125	5.75%	3/09/12	5.07%
Members Equity Bank	800,000.00	98	5.31%	3/09/12	4.51%
South West Slopes CU	250,000.00	97	5.25%	17/09/12	1.41%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	185	5.85%	15/10/12	5.63%
Members Equity Bank	1,200,000.00	94	5.13%	15/10/12	6.76%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	209	5.91%	29/10/12	8.45%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	153	5.25%	12/11/12	5.63%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	126	5.15%	26/11/12	5.63%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	2,000,000.00	284	5.86%	21/01/13	11.27%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,500,000.00	215	5.00%	21/01/13	8.45%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,000,000.00	189	5.13%	4/02/13	5.63%
RaboBank Australia	1,000,000.00	365	5.80%	9/05/13	5.63%
Cash Deposits	1,100,088.84				6.20%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	200,000.00	At Call	3.45%	N/A	1.13%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	550,000.00	At Call	4.35%	N/A	3.10%
CBA Premium Business A/c	350,088.84	At Call	Various	N/A	1.97%
	17,750,088.84				100.00%

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

Cash Book balance as at 31 May 2012	90,112.70
Plus Deposits	
June	2,746,654.25
July	6,516,449.18
Less Payments	
June	2,778,898.12
July	6,205,003.87
 Cash Book balance as at 31 July 2012	 369,314.14
Less Outstanding Deposits	32,622.05
Plus Unpresented Cheques	13,396.75
 Bank balance as at 31 July 2012	 350,088.84

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 28/4/2011).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

12/078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and O'Brien that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 July 2012 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 July 2012:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	45,820.01	7,628.13	106,306.05	159,754.19
Consumption Charges	106,350.95	26,206.55	257,856.19	390,413.69
Deferred Headworks	46,400.00	58.89	200,551.00	247,009.89
Sub-Totals	198,570.96	33,893.57	564,713.24	797,177.77
Less Overpayments Received				-142,349.16
Total Outstanding				654,828.61
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				0.00
Less Headworks Accounts Outstanding				-247,009.89
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				407,818.72

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 CARRY OVER OF INCOMPLETED WORKS (G35201005)

12/079 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Manchester that

1. The following items be carried-over into the 2012/13 capital works program, with funding via the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve (internal restriction):

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>(\$)</u>
Mt Daylight - New Reservoir Inlet	15,000
Radio Facilities - Rosemont Radio Site	10,000
Depot Upgrade - Cootamundra	20,000
Temora Office (records storage budget)	17,000
Reservoir Rehabilitation - Barellan	250,000
Pump Station Jugiong - Major Upgrade	1,025,000
Filtration Plant Jugiong - Replace Control System	285,000
Mains Replacement - Oura Pumping Station	18,000
 Total	 1,640,000

2. That the Temora Office alterations be approved (\$17,000) plus an additional vote of \$3,000 also funded from the Infrastructure Reserve; and

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3. That the \$30,000 budgeted for Reservoir Cathodic Protection be carried-over into the 2012/13 non-recurrent maintenance works program.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

In order to carryover incompleting works at 30 June into the new financial year, it is necessary for Council to revoke the unexpended portion of those votes. In some cases the budgets were adjusted at the March QBR to better reflect expected expenditure to 30 June, with the remainder already included in the 2012/13 capital works program.

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Approx. Funds Req'd (\$)</u>
Mt Daylight - New Reservoir Inlet	15,000
Radio Facilities - Rosemont Radio Site	10,000
Depot Upgrade - Cootamundra	20,000
Temora Office (records storage budget)	17,000
Reservoir Rehabilitation - Barellan	250,000
Pump Station Jugiong - Major Upgrade	1,025,000
Filtration Plant Jugiong - Replace Control System	285,000
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These capital works are to be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve (internal restriction) and will be reflected in the September quarterly budget review. They are also now included in the updated *Capital Works Progress Report* listed elsewhere in this business paper.

The records storage expenditure has come in under budget as a more cost effective option was implemented. The \$17,000 carry-over is ear-marked to fund alterations to the front counter area of the Temora office to make it more secure for staff. The contractor originally engaged to build the office has been approached for some construction suggestions and quotes. At the time of this report a quote has not been received. An additional vote may be required when detailed estimates are known.

There is also a non-recurrent maintenance item that is requested to be carried-over. \$30,000 was allocated to Reservoir Cathodic Protection. This money was allocated to provide cathodic protection to the Coolamon Reservoir and arrangements for the works required have commenced.

Recommendation

1. That the following items be carried-over into the 2012/13 capital works program, with funding via the Infrastructure Reserve (internal restriction):

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Total 1,640,000

2. That the Temora office alterations be approved subject to reasonable estimates being obtained; and
3. That the \$30,000 budgeted for Reservoir Cathodic Protection be carried-over into the 2012/13 non-recurrent maintenance works program.

9.1.4 2011/12 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (G35401005)

12/080 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 (including movements in restricted assets) be formally adopted, as presented, for referral to Council's Auditor;
2. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012;
3. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the auditors reports subject to their being no material audit changes or audit issues; and
4. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 have been prepared with Council's auditors actually completing their onsite audit on 31 July and 1 August.

Under section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to refer its draft Financial Statements for audit. The Auditor's Report will be made available to Council after it has formally resolved the referral.

It is envisaged that Council will present its Financial Statements to the public in conjunction with its ordinary October meeting.

The primary statements of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements (statements subject to audit) are attached (Attachment 9.1.4.A). Councillors will be supplied with a complete set of reports, including the Auditor's Reports, for the public meeting.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.5 WATER DEBTOR WRITE OFFS (75172 & 72605)

12/081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that

1. Council write-off \$305.04 (186kl) from water account 75172, being half the difference between the excess bill and normal consumption for lost water beyond the customer's reasonable control; and
2. \$4,805.07 be written off water account 72605 following the sale of land for overdue rates and charges.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

75172

A request has been received for account relief from a rural customer following severe flooding along Kockibitoo Road, Ganmain. In similar circumstances to a report that came to Council last meeting, it is claimed that floodwaters washed away a length of their private pipeline from the water meter. As floodwaters disguised the service break, subsequent water losses went undetected.

72605

Water to this customer was permanently disconnected in January 2001 for non-payment. Outstanding charges, including Interest, totalled \$7,072.10.

The property was recently included in a sale of land for overdue rates and charges by Narrandera Shire Council.

Narrandera Shire Council has since advised that Council's share of the proceeds from the sale were \$2,267.03. As the debt is taken to be fully satisfied under s719(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, the remaining amount outstanding is required to be written off.

Recommendations

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 JUNE/JULY 2012 (G95507005)

12/082 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester & O'Brien that the Works Report for June and July be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Distribution & Construction

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Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
304.	1/6	-	-	Junee, Junction Street	-	-	-	Other
305.	1/6	-	-	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	-	10	Split Pipe
306.	4/6	-	-	Ganmain, Dulah Road	100	-	-	Split Pipe
307.	4/6	-	-	Ungarie, Ungarie Condobolin Road	150	-	2	Joint Failure
308.	4/6	-	-	West Wyalong, Ungarie Condobolin Road	150	-	2	Joint Failure
309.	6/6	-	-	Ariah Park, Wellman Street	90	-	2	Split Pipe
310.	7/6	-	-	Naradhan, Bootoowa Road	150	-	5	Other
311.	8/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
312.	8/6	-	-	Marrar, Strathmore Lane	80	-	50	Split Pipe
313.	10/6	-	-	Junee, Aerodrome Lane	200	-	30	Split Pipe
314.	11/6	-	-	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	80	-	20	Split Pipe
315.	12/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Pinchgut Lane	80	-	5	Split Pipe
316.	13/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
317.	15/6	-	-	Junee, Roedigers Lane	200	-	5	Hole In Pipe
318.	18/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
319.	18/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
320.	18/6	-	-	Coolamon, Lonsdales Lane	200	1	50	Other
321.	19/6	-	-	Coolamon, Coolamon Ardlethan Road	100	-	10	Split Pipe
322.	19/6	-	-	Barellan, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	2	Other
323.	19/6	-	-	Barellan, Dan Curtis Lane	100	-	2	Split Pipe
324.	20/6	-	-	Coolamon, Reg Hancocks Lane	80	-	1	Hole In Pipe
325.	22/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
326.	22/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Split Pipe
327.	29/6	9.30	3.00	Wyalong, Slee Street	150	-	150	Split Pipe
328.	29/6	-	-	Cootamundra, Blackgate Road	100	-	2	Hole In Pipe
1.	3/7	-	-	Temora, Burley Griffin Way	375	-	2	Other
2.	3/7	-	-	Marrar, Bussenschutts Lane	50	-	50	Split Pipe
3.	4/7	9.30	12.00	Coolamon, Marrarvale Road	80	8	100	Split Pipe
4.	5/7	-	-	Matong, Pine Street	100	-	-	Other
5.	6/7	-	-	Junee, Park Lane	20	1	1	Joint Failure

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
6.	6/7	10.00	12.00	Coolamon, Lonsdales Lane	200	2	-	Other
7.	7/7	-	-	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	-	80	Split Pipe
8.	16/7	11.00	2.30	Marrar, Coffin Rock Lane	100	-	20	Split Pipe
9.	18/7	-	-	Ardlethan, Bygoo Road	80	12	20	Split Pipe
10.	19/7	11.00	4.00	Barellan, Mulga Street	100	-	50	Joint Failure
11.	20/7	10.00	11.30	Temora, Golders Lane	100	-	50	Joint Failure
12.	20/7	11.00	4.30	Binya, Burley Griffin Way	100	-	25	Joint Failure
13.	20/7	-	-	Coolamon, Gibbons Lane	100	6	25	Split Pipe
14.	20/7	-	-	Cootamundra, Pinchgut Lane	100	-	2	Split Pipe
15.	20/7	-	-	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
16.	21/7	-	-	Ariah Park, Coolamon Road	100	-	25	Split Pipe
17.	22/7	-	-	Ariah Park, Coolamon Road	100	6	25	Split Pipe
18.	25/7	-	-	Juneë, Crudens Lane	80	-	50	Split Pipe
19.	27/7	-	-	Juneë, Wyoming Lane	150	-	-	Split Pipe
20.	30/7	-	-	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	2	Hole In Pipe
21.	30/7	-	-	Eurongilly, Kamerooka Lane	32	3	10	Joint Failure

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

20/06/2012 43 Thanowring Road Temora
 13/07/2012 137 Polaris Street Temora
 23/07/2012 7 Roberts Street Juneë
 23/07/2012 2 Harold Street Juneë
 30/07/2012 76 Gundagai Road Juneë

Other Problems:

Nil.

A total of 63 service difficulty and fault reports were received for June/July.

Construction & Major Maintenance

The following significant works were undertaken in June/July 2012:-

- Serviced ACV's and PRV's across the scheme.
- Serviced, inspected and repaired vehicles, small plant and power tools.

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- Replace 250mm Reflux Valve at Oura No6 Bore.
- Overhauled Wyalong No1 pump and motor.
- Fabricate new shelves for IT store.
- Fabricate and install 9 pipe supports for new pipe work at Demondrille & Cootamundra Pump Station.
- Repair and modify tool boxes on fitters utes.
- Fabricate 350mm Y piece for Oura Bores.
- Constructed key box for Wyalong Standpipe.
- Fabricated gantry for removing access hatch on Junee Balance Tank.
- Constructed electrical mains pole for Bauloora Reservoir.
- Routine maintenance on No1 pump at Oura Pump Station & No1 pump at Ariaiah Park.
- Re-install Ariaiah Park No1 pump after being serviced.
- Repaired Hylands Bridge No1 foot valve.
- Test Ariaiah Park/Tara pump.
- Put Matong Bores back into service after overhaul completed.
- Maintenance of bearings, lip seals and mechanical seals on Tara Pump Station, Jugiong Treatment Plant and Weethalle Pump Station.
- Cleaned Brobenah, Binya, Garoolgan, Bectric and Tenandra Reservoirs.
- Flushed trunk mains from Hylands Bridge Pump Station to Barellan PRV pit. Also flushed from Y piece to Binya.
- Organised scrap steel located at Bauloora Reservoir ready for sale.
- Completed Demondrille Pump Station upgrade.
- Renewed air valves between Demondrille Pump Station and Wombat Hill Reservoir.
- Conducted routine cleaning of Brawlin, Frampton and Dirnaseer Reservoirs.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

12/083 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Manchester that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 2012 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 2012:

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Description	Location	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Program Estimate (\$)	Total Expend to Date (\$)	Comment
New System Assets						
Site Acquisition / Construct Radio Facilities	Rosemont Radio Site	1/7/2011	30/6/2012	10,000	0	Completed - awaiting invoice from NSWFB
Site / Easement Acquisition	\$20k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2012	30/6/2016	20,000	0	On-going
Security Fence	Cowangs Reservoir	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	25,000	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Extension	\$50k opportunistic budget per year	1/7/2012	30/6/2016	30,000	N/A	\$30k to be allocated in 2012/13
Mains Extension	Loftus St Temora	1/7/2011	30/11/2012	20,000	4,102	In progress
Additional Storage	Junee	1/7/2011	30/6/2013	3,500,000	1,500	Cost revised up from \$3m to \$3.5m (Originally \$6m)
New Inlet Arrangements	Mt Daylight	1/7/2011	30/11/2012	15,000	0	In progress - temp arrangement currently being trialled
Renewals						
Bore Construction	Oura Bores	1/7/2010	30/6/2013	300,000	0	In progress
Depot Upgrade	Cootamundra Depot	1/7/2010	31/10/2012	272,311	221,879	Final seal delayed until after winter (\$32k)
Office	Temora Office Records Storage	1/11/2011	31/7/2012	30,000	13,665	Completed
Major Upgrade	Jugiong No.1 Pump Station	1/7/2009	30/6/2013	2,130,000	595,865	HV upgrade in progress.
Regrade & Seal Road	Jugiong Treatment Plant	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	42,000	0	Not yet commenced
Pump Access - Slab Support	Jugiong Treatment Plant	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	20,000	0	Not yet commenced
Pump Access - Sheet Piling	Jugiong Treatment Plant	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	60,000	0	Not yet commenced
Replace Control System	Jugiong Filtration Plant	2/4/2010	30/6/2013	500,000	214,242	In progress
Standpipe Relocation	Wyalong	1/11/2011	30/6/2012	10,000	9,028	Completed
Mains Replacement	Weethalle towards Barellan	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	175,000	0	Not yet commenced

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Mains Replacement	Harefield Rd Junee	1/6/2012	30/6/2013	45,000	14,580	In progress
Mains Replacement	Coursing Park	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	140,000	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Junee Gaol	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	35,000	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Strathmores to McKenzies Ln	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	50,000	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Eurongilly	1/6/2012	30/6/2012	8,000	6,879	Completed
Mains Replacement	Pattersons Ln	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	27,000	0	Not yet commenced
Mains Replacement	Oura Pump Stn	1/7/2011	31/8/2012	20,000	2,612	In progress
Mains Replacement	Demondrille PS Pipework	16/5/2011	31/8/2012	150,000	168,414	In progress
Mains Replacement	Ardlethan, Area St (210m)	1/5/2012	31/8/2012	40,000	31,682	Completed
Mains Replace (incl inlet/outlet works, service cut-ins)	Cowangs to Bauloora	1/4/2010	30/9/2012	17,915,320	17,794,085	Completed - Some minor expenses still outstanding
Reservoirs Painting	Junee Reservoir	1/12/2011	30/6/2013	330,000	1,267	In progress
Reservoir Rehabilitation Program	Various Reservoirs	1/7/2010	30/6/2012	213,076	212,722	Completed
Reservoir Rehabilitation	Barellan Reservoir	1/7/2012	30/6/2013	250,000	1,914	In progress

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 CRITICAL WATER AVAILABILITY FOR 2011/12 (G95809505)

12/084 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Palmer that the Critical Water Availability report to the end of June 2012 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Executive Assistant

Included in the Business Paper (refer attached) are the water production graphs for the five sources and the three bulk councils to the end of June 2012. Table 1 below provides more detail on the total consumption during the period.

Table 1 - Period - 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

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Source	Current Allocation (%)	YTD Consumption	YTD Maximum Allocation	Revised YTD Maximum Allocation	Percentage of Revised Allocation
Jugiong	100%	3,380	5,590	5,590	60.47%
Oura	100%	3,300	6,000	6,000	55.00%
Mt Arthur	100%	431	762	762	56.50%
Mt Daylight	100%	261	295	295	88.51%
Hylands Bridge	100%	111	165	165	67.52%
Total All Sources		7,483	12,812	12,812	58.40%
Cootamundra	100%	593	1,561	1,561	37.97%
Harden *	100%	393	1,213	1,213	32.36%
Young	100%	911	2,076	2,076	43.86%

NB:

YTD Consumption for Harden does not include Harden Minor Consumers.

The total year to date consumption as at the end of June 2012 is running at 58% of allocations and is below the 14 year average and consumption predictions.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS POLICY (CP: 022) (G40350505)

12/085 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and O'Brien that Council adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy (CP: 022), for public exhibition.

Report prepared by Manager Administration

Council is required to submit its expenses and facilities policy to the Division of Local Government by 30 November each year, following its mandatory public exhibition.

An amended appendix has been drafted for attachment to the existing Policy that outlines specific monetary limits for Council to consider for adoption. Having reviewed the remainder of the existing policy, it is believed that it adequately meets the Guidelines.

Attached (Attachment No. 9.1.5.A) is a draft attachment to the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL POLICIES (G40350505)

12/086 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Macaulay and O'Brien that Council adopt the following policies:

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CP: 033 Work, Health and Safety Policy
CP: 034 Return to Work Policy
CP: 035 Workers Compensation Policy

Report prepared by General Manager

Recent changes to the Work Health & Safety legislation has resulted in the requirement for Council to adopt additional policies in relation to WH&S. Draft policies have been prepared by staff and are attached (refer Attachments 9.3.3.A to 9.3.3.C) for the consideration of Council. Following formal adoption these policies will be included in Council's Policy Register.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 DELEGATIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER (G40057005)

12/087 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and O'Brien that subject to not receiving direction on any particular matter from Council and subject to:

- (a) The requirement of the Local Government Act and Regulation;
- (b) Any other relevant legislation;
- (c) Any expressed policy of the Council;
- (d) Any regulations of any public authority other than Council; and

pursuant to the powers conferred on the General Manager under Part 3 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act, the General Manager be authorised to exercise or perform the powers, authorities, duties, functions as specified in schedule 1.

Schedule 1 – General Manager (Andrew Grant) Delegations

General Authorities

The functions of the Council pertaining to the responsibilities of the General Manager as specified in:

- the Local Government Act and Regulations;
- other legislation under which Council has powers, authorities, duties and functions; and
- any adopted Council documents.

Limitations

This delegation is limited by the general provisions of s377 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Report prepared by General Manager

The purpose of this report is formalise Council's delegations to the General Manager in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Set out below is a Delegations template that has been developed to provide all necessary delegations to the General Manager, other than those prescribed under section 377 of the Act, to enable the daily management function of the Council to proceed unabated.

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Similar templates have been developed for Council staff to enable them to perform their duties under formal authorities and protections as delegated by the General Manager.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 STAFF PICNIC DAY (G70204010)

12/088 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Palmer that

1. Approval be granted for the Union Picnic Day to be held on Monday 29 October 2012;
2. The day be treated as a normal public holiday and that the office be closed; and
3. Those non-union employees who would normally work on that day will be required to take annual leave.

Report prepared by the General Manager

In accordance with Council's Award provisions, a request has been received from local delegates of the United Services Union to hold their annual Union Picnic Day on Monday 29 October 2012.

Union membership is now held by a majority of Council staff. This seriously compromises Council's ability to function normally on the day in question.

For both practical and safety reasons, it is suggested that the Union Picnic Day be treated similar to a normal public holiday and that the office be closed. All non-union employees who would normally work on that day will be required to take annual leave.

Any union employee required to work would be granted an additional day off as per award.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.6 GOLDENFIELDS WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSET REGISTER (G05600501)

12/089 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that Council approve expenditure of approximately \$30,000 for Opus International to update Council's current asset register.

Report prepared by the Acting Manager Technology

Council will recall Item 11.4 and subsequent resolution 12/023 of the February 2012 meeting accepting the price of \$35,000 to \$50,000 submitted by Opus International Consultants Pty Ltd for the preparation of an Asset Management Plan. Council will also recall item 9.3.6 and subsequent resolution 12/063 of the June 2012 meeting accepting the final document.

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In order for Opus to complete the asset management plan Goldenfields supplied a copy of its asset register which gave an expected life and predicted replacement value for all assets. The register was in spreadsheet form and was previously considered adequate for Council's requirements.

Council was required to undertake a complete revaluation of its assets, including a more accurate break up of assets into components that depreciate at different rates.

Opus suggested some changes to assets within the register, including breaking up the urban/rural pipe work and the pump station assets more definitively.

This will give a better indication of remaining asset life aiding in the preparation of future budgets by pinpointing assets at the end of their useful life and required maintenance to achieve their life expectancy.

Opus has provided Goldenfields an indicative price of \$30,000 to carry out the required work. OPUS is on the Local Government Procurement pre selected list and as such can be used without quotation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.7 COWANGS RESERVOIR TO BAULOORA RESERVOIR PIPELINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE (G95207002)**

12/090 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that

1. The update report on the Cowangs Reservoir to Bauloora Reservoir pipeline replacement project be received and noted.
2. Council give approval for the General Manager to continue negotiations with Futter Park Pty Ltd in the aim of reaching an amicable settlement.

Report prepared by the Acting Manager Technology

Council will recall this item coming at the June council meeting as item 9.3.9

Goldenfields has continued to finalise outstanding issues relating to the Cowangs Reservoir to the Bauloora Reservoir pipeline replacement project. All but three of the landholder's accepted Goldenfields offer of compensation to undertake revegetation works in accordance with their own rotations and specific requirements. Goldenfields employed a local contractor to undertake the revegetation on two of the properties.

The remaining property is Futter Park owned by the Kings School Parramatta who rejected the compensation offer and requested Goldenfields engage a suitable contractor to revegetate the property. This has been difficult due to the terrain and nature of the existing soil. Quotes have been requested; no responses have been received.

Futter Park rejected the offer of easement compensation and informed Goldenfields that the property manager who signed the original acceptance did not have the capacity to do so. They agree with the project in principal but requested a higher amount for the acquisition of the easement and a management fee to manage expected future issues arising from the continued deterioration of the redundant water mains. They also

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requested Goldenfields sign an indemnity agreement accepting all future liability for the redundant water mains.

Goldenfields accepted the increase in easement acquisition compensation supplied by an independent valuer (initial offer \$16,000 independent valuers amount \$20,000), but rejected the management fee of \$15,000 and indemnification of Futter Park from any issues relating to the deterioration of the redundant water mains.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.8 APPLICATION FOR RURAL CONNECTION RANNOCK ROAD COOLAMON (G95151005)

12/091 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that

1. Council refuse the application until spare capacity can be proven in Rannock Road.
2. Council advise the Applicants of its decision by letter addressing all reasons for the rejection of the Connection Application.
3. Council give consideration to flow restricted supply on rural properties with on farm storage and give direction on policy development.

Report prepared by the General Manager

Murray and Naomi Higman have requested water connection to their property CALDWELL, Rannock Road Coolamon.

The owners were originally offered a connection in 2004. At this time the offer was not taken up by the applicant due to negotiations with Coolamon Shire. Council has received further requests from the owners for a connection (Attachment 9.3.8.A).

Currently the main passing the property is at capacity regarding flow and pressure limitations. There has been loss of supply problems further along this line. Addition of another connection would increase the supply problems on the line.

The introduction of flow restricted services and on farm storage in rural areas would allow a greater usage of capacity and supply to more consumers. This would necessitate producing a new service standard for rural connections.

Recommendations

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.9 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 October 2012 at Council's Temora office commencing at 1.00pm.

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9.3.10 LATE ITEM: COWANGS RESERVOIR TO BAULOORA RESERVOIR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (G95207002)

12/092 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Macaulay and McGregor that

1. Council apply to the Department of Local Government requesting the Minister for Local Government and the Governor of New South Wales to approve "compulsory acquisition with the consent of the owners" of the easements in accordance with s30 and compulsory acquisition by agreement of the easement in accordance with s29 (4) of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* over Crown and Government land.
2. The agreed compensation be paid to affected landholders on registration of the easement.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Councillors Manchester, McGregor and Speirs thanked Councillors Macaulay, O'Brien and Mangelsdorf for their commitment to the Board and wished standing Members all the best for the upcoming elections.

Councillors O'Brien and Macaulay thanked the Board, the General Manager and staff of Goldenfields Water County Council for all their hard work and wished them all the best for the future.

Mr Andrew Grant advised that there will be a Service Board organised and a small memento of thanks to outgoing Councillors.

Councillor Palmer raised a question in relation to the Tender for Scrap Metal advertised in the paper. He asked if it was possible to tender for part of the scrap or tenders for the whole amount only would be considered. It was advised that only tenders for the removal of all of the scrap would be considered. Councillor Palmer also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Councillors and noted there has been an improvement of how all of the Councils now work together for a positive community.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 2:48pm.
