

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 2015**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr C Manchester, Cr D McCann, Cr A Miller, Cr K Morris, Cr D Palmer and Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

15/150 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that leave of absence be granted to Cr A Clinton.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.4 Plant Procurement.

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in Closed item 11.3 Sale of Cootamundra Depot.

Mr Rudd advised that staff with United Services Union membership may have an interest in items and should they arise staff will be granted leave from the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2015

15/151 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the minutes of the meeting held 22 October 2015 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

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

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15/152 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council consider the late report 11.4 **IRC Matters and Industrial Action outcome** in Closed Session.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

15/153 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the Chairpersons minute be received and noted.

The events of the past few weeks has seen our General Manger, Mr Andrew Grant, seek and been granted by the GWCC Board a medical retirement effective 22nd January 2016. He is currently on Special Leave and will not be returning to work.

It is fitting that we acknowledge his contribution to GWCC during his period with us. He has brought innovation and efficiency to the organisation through personal commitment, outstanding managerial and planning skills and leadership. We thank Andrew for his ability to turn GWCC from an organisation in debt to a profitable Council. We are now well placed to grow and make an even more significant contribution to water management in the region and across the state.

We thank Andrew for this contribution and wish him well for a speedy recovery and for the future.

The restructuring, retraining and relocations involved during the period have been considerable. It has required extensive retraining and advancement of key staff members.

The Board of GWCC wish to place on record our sincere appreciation for the tremendous efforts of all our staff in bringing about these achievements, for the way that they are now addressing the industrial difficulties of the past 12 months and for providing excellent service to our customers. We look forward to a happy working relationship in 2016 and beyond.

With the completion of the new workshop facility in early 2016, we are determined that the new direction and our progress will continue.

We also appreciate the great input from our Acting General Manager, Mr Phillip Rudd, a new face in our staff make-up. He came as a Director and within a short time has had to take on the Acting role due to Andrew Grant's unexpected departure. He has embraced the challenges with skill, determination, and a positive outlook, and we thank him for that dedication and commitment.

Regardless of the State Government's plans for Local Government in 2016, thanks to everyone's efforts, we truly are now 'Fit for the Future'.

Peter Speirs
Chairperson of the GWCC Board

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9. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL & PRODUCTION REPORT

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

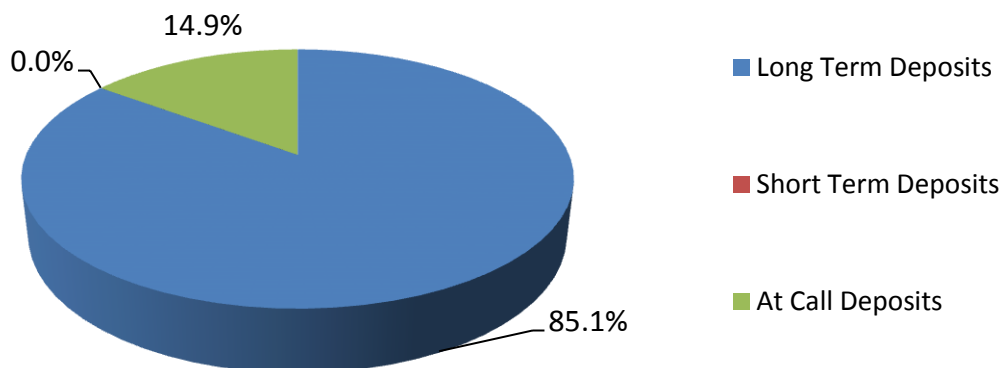
15/154 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing Council Investments at 30 November 2015 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

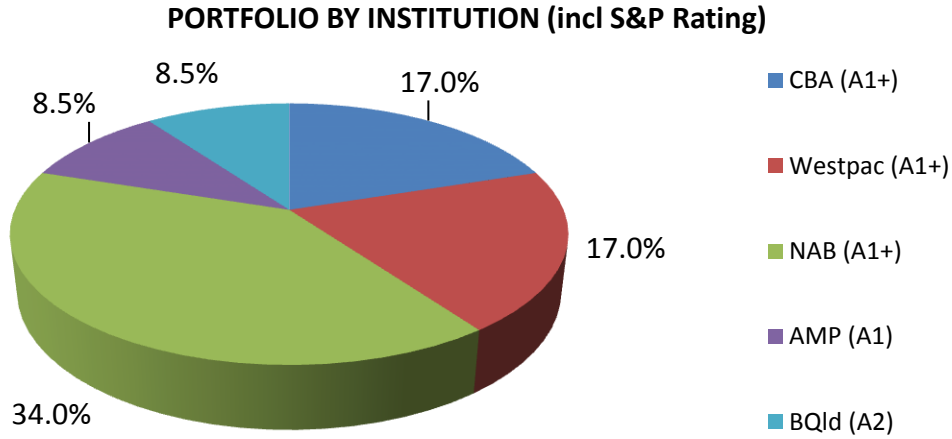
This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 30 November 2015:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	30,000,000.00				85.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	8.5%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	8.5%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	8.5%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	8.5%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	8.5%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	8.5%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	29/10/18	8.5%
Short Term Deposits	0.00				0.0%
	0.00				0.0%
At Call Deposits	5,250,000.00				14.9%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	3,250,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	9.2%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	5.7%
Total Value of Investment Funds	35,250,000.00				100.0%

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

Cash Book balance as at 31 July 2015	\$674,329.52
Plus Deposits	
October	\$3,022,091.88
November	\$5,701,325.26
Less Payments	
October	-\$3,497,540.29
November	-\$5,426,636.39
 Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2015	 \$473,569.98
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$35,738.88
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$189,466.17
 Bank balance as at 30 November 2015	 \$627,297.27

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 was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

15/155 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 3 December 2015 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 3 December 2015:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	\$165,329.07	\$20,344.00	\$256,333.85	\$442,006.92
Consumption Charges	\$343,574.90	\$44,973.06	\$704,721.98	\$1,093,269.94
Deferred Developer Charges	\$23,763.00	\$0.00	\$390,459.00	\$414,222.00
Sub-Totals	\$532,666.97	\$65,317.06	\$1,351,514.83	\$1,949,498.86
Less Overpayments Received				-\$199,355.35
Total Outstanding				\$1,750,143.51
				Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding
				-\$341,219.49
				Less Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding
				-\$414,222.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				\$994,702.02

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.3 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

15/156 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller that the reports detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

The attached graph shows water production comparatives between 2014/15, last year and the sale's estimate for Council's two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura to the 26 November 2015.

Overall production is down 11.3 % or 385 Megalitres compared to the same period in 2014/15. Individually Jugiong is down 9.3 % and Oura down 12.4%.

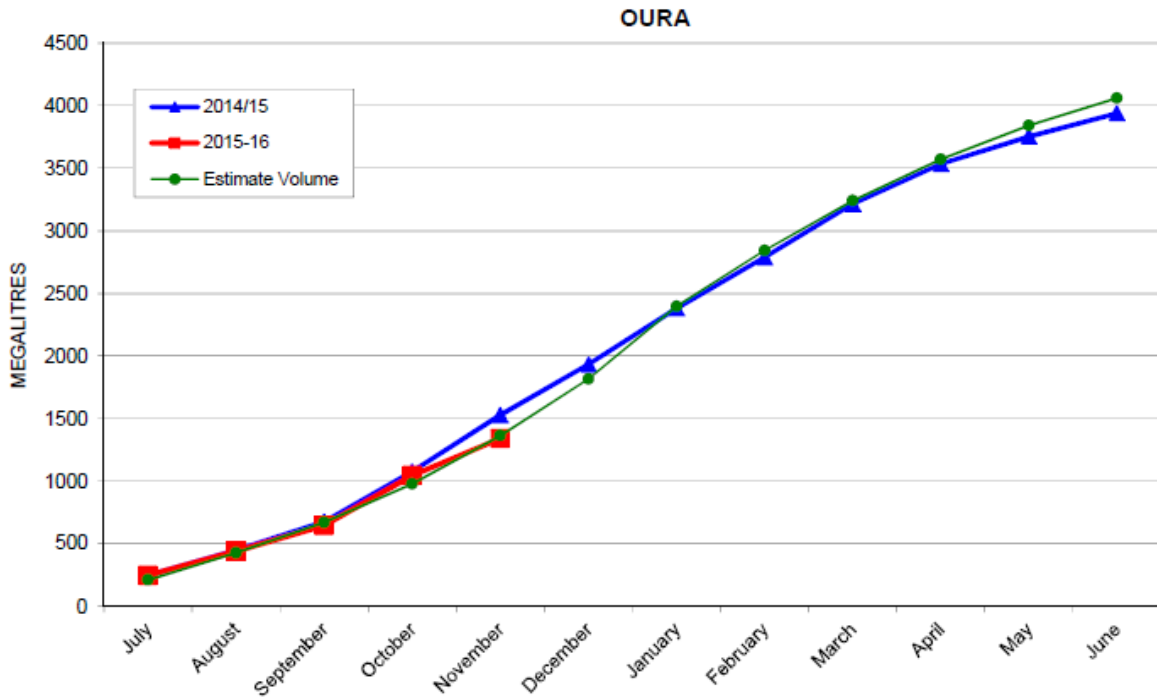
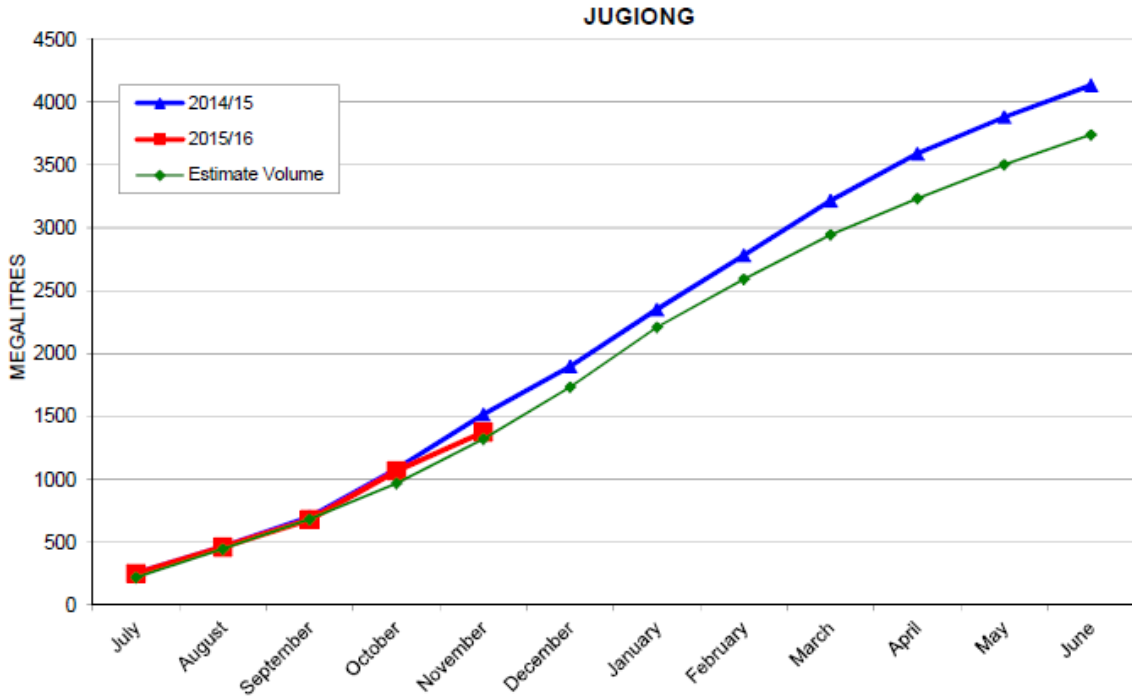
Year to date production is similar to the 2013/14 year with sales estimates to be reviewed at Council's February meeting.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

WATER PRODUCTION

UP TO 26/11/2015



9.1.4 PLANT PROCUREMENT (G75057510)

15/157 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Miller and Morris that the report detailing plant procurement be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution & Construction

- Vermeer Trencher – This machine arrived on Monday 7th December and will be commissioned and commence work at Marrarvale Lane pipeline project on Tuesday 8th December. Initially 4 staff will be trained in the overall operation and maintenance of the machine and after that Tony Goodyer will be in charge in the training of the remaining selected staff.
- South West Ford vehicle tender re supply of 10 Ford Rangers – This tender was submitted on 16th January with a delivery time frame of April, May, and June. To this date 7 vehicles have been delivered. The remainder are due prior to Christmas.
- Palmer Ford vehicle tender re supply of 5 Ford Rangers – This tender was submitted on 17th August with an estimated time of delivery 28th November. These vehicles are in stock at the dealer awaiting fitment of bull bars

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 OCTOBER 2015 / NOVEMBER 2015 (G95507005)

15/158 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that the Works Report for October/November 2015 be received and noted, and that the new reporting strategies be implemented as proposed by Mr Phil Rudd.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution & Construction

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
50	2/10	17:30	20:30	Marrar, Turners Lane	80	20	200	Split Pipe
51	5/10	10:00	12:00	June, Roedigers Lane	200	0	100	Split Pipe
52	7/10	9:00	12:00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	300	0	10	Joint Failure
53	7/10	12:30	14:30	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	50	0	50	Split Pipe
54	8/10	7:30	11:00	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	0	5	Split Pipe
55	8/10	8:30	10:30	Ariah Park, Altus Road	100	5	100	Split Pipe
56	8/10	11:45	13:30	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	0	40	Split Pipe
57	8/10	13:30	15:30	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	0	40	Hole In Pipe
58	8/10	14:00	15:30	Ariah Park, Altus Road	100	5	20	Split Pipe
59	9/10	7:30	11:00	June, Roedigers Lane	200	0	100	Split Pipe
60	12/10	7:30	13:30	Ganmain, Langham Street	100	20	500	Split Pipe
61	13/10	8:00	10:00	Temora, Camp Street	100	0	20	Split Pipe
62	17/10	11:30	16:30	Temora, Kitchener Road	100	20	40	Split Pipe
63	19/10	15:30	17:30	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	0	25	Split Pipe
64	21/10	4:30	7:00	June, Broadway Street	100	5	500	Split Pipe
65	24/10	9:45	13:45	Weethalle, Oakenfalls Lane	200	0	70	Hole In Pipe
66	24/10	19:00	22:30	Tallimba, Buralyang Road	150	0	50	Split Pipe
67	25/10	15:00	18:30	Coolamon, Stinson Street	100	15	200	Split Pipe
68	26/10	8:30	18:30	Kingsvale, Kingsvale Road	300	0	500	Split Pipe
69	26/10	15:00	18:30	Ganmain, Lock Street	100	20	300	Split Pipe

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		Off	On					
70	26/10	15:00	18:30	Ganmain, Menangle Street	100	10	100	Split Pipe
71	28/10	8:00	10:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	0	200	Joint Failure
72	28/10	10:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	0	250	Joint Failure
73	28/10	12:00	15:30	Wallendbeen, Silo Road	100	4	100	Hole In Pipe
74	29/10	8:00	10:00	Marrar, Marrar Road	50	0	100	Split Pipe
75	30/10	3:30	6:00	Junee, Lord Street	100	5	500	Split Pipe
76	2/11	7:30	11:30	Naradhan, Lake Road	80	0	20	Split Pipe
77	2/11	10:00	12:00	Junee, Kentucky Lane	50	0	100	Split Pipe
78	3/11	13:30	16:30	Coolamon, Kingdom Drive	100	3	100	Split Pipe
79	5/11	16:30	18:30	Junee, Old Sydney Road	150	0	500	Split Pipe
80	8/11	3:30	20:30	Temora, Eurollie Road	100	50	500	Split Pipe
81	10/11	8:00	11:30	Weethalle, Woolners Lane	80	0	40	Split Pipe
82	10/11	10:00	13:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	0	200	Split Pipe
83	11/11	11:00	14:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	0	300	Joint Failure
84	11/11	18:30	20:30	Marrar, Don Street	100	0	300	Split Pipe
85	12/11	12:30	16:00	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	100	0	5	Split Pipe
86	14/11	10:00	14:00	Beckom, Mandam Street	100	0	50	Split Pipe
87	18/11	12:00	14:30	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	80	0	300	Split Pipe
88	18/11	15:00	23:00	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	300	550	Split Pipe
89	19/11	12:00	15:00	Cootamundra, Blackgate Road	100	0	150	Split Pipe
90	20/11	11:30	15:30	Coolamon, Mary Gilmore Way	100	0	5	Split Pipe
91	23/11	12:00	14:30	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	0	200	Split Pipe
92	24/11	8:00	10:00	Junee, Kemp Street	100	0	500	Split Pipe
93	24/11	10:00	12:00	Marrar, Strathmore Lane	100	0	500	Split Pipe
94	26/11	8:00	12:00	Marrar, Mckelvies Lane	100	5	50	Split Pipe
95	26/11	21:00	1:00	Marrar, Webb Street	100	20	400	Split Pipe
96	28/11	15:30	18:30	Junee, Talbingo Lane	200	0	700	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
97	30/11	10:00	12:00	Junee, George Street	150	0	1	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

1/10/2015 Park Street West Wyalong
5/10/2015 Marquis Street Junee
5/10/2015 Orr Street Junee
5/10/2015 Beattie Street Temora
6/10/2015 Gundagai Road Junee
6/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
6/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
6/10/2015 Commins, Lorne, Market & Joffre Streets Junee
7/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
13/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
14/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
14/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
16/10/2015 McCaigs Lane Coolamon
16/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
17/10/2015 Tonkin Street Temora
17/10/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
17/10/2015 Holbrook Street Temora
18/10/2015 Melaleuca Place Junee
18/10/2015 Graham Street Ganmain
20/10/2015 Waterview Street Ganmain
25/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
26/10/2015 McCaigs Lane Coolamon
26/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
28/10/2015 Stinson Street Coolamon
28/10/2015 Stinson Street Coolamon
31/10/2015 Lord Street Junee
04/11/2015 Bruce Street Coolamon
17/11/2015 Jugiong Road Cootamundra
19/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
20/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
20/11/2015 Martin Road Barellan
20/11/2015 Joffre Street Temora
20/11/2015 Skidmore Street Temora
20/11/2015 Thanowring Road Temora
21/11/2015 'Glenfield' Illabo
21/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
22/11/2015 Melaleuca Place Junee
23/11/2015 'Hillview' Junee Reefs
24/11/2015 Old Narrandera Barellan
24/11/2015 Hall Street Ganmain
26/11/2015 Lewis Street Coolamon

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26/11/2015	Kindra Crescent Coolamon
27/11/2015	Marrar Road Coolamon
27/11/2015	Methul Street Coolamon
27/11/2015	Waterview Street Ganmain
27/11/2015	Mirrool Street Coolamon
30/11/2015	Thanowring Road Temora

Construction and Major Maintenance

- Marrar Webb Street Mains upgrade complete
- Cover exposed pipe near Rosemont on Main Jugiong to No2 Pump station
- Swab Bore Lines Oura
- Clean Collection tank Oura
- Swab Oura – Junee Main Line
- Clean Junee Collection tanks 1 and 2
- Clean Matong Reservoir
- Meter re-reads Rural areas both Northern and Southern
- Five Ways Temora Mains Upgrade
- Replace Air valve Calleen to Ungarie Mainline
- Re-rubber Air valves Daylight System
- RMS Locations Goldenfields way Wyalong
- Flush Coolamon
- Marrarvale Lane Mains Upgrade 30% complete
- Repack S/V Coolamon
- Temora East Res leak Fixed
- Barellan Res Fixed and Cleaned
- RMS Locations West Wyalong
- Uley In Mains Construction
- Pumps checks for prevention monitoring and abnormalities
- Servicing of ACV and PRV within the scheme
- Bird proofing and repairs to reservoir roofs
- Replacing fatigued flex-joints
- Lonsdale lane pump station mechanical seal failures. Stripped pump and sent away for refurbishment
- Junee balance tank stop valve access cover fabricated for new pits
- Daylight pump station No 1 pump serviced due to excessive vibration
- Naradhan pump station No 2 pump served and No 1 pump impeller repair
- Demondrille pump station No 1 pump full overhaul
- Ganmain pump station No 3 pump serviced by RWCC
- Cootamundra new landing leg installed on vacuum trailer
- Rosehill pump station fabricating components to replace 375mm pipe and gibs
- Jugiong water treatment plant servicing clarifier and repairs to sludge valves
- Cartwrights Hill Fabricate S/S adapting tapers for new Waree Warral PRV
- Jugiong fabricating mounting for new raw water turbidity monitoring
- Young Off take replace 200mm faulty reflux on surge tank
- Changing oils and greasing pumps for summer maintenance to prevent breakdowns
- Old Temora Road repairs to LCV and off take PRV

Recommendation

That the Works Report for October/November 2015 be received and noted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

15/159 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2015 be received and noted. That an additional \$199,000 for completion of Uley Lane Ardlethan Stage 1, \$30,000 for Jugiong No2 main restitution, \$100,000 for mains replacement and associated works for Jugiong No 5 Pump-station, and purchase of workshop equipment of \$13,800 be approved.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2015:

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Description	Total 2015/16 Projected \$	Expended to Date \$	Status
New System Assets			
New Temora Depot	980,800	487,500	In Progress
Temora Depot Plant & Equipment	100,000	0	TBA
Site Easement Acquisitions	20,000	7,700	In Progress
Mains Extensions to be determined	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Extension Uley Ln	181,000	249,100	In Progress
Scheme Mandamah	2,000,000	0	TBA
	3,331,800	744,300	
Renewals			
Bores-Oura Additional/Replacement	45,000	0	TBA
Jugiong WTP Internal Painting	50,000	0	TBA
Pump Stns Major Maintenance Program	50,000	10,900	In Progress
Pump Stns-Daylight Pump Replacement	50,000	0	TBA
Jugiong & Oura Pump Stn Investigations	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Replacement / Augmentation	342,000	87,700	In Progress
Pump Stns MTA Panel & Motor Replacement	65,000	0	TBA
Jugiong Hi Voltage Agreement-Switch & Upgrade	71,000	1,100	In Progress
	723,000	99,700	
Plant and Equipment			
Computer-Equipment	20,000	0	In Progress
Office Equipment	8,000	0	TBA
Water meter & Taggle replacement	100,000	2,000	In Progress
Double Check Valves	20,000	0	TBA
Electrical Spares	40,000	0	TBA
Plant Purchases Estimate Only	650,000	253,300	In Progress
Plant Sales Estimate Only	-570,000	-123,100	In Progress
	268,000	132,200	

Totals **4,322,800** **976,200**

Additions			
Trencher (approved)	657,000	72,200	In Progress
Pump Stn Mt Arthur Bore 2 Pump & Motor Renewal - Emergent Work	50,000	29,900	In Progress
Mains R/ment Cootamundra - Temora Rd	39,600	0	TBA
Mains R/ment Weethalle Kolkibertoo Rd	468,000	6,900	In Progress
Restitution-Jugiong Main East of No2 P/Stn	30,000	6,600	In Progress
Mains Replacement-Jugiong No5 P/Stn	100,000	0	In Progress
Workshop equipment ex 2013/14 budget	13,800	13,800	In Progress
	1,358,400	129,400	

Grand Total **5,681,200** **1,105,600**

Mains Extension-Ardlethan Uley Lane is now estimated at \$300,000. The original estimate used the lower of two reference rates. Significant rain delays, trialling construction using a trenching machine, new pipe welding methods along with remedial works all contributed to a new estimate using the higher reference rate.

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General Manager.....Chairperson.....

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Urgent civil works to stabilise ground cover over the 600 mm water main east of Jugiong No 2 Pump Station is estimated at \$30,000. Condition inspection of 375mm steel main around Jugiong No 5 Pump station (Rosehill) has been brought forward replacement with 500mm ductile iron. Installation of a new stop valve and new mag-flow bring the estimate at \$100,000. Workshop equipment replacement originally budgeted in 2013/14 has now been purchased.

Temora Depot is in a separate report.

Recommendation

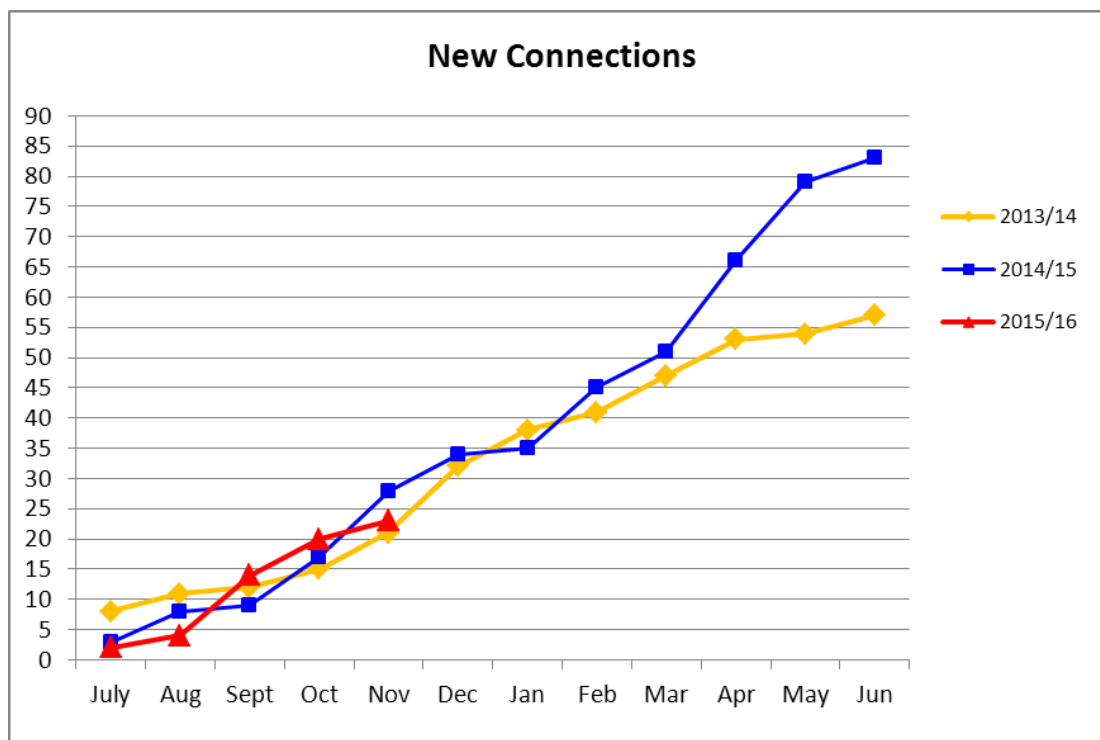
Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

15/160 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester 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 30 November 2015.



2 connections have already been completed for December with a further 6 new connection work orders pending. 18 letters of offer are still valid with 4 water applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTION REQUESTS (G95151005)

15/161 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that Council donate the headworks charges of \$7429.00 for the connection of this water supply.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Council has received two requests regarding Developer Infrastructure and Tapping Service and Metering Charges.

The first request is to waive all charges on a proposed water connection to a village Cemetery. **(Attachment 9.2.4A)**The constituent Council's letter, in part states "*the current and ongoing fees are considered too high to make the connection feasible*". Further, "*that Goldenfields Water County Council has any way to waive fees as it has done in the past for areas of community lands*". The latter is a reference to a section of GWCC Management Plans up to 2004-2005 effectively exempting community facilities. An October 2005 application for a water service connection to another constituent Council's cemetery included full charges.

Business Activity Strategic Plans incorporating Delivery Program and Operational Plan apart from the stated charges have no references to water service connections.

Council's Developer Service Plan has no references to waiving developer charges.

If Council considers the application has merit, it could consider a Community Service and Support Contribution of an equal amount.

Recommendation

The report is for Council's consideration

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Attachment 9.2.4A

Goldenfields Water County Council
Po Box 220
Temora NSW 2666

Dear Sir

RE: Application for Water Connection to the [REDACTED] Cemetery.

I advise that Council is lodging an application for a 20mm water service connection to the [REDACTED] Cemetery Lot No. [REDACTED].

The lodging of this application is being undertaken following numerous request of Council from [REDACTED] residents that potable water be made available to the [REDACTED] Cemetery. I have previously contacted Goldenfields Water County Council staff and have established that there is a water main located at the entrance to Cemetery lane on the [REDACTED] Road reserve.

I understand that the Goldenfields Water charges for the connection of a 20mm water service in 2015/2016 are \$7429.00 for the Retail DSP and a Tapping fee, Service and Meter Charges of \$1560.00 in addition to the \$260.00 application fee that has already been paid. In addition to the above connection fees the service if connected would be subject to an ongoing annual charge which is currently \$311.80.

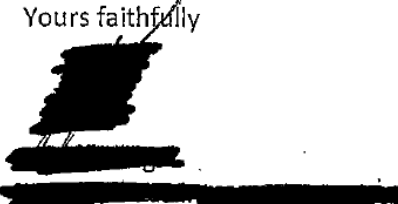
As stated above this application is being undertaken to investigate Councils options in being able fulfil [REDACTED] residents request however the current and ongoing charges are considered to be too high to make the connection feasible. Taking this into account I would like to ask if it is possible that Goldenfields Water County Council has any way to waive the above fees as it has done in the past for areas of community land within its distribution network so the connection can proceed. I have attached two of Councils current water accounts for community land from Goldenfields that previously qualified for and receive the fee relief.

I consider the [REDACTED] cemetery may qualify as community land however if it is determined that it does not and the fees and relevant charges for the connection are imposed the connection would not proceed and the residents would be advised that it was not viable. I also request that if the connection does not proceed that

Goldenfields Water consider refunding the application fee of \$260.00 that was paid on the 27/11/2015 with receipt number 82873.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss the matter please contact the undersigned on (02) [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully


for General Manager

27 November 2015

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15/162 RESOLVED on the motion of Palmer and Morris that the Council offer reconnection of the water supply as permanent disconnection occurred after July 1 2001 and that the applicants pay only the tapping, service and meter charge.

The second request is to consider an exception of the developer charge costs, or consider a reduction, or offer a payment plan for the costs following a letter of offer being issued in September 2015 for developer infrastructure and tapping, service and meter charges totalling \$8,989.00. **(Attachment 9.2.4B)**

A subsequent inquiry in late November 2015 revealed a “tap” in the yard.

The property is not connected to the water supply, though the riser was left in situ, and would be the “tap” referred to by the applicants.

Prior to purchase, the applicants assumed that water was connected, but acknowledged that before settlement (November 2013) were advised that no water was connected. GWCC issued a “no record” Section 603 Certificate, stating no record of a water service connection existing on the property (Lot 4).

The original property consisted of Lots 4 and 5 and was connected in August 2001 at no cost (previously a vacant land account), but was permanently disconnected in January 2003.

The property was transferred in 2004 and split in February 2008. Multiple and conflicting transfer notices eventually saw GWCC retaining Lot 5 as being the permanently disconnected land, and Lot 4 being made historical and removed from Water Billing data. It’s now known that Lot 4 should have been retained as the land permanently disconnected at it was the lot where the connection was originally located.

This error would not have changed the letter of offer as Officers have relied on customers having 10 years to reconnected a permanently water service before developer charges would have to be paid in full.

However, no resolution has been found, though successive Management Plans maintained the 10 years by way date changes. Management Plan 2011/2014: *“a premise disconnected from the water supply prior to July 1 2001, and no reconnection has occurred in the intervening period, then any re-connection will be subject to full contribution”*.

Business Activity Strategic Plans incorporating Delivery Program and Operational Plan apart from the stated charges have no references to water service connections.

It’s clear from successive Management Plans, the intent was that customer had a ten year period to reconnect before full developer charges applied. However, the last documented date is July 1 2001.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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Attachment 9.2.4B

The General Manager
Goldenfields Water County Council
PO Box 220
Temora
NSW 2666

23rd November 2015,

Reference: Water connection - [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

When we purchased the property in [REDACTED], we thought that the water was connected due to tap in the yard and that the meter area was inaccessible when we looked at the property prior to purchase due the multiple items throughout the yard. It was only days before settlement when we found out from the solicitor that the water was not connected. We were unaware of the water connection charges until some weeks after purchasing the property. We are now aware that no access fees have been paid for water for several years

In early September, [REDACTED] was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and after multiple tests, scans, finally surgery, on the 22nd October, Ross was told that he has Liver Metastasis (secondaries) and is now receiving palliative chemotherapy in order to prolong his limited life expectancy at Riverina Cancer Care Centre. Our financial situation is now in turmoil due to Ross' health situation and ongoing health costs and future care needs.

We ask that you consider an exception of the water head works costs or if unable to do this, that perhaps a reduction be considered, or if that is also not an option, than we are offered a payment plan for the costs.

Thank you for considering our request in light of our circumstances, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**9.2.5 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF DEPOT BUILDINGS, 124-126 CROWLEY ST,
TEMORA (G10150505)**

15/163 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that:

1. \$265,000 be added to the estimates for the New Temora Depot.
2. Design & Construction of Depot Buildings 124,126 Crowley St, Temora report be received and noted.
3. The mezzanine floor is not currently required however allowances are to be made for the footings should it be required at a later date.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Coolamon Steelworks and Goldenfields Water County Council have entered in to contract to Design and Construct Depot Buildings, 124-126 Crowley St, Temora.

The estimated contract completion date with Coolamon Steelworks is 18/12/15.

The internal fitout of the workshop, office and training room will commence as soon as possible after this date and expected to be completed by the end of January 2016.

Council is currently investigating the feasibility of constructing a mezzanine floor over the store area to provide additional office space at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

The feasibility and cost of the mezzanine floor will be advised as information becomes available.

Recommendation

Design & Construction of Depot Buildings 124,126 Crowley St, Temora report to be received and noted

Additional Estimates

As the depot construction proceeds, on-going works are allowing items not previously included to be costed. The network provider required a new transformer and mains upgrade at Council's expense. Upgrading the switchboard and power for the addition of the gantry crane, and air conditioning (offices and training room) have been added to the overall electrical estimate. Communications including, phones, network (both cable and wi-fi), and access security costs are now known.

Although previously reported that new workshop would include a gantry crane, at the time no estimate was included. Also new water services are to be connected at the appropriate charges.

Sealing and Landscaping as per the Development Application conditions have also been costed.

The following table sets out the additional estimates.

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	Original	December	new estimate
Building	\$838,506	\$ 70,000	\$ 908,506
Internal	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
External	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Electrial	\$ 50,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 195,000
Totals	\$988,506	\$ 265,000	\$ 1,253,506
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Plant	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000

Recommendation

That \$265,000 be added to the estimates for the New Temora Depot.

9.2.6 BARELLAN STANDPIPE RESERVOIR LEAK (G10057006)

15/164 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the Barellan Standpipe Reservoir Leak report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Barellan standpipe reservoir was rehabilitated in September 2012 using a coating system supplied by Carboline and the product carries a 25 year warranty.

Late 2014 field staff reported that a small leak had formed and Council had contacted the manufacturer and the applicator about the failure of the coating.

An internal inspection was performed on mid November 2015 by Incospec.

Incospec located 2 small defects in the coating, Carboline (product supplier) supplied products and a method for repair, Protector (applicator) performed the repairs with the product in accordance to Carboline’s method.

Council has returned the reservoir back to service and will monitor the success of the repair.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.7 ULEY LANE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (G95151010)

15/165 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that the report detailing Uley Lane pipeline construction be received and noted

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

- The construction 7.7 kilometres of 100mm OPVC pipeline from Ardlethan Pump Station to Coolamon/Ardlethan road has been completed.
- The pipeline has been charged, disinfected and chlorinated.
- Refurbishment works to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Roads & Maritime Services and Coolamon Shire Council.
- 2 kilometres of the PE pipeline has been completed with approximately 3 kilometres remaining.

The laying of the PE Pipe is time consuming due to each joint requiring approximately 45 minutes curing time. This process of laying PE pipe is new to Goldenfields and at the moment it is time consuming.

It is envisaged that the entire project will be completed in the new year.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.8 TEMORA EAST RESERVOIR (G95258520)

15/166 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller that the report concerning the Temora East Reservoir be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

The visible leak in Temora East reservoir has been repaired by 'Aqualift Dive Solutions'. In November a dedicated dive team made internal repairs by placing a patch over an area approximately 30cm x 30cm. The leak was coming from a stripped bolt which had obviously occurred at the time of construction.

Commencing in the new year the calcium staining on the outside will be cleaned

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 ANNUAL REPORT (G50401005)

15/167 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that Councils 2014/15 Annual Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

Council 2014/15 Annual Report has been completed and is now published on Councils website.

For Councils information, copies have been provided.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.2 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT REPORT (G05055005)

15/168 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

The model code of conduct requires reporting on a range of complaints statistics to Council and the Office of Local Government within three months of the end of September each year.

There were nil complaints for the period with the report submitted to the Office of Local Government.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 February 2016 at 1.00PM.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Speirs advised that advertising for the General Manager position is to commence the first week of the new year. Cr Manchester endorsed.

Cr Palmer thanked Senior staff.

Cr Speirs acknowledged staff that attended School award ceremonies when Councillors were unavailable.

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11. CLOSED SESSION – 11.27AM

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.

15/169 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council meet in Closed Session.

Mr Gerard Carr, Mr Chris Lasdauskas left the meeting and did not return.

11.1 REPORT ON LEGAL FEES TO DATE (L70205005)

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

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

15/170 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council note the report and budget another \$50k for legal costs.

11.2 REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION (G45405005)

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*

15/171 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the Board note the response from the Hon Minister Blair.

11.3 PROPOSED COOTAMUNDRA DEPOT DISPOSAL (G10053005)

11.42am – Cr Palmer left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

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*

15/172 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that Council enter into a contract for the sale of the GWCC Cootamundra depot with Cootamundra Shire Council based on the Expression of Interest received.

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11.46am - Cr Palmer returned to the meeting.

11.4 IRC MATTERS AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION OUTCOME

12.20pm - Mrs A Coleman left the meeting and did not return.

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

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

15/173 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Speirs and Manchester that:

1. Council note revised outstanding items 1 and 2.
2. Council accept the advice given from GWCC Legal representatives relating to item 3.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting closed at 1.00PM
