

CENTRAL TABLELANDS *Water*



Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water

11th June 2014

Canowindra



5 June 2014

Notice to Members

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at the Canowindra Services Club on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 at 10.30am. Morning tea will be served at 10.00am.

Agenda

1. Public Forum
2. Apologies for non-attendance
3. Leaves of absence granted
4. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting held on 09.04.14
5. Chairman's Minute
6. Councillor Representation
7. Notices of Motion
8. Reports of Staff
9. Adjourn Meeting and proceed into Committee of the Whole
10. Resume Ordinary Meeting & Report of Committee of the Whole
11. Next Meeting – Grenfell - 13th August 2014

Yours faithfully

A. Perry
General Manager

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HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2014

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01) Integrated Planning & Reporting - 2014/2015 Management Plan (FM.PL.1)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993, and, following the statutory period of 28 days public display, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft Plans:
 - a. Delivery Plan 2014 – 2018
 - b. Operational Plan 2014 - 2015 – Part 1 & 2
 - c. Workforce Management Plan 2012 – 2016
 - d. Asset Management Strategy and Plans
 - e. Long Term Financial Plan

REPORT

In accordance with the requirements of Section 405 of the Local Government Act, the Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015, Part 1 & 2, together with the Delivery Plan 2014 – 2018, the Workforce Management Plan 2012–2016, the Asset Management Strategy and Plans and the Long Term Financial Plan was placed on public exhibition for a statutory 28-day minimum period. Advertisements were placed in all local and regional newspapers advising that the draft Plans were on public exhibition at Council's office in Blayney and on Council's website. The advertisements invited members of the public to review the draft Plans and to make written submissions prior to 5 pm on 20 May 2014.

As at 5pm on 20 May 2014, Council had received no submissions.

Council can now proceed to adopt the Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015, Part 1 & 2, the Delivery Plan 2014–2018, the Workforce Management Plan 2012–2016, the Asset Management Strategy and Plans and the Long Term Financial Plan and give approval to the estimates of expenditure and income for the ensuing 12 months.

The draft Operational Plan 2014-2015 provides for consumption charges to increase by 5% from \$2.15 to \$2.25. The increase in consumption charges will be applied to all accounts issued after 1 July 2014. There is no planned increase in the annual availability charge which will remain at \$200.00 per year for a standard 20mm service.

The Section 64 Developer Charge for 2014/2015 will increase from \$8,333.00 to \$8,557.00 per ET, whilst the capital contribution charge on existing vacant unconnected land (in-fill blocks) for 2014/2015 will increase to \$3,974.00 per ET.

Council has decided that Quandialla should no longer have a separate pricing policy and should be absorbed into the pricing policy of the remainder of the supply area. Accordingly, the annual availability charge for Quandialla will reduce from \$464.00 per year to \$200.00 per year and the consumption tariff will change from a two

stepped tariff (currently \$1.46kL for the first 200kL per quarter and \$2.42 after 200kL) to a straight line tariff of \$2.25kL.

The Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 201/2015, as presented in the draft Operational Plan, are summarised as follows:

Operating Revenue

Availability Charges	1,207,290	
Water Sales	3,560,318	
User Charges	103,799	
Interest	213,000	
Other Revenues	328,996	
Grants – Acquisition of Assets	142,135	
Grants & Subsidies	55,392	
Contributions	38,653	
Net Gains on Disposal of Assets	51,700	5,701,283

Less: Operating Expenses

Management Expenses	1,175,616	
Supervision & Technical Expenses	218,195	
Operational Expenses	2,242,345	
Interest	221,653	
Depreciation - System Assets	1,622,048	
Depreciation - Plant & equipment	212,223	
Amortisation – Intangible Assets	46,873	5,738,953

Estimated Operating Result for Period - Deficit (37,670)

Add Expenses not Involving Flow of Funds

Depreciation	1,881,144
	1,843,474

Add Non-Operating Revenue

Written-down value of Assets Sold	273,300
Transfer from Reserves	1,913,032
	4,029,806

Less Non-Operating Expenditure

Acquisition of Assets	2,132,046
Repayment of Loans	359,004
Transfer to Reserves	1,538,756

Budget Result (Balanced) **0**

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

02) Budget Review Statement - 31st March 2014 (FM.FR.1)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31st March 2014 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

REPORT

The Quarterly Budget Review (QBR) for the period ended 31 March 2014 is submitted for examination by Council (refer Attachment 1).

It is estimated that the original forecast operating budget deficit for 2013/2014 of \$1,829 is now estimated to have a significant improvement with the final result for the year now estimated to produce a surplus of \$198,970, noting that this surplus is achieved even after providing for depreciation expenditure totalling \$1,849,161. This significant improvement of \$200,799 against the original operating budget estimate is, as reported to the February meeting, mainly attributed to the significant increase in water sales as a result of reduced rainfall and hot seasonal conditions in the Central Western area this financial year. The estimated final revenue forecast water sales and charges is an increase of \$405,900 over the original budget estimate.

The major variations to the operational budget and capital budget are detailed in the March 2014 QBR attached to this report.

The overall cash surplus of \$487,418 as originally estimated for 2013/2014 has now been revised to a surplus of \$683,126 which, as per policy, will be transferred to reserves.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14

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Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Central Tablelands Water for the quarter ended 31/03/14 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/14 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:



Gavin Rhodes
Responsible Accounting Officer

Date: 3/06/2014

Budget Review Statement

as at 31 March 2014

Council's Revised Income and Expenditure for the year 2013/2014

Original Budget	<u>Operating Revenue</u>		
1,235,673	Availability Charges	1,235,673	
3,300,442	Water Charges	3,706,342	
148,000	Interest	168,000	
346,832	Other Revenues	353,403	
53,707	Grants & Subsidies	53,707	
138,415	Developer and Capital Contributions	143,415	
64,699	Gains on Disposal of Assets	61,132	
<u>5,287,768</u>			5,721,672
	<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
1,647,617	Employee Costs	1,643,106	
244,365	Borrowing Costs	244,365	
790,159	Materials & Contracts	939,224	
8,000	Legal Costs	3,000	
51,000	Consultants	69,000	
695,637	Other Expenses	774,846	
1,849,161	Depreciation - System Assets	1,849,161	
<u>5,285,939</u>			<u>5,522,702</u>
1,829	<u>Operating Result for Period</u>	Surplus/(Deficit)	198,970
	<u>Less Non-Operating Expenditure</u>		
701,811	Aquisitions of Assets	583,093	
336,292	Repayment of Loans	336,292	
138,415	Transfer to Reserves - S64 Developer Charges	143,415	
536,916	Transfer to Reserves - Renewal Reserves	536,916	
135,498	Water Pricing Increase @ 5%	135,498	
487,418	Estimated Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	683,126	
97,553	Transfer to Reserves - Plant	97,553	
54,199	Transfer to Reserves - DA	54,199	1,650,707
<u>2,488,102</u>			<u>2,570,092</u>
(2,486,273)			(2,371,122)
	<u>Add Non-Operating Revenue</u>		
266,301	Book Value of Assets Sold	244,592	
-	Loan Funds	-	
85,000	Transfer from Reserves - Plant	9,601	
-	Transfer from Reserves - ELE	-	
285,811	Transfer from Reserves - Renewals	267,768	
<u>637,112</u>			<u>521,961</u>
(1,849,161)			(1,849,161)
	<u>Add Expenses not Involving Flow of Funds</u>		
1,849,161	Depreciation		<u>1,849,161</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	Budget Result Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>\$ -</u>

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2014

Income & Expenses - Water Fund

	Original Budget 2013/14	Approved Changes		Revised Budget 2013/14	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Other than by a QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS				
Income								
Rates and Annual Charges	1,235,673				1,235,673		1,235,673	921,511
User Charges and Fees	3,300,442			477,800	3,778,242	1a	3,706,342	2,636,811
Interest and Investment Revenues	148,000		20,000		168,000		168,000	104,784
Other Revenues	346,832			6,571	353,403		353,403	241,202
Grants & Contributions - Operating	53,707				53,707		53,707	43,347
Grants & Contributions - Capital	138,415		20,000		158,415	1b	143,415	117,330
Net gain from disposal of assets	64,699				64,699	1c	61,132	24,204
Total Income from Continuing Operations	5,287,768	-	40,000	484,371	5,812,139		5,721,672	4,089,189
Expenses								
Employee Costs	1,647,617			1,829	1,649,446	2a	1,643,106	1,122,417
Borrowing Costs	244,365				244,365		244,365	185,520
Materials & Contracts	790,159		25,000	118,000	933,159	2b	939,224	496,164
Depreciation	1,849,161				1,849,161		1,849,161	1,386,871
Legal Costs	8,000				8,000	2c	3,000	-
Consultants	51,000				51,000	2d	69,000	28,200
Other Expenses	695,637			79,209	774,846		774,846	760,035
Interest & Investment Losses					-		-	
Net Loss from disposal of assets					-		-	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	5,285,939	-	25,000	199,038	5,509,977		5,522,702	3,979,207
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	1,829	-	15,000	285,333	302,162		198,970	109,982
Discontinued Operations					-		-	
Net Operating Result from All Operations	1,829	-	15,000	285,333	302,162		198,970	109,982
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(136,586)	-	(5,000)	285,333	143,747		55,555	(7,348)

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/12/12 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1(a)	Water sales income for 2013/14 are estimated to decrease by \$84,960(net) based on reduced water consumption as a result of recent rainfall in the County Council area. User Fees & Charges income is estimated to increase by \$13,060 for Private Works (\$7,000), Section 603 Certificates (\$2,560) and Special Meter Readings & Disconnections (\$3,500).
1(b)	A reduction of \$15,000 to the Capital Contributions budget for Infill Blocks is estimated for the remainder of the financial year.
1(c)	There is an estimated reduction of \$3,567 in the net gain from disposal of assets due to less vehicles being sold than originally anticipated for the financial year.
2(a)	There is an estimated net reduction to employee costs of \$6,340 as a result of lower than anticipated workers compensation and sick leave insurance premiums (\$11,925). However, there was an increase to FBT expenses of (\$5,460) due to the increase in the statutory percentage rate for car fringe benefits.
2(b)	Materials & Contracts is estimated to increase by \$6,065(net) for the remainder of the financial year. This increase is mostly attributed to additional requirements under the Drinking Water Management Plan for water analysis and chlorinator installations at Councils Reservoirs. There has also been increased work on Trunk Mains replacing air & scour valves. Reductions in the Materials & Contracts budget have been identified for Reticulation Mains, Pump Stations, and Internal Audit.
2(c)	There is an estimated \$6,000 decrease due to less legal costs being incurred than originally anticipated during the financial year.
2(d)	This increase is due to the estimated General Manager recruitment costs not provided for in the original budget.

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Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2014

Capital Budget - Water Fund

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14

	Original Budget 2013/14	Approved Changes		Revised Budget 2013/14	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Other than by a QBRs	Sep QBRs					
Capital Expenditure								
New Assets								
- Plant & Equipment	416,000			416,000	(100,675)	3a	315,325	225,003
- Land & Buildings				-			-	
- Office Equipment	10,000			10,000	(2,043)	3b	7,957	7,957
Renewal Assets (Replacement)								
- Plant & Equipment	40,000			40,000	(16,000)	3c	24,000	612
- Land & Buildings	235,811			235,811			235,811	87,659
- Water Supply Network				-			-	
- Land & Buildings	336,292			336,292			336,292	249,973
Loan Repayments (Principal)								
Total Capital Expenditure	1,038,103	-	-	1,038,103	(118,718)		919,385	571,203
Capital Funding								
User Fees & Charges Funding	336,292			336,292			336,292	249,973
Capital Grants & Contributions				-			-	
Reserves:								
- External Restrictions/Reserves				-			-	
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	370,811			370,811	(93,442)	4a	277,369	96,228
New Loans				-			-	
Receipts from Sale of Assets								
- Plant & Equipment	331,000			331,000	(25,276)	4b	305,724	107,031
- Land & Buildings				-			-	
Total Capital Funding	1,038,103	-	-	1,038,103	(118,718)		919,385	453,232
Net Capital Funding	-	-	-	-	-		-	(117,972)

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the quarter ended 31/12/2012 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRs report

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/14 to 31/03/14**Capital Budget Review Statement**
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

3a \$100,675 decrease due to less vehicles purchased during the financial year than originally anticipated.

3b \$2,043 decrease due less computer hardware purchased than originally anticipated.

3c \$16,000 decrease due to Blayney Office refurbishment works not being undertaken this financial year.
This funding is to be transferred back to reserves until FY 14/15.4a \$93,442 decrease - Plant & Equipment (\$75,399), Office Equipment (\$2,043) and Buildings (\$16000)
transferred back to reserves until FY 14/15.

4b \$25,276 decrease due to less vehicles being sold in the financial year than was originally estimated.

03) Financial Matters (FM.BA.1)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in accepting the settlement offer from the Liquidators of Lehman Bros Australia Ltd and note the remaining information in the report.

REPORT

Details of all payments made to creditors in the preceding two months are available for inspection at the Blayney office.

The Bank Reconciliation, as at 30 April 2014, together with a Statement of Funds Invested, is attached to the business paper.

Council's Petty Cash Book and the Warrant Listing will be **tabled** on meeting day.

As required by Council, the following table details the status of Council's investments through Lehman Bros as at 30 April 2014:

Investment	Interest Rate	Above BBSW	Call Date	Maturity Date	Interest Paid	Face Value	Current % value	Current Value
Aphex (Glenelg AA-)	4.3550%	1.69%	22/06/2009	22/12/2014	Quarterly	50,000	95.87	47,935
MAS (Parkes AA-)	N/A	N/A	20/12/2009	20/06/2015	Quarterly	300,000	N/A	N/A
Total						\$350,000	13.70	\$47,935

The value of the CDO investments acquired through Lehman's have a current valuation as at 30th April 2014, of \$47,935. This is an increase of \$915 from the last reported valuation of \$47,020 as at 28th February 2014. The CDO investments are now valued at 13.70% of par value.

Legal proceedings through a class action against Lehman Bros Australia Ltd (LBA) are continuing through solicitors Piper Alderman and litigation funders IMF.

Councillors would recall that the MAS (Parkes AA-) investment of \$300,000 was written off in 2012/2013 and, as mentioned above, has been the subject of legal proceedings against LBA through a class action funded by IMF. Advice has now been received that the Liquidators of LBA have made an offer to Council of \$321,468.83. This offer has been made without prejudice to LBA. Response to this offer needs to be made by 24 June 2014 and it is the intention of the General Manager to accept this offer on behalf of Council.

This settlement will be subject to a deduction for an amount, yet to be advised, due to the litigation funders IMF Australia.

Council's remaining investment portfolio, other than CDO's of approximately \$5.25 million is all capital guaranteed, primarily in term deposits.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 Bank Reconciliation April 2014 1 Page

04) Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (GR.LR.4)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairman and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water

REPORT

Council has received advice that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has delivered its determination in regards to fees payable to councillors and mayors/chairpersons for 2014-2015, increasing fees by 2.5 per cent from 1 July 2014.

A full copy of the Tribunal's 2014 Annual Review **will be tabled** at this Council meeting for Councillors information.

The following table lists the Tribunal's determinations for 2014-2015:

	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
<i>Principal City</i>	24,430	35,820	149,460	196,660
<i>Major City</i>	16,280	26,880	34,600	78,300
<i>Metropolitan Major</i>	16,280	26,880	34,600	78,300
<i>Metropolitan Centre</i>	12,210	22,800	25,950	60,580
<i>Metropolitan</i>	8,130	17,930	17,310	39,110
<i>Regional Rural</i>	8,130	17,930	17,310	39,110
<i>Rural</i>	8,130	10,740	8,640	23,440
County Council – Water	1,620	8,960	3,460	14,710
<i>County Council – Other</i>	1,620	5,360	3,460	9,780

Council's policy is to pay the maximum fees as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

05) Water Security - Central West NSW (WS.SP.4)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the information.

REPORT

Following a detailed report to the February 2014 Council Meeting on a new dam proposal at the Needles Gap site on the Belubula River, Council resolved as follows:

“That Council forward letters to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and other relevant Ministers supporting the recent announcement by the Member for Calare, the Hon. John Cobb MP, that he is advocating the construction of a 90,000ML dam at the Needles Gap near Canowindra and that he has written to the Prime Minister and a number of Federal Ministers seeking their support for the initial funding of an estimated \$3 million to conduct a feasibility study, including environmental, geotechnical and preliminary design investigations.”

Letters were written and subsequent replies have been received from the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Agriculture advising that a Water Infrastructure Ministerial Working Group has been established under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Barnaby Joyce with the task of identifying new infrastructure projects that can deliver Australia’s water supply needs into the future.

Minister Joyce’s letter advises that the ‘*working group will deliver an options paper that, among other things, will identify how investment in water infrastructure, such as dams and large scale irrigation projects, could be accelerated.*’

Copies of the three letters are attached for Councillors information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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| 2 | Letter from The Hon Warren Truss MP | 1 Page |
| 3 | Letter from The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP | 2 Pages |



PRIME MINISTER



Reference: C14/4699

30 APR 2014

Mr A Perry
General Manager
Central Tablelands Water
PO Box 61
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

Dear Mr Perry

Thank you for your letter dated 6 March 2014 regarding your support for Mr John Cobb MP in his efforts to secure funding of a feasibility study for a new dam in the Lachlan Valley.

The Government is committed to ensuring water security for communities and industries. As part of realising this commitment, I have asked the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, to chair a ministerial working group to identify priorities for investment in water infrastructure. This could include new or existing dams to assist in economic development, flood mitigation and respond to community and industry needs.

I appreciate your advice about the background to the Needles dam proposal and the support that local government councils in the Central West of NSW are giving to the proposal.

Yours sincerely

TONY ABBOTT

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**The Hon Warren Truss MP**

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

Leader of The Nationals

Member for Wide Bay



7 MAY 2014

Reference: 02463-2014

Mr A Perry
General Manager
Central Tablelands Water
PO Box 61
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

Dear Mr Perry

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated 6 March 2014 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, about increased water storage for central west NSW.

On March 28 the Australian Government announced the establishment of a Ministerial Working Group to look at Australia's future water needs. The Working Group will develop an options paper which will identify priorities, investment and consider processes to fast-track the development of strategic water infrastructure. This options paper will be provided to the Government by the end of July and it will contribute to the White Papers on Agricultural Competitiveness and Northern Australia. State and Territory governments will be consulted to understand their water infrastructure priorities.

The right water infrastructure in the right place will help us grow our economy, meet future challenges and manage this vital resource responsibly. This working group demonstrates the Australian Government's wider commitment to infrastructure for the future.

I thank you again for taking the time to write and inform me of your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely

WARREN TRUSS

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13.5.14

The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP

RECEIVED

15 MAY 2014

File No: GR.L.R.1/.....

Refer to: *Booy*

Minister for Agriculture
Federal Member for New England

Ref: MNMC2014-02756

Mr A Perry
General Manager
Central Tablelands Water
PO Box 61
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

Dear Mr Perry

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 March 2014 to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP about the proposed Needles Gap Dam. I have received a copy of your correspondence and I am replying as the Australian Government portfolio minister for agriculture, and Chair of the Water Infrastructure Ministerial Working Group.

The current drought affecting large parts of Queensland and New South Wales has focussed greater attention on how Australia harvests, manages and optimises the use of its water resources. The Australian Government understands to build the capacity of our water resources it is important to consider strategic, sustainable and cost-effective options to augment our water supply as part of a broader suite of policies.

On 28 March 2014 I announced the establishment of a ministerial working group to identify new infrastructure projects that can deliver Australia's water supply needs into the future. This working group will develop an options paper that, among other things, will identify how investment in water infrastructure, such as dams and large scale irrigation projects, could be accelerated. It will also investigate strategic approaches to the way the Australian Government could support the development of water infrastructure, including dams and other options such as harvesting and storing water in underground aquifers, to further boost the efficient and sustainable development of our water resources.

Farmers in many parts of Australia face challenges in relation to reliable sources of water and the options paper may also provide an opportunity to investigate potential to use investment in water efficiency and storage infrastructure to improve farmers' access to water. As the Minister for Agriculture, I recognise the potential for water infrastructure proposals to assist farmers, regional communities and Australians more broadly.

The Australian Government has commissioned an Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper that will consider issues you have raised, with a focus on food security, improving farm gate returns, drought management, infrastructure, debt and investment. The White Paper will drive the long-term agricultural policies of the government and ensure Australia's agricultural sector remains a significant contributor to the economy and local communities. I encourage you to provide input into the White Paper when the next consultation period opens. Further details are available at www.agriculturalcompetitiveness.dpmc.gov.au.

I can assure you I take a keen interest in the management of water and the potential for new large water infrastructure proposals. Options for greater access to water, such as the proposed Needles Gap Dam, are a constant point of discussion amongst my colleagues and me.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Joyce', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barnaby Joyce MP

13 MAY 2014

06) Restart NSW - Water Security for Regions 2013-2014 (GR.LR.2)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the submission of an application to the *Water Security for Regions* funding program seeking funding for the Lake Rowlands Dam security upgrade and, dependent on the outcome of the State Government budget, funding for investigation studies for the Lake Rowlands enlargement proposal.

REPORT

Council has received a letter from the NSW Deputy Premier, The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP, informing Council that in February this year he announced a new program to fund regional infrastructure projects to promote water security and that \$41 million had been set aside in the 2013–14 budget for this program. The program was titled *Water Security for Regions*.

In his letter, the Deputy Premier advised that \$21 million of this funding has already been earmarked for five high priority projects in regional New South Wales and which were recommended by the NSW Office of Water based on their level of priority and readiness to proceed.

The Deputy Premier further advised that eligibility criteria for the remaining \$20 million funding in the 2013–14 budget has been determined and that a total of 24 Local Water Utilities, including Central Tablelands Water, meet that criteria.

The Deputy Premier has invited Council to submit an application for funding under the Governments *Water Security for Regions* program. A copy of the application guidelines together with the assessment criteria was included with the Deputy Premier's letter.

The General Manager has spoken with Mr Steve Palmer of the NSW Office of Water in order to determine what work or works Council could submit that would fit within the guidelines and criteria. The General Manager questioned whether the security upgrade to the existing Lake Rowlands dam at \$3.87 million could be eligible for consideration and was advised that, whilst there could be no guarantee it would be approved, Council should certainly consider including it in any subsequent application.

Mr Palmer also agreed that the application could also possibly include a request for funding towards the Lake Rowlands augmentation project in regards to the investigation studies and a possible upgrade to the Centroc Water Security Study.

On Wednesday 28 May, the General Manager and other members of the Centroc Infrastructure Sub-Committee met with Dr Amit Chanan from State Water seeking updated information on the Needles Dam proposal. Dr Chanan advised the group that he had sought funding of \$4.5 million from the NSW State Government to carry

out investigations and feasibility studies and that he was hopeful that this funding would be approved in the forthcoming NSW budget.

The next day, Thursday 29 May, the Centroc board met at NSW Parliament House and throughout the day was addressed by a number of Ministers. The Deputy Premier and the new Minister for Water, The Hon. Kevin Humphreys, both gave a strong indication that funding would be available in the forthcoming State budget towards a major water infrastructure project.

On Friday 30 May, the General Manager attended a briefing meeting where Mr Steve Palmer from the Office of Water and Ms Jenny Davis from Infrastructure NSW outlined the guidelines and criteria for funding under the *Water Security for Regions* program. It was made quite clear that there are no set percentage levels for funding but that Councils would be expected to contribute towards their respective project the level of which would be determined on a case-by-case basis. Projects that are well advanced in the planning stage and meet the criteria would be considered favourably.

If State Water is successful in obtaining funding for its dam investigation studies, Councils application under the *Water Security for Regions* program could seek funding towards a pipeline investigation study linking any increased storage to major towns and centres across the Central West, however, this would be dependent on a contribution commitment across the Centroc group of councils.

The security upgrade of the current Lake Rowlands dam will be given priority listing in Council's application as this work has been costed and is basically at the ready for tender stage.

Whilst the deadline for submissions of funding applications is 30 June 2014, Council's submission will be delayed until the outcome of the NSW State budget has been announced.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 Letter from The Hon Andrew Stoner MP 3 Pages



The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP

Deputy Premier
Minister for Trade and Investment
Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services
Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business
Minister for the North Coast

MOC14/1901

Mr Tony Perry
General Manager
Central Tablelands Water
PO Box 61
BLAYNEY NSW 2799



Dear Mr Perry 

In February this year I announced *Water Security for Regions*, a new program to fund regional infrastructure projects to promote water security.

A total of \$41 million has been set aside in the 2013-14 budget, with some \$21 million of this already earmarked for five high priority projects in regional NSW, which were recommended by the NSW Office of Water based on their level of priority and readiness to proceed.

Since then, the Office of Water and Infrastructure NSW have been working together to determine the eligibility criteria for the remaining \$20 million funding for 2013-14. I am pleased to advise that the criteria has now been finalised and that a total of 24 Local Water Utilities, including Central Tablelands Water, meet that criteria.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to invite your Council to submit an application for funding under the Government's *Water Security for Regions* program. I have enclosed a copy of the application guidelines, which include the assessment criteria, to assist you in this process. Applications will need to include a project description, cost estimates, a business case and economic appraisal, and a project delivery plan. Please note that applications must be lodged with Infrastructure NSW by 30 June 2014.

All applications will be assessed by the Office of Water and Infrastructure NSW, assisted by the Regional Independent Assessment Panel. Final funding decisions will be made by the NSW Government, based on these assessments.

Should you require any assistance with your funding application or clarification of the assessment criteria, I have asked that Mr Steve Palmer from the Office of Water be available to discuss these matters further. Mr Palmer can be contacted on (02) 8281 7331 or via email at stephen.palmer@water.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP
Deputy Premier



Restart NSW

Water Security for Regions 2013-14 Application Guidelines



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Water Security for Regions 2013-14

Application Guidelines

The NSW Government is inviting Applications for funding from Restart NSW Fund's *Water Security for Regions Program*, for infrastructure to improve town water security. Restart NSW is the NSW Government's fund established to improve economic growth and productivity in the State by funding major infrastructure projects and other necessary infrastructure.

A total of \$41 million of Restart funding has been reserved for regional water security in the 2013-14 State Budget. With much of the State facing difficult drought conditions, now more than ever we need to be focusing on ways to prepare communities by enhancing our local infrastructure to provide improved water security.

\$41m

Reserved for water infrastructure

Restart funding of \$21 million has been reserved for five high priority projects in regional NSW under the program:

- Bourke Shire Council – \$2.5m for connecting town supply systems;
- Central Darling Shire Council – \$1m for Wilcannia and surrounding town water supplies;
- Cobar Water Board and Bogan Shire Council – \$10m for works to secure Cobar's water supply;
- Cooma-Monaro Council – \$5.3m for Nimmitabel Lake Wallace project; and
- Forbes Shire Council – \$2m for town water supply system.

These projects have been recommended by the NSW Office of Water based on their level of priority and readiness.

Beyond these projects, there is \$20 million remaining in the 2013-14 allocation.

This document provides guidelines for applicants for the allocation of the remaining \$20 million in funding for new priority projects.

The Water Security for Regions Program is to assist the Government to meet its 2021 Target on access to potable water, or for other urgent water security infrastructure projects in light of the current severe drought conditions being experienced in many parts of the State.

Projects must demonstrate that they will produce a net economic benefit and that they meet the objective of the Program.

Water Security for Regions projects that are ready to proceed and involve partnerships between local councils, ROCs and regional water bodies will be viewed favorably.

Projects must be located in the following Local Government Areas (LGAs) and Local Water Utilities (LWU):

Bega Valley, Bombala, Boorowa, Brewarrina, Cabonne, Central Tablelands Water County Council, Glen Innes, Lachlan, Lismore, Liverpool Plains, Narrabri, Narramine, Palerang, Parkes, Snowy River, Tamworth Regional Council, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Upper Hunter, Upper Lachlan, Walcha, Walgett, Warren, and Yass Valley

The Regional Water Security Program is managed by the Office of Water:

Please contact:
Stephen Palmer 02 8281 7331

IMPORTANT MILESTONE

30 June 2014

Applications to be submitted

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kinds of projects are eligible for funding?

The Water Security for Regions Program could potentially include storage such as dam augmentation, pipeline and bore works, as well as water efficiency mechanisms.

How will projects be assessed?

The projects will be assessed based on the Program Criteria listed below:

1. Net economic benefits of the project for the Local Government Area, the region and the NSW economy
2. The severity of water security conditions, referring to the NSW Government's definition of Security of Supply basis (commonly known as the 5/10/10 rule) and the degree to which the affected community is impacted by water restrictions.
3. Alignment with the relevant Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan identified works, the NSW Government priorities, including NSW 2021 water service targets and other regional water strategies and plans;
4. Affordability of the project and life-cycle cost impacts;
5. Capacity to deliver the project, project risks and implementation approach, including potential for regional collaboration and water sharing.

Projects will be assessed by the NSW Office of Water and Infrastructure NSW with assistance from the Regional Independent Assessment Panel.

How can my organisation apply?

Applications should address all the Program Criteria listed above. There is no application form. Please provide the project description, cost estimates, a business case and economic appraisal and a project delivery plan (including risk assessment).

Infrastructure NSW will coordinate the application process. Completed applications and all necessary material must be lodged with Infrastructure NSW by email to: water@insw.com by 30 June 2014

The NSW Office of Water will complete the review of projects and provide advice to Infrastructure NSW. Infrastructure NSW will be assisted by the Regional Independent Assessment Panel. Final funding decisions are made by the NSW Government.

07) NSW Police - Site Access Eugowra (PM.US.1)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the action taken by the General Manager in his communication and negotiations with NSW Police and authorise the Chairman and General Manager to sign and execute under Council's Common Seal the Deed of Access, granted to NSW Police, over Lots 1-3 DP 383826 Eugowra.

REPORT

In March this year, Council received a request from NSW Police seeking an access agreement over the Council owned road leading to Council's reservoir site off Nanima Road Eugowra. Access through Council's land, Lots 1-3 DP 383826 (**see attached**), is necessary in order to gain access to the NSW Police Force radio communications site which is situated on adjoining land.

Councillors would remember that in June 2013 Council entered into a Deed of Access agreement with NBN Co for access through the same property at an annual incremental fee of \$1,500 (excl. GST) and the General Manager has advised the NSW Police that he is confident that a similar Deed of Access agreement would be endorsed by Council at the same annual fee as that agreed to with the NBN Co.

Accordingly, a draft Deed of Agreement has been prepared by the legal representatives of both parties and is attached for Council's endorsement and resolution to execute the document under the Common Seal of Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Included in 2014/2015 Operations Plan

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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| 1 | Deed of Access - Eugowra | 10 Pages |
| 2 | Map of Location | 1 Page |

DATED

2013

BETWEEN

Central Tablelands County Council trading as Central Tablelands Water
(ABN 43 721 523 632)

"Party A"

AND

THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES (MINISTER FOR POLICE)
C/- NSW POLICE FORCE (ABN 43 408 613 180)

"NSW Police"

DEED OF ACCESS LICENCE

for

SITE: Lots 1 – 3 DP 383826 Eugowra

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THIS DEED made the day of 2013

BETWEEN The party referred to in Item 1 of the Schedule ("Party A");

AND The State of New South Wales (Minister for Police) c/- NSW Police Force (ABN 43 408 613 180), Attention to Derrek Manning ("NSW Police");

RECITALS

- A. Party A is the registered proprietor of the Land referred to in Item 3 of the Schedule ("Land").
- B. NSW Police requires a licence to access the Land as a means to gain access to the NSW Police Force radio communications site ("Site") which is situated on adjoining land (whether or not owned by NSW Police).
- C. At the request of the NSW Police, Party A has agreed to grant to the NSW Police a right by way of licence to access the Land for the purposes of accessing the Site (hereinafter referred to as the 'Access Licence' which is further defined in clause 1.2 of this Deed).
- D. The parties agree that the Access Licence is subject to the further terms and conditions set out in this Deed.

OPERATIVE PART

1. Access Licence

- 1.1 Subject to clause 1.4, Party A hereby agrees to grant to NSW Police this Access Licence for the Term (being defined in clause 1.6 herein) over the most direct route available across the Land to enable the NSW Police Force to access the Site or as otherwise designated on the plan (if any) annexed hereto and marked "A" (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan").
- 1.2 Party A acknowledges and agrees that the term "Access Licence" in this Deed shall mean full and free right to officers of the NSW Police (including contractors, employees, invitees and authorised personnel of NSW Police), to pass and repass at all times and for all purposes with or without animals or vehicles and equipment over that part of the Land referred to in clause 1.1.
- 1.3 If so requested in writing by the NSW Police, Party A shall at the expense of the NSW Police promptly do and perform such further act or acts (including but not limited obtain any necessary consent from a mortgagee, caveator, chargee having a registered interest in the Land) and execute and deliver all further instruments required by law or reasonably requested by the NSW Police to establish, maintain and protect the rights of the NSW Police and to carry out and affect the intent and purpose of this Deed.

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- 1.4 This clause 1.4 applies if Items 4 of the Schedule is completed. In consideration for the Access Licence, NSW Police must make payment to Party A of the fee detailed in Item 4 of the Schedule (hereinafter termed the 'Fee').
- 1.5 If Items 5 and 6 of the Schedule have been completed, the Fee shall be deemed to be increased by the amount of the Fee Increase upon the Review Date.
2. **Indemnity**
- 2.1 The NSW Police will at all times be liable for any damage or injury which arises from any negligent act or omission committed by officers of the NSW Police (including contractors, employees, invitees and authorised personnel of NSW Police) whilst on the Land.
- 2.2 In the event any damage is occasioned to the Land as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by officers of the NSW Police (including contractors, employees, invitees and authorised personnel of NSW Police) whilst on the Land, the NSW Police must make good any such damage within a reasonable time. In the further event the damage is not made good within a reasonable time, then Party A may elect to rectify the damage and demand from the NSW Police all reasonable reimbursement costs incurred by Party A in accordance with this clause 2.2. Such reimbursement costs must be paid by the NSW Police to Party A within 28 days of the date of the demand by Party A unless otherwise advised or alternate arrangements made.
3. **Insurance**
- 3.1 The NSW Police warrants that it is 'self insured' under the NSW Treasury Managed Fund in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 (Twenty million dollars) for public liability risk with respect to all NSW Police activities. Party A acknowledges having sighted a Certificate of Currency evidencing such insurance and shall not require the NSW Police to effect any further insurers.
4. **Termination**
- 4.1 Any entitlement to the Access Licence may be revoked by the NSW Police upon giving written notice of not less than thirty (30) days to Party A in accordance with clause 8.2 herein.
5. **Sale of Land**
- 5.1 If Party A sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of the Land or any part thereof, Party A shall use its best endeavours to have its purchaser or

transferee to enter into a Deed with NSW Police containing the same terms as the terms contained herein. The NSW Police shall act promptly in the execution of such a Deed with any purchaser or transferee of the Land and will not unreasonably hinder Party A's completion of its contract for sale or transfer.

6. **Caveat**

- 6.1 Party A acknowledges and agrees with the NSW Police that the rights created under this Deed grant the NSW Police an equitable interest in the Land and that the NSW Police is entitled to lodge a caveat against the title to the Land to protect its interests under this Deed.
- 6.2 In the event a caveat is recorded on the title of the Land in accordance with clause 6.1, and should Party A be desirous to mortgage, charge or otherwise encumber its Land, then the NSW Police shall consent to the registration of any such mortgage, charge or other encumbrance PROVIDED THAT such does not adversely effect the Access Licence.

7. **Assignment/Authority**

- 7.1 The NSW Police may assign its rights or authorise the use of its rights under this Deed without the consent of Party A to any other government department, body or authority PROVIDED THAT the NSW Police Force notifies Party A of any such assignment pursuant to this clause 7.1. If the NSW Police Force require its rights under this Deed to be assigned by any other third party, the NSW Police Force must first seek the written consent of Party A which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. **Notice**

- 8.1 Any notice required under this Deed required to be served on the NSW Police shall be addressed to the Contact Officer referred to in Item 2 of the Schedule unless otherwise notified in writing to Party A to the contrary.
- 8.2 Any notice required under this Deed required to be served on Party A shall be to the address of Party A referred to in Item 1 of the Schedule unless otherwise notified in writing to the NSW Police to the contrary.

9. **Contact Officer**

- 9.1 The role of the Contact Officer referred to in Item 2 of the Schedule on behalf of the NSW Police is as follows:
- (a) ensure that officers of the NSW Police (including contractors, employees, invitees and authorised personnel of NSW Police) abide by any Special Directions whilst exercising the rights under the Access Licence.

- (b) ensure that Party A is delivered a counterpart of this Deed as soon as practicable following the execution thereof.
- (c) address any concerns of Party A in connection with this Access Licence, provisions of this Deed or any other matter arising from this Deed.

10. **Miscellaneous**

- 10.1 The parties hereto enter into this Deed for themselves, their respective representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
- 10.2 No addition to or variation of this Deed shall be of any force or effect unless such addition or variation is in writing and signed by the parties.
- 10.3 A document under or relating to this Deed is:
 - (a) signed by a party if it is signed by the party or the party's solicitor
 - (b) served if it is served by the party or the party's solicitor
 - (c) served if it is served on the party's solicitor, even if the party or any of them has died
 - (d) served if it is served in any manner provided in s170 of the Conveyancing Act 1919
 - (e) served if it is sent by fax to the party's solicitor, unless it is not received
 - (f) served on a person if it (or a copy of it) comes into the possession of the person; and
 - (g) served at the earliest time it is served, if it is served more than once.
- 10.4 This Deed shall be construed according to the laws of New South Wales. The parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New South Wales.
- 10.5 If any provision of this Deed shall at any time be found to be or become void, voidable or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Deed shall continue to be of full force and effect.
- 10.6 No waiver or indulgence by any party to this Deed shall be binding upon the parties unless in writing and in any event no waiver of one breach of any terms or condition of this Deed shall operated as a continuing waiver unless so expressed nor operate as a waiver of another breach of the same or any other term or condition of this Deed.
- 10.7 This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and all of such counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

- 10.8 In this Deed words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and any gender shall include any other gender.
- 10.9 Where any party to this Deed consists of more than one person the obligations of that party to the other party or parties shall be joint and several and service on any one of those persons shall be deemed to be service on that party.
- 10.10 In the event a dispute occurs in connection with any matter arising from a party's obligations as set out in this Deed, the parties acknowledge and agree that any such dispute must be dealt with in a timely and amicable manner and failing such an independent arbitrator shall be appointed by the parties (or if an appointment is not made within thirty (30) days from the date one party elects to proceed with arbitration, an arbitrator shall be appointed by the President of the Law Society of New South Wales). The parties acknowledge and agree the Law Society Conveyancing Arbitration Rules shall apply.
- 10.11 If an arbitrator is not appointed within three (3) months from the date the dispute occurs, then the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) if the nature of the dispute is in connection with any obligation under this Deed whereby there is a claim for monetary consideration or reimbursement, then that claim will be deemed lapsed;
 - (b) if the nature of the dispute is in connection with any obligation under this Deed whereby there is a claim for anything other than monetary consideration or reimbursement, then the parties acknowledge that any such dispute shall not lapse and unless the dispute is otherwise amicably resolved between the parties, the requirement for the appointment of an arbitrator in accordance with clause 10.10 shall remain.
- 10.12 The parties acknowledge and agree that the determination by the arbitrator shall be binding on both parties and the costs of the arbitrator shall be shared equally between the parties. In all other respects, each party shall bear and pay its own costs and expenses.
11. **NSW Government Telco Authority**
- 11.1 Despite any provision to the contrary in this Deed, the NSW Police may at any time during the term of this Deed without the approval of Party A being required, transfer and assign all its right, title and interest and obligations under this Deed to the NSW Government Telco Authority. The NSW Police must notify Party A that this has occurred and Party A will if requested by

NSW Police enter into a deed of licence on the same terms as this Deed with the NSW Government Telco Authority.

- 11.2 The NSW Police is released from its obligations under this Deed from the date of such transfer and assignment.

SCHEDULE

Item 1 - Party A	Central Tablelands County Council trading as Central Tablelands Water (ABN 43 721 523 632)
Item 2 – Contact Officer	Derrek Manning Phone: 02 8263 6419
Item 3 – Land	Lots 1, 2 and 3 in DP 383826 at Eugowra. Being described as Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Deposited Plan 383826 and contained in Certificates of Title Folio Identifiers 1/383826, 2/383826 and 3/383826
Item 4 - Fee	<p>\$1,500.00.per annum (plus GST) payable in arrears on 30 June of each and every year (and where applicable on a pro rata basis) until the termination of this Deed in accordance with clause 4 herein. For the purpose of this Deed, a pro rata calculation shall be made for the following periods:</p> <p>(a) on and from the date of this Deed up to and including 30 June 20014; and</p> <p>(b) on and from 1 July of the year clause 4 herein applies up to and including the date which is the last date of the notice of termination in accordance with the said clause 4.</p>
Item 5 – Review Date	<p>(a) In the event the date of this Deed is on or before 31 March of any given calendar year, the first Review Date shall be the 1st July immediately following the date of this Deed and</p>

thereafter upon each subsequent 1st July until such time as this Deed is terminated in accordance with clause 4.1 herein; or

- (b) In the event this Deed is entered into during the period 1 April and 30 June of any given year, then the first Review Date shall be the 1st July of the year following the year this Deed is commenced and thereafter upon each subsequent 1st July until such time as this Deed is terminated in accordance with clause 4.1 herein.

Item 6 – Fee Increase

The amount of the Fee Increase shall be 3% per annum.

EXECUTED AS A DEED.

Certified correct for the purposes of the Real Property Act 1900 and executed on behalf of the corporation named below by the authorised person(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) below pursuant to the authority specified.

Corporation: Central Tablelands County Council
T/A Central Tablelands Water

Authority: Section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001

Signature of Authorised Person

Signature of Authorised Person

Name of Authorised Person

Name of Authorised Person

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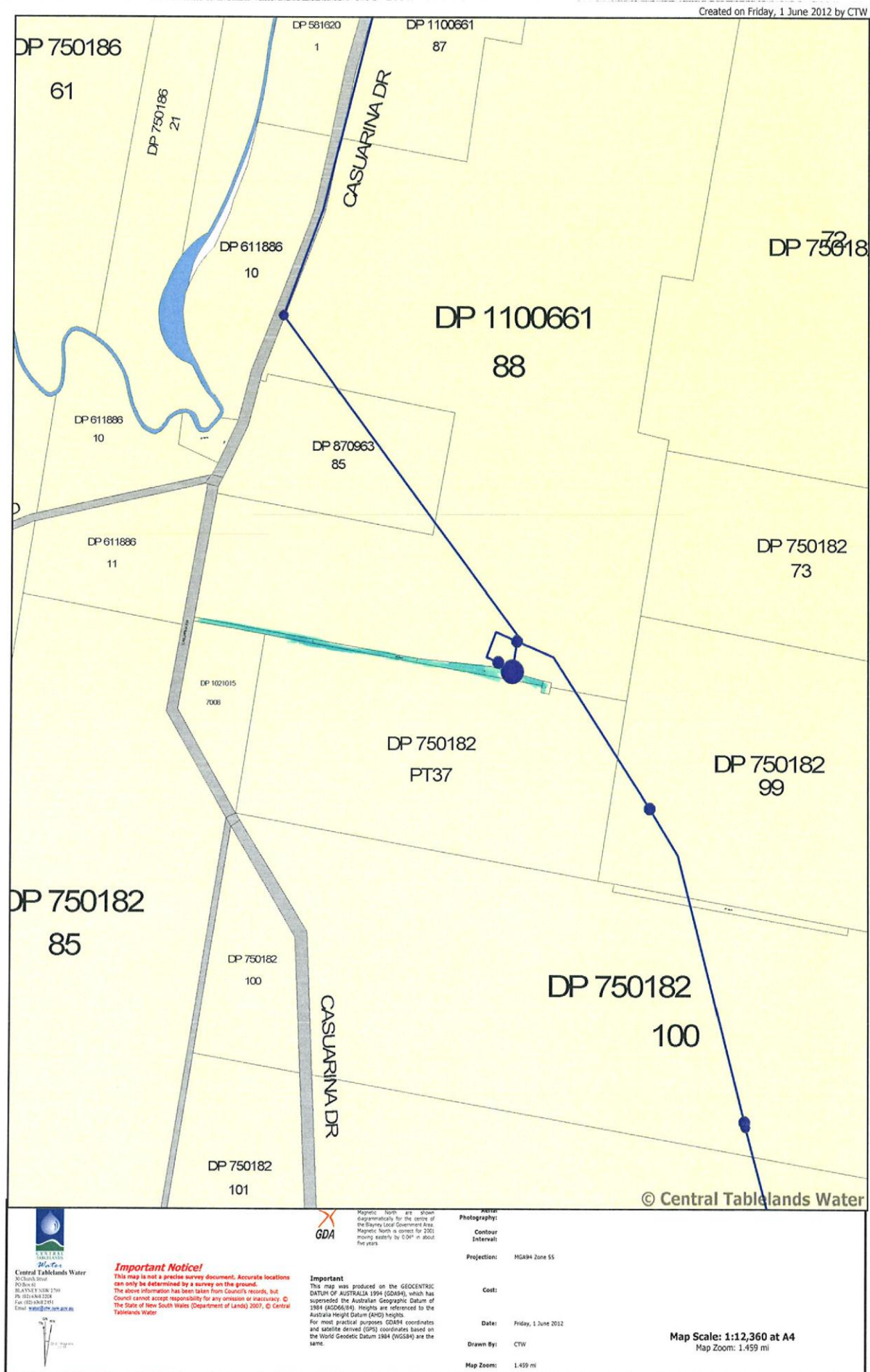
SIGNED on behalf of **NSW Police Force**
(ABN 43 408 613 180) an agency of the Crown
in right of the Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II (Minister for Police) by
Aidan Hughes in the presence of:

Witness Signature

Print Full Name

Address of Witness

Richard Butler
General Manager,
Commercial and Business Management
New South Wales Police Force Corporate Services
pursuant to the Instrument of
Delegation of Authority, issued to the New South
Wales Police in February 2011 by the Minister for
Police, for the purpose of incurring expenditure for
the services provided to NSW Police as specified in
this Deed (but not so as to incur any personal
liability)



08) General Manager Recruitment (GO.CO.4)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a Special Council Meeting be held on Saturday 14 June 2014 at Council's Blayney office for the purpose of conducting interviews and making an appointment to the position of General Manager for Central Tablelands County Council.

REPORT

The General Manager recruitment consultant, Mr Alan McCormack of Blackadder Associates, reported that he received 21 requests for information packages for the position of General Manager and 11 applications were finally received for consideration by the Recruitment Panel (Panel).

The consultant prepared a summary of the candidates for the Panel which addressed their work history, qualifications, and compliance with the key selection criteria. Copies of their CV and response to the key selection criteria were also provided. The consultant then met with the Panel on 22 May to discuss and select a short list for interview. The Panel selected a short list of four (4) candidates for interview.

It has been agreed that short list interviews will be conducted by the full Council at a Special Meeting in Blayney on Saturday 14 June 2014.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

09) Staff Performance Reviews (PE.EC.1)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the information.

REPORT

Annual performance reviews on all non-operations staff have been completed and once again the General Manager is pleased to report that he is supported by a cohesive and dedicated team in finance, administration and operations management.

The Operations Manager has also completed annual performance reviews on all operations staff with satisfactory outcomes.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10) WBC Alliance - Project Officer's Report (CM.AG.6)

(Donna Galvin)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

WBC Alliance Report for Council meeting June 2014

(Prepared by the Executive Manager, WBC Alliance)

SHARED SERVICES PROJECT: (Cabonne, Blayney and CTW)

The final report from KPMG on the analysis of the opportunities for establishing a legal entity for the provision of a range of shared services was presented to the WBC Board on 4 June. After consideration of the current environment, the extent of change required compared with the potential estimated savings to be gained, and with the State Government announcements on the reform process likely in the next couple of months the Board have determined to defer any further work on this project.

The recommendations of the Board were:

1. The proposal from KPMG to conduct Stage III of the shared services project is to be deferred.
2. That Shared Services opportunities continue to be a focus of the Alliance and remain as key consideration at Board level.

The Mayors, Deputy Mayors and General Managers can provide the individual councils with more information should you require it.

Key Priorities and Direction of Alliance in the future

At the recent Board meeting and a meeting with the management teams from Cabonne, Blayney and CTW discussions were held about the key priorities for the Alliance now the decision has been taken to defer any further work on the Shared Services Entity Project.

We know that there is a great depth of experience, skill and knowledge in the staff of the member councils and we are going to develop ways to harness and share that.

We know that there are some areas identified in the KPMG analysis that are worth pursuing further around procurement, water management, environmental services, fleet management.

We have great internal relationships in the Alliance that we can build on.

Wellington have confirmed their ongoing commitment to the Alliance for the next financial year. *WBC Executive Manager Report to June 2014 Council Meeting*

To progress this Board the following two recommendations:

1. That a new WBC Alliance Delivery Plan be developed outlining the key priorities and projects for the next 2 years
2. That the \$1 million in potential efficiency savings identified by KPMG is set a target for the Alliance .

I will update the Councils in July on the progress of this work and will present a new Plan to the WBC Board in September at the Annual General meeting.

Wellington Projects:

As Wellington has not been part of the Shared Services project I have been providing support on some key projects they have underway including:

- Development of Asset Management Plans and systems
- Review of Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation and process of engagement
- Review of the Financial Management system and Long Term Financial Plans.

Funding Opportunity and extended Collaboration led by our Alliance -

At the time of writing this report I am in the process of submitting an application to the Department of Planning for funding on behalf of 4 councils – Blayney, Cabonne, Gilgandra and Tenterfield. These councils are the only multipurpose councils in NSW that use the corporate system – Synergysoft.

The funding available from the DoP is to develop:

- Electronic DA tracker
- Electronic Housing Code access

The DoP funding is part of the NSW Planning reform agenda and in the future all councils will be required to have this technology.

DoP are very supportive of a joint approach to this work particularly as we are all on the same system. In an email from them they stated:

“The Department supports joint projects and collaboration with and between local government. We are privileged to partner in the same space and consider it imperative to seek outcomes that benefit the people of New South Wales at the local level.”

Each council will receive funding but we will combine this to gain a great funding pool. The joint expertise available across the 4 councils will also be a great value to the project. *WBC Executive Manager Report to June 2014 Council Meeting*

In total our funding **application is for \$117 500**. Blayney have agreed to be lead Council and I will provide high level project management. The project is to be completed by December this year.

This is a great example of the strength of the alliance and the ability to coordinate across multiple councils. This project will be complex and challenging but with the sort of pooled funding we are in a better position to develop technologies that we could not do individually.

Presentation at Municipal Association Victoria – Future of Local Government Conference

The Alliance was invited to present at this conference which was held in Melbourne on 23rd May. I participated and presented a paper on the work we are doing on shared service models. I had presented at this conference 2 years ago and the organisers were keen to hear about our progress. Victoria like all states are facing the same financial constraints and challenges of local government. Interestingly though they do not have a culture of collaboration and working together (they do not have ROCs). There is more of a push now for working together at a regional level.

This is good recognition for our Alliance. Graham Sansom (ex-Chair of the Independent Review Panel) also spoke and referred to the councils of our alliance as being in the minority in NSW that understand the value of collaboration and the importance of being creative and innovative in our service delivery. That was pleasing to hear.

All my travel and accommodation costs were met by the Conference organiser.

IT User Group

This group comprises the Finance and IT Managers from Cabonne, CTW, Blayney and Gilgandra and meet 4 times a year for the purpose of improving and enhancing the Synergysoft System and work practices. They have met twice since my last report with the first meeting focusing on payroll system and the most recent meeting (held in Blayney) being on Rates and Billing.

This group is a very good example of ongoing cooperation and collaboration aimed at finding efficiencies and improving practice.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11) Asset Management Plan & Quality Management System (CA.JV.1)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council accept the proposal from HydroScience Consulting to upgrade Council's existing Asset Management Plan and to prepare and develop a Quality Management System.

REPORT**Asset Management Planning**

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) and the NSW Division of Local Government (DLG) have recently placed great emphasis on asset management for Councils and Local Water Utilities. This emphasis has been reflected in NOW's Strategic Business Plan guidelines and the DLG's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) guidelines.

In June 2012, Council prepared a Water Supply Asset Management Plan. The plan, and its associated operation plan, document a number of asset management components very clearly. However, there are a number of improvements that can be made to the existing Asset Management Plan, namely:

- The IPR Asset Management Planning Guidelines state the requirement for an Asset Management Policy and Strategy as well as an Asset Management Plan. The 2012 Plan alludes to the development of an Asset Management Policy in the future. There is no mention of an Asset Management Strategy. This should be addressed.
- The 2012 Plan describes the Levels of Service, asset age and condition and how critical each system is. However, these three key components in prioritising assets and defining appropriate asset management actions have not been combined in a criticality analysis process.
- The Operations Plan details the existing procedures however an overview summary of these procedures would allow a clearer understanding of how they address critical asset needs when meeting levels of service and what the "fit for purpose" requirements of critical assets are. It would also identify where operating procedures systems might be further developed.
- In identifying key documents that relate to asset management. The constituent councils Community Strategic Plans have not been cited. Neither has the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM).
- The Growth section of the Asset Management Plan presents only the general growth figures sourced from ABS rather than the detailed climate corrected analysis in the CTW IWCM and Demand Management Plans.

- The link from the identified critical assets to required asset performance reports that asset databases might offer has not been made.
- The decision hierarchy of whether to maintain or replace assets based on the criticality and condition/growth/technological obsolescence's impact on performance against levels of service has not been made.
- Projects to improve the current asset management system that would be expected to be listed and budgeted for in the Strategic Business Plan have not been identified in the Plan.

The benefits to Council for having an updated Asset Management Plan include:

- Having a criticality based asset actions,
- Documenting organisational knowledge in a meaningful way,
- Communicating to the Board the status of asset management and the way forward,
- Demonstrating to NOW, DLG, Centroc, constituent councils, customers and other stakeholders that Council is managing its assets well.

Quality Management System

The existence of a certified quality system in accordance with the ISO Standard is regularly used as an indication of an organisation's commitment to quality service. The system provides evidence that the organisation has defined and understood, and is controlling the processes that affect the quality of the outputs (products and/or services). A quality system is also the basis for continual improvement processes.

Local government councils in NSW, and in Australia, typically require their suppliers, including consultants, to have a certified quality system in place.

The lack of a management system of a similar standard required of their suppliers is a gap in service delivery by local water utilities (LWU) to their customers. This gap has been recognised by NSW Health, prompting the requirement for LWU's to prepare a Drinking Water Management System (DWMS).

The DWMS is a quality management system that is focused on only one aspect of the LWU's business. Whilst it is probably the most important aspect as it deals with human health, other parts of the LWU's business such as environmental protection, continuity of supply, workforce management, asset management and customer service are just a few of other important elements of the utilities business.

The preparation of a quality management plan, or a quality management system, is the next step for LWU's that are committed to improving their performance, management and best-practice.

The General Manager has sought and received from a HydroScience Consulting Pty Ltd a proposal to prepare an Asset Management Plan and Quality Management System during 2014/2015. HydroScience have submitted a fee proposal of \$30,000

to update Council's existing Asset Management Plan and \$30,000 to prepare and develop a Quality Management System with a 10% discount if Council accepts both proposals, resulting in a net cost of \$54,000. A timeline of 4 months has been given to complete these plans. Funding for this work has been provided for in the 2014/2015 budget estimates.

HydroScience have a good and professional track record in past consultancies for Council having previously prepared the Drought Management Plan, Demand Management Plan, Developer Servicing Plan, Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan and are currently finalizing the development of Council's Drinking Water Management System.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Provision in 2014/2015 budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12) Maintenance of Council's Systems (WS.MO.4)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

a) Meter Reading

The final meter reading for the 2013/2014 financial year commenced in Grenfell on 2nd April 2014, and was finalised with Trunk Main 'C' rurals on the 4th May 2014.

b) Meter Change/Service Replacement Program

Council staff replaced six complete services and seven partial services during the past two months.

Fifteen 20mm, one 25mm and one 100mm meters were changed due to age and readings.

c) Hydrant/Valve Maintenance

Hydrant and Valve maintenance was carried out in the following towns and villages during the past two months: Blayney, Carcoar, Mandurama, Manildra, Eugowra and Cudal.

d) Pump Station Maintenance

A 132kw Variable Speed Drive from Lake Rowlands was removed and returned to the supplier for reconditioning.

A 150x100 centrifugal pump from Gooloogong Bore was removed and sent to a specialist rebuilder for repairs.

Suction and discharge pipework was replaced at Polona Street pump station.

e) Trunk Main Inspections

Trunk Main Inspections continued over the past two months: Trunk Main 'A' Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Filtration Plant, Trunk Main 'D' Carcoar Filtration Plant to the CTLX Carcoar.

A faulty scour was replaced on Trunk Main 'D'.

f) Filtration Plant Maintenance

A new 100mm butterfly valve replaced a worn unit on the DAFF system at Carcoar.

Four sludge lagoons have been cleaned and placed back into operation at Carcoar.

g) Reservoir Maintenance

A 36 metre section of drain pipe was relocated at Millthorpe to divert water away from a road.

h) Mains Replacement

A troublesome section (1600 metres) of 40mm polyethylene pipe was replaced between Trajere and Pyes Gap reservoirs. A 200 metre service line was replaced at the same time with the meter being brought back to the main line.

i) Safety Audit

A safety audit was carried out on each worksite within CTW in April.

j) Staff Training

Staff training was carried out in the following areas over the past two months:

One Dangerous Goods Licence

Two First Aid Certificates

One Traffic Control Ticket (Yellow)

All operational staff have received training in the correct use of Breathing Apparatus Units.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13) Performance of Council's Systems (WS.MO.4)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT*k) Main breaks*

The main failures recorded during the past two months are listed in the table below.

Location		Date	Size	Comment
Blayney	Glasson Street	25/04/2014	100mm	DNR
Canowindra	Tilga Street	10/04/2014	80mm	DNR
Manildra	Cudal Street	02/04/2014	100mm	DNR
Rural Scheme	Nyrang Creek	09/04/2014	80mm	3 x DNR's
		23/04/2014	80mm	DNR
	North Canowindra	09/04/2014	100mm	Split Length
		14/04/2014	75mm	DNR
		29/05/2014	100mm	DNR

l) Reservoir Levels

Reservoir levels have been maintained at or near 100% of capacity.

m) Service Complaints and Requests

A summary of service complaints and requests received for the last two months are as follows:

Town/Village	Service	Total
BLAYNEY	HYDRANT LEAKING	2
	LEAKING METER	5
	LEAKING SERVICE	3
	MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	1
	METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	2
	NO WATER COMPLAINT	1
	PATHCOCK FAILURE	1
CANOWINDRA	LEAKING METER	4
	LEAKING SERVICE	6
	MAIN BREAK	3
	MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	2
	METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1
	PATHCOCK FAILURE	1

Town/Village	Service	Total
CARCOAR	DIRTY WATER COMPLAINT	1
	QUALITY COMPLAINT	1
CARGO	LEAKING METER	1
CUDAL	LEAKING METER	2
EUGOWRA	LEAKING METER	2
	LEAKING SERVICE	4
GRENFELL	LEAKING METER	1
	LEAKING SERVICE	1
	METER NEW/REPLACEMENT	1
	METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1
	QUALITY COMPLAINT	2
LYNDHURST	LEAKING METER	1
	METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1
	QUALITY COMPLAINT	1
MANILDRA	LEAKING METER	1
	LEAKING SERVICE	1
	MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	1
MILLTHORPE	LEAKING METER	1
	LEAKING SERVICE	3
	METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1
	RESERVOIR MAINTENANCE	1
	STOP VALVE FAILURE	1

n) Lake Rowlands

The level of Lake Rowlands has decreased from 57% (31st March 2014) to its present level of 54% as at 30th May 2014.

o) New Water Services

During the past two months there have been four new water services connected to Councils mains:

- 3 x 20mm residential connection at Grenfell
- 1 x 20mm residential connection at Millthorpe

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14) Questions on Notice

(Tony Perry)

No questions on notice were received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15) Request for Donation (CR.SD.1)

General Manager - Final Arrangements (GO.CO.4)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as these matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

16) Proceed to Committee of the Whole

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

Council should exclude the press and public at this point, for confidential discussion on the items referred to Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

17) Report of the Committee of the Whole

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney
Shire Council, on Wednesday, 9 April 2014,
commencing at 10.35am**

<u>Present</u>	Cr. Geoff Braddon OAM	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. David Somervaille	(Deputy Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne
	Cr. Kevin Walker		Cabonne
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland		Weddin
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Tony Perry	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Manager Operations & Technical Services)	
	Gavin Rhodes	(Manager Finance & Corporate Services)	

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**14/015 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 12 February 2014, being minute numbers 14/001 to 14/014 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The General Manager reported on his meeting with the four General Managers of the other water county councils in regards to the proposal to submit a joint submission to the Division of Local Government in response to the final report of the LG Independent Review Panel.

Whilst there was no support to submit a joint submission, it was unanimously agreed that each councils individual submissions would strongly endorse the view that water County Councils should continue to exist as such and as presently constituted and should not be required to become subsidiaries of any proposed Regional Joint Organisation but would rather be an equal member alongside the other GP councils.

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

I must apologise that I have been away so I'd like firstly like to thank the Deputy Chairman, Cr Somervaille, for filling in as acting Chairman during my absence. Cr Somervaille had a fair bit on his plate and I thank you sincerely for your efforts there.

It's a fairly important meeting today when we consider the budget estimates prepared by staff for the coming year. It's also an important meeting, as you will be asked to endorse the recommendations of the General Manager recruitment panel to appoint a consultant to conduct a process to find a replacement for our retiring GM, unfortunately, I might add.

The next couple of months will also be an important time in the GM recruitment process as we will need to conduct an interview selection process at a special meeting in June.

As I have been away, I don't have anything else to cover.

14/016 RESOLVED:

That the Chairman's Minute, as read, be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Somervaille/Cr. Walker)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somervaille advised of his attendance deputising for the Chairman at the Centroc Board meeting on 27 February, the LGNSW regional meeting in Bathurst on 24 March and the LGMA Golden Oldies function in Orange on 7 March.

01) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING 2014/2015 MANAGEMENT PLAN (FM.PL.1)

14/017 RESOLVED:

1. That Council endorses the draft:

- a. Delivery Plan 2014 – 2018
- b. Operational Plan 2014 - 2015 – Part 1 & 2
- c. Workforce Management Plan 2012 – 2016
- d. Asset Management Strategy and Plans
- e. Long Term Financial Plan

To be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

2. That the CTW Community Strategic Plan be adopted by Council.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somervaille)

02) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

14/018 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

03) AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013 AND MARCH 2014 MEETING MINUTES (CM.AU.4)

14/019 RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the Audit Committee Annual Report 2012/2013 and March 2014 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes.

(Cr. Somervaille/Cr. McClelland)

04) GENERAL MANAGER - RECRUITMENT (GO.CO.4)

14/020 RESOLVED:

1. That Council accept the proposal from Blackadder Associates to undertake the recruitment to the position of General Manager with the recruitment being undertaken by their Associate Mr Alan McCormack.
2. That the Chairman be delegated the task of co-ordinating the recruitment process, including the calling of a Special Meeting to appoint a new General Manager.
3. That the Chairman be delegated the task of ensuring:
 - the General Manager Position Description is current and evaluated in terms of salary to reflect the responsibilities of the position
 - the proposed salary range reflects the responsibilities and duties of the position
 - the position is advertised according to the requirements of the Act
 - information packages are prepared
 - applicants selected for interview are notified
4. That the task of recruitment be delegated to a Selection Panel, comprising:
 - Cr. Geoff Braddon - Chairman
 - Cr. David Somerville - Deputy Chairman
 - Cr. Allan Griffith
 - Cr. Anthony Durkin
 - General Manager
5. That the whole Council be involved in the final Interviews
6. That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be delegated the task of negotiating the final contract, with assistance from the Recruitment Consultant.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

05) 2012/2013 NSW WATER SUPPLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (GR.SL.2)

14/021 RESOLVED:

That the 2012/2013 Water Supply Performance Report for Local Government Water Utilities be received and noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

06) STATECOVER - 2013 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT (RM.CM.2)

14/022 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Somerville)

07) WORK HEALTH & SAFETY - POLICY IMPLEMENTATION (RM.PO.2)

14/023 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in providing “smart” phones to all operations staff with applications installed to provide a measure of safety for those staff who may be working on their own at any given time and that this course of action be endorsed as an addition to Council’s WHS policy.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

08) WBC ALLIANCE - PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)

14/024 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

09) CENTROC BOARD MEETING (CM.CF.3)

14/025 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

10) CANCER CARE WESTERN - SPONSORSHIP REQUEST (CR.SD.1)

14/026 RESOLVED:

That Council support the 2014 Cancer Care Western Car Rally with sponsorship donation of \$500.00.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

11) GRENFELL P.A.H & I ASSOCIATION - GRENFELL SHOW (CR.SD.1)

14/027 RESOLVED:

That Council approve a Section 356 payment of \$250.00 to the Grenfell Show Committee in support of the 2014 Grenfell Show to be held on 29 & 30 August 2014.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

12) MANILDRA SKATE PARK - BOTTLE FILLING STATION (WS.SP.15)

14/028 RESOLVED:

That Council decline to sponsor the provision of a water bottle filling station at Montana Skate Park Manildra but offer to provide a water connection at cost if a filling station is installed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

13) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

14/029 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

14) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

14/030 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Walker)

15) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

**16) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 546000001 (CR.EQ.1)
REQUEST FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF DEVELOPER CHARGES
(WS.AG.1)**

14/031 RESOLVED:

That, as this matter deals with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

17) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/032 RESOLVED:

That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somervaille)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 546000001 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somervaille)

**REQUEST FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF DEVELOPER CHARGES
(CR.EQ.1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline the developer's request to enter into a monthly instalment schedule over 24 months for the payment of outstanding developer charges which are now due following a two year deferred payment.

(Cr. Somervaille/Cr. Walker)

RECOMMENDATION:

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffith)

18) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/033 RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somervaille)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Canowindra on 11th June 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.40pm