



**Central
Tablelands
Water**

Business Paper

**Ordinary Meeting of
Central Tablelands Water**

21 June 2023

Canowindra



Saturday, 17 June 2023

Notice to Members

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at the Old Vic Inn, Canowindra on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 10.30am.

Morning tea will be served from 10am.

Agenda

1. Opening Meeting
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Recording of Meeting Statement
4. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence by Members
5. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings
7. Disclosures of Interests
8. Public Forum
9. Chairperson's Minute
10. Councillor Representation
11. Notices of Motion
12. Reports of Staff
13. Questions on Notice
14. Confidential Matters
15. Late Reports
16. Conclusion of the Meeting

Yours faithfully

G. Rhodes
General Manager

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023

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12. REPORTS OF STAFF

12.1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)

Author: General Manager

IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 3: Regional leadership and collaboration

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairperson 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 regarding fees payable to councillors and mayors/chairpersons for 2023-2024, increasing fees by 3% from 1 July 2023.

A full copy of the Tribunal's 2023 Annual Review will be tabled at the Council meeting for councillors' information.

The following table lists the Tribunal's determinations for General Purpose and County Councils in 23/24:

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan	Principal CBD	29,610	43,440	181,210	238,450
	Major CBD	19,760	36,590	41,960	118,210
	Metropolitan Major	19,760	34,590	41,960	106,960
	Metropolitan Large	19,760	32,590	41,960	94,950
	Metropolitan Medium	14,810	27,650	31,470	73,440
	Metropolitan Small	9,850	21,730	20,980	47,390
General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan	Major Regional City	19,760	34,330	41,960	106,960
	Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330	41,960	106,960
	Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590	41,960	94,950
	Regional Centre	14,810	26,070	30,820	64,390
	Regional Rural	9,850	21,730	20,980	47,420
	Rural Large	9,850	17,680	15,735	37,925
	Rural	9,850	13,030	10,490	28,430
County Councils	Water	1,960	10,870	4,200	17,850
	Other	1,960	6,490	4,200	11,860

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

A copy of the Office of Local Government's Circular 23-03 2023/24 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal is attached for information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Councillor fees are provided for in FY 23/24 Operational Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 [!\[\]\(e27c4336460e9e6729a19580c0456728_img.jpg\)](#) OLG Circular 23-03 - LG Remuneration Tribunal Determination 23-24 2 Pages



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 23-03 / 10 May 2023 / A859646
Previous Circular	22-14 2022/23 <i>Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal</i>
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers
Contact	Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to implement

2023/24 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

What's new or changing

- The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2023-24 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2023.
- The Tribunal is required to determine the remuneration categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Tribunal undertook a review of the categories as part of its 2023 determination.
- The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new remuneration categories, 'Metropolitan Major' and 'Rural Large'.
- The Tribunal has also varied the criteria of several existing categories.
- As a result of the creation of the two new categories and changes to the criteria of some of the existing categories, the Tribunal has re-categorised twenty-six (26) councils into a higher existing category or into a new category.
- In its determination, the Tribunal has acknowledged the issues raised in submissions about the remuneration received by mayors and councillors, including a lack of diversity in representation, the changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations. The Tribunal has suggested there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration. This will be considered as part of the Government's examination of the broader issues facing local government.

What this will mean for your council

- Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2023 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2023-24 financial year.

Key points

- The level of fees paid will depend on the category the council is in.
- A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal.
- If a council does not fix a fee, the council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

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Where to go for further information

- The Tribunal's report and determination is available [here](#).
- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

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12.2) CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2023 (CM.CF.3)**Author:** General Manager**IP&R Link:** Strategic Priority 3: Regional leadership and collaboration**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report (including Minutes) for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting held 24 May at Charles Sturt University, Canberra and the roundtable discussion with Federal Ministers and their representatives on 25 May 2023 at Parliament House.

REPORT

A Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting was held on 24 May at Charles Sturt University, Canberra followed by roundtable discussions with various Federal Ministers and their representatives at Parliament House on 25 May 2023. The Chairman and General Manager represented CTW at the meeting and roundtable discussions. The Chairman also represented Blayney Shire Council as the alternate representative for the Mayor.

From a regional water security and productive water (including governance) perspective, the CNSWJO Board resolved as follows:

That the Board note the Regional Water Security Productive Water report, and:

- 1. endorse the Regional Water Loss Management (WLM) Centres' Project -WLM Maturity Audit Regional Opportunities Report;*
- 2. note the progress on the project to transition Local Water Utilities (LWU) Strategic Planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework including the draft consultant brief.*

In relation to the *Constitution Amendment (Sydney Water and Hunter Water) Bill 2023* recently debated in the NSW Parliament, the CNSWJO Board also resolved as follows:

That the Board:

- 1. advocate regarding the local government water ownership; and*
- 2. CNSWJO supports an extension to the current protection from privatisation be extended to Water NSW and Local Water Utilities.*

The ownership and protection resolution above aligns with the CNSWJO's Regional Water Advocacy Plan key messaging 3.1 Local Government Ownership and Management of Local Water Utilities in Regional NSW.

A copy of the Mayoral Report is attached for your information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 [!\[\]\(756219e9389f679d57027482aa5cf5fc_img.jpg\)](#) CNSWJO Board Mayoral Report 24 & 25 May 2023 12 Pages

**Report from the Mayor
Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting
24 and 25 May 2023 in Canberra**

Recommendations

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 24 May and the roundtable discussion with Federal Ministers and their representative's 25 May.



Please find the following advice from the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 24 May held at Charles Sturt University (CSU) Canberra and the round table discussion with Federal Ministers 25 May 2023 at Parliament House Australia. The Minutes from the Board meeting are attached.

The Board members were welcomed to the CSU campus in Canberra by Professor Mark Evans who launched the collaborative Policy Lab project between Central NSW Joint Organisation and CSU. Members provided feedback that they are keen to see the impact of social media included in the first Lab.

The following day the Board with the support of The Hon Kristy McBain, Member for Eden-Monaro, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and the Territories, held a roundtable discussion with various Ministers and other federal officials.

The collaboration between the Mayors over the two day period was notable especially the support for the communities of Eugowra and Wolgan Valley.

The Board spoke with the following Federal Representatives:

1. The Hon Andrew Gee Member for Calare (Cabonne, Bathurst, Blayney, Lithgow, Oberon);
2. Representatives from the Office of Senator Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Emergency Management Ms Laura Manton Deputy Chief of Staff for Emergency Management;
3. Senator Perrin Davey, Shadow Minister for Water and Shadow Minister for Emergency Management;
4. The Hon Tanya Plibersek Member for Sydney, Minister for the Environment and Water and Advisor Mr Michael Wrathall;
5. Senator Deborah O'Neill Senator for NSW and Duty Senator for Central NSW;
6. The Hon Kristy McBain (Host), Member for Eden-Monaro, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and the Territories with Ms Kelly McManus, Advisor for Local Government and Representative from the Office of Prime Minister, The Hon Anthony Albanese, Ms Phoebe Drake Senior Policy Adviser;
7. The Hon Emma McBride, Member for Dobell, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister Rural and Regional Health;
8. The Hon Michelle Rowland Member for Greenway and Minister for Communications; and
9. The Hon Michael McCormack Member for Riverina (Cowra, Forbes, Parkes, Weddin) and Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific.



Follow-up actions from the round table were:

1. The Mayors of the region will provide follow-up representation to the Ministerial Advisor for Water Michael Wrathall;
2. A briefing on the Dutch Model be coordinated through The Hon Kristy McBain's Office;
3. Circulate a briefing note of the national disaster funding with a view to seeking Federal downward pressure on State funding. Follow-up with an online briefing session with the Ministerial Advisor for emergency services including on the insurance issue;
4. Follow-up with the Ministerial Advisor for Agriculture on the fluoro-propanol issue;
5. Receive a report on Murray Darling Basin Plan #2;
6. Seek further advice on suicide prevention; and
7. Seek further advice on the aging copper network and its impacts.



Resolve from the Board meeting.

Please see the Minutes attached where key decisions include:

1. Adoption of the draft Statement of Budget and Revenue

CNSWJO must adopt its Statement of Revenue Policy and Budget before 30 June, at the February meeting a draft was presented and has been on exhibition and to members with no further feedback received.

The Board resolved to Adopt the Statement of Revenue Policy and Budget 2023-2024. Please go to [News & Publications - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-publications/central-joint-organisation) for this document.

2. CNSWJO Advocacy

Health - The Board resolved to make representation to the new Health Minister on the Rural Health Advisory Committee and more local government representation, currently Cr Ken Keith OAM, Mayor of Parkes Shire Council and Cr Rick Firman OAM, Mayor of Temora Shire Council are the local government representatives.

Disaster Recovery -The JO will seek to have Weddin included in our boundary for the Central West for Disaster Recovery.

Water - With the CSU Policy Lab considering productive water under its terms of reference the policy landscape, particularly at the Federal level, is aligning well with the Board's priority for work in this space.

Commitments by the Federal Government in its 2023 Budget for agriculture and advocacy by Water Services Association Australia (WSAA) on a renewed National Water Initiative are all aimed at fostering thriving and prosperous regional communities through more climate smart sustainable practices. This includes putting communities at the heart of Murray- Darling Basin initiatives, ***recognising the real value of urban water to regional communities and encouraging inter-governmental and stakeholder collaboration on water management to better balance the needs of all water users in a future where we will need to do more with less water.***

Transport -The Board was updated on the significant amount of work been undertaken in the Transport Portfolio these include:

- A workshop in Parkes 9 June 2023 to support planning for a route to the south of Bathurst;
- The TfNSW Vulnerability Assessment project;
- The Grattan Institute project building an advocacy case for better roads funding; and
- 'Fix Me' collateral to support funding for roads affected by natural disaster.

Emergent - Advocacy will be made to the relevant Ministers on issues regarding the ESL Levy, red fleet and seeking the extension of the Active Kids Vouchers.

Regional Submissions

Members have forwarded requests for the JO to lodge submissions, where all advice provided is within existing policy. All are available on the CNSWJO website at

<https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/submissions/>

The Board has endorsed submissions for;

1. Blackheath to Little Hartley Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – March 2023
2. Bank closures in Regional Australia
3. Statutory review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
4. Submission on Essential Energy's 2024-2029 Pricing Proposal – Public Lighting
5. Submission to OECC on Going Circular in Clean Energy

Value to members

A snapshot of the value to members of the various activities undertaken by the JO for their members in the context of the CNSWJO Strategic Plan follows.

VALUE FOR MEMBERS	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023
SUBMISSIONS	20	23	16	13
PLANS, STRATEGIES AND COLLATERAL	26	12	3	9
GRANTS SEEKING	3	3	1	\$200
GRANT FUNDING AWARDED	\$430k	\$713k	\$1.14m	\$2.8m
COMPLIANCE	13	9	11	15
DATA	6	3	1	14
COST SAVINGS	\$1.92m	\$2.22m	\$2.18m	\$800k

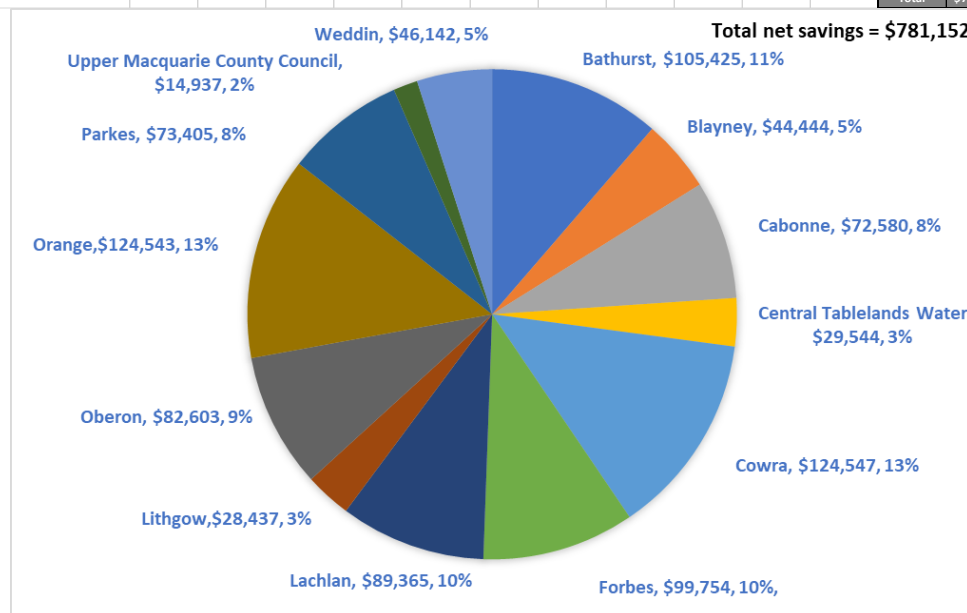
REPRESENTATION AND OPPORTUNITIES COUNCILS HAVE BEEN AFFORDED	147	159	210	111
MEDIA INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA	13	18	25	28
PR VALUE OF TOURISM	\$1.5m	\$2.4m	\$1.9m	tbv
MEDIA PR VALUE	35	102	101	51

Savings

The following table shows the savings achieved by member Councils through aggregated procurement and programming. An explanation of the meaning of each column has been reported previously and is available on request. The table reflects savings in the 22/23 financial year to date.

The cost to members is calculated on a percentage of each CNSWJO staff member and their corresponding workload on procurement and contract management. This figure is updated quarterly in line with the cost savings.

SAVINGS	Water Utilities Alliance Contracts	HR Contracts	WHS contracts	IT contracts	Supply contracts	Roads/ Transport contracts	Energy contracts	RDOCS contracts	Other contracts	Training	Legal advice re Procurement	Participation in regional procurement	Total
Bathurst	\$1,500	\$47,222	\$12,681	\$0	\$18,775	\$0	\$0	\$10,309	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$10,000	\$105,425
Blayney	\$1,500	\$12,007	\$0	\$0	\$9,130	\$0	\$0	\$870	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$16,000	\$44,444
Cabonne	\$1,500	\$12,016	\$280	\$0	\$32,161	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,686	\$4,937	\$16,000	\$72,580
Central Tablelands Water	\$1,500	\$107	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$21,000	\$29,544
Cowra	\$1,500	\$23,874	\$13,905	\$0	\$45,806	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,525	\$4,937	\$31,000	\$124,547
Forbes	\$1,500	\$12,704	\$0	\$0	\$45,356	\$0	\$0	\$6,920	\$0	\$10,115	\$4,937	\$12,000	\$99,530
Lachlan	\$1,500	\$21,418	\$0	\$0	\$26,255	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,256	\$4,937	\$25,000	\$89,365
Lithgow	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$16,000	\$28,437
Oberon	\$1,500	\$19,529	\$0	\$0	\$26,620	\$0	\$0	\$3,017	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$27,000	\$82,603
Orange	\$1,500	\$69,173	\$5,467	\$0	\$24,735	\$0	\$0	\$3,014	\$0	\$5,718	\$4,937	\$10,000	\$124,543
Parkes	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$34,047	\$0	\$0	\$5,447	\$0	\$7,474	\$4,937	\$16,000	\$73,405
Upper Macquarie County Council	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,937	\$10,000	\$14,937
Weddin	\$1,500	\$199	\$0	\$0	\$10,539	\$0	\$0	\$484	\$0	\$5,482	\$4,937	\$23,000	\$46,142
Sub Total	\$18,000	\$222,249	\$32,334	\$0	\$273,423	\$0	\$0	\$38,061	\$0	\$48,255	\$64,181	\$233,000	\$929,502
Cost to members													\$148,350
Total													\$781,152



Please contact Ms Jennifer Bennett, Executive Officer, 0428690935, with any queries regarding this advice or in her absence Acting Executive Officer, Kate Barker, 0428 604 513

Confirmation of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 May 2023

Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 May 2023 held in Canberra CSU

In Attendance*

Cr R Taylor	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Cr D Somerville	Blayney Shire Council	Cr M Kellam	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr J Hamling	Orange City Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr K Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Cr C Roylance	Forbes Shire Council	Cr C Bembrick	Weddin Shire Council
Cr J Medcalf OAM	Lachlan Shire Council		

Mr A Jones	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr G Rhodes	CTW
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Ms R Fagan	RDACW
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council		
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms O West	Regional NSW
Mr S Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr C Butler	Lithgow City Council		
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms G Quinton	CNSWJO
Mr B Hayes	Parkes Shire Council	Ms V Page	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council		

*Voting members in bold

Meeting opened at 12.39 pm by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgment to Country: (Ngunnawal) Canberra

‘ I’d like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present ‘

2. Welcome from the Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

3. Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives

Cr P Miller, Cr S Ferguson, Mr D Sherley, Mr K Boyd, Cr A McGibbon, Mr T Johnson and Ms K Barker.

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr M Kellam
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 24 May 2023 listed above be accepted.	

4. Conflicts of Interest

Resolved	Cr C Bembrick/Cr M Statham
Nil declared	

5. Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 23 February 2023 held online

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr J Medcalf
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 23 February 2023 held in Forbes	

6. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr R Taylor
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

7. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

a. Financial Report

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

b. Compliance Report

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the Compliance Report	

c. Budget considerations 2023/2024 and revision of the CNSWJO Charter

Resolved	Cr R Taylor/C K Keith
That the Board note the Budget considerations 2023/2024 and revision of the CNSWJO Charter report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopt the Statement of Revenue Policy and Budget; 2. adopt the revised CNSWJO Charter with the amendment that the increase to the payment of the Chair be the same as the percentage increase set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal. 	

d. The CNSWJO Governance and Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr C Bembrick/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the CNSWJO Governance Advocacy Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the subcommittee monthly meeting update to progress advocacy strategy; 2. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Advocacy Subcommittee; 3. note the advice from the Health and Aging Portfolio Mayors' Subcommittee; 4. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Health and Aging Portfolio Mayors' Subcommittee; 5. adopt the Advocacy Plan for Skills Shortages; 6. note that an MoU is under development with the Rural Doctor's Network and that this will be progressed under the hand of the Chair; 7. adopt the GMAC TOR; 8. note the advice on meeting frequency for the CNSWJO; and 9. write to the new Health Minister about the pending decision on the Rural Health Advisory Committee and more local government representation. 	

e. Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Keith
That the Board notes the report on the Regional Procurement and Contract Management Report and that it:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the changes to the Procurement Policy where the material changes include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the approval to conduct an RFQ up to \$49,999 where the expenditure is outside of existing budget is by the CNSWJO Chair; b. the approval to conduct an RFQ up to \$249,999 is by a minimum of 2 of: the CNSWJO Chair, GMAC Chair, the Portfolio Mayors of the Leveraging Our Successful Collaboration priority and the CNSWJO Executive Officer; c. given there must be an intent to procure, where the Executive Officer deems there to be exceptional circumstances, the approval to conduct an RFT is by a minimum of 3 of: the CNSWJO Chair, GMAC Chair, the Portfolio Mayors of the Leveraging Our Successful Collaboration priority and the CNSWJO Executive Officer; d. delegate the acceptance of tenders up to \$2M for CNSWJO contracts to a minimum of 3 of: the CNSWJO Chair, GMAC Chair, the Portfolio Mayors of the Leveraging Our Successful Collaboration priority and the CNSWJO Executive Officer; e. the approvals for variations to existing CNSWJO contracts be the same as the delegations for approving to conduct a procurement process; f. the determination of contract management fee percentages be by the Executive Officer on a contract-by-contract basis, based on the heads of consideration identified through BPAP and previously approved by the Board; g. amend the delegations register accordingly; 2. approve the CNSWJO regional procurement plan for 2023/2024, including new procurement activities and their related management fees, noting that approval to conduct any emerging activities will be as per the Procurement Policy; and 3. report all use of the delegations above to the next Board meeting. 	

Priority two: Regional Prosperity through better Infrastructure and Services

f. Opportunities for Screen in Central NSW Report

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr J Hamling
That the Board notes the report on the Opportunities for Screen in Central NSW and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. formally request a photoshoot in region by Screen NSW; and 2. approach RDACW to progress a briefing of members on the opportunities of screen for Economic Development Officers in the region 	

g. Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) Program report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Program (the Program) report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopt the Program's Communication Plan; 2. adopt the Program's Project Steering Committee Terms of Reference; and 3. adopt the Program's Needs Analyses Working Group Terms of Reference; and 4. seek to have Weddin included in the Central West State boundary for Disaster Recovery. 	

h. Advocacy for Change to the Treasury Common Planning Assumptions

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr D Somervaille
That the Board note the Advocacy for Change to the Treasury Common Planning Assumptions report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. continue advocate for changes to Treasury Common Planning Assumptions; 2. provide feedback again to the Auditor General that their use generates a gross waste of public money and should be audited; and 3. receive costing for an analysis of population projections. 	

Priority five: Transport and Infrastructure

i. Transport Advocacy

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Transport report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. encourage representatives from members Councils to attend the workshop 9 June in Parkes planning for a southern route around Bathurst; 2. adopt the Transport Technical Committee Terms of Reference and the Strategy; 3. develop 'Fix Me' collateral to make the case for change to the framework for natural disaster road funding; 4. note the project with the Grattan Institute on roads' funding being progressed through the Chair; 5. note the advocacy through the Chair for extensions to funding periods for Fixing Country Road and Roads to Recovery given the impacts in region of natural disasters and ongoing skills shortages; and 6. invite Mr Damian Pfeiffer to the next meeting to discuss the future priorities and corridor work TfNSW are undertaking in region. 	

Priority six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water

j. Regional Water Report

Resolved	Cr D Somervaille/Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Regional Water Security and Productive Water report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorse the Regional Water Loss Management (WLM) Centres' Project -WLM Maturity Audit Regional Opportunities Report; 2. note the progress on the project to transition Local Water Utilities (LWU) Strategic Planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework including the draft consultant brief. 	

Ms Olivia West arrived at 1.38pm

Priority Seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure and affordable energy future

k. Energy Report

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Energy Report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the draft project plan for the Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration (JONZA) Program; 2. endorse the Southern Lights NSW submission on Essential Energy's 2024-2029 Pricing Proposal in relation to public lighting pricing; 3. endorse the CNSWJO submission on Essential Energy's 2024-2029 Pricing Proposal; 4. endorse the CNSWJO submission to the NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change on Going Circular in Clean Energy; 	

5. endorse a regional application to ARENA's Community Batteries Funding Round 1 program for interested councils and eligible sites;
6. adopt the revised Energy Advocacy Plan; and
7. a report be provided on the issues with State Significant Development approvals including but not limited to
 - a. concerns regarding poor engagement with community and its impacts;
 - b. funding for Councils to manage the costs of community response including legal and other expert advice;
 - c. minimising sterilisation of agricultural land including allowing grazing below panels.

9. Quarterly review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022 -2025

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/ Cr K Keith
That the Board note the Quarterly review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022 –2025; and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. encourage members' staff to attend a cybersecurity round table in Bathurst 31 May 2023; 2. endorse the submissions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Response to Statutory review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 b. Bank closures in Regional Australia; and c. Blackheath to Little Hartley Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) 3. endorse the report for the Implementation Review to OLG written by Jenny Bennett on behalf of the NSW JO regarding NSW JO Financial sustainability and Boundaries; 4. note the responses received from the Member for Orange regarding Essential Energy service; and 5. advocate to the relevant Ministers on issues regarding the ESL Levy, red fleet and seeking the extension of the Active Kids Vouchers. 	

10. Confidential Reports

Resolved	Cr M Statham/Cr B West
That the Board:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. move into closed session to consider business identified; 2. pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above; and 3. correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access. 	

Central NSW JO Staff left the room

a. CNSWJO Executive Officer Performance Review 2021-2022 and Extension of Contract

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the report regarding the performance management of the Executive Officer and that the performance was better than satisfactory; and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorse the reappointment, upon expiration of her current contract of employment of Ms Jenny Bennett to the position of Executive Officer for a period of five (5) years; and 2. endorse the Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel consists of the Chair, Deputy Chair, a Mayor (Board Member) nominated by the Executive Officer to be facilitated by the Chair of GMAC. 	

b. Executive Officer Transition Report

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Executive Officer Transition Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note that internal systems and workloads are being reviewed and strengthened; 2. accept that the Executive Officer, Ms J Bennett, will be spending a growing proportion of her time in Forster noting she is able to work remotely; 3. note that for the next period of leave of the Executive Officer in June/July of this year Ms Kate Barker will be the Acting Executive Officer for the CNSWJO; 4. note that to manage the risk to the broader JO network CNSWJO has had a lead role in advocacy and JO coordination and that other options for this support outside of CNSWJO be canvassed; and 5. receive a report on implementing one salary system and restructuring options for the transition period including a 2IC model where the EO takes on a reduced role. 	

2.06pm Central NSW JO Staff returned to the room

c. Tender for the Business Case for the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the confidential report for the Tender for the Business Case for the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction in Central NSW and enter into a contract with Ernst & Young for the delivery of the services; and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. delegate the signing of contracts to the Executive Officer; and 2. advise all tenderers of the decision in accordance with clause 179 of the Regulation. 	

Resolved	Cr J Hamling/Cr M Kellam
That the Board resumes open session.	

11. Late reports – Nil

12. Matters raised by Members

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Statham
That	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CNSWJO supports Cabonne Council in regard to Cabonne communities' flood recovery efforts in particular the village of Eugowra; 2. the CNSWJO expresses concerns raised by member Councils regarding the support from Federal and State governments with flood recovery from the 2022 flooding events and write to the Premier, Prime Minister and relevant Ministers and invite them to visit the affected regions; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. advise LGNSW of the concerns seeking support, b. seek support from Country Mayors; and c. issue media accordingly. 	

The meeting was suspended to hear from the Guest Speaker at 2.35pm

Professor Mark Evans, CSU Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research) launched future Policy Lab collaboration, in Health and Water Security.

It is suggested that the first meeting also includes Social Media use and threats.

There was interest in working with CSU on affordable Housing and the Planning Assumptions issue.

Professor Evans left at 3.22pm

Lachlan Shire Council Left the meeting at 3.35pm

The meeting resumed at 3.37pm

Resolved	Cr D Somerville/ Cr B West
That the Board	
1. advocate regarding the local government water ownership; and	
2. CNSWJO supports an extension to the current protection from privatisation be extended to Water NSW and Local Water Utilities.	

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Kellam
That the Board	
1. Provide advocacy support to Lithgow Council for the community of the Wolgan Valley who will have no reasonable road access for four years; and	
2. This support include amendments to disaster relief criteria.	

Regional NSW Director Oliva West updated the Board on a MOU Regional NSW has with ACT and offered to provide a report to the next meeting.

11. Speakers to the next meeting.

Damien Pfeiffer – TfNSW

12. Next meetings:

GMAC: 27 July – Orange

Board: 24 August - State Parliament - TBC

Meeting closed 3.48pm

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12.3) SUB-REGIONAL TOWN WATER STRATEGY UPDATE (WS.SP.4)**Author:** General Manager**IP&R Link:** Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – Strategic Priority 3: Regional leadership and collaboration – 3.1: Regional collaboration and partnerships – 3.1.4: Consider further regional water security pipeline linkages to form a Central-West water grid. – 3.1.5: Reach agreement with all other relevant water utilities on the governance, management and operation of regional water assets across LGA boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the update report of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy.

REPORT**Background**

Cabonne Council (Cabonne) and CTW commissioned an assessment into potential opportunities to develop a more integrated approach to water supply across the footprint of the two organisations. This assessment also recognised that Orange City Council (OCC) has water supply connections in place to both the Cabonne and CTW networks, and so was included in considerations relating to a future regional water supply network.

Stage 1 Report - Strategic Water Review

A high-level Strategic Water Review across the operational areas of Cabonne, CTW and OCC water utilities was undertaken to identify potential opportunities for better integration of these water supply networks.

Development of a Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy (SRTWS)

A detailed evaluation of the options outlined in the Stage 1 Strategic Water Review Report is now being undertaken to fully understand the key issues associated with each option, with the aim of developing an overall action plan for delivery of each viable option in accordance with the DPE Regional Town Water Strategy (RTWS) framework.

The outcomes of this strategy will provide guidance for each individual LWUs strategic and long-term planning for water infrastructure, aligning with sub-regional objectives.

The three Councils, Cabonne, CTW and Orange, agreed to investigate development of a Sub-Regional RTWS (SRTWS) based on the outcomes of the Stage 1 investigations.

A Proposal to Proceed with the development of the SRTWS was submitted by the three Councils to DPE Water in July 2021. Formal approval was received from DPE Water on 10 August 2021, with the project being identified as “Safe and Secure Water Program – Cabonne, Orange and Central Tablelands Water Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy (SSWP270)”. Funding for the project was also approved subject to agreement of the project plan being approved by DPE Water.

Update of Progress

A SRTWS Steering Committee meeting was held on 9 June 2023 and was attended by the CTW Chairman, CTW GM, Cabonne Mayor, Cabonne GM, Cabonne Water & Sewer Manager, Cabonne Executive Support, Orange City Council (OCC) Deputy Mayor, OCC GM, OCC Water & Sewer Strategic Manager, SRTWS Project Manager (consultant), CNSWJO Water Utilities Alliance Program Manager, and DPE Water Regional Manager.

The SRTWS Project Manager provided an update outlining the timelines and milestones since project inception in 2021 to date, with the project being a sub-regional pilot approach to improved water security between Cabonne, OCC and CTW.

Other key points discussed at the meeting included:

- The key objectives and Scope of Works of the project.
- DPE Water established risk analysis approach and the preferred water modelling strategy of the project aligning with regional water strategies of the Lachlan and Macquarie Valleys, as well as water infrastructure projects (e.g. Belubula Water Security Project – Lake Rowlands Augmentation).
- The project funding deed being received.
- The sharing of data between DPE Water and participating councils from other regional studies and projects.
- Limited number of consultants who can complete the water modelling strategy and analysis.
- Study will include data on Molong Creek which has not been previously undertaken.
- DPE Water have confirmed they are comfortable with the relevancy of the project and its alignment with the regional water strategies.
- Important that participating councils separate projects for which they are seeking grant funding, and are not overlapping but are aligning with the SRTWS.
- The issue of groundwater supplies versus the regulatory restrictions to access ground water are complex.

The Steering Committee reaffirmed its support for the project.

A copy of the SRTWS Steering Committee meeting minutes have been circulated to all CTW Councillors for information.

Next steps

The Project Manager advised that the SRTWS Working Party will meet in July to conduct an options assessment workshop with the consultant.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operational Plan 2022/23

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12.4) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)

Author: General Manager
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – Strategic Priority 3: Regional leadership and collaboration

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to April 2023.

REPORT

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's resolutions, policies and decisions are implemented in a timely and efficient manner, progress monitored and variances reported.

The General Manager provides the management oversight in relation to all information progressing from appropriate staff to Council for consideration via the Business Paper.

After a Council meeting, each resolution is allocated to the General Manager or responsible officer to action in accordance with the Council resolution. The Senior Management Team (SMT) then discuss the progress of these resolutions at fortnightly SMT meetings.

Council have requested a Resolutions Update Report at each Council meeting.

The Council Resolutions Update Report includes Council Resolutions to April 2023.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE

Council Resolutions Update – Meeting held 21 June 2023					
Resolution Ref.	Date of Meeting	Subject	Responsible Officer	Decision	Action Taken/Status
20/015	12/2/20	Water Security – Regional approach to support neighbouring councils	GM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the issue of adopting a collaborative approach to the supply of water between networks connected to the CTW supply system at the upcoming drought management workshop in March 2020, and 2. As a matter of urgency, authorize the general manager to negotiate an agreement between CTW, Orange City Council and Cabonne Council to transfer water to Molong for emergency purposes, and report back to Council on the outcome of the agreement. 	<p>16/6/23 – Final WSA draft is being reviewed by GM & DOTS.</p> <p>Status: ongoing.</p>
20/097	14/2/20	Centroc Water Grid Pipeline Project	GM/DOTS	That Council endorse Central Tablelands Water's involvement in partnering with Parkes and Forbes Shire Councils in strengthening regional water security through the Centroc Water Grid Pipeline Project, subject to approval of the business case and approval of CTW's financial contribution.	<p>19/8/22 – The draft business case for the Centroc Water Grid Pipeline Project has been submitted to DPE Water for review and comment. Please refer to DOTS Water Security – Drought Update Reports.</p> <p>Status: ongoing</p>

22/048	22/6/22	Levels of Service Report	GM	That Council: 1. Note the Level of Service report, and 2. Receive a report at a subsequent meeting on monitoring its achievement against levels of service and industry benchmarks.	16/6/23 – SMT and Asset Officer are reviewing methods and capability of existing systems to capture LoS data for monitoring and reporting purposes. Status: ongoing
23/005	15/2/23	Belubula Water Security Project Update	GM	That Council: 1. Note the Belubula Water Security Project (BWSP) update report, and 2. Review the BWSP Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for any updates or amendments in lieu of signing a Delivery Deed for augmentation construction.	18/4/23 – Initial review being undertaken by SMT and will be distributed to Councillors for input and comment. Status: ongoing
23/023	26/4/23	Henry Lawson Festival Grenfell	GM	That Council contribute \$500.00 towards the 2023 Henry Lawson Festival at Grenfell.	4/5/23 – Contribution made on receipt of a tax invoice from the Henry Lawson Festival Committee. Status: complete
23/024	26/4/23	Carcoar Community Association – Carcoar Town Reservoir	GM	That Council provide permission for the Carcoar Community Association to project (but not paint) images onto Council's Carcoar Town Reservoir, subject to consultation with Council regarding the proposed images and adherence to applicable site access and safety management plans.	10/5/23 – GM wrote to the Carcoar Community Association providing permission to project images onto the Carcoar Town Reservoir subject to applicable conditions. Status: complete
23/034	26/4/23	Integrated Planning & Reporting Requirements	DFCS	That Council endorses the following draft Integrated Planning & Reporting Plans and place the plans on public exhibition for a period of 28 days: a) Operational Plan 2023-2024 b) Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033	17/5/23 – Draft IP&R Plans placed on public exhibition via CTW's website, social media and local newspapers for a period of 28 days. Status: complete

12.5) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2023 (FM.BA.1)

Author: Director Finance & Corporate Services
IP&R Link: – 2.3.1: Manage the risk management framework including the risk register. – 2.2: Sound Financial management – 2.2.1: Review and update long term financial plan (LTFP).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information in relation to Council's Cash and Investments at 31 May 2023 be noted.

REPORT**Cash and Investments**

The investment summary below represents Council's total investments as of 31 May 2023 in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The above investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.



Peter McFarlane
Responsible Accounting Officer

INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Inflation remained quite high with the March Quarter Consumer Price Index (CPI) recording a rate of 7%. The monthly April CPI figure was 6.8% (April 22 to April 23).

With these high CPI figures continuing the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) continued to raise the cash rate at its May and June meetings. The cash rate is now at a 11 year high rate of 4.10%.

Economic commentators are now indicating that the peak of the cash rate in the current interest rate cycle still has some way to go given that the RBA is determined to get inflation down to its target range of 2% to 3%.

There is now a rising concern that the continued raising of the cash rate will force the economy into recession with a substantial impact on economic activity and employment levels. There is also concern that many homeowners could default on their mortgages particularly as many come off low fixed rate loans onto the current variable rate.

The continuing rise of the cash rate has led to improved returns on term deposits with rates in excess of 5% for 6 to 12 month terms being available particularly at Approved Deposit Institutions (ADI) with ratings of BBB and higher. This has provided an opportunity for Council to roll maturing investments at improved rates.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

A further review of interest income was undertaken as part of the 31 March 2023 Quarterly Budget Review Statement. With interest rates continuing to rise, estimated returns have continued to improve.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's investment policy continues to ensure that good returns are achieved with minimal risk whilst enabling Council to maintain sufficient liquidity to meets its needs.

ATTACHMENTS

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CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER - CASH AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2023

		Credit Rating	Term (Days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Short Term Deposits	\$ 7,900,000.00					88.00%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	600,000	AA-	364	4.28%	16/06/23	6.68%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	500,000	AA-	365	4.67%	7/02/24	5.57%
Bank of QLD - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB+	365	5.05%	6/03/24	5.57%
Unity Bank/Reliance Credit Union	500,000	Unrated	365	3.95%	4/08/23	5.57%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	500,000	AA-	367	4.37%	17/10/23	5.57%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB	365	4.90%	26/03/24	5.57%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB	365	4.80%	3/11/23	5.57%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	500,000	AA-	365	4.48%	31/10/23	5.57%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	600,000	AA-	365	4.04%	22/08/23	6.68%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB	365	4.80%	14/03/24	5.57%
Bank of QLD - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB+	365	4.75%	11/03/24	5.57%
Macquarie Bank - Curve Securities	200,000	A+	0	3.85%	At Call	2.23%
NAB - Curve Securities	500,000	AA-	365	4.45%	2/04/24	5.57%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	500,000	AA-	365	4.20%	15/09/23	5.57%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	BBB	367	4.65%	25/09/23	5.57%
Macquarie Bank - Curve Securities	500,000	A+	91	4.40%	3/07/23	5.57%
At Call Deposits	\$ 1,077,513.94					12.00%
Commonwealth Bank - General Account	\$ 413,662.01	AA-	At Call	3.70%	N/A	
Commonwealth Bank - BOS Account	\$ 663,825.11	AA-	At Call	3.85%	N/A	
Reliance Credit Union - Cheque Account	\$ 26.82	Unrated	At Call	0.00%	N/A	
Total Value of Investment Funds	\$ 8,977,513.94					100%

Average Rate on Term Deposits

90 Day BBSW for March 2023	3.9818%
Average Rate on Term Deposits	4.4775%
Margin over 90 day BBSW	0.4957%

Average Term - Short Term Deposits (days) 325

Long Term Credit Rating

	Amount \$	%
AA-	\$ 4,277,487.12	47.64%
A+	\$ 700,000.00	7.80%
BBB+	\$ 1,500,000.00	16.71%
BBB	\$ 2,000,000.00	22.28%
Unrated	\$ 500,026.82	5.57%
Total	\$ 8,977,513.94	100.00%

BANK RECONCILIATION

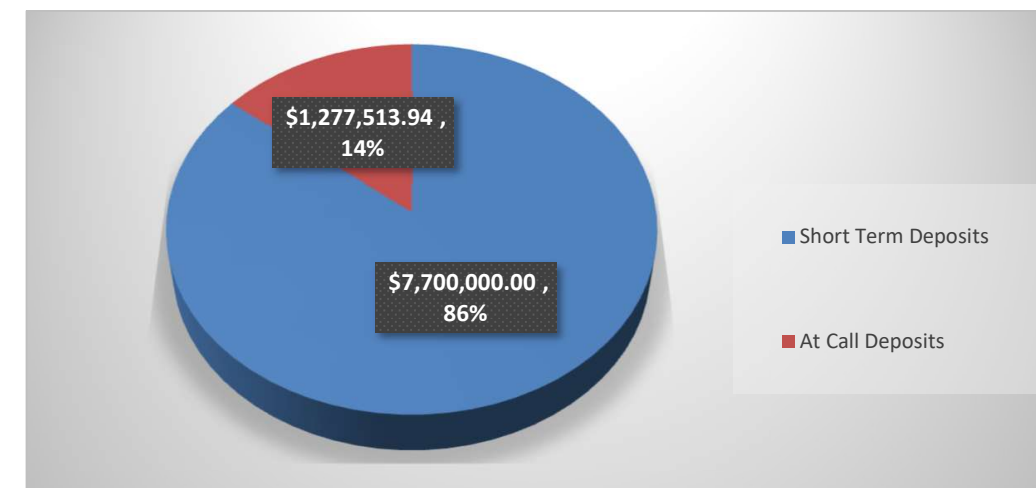
Balance as per Bank Statement	\$ 403,185.63
Add: Visa card purchases processed April 2023	\$ 6,705.27
Add: Cash/Cheque receipt deposited 01.06.23	\$ 726.55
Add: Eftpos receipting deposited 01.06.23	\$ 3,144.56
Less: Outstanding Cheque No. 830	-\$ 100.00

Balance as per Cash Book	\$ 413,662.01
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GENERAL FUND

(a) Cash Book Balance	\$ 1,077,513.94
(b) Bank Balance	\$ 1,077,513.94

Short Term Deposits	\$ 7,700,000.00
At Call Deposits	\$ 1,277,513.94



12.6) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 MARCH 2023 (FM.FR.1)

Author: Director Finance & Corporate Services
IP&R Link: – 2.2: Sound Financial management – 2.2.1: Review and update long term financial plan (LTFP).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 and the variations therein be voted.

REPORT

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the period ended 31 March, 2023 is submitted for consideration by Council in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

It is estimated that the revised forecast operating surplus after capital amounts in the December QBRS of \$3,313,230 is now estimated to be a surplus of \$648,704. The main reason for this change is a reduction in total income of \$2,587,826 and increased operating expenses of \$76,700.

The net operating result before capital has increased from a loss of \$376,554 to a loss of \$821,384 at the March QBRS. This is an estimated increase of \$444,830 over the quarter.

The main driver for these changes are as follows:

- The rescheduling of the completion date for the new 12ML Carcoar Water Treatment Plant Reservoir to December 2023 means that \$2,219,696 of grant income will now be received in 23/24. This also means that \$810,000 of Council funds voted for the project will not be required to be transferred out of the infrastructure restriction until 23/24.
- The resolution of a long term Workers Compensation matter resulted in an estimated additional \$100,000 receipt of reimbursements from our Council's insurer StateCover. These funds will be reimbursed back to the employee in accordance with the claim settlement determination.
- Following the completion of the June Quarter meter reads a further downward adjustment of \$528,130 was made to estimated water sales. As has previously been reported this is the result of wetter climatic conditions over the course of 2022/23. Overall water sales are expected to be around \$900,000 lower than was projected when the original budget was adopted in June 2022.
- Estimated investment income is expected to increase by a further \$60,000 due to continuing high interest rates on term deposits. This has resulted from the continuing cash rate increases determined by the Reserve Bank in response to high inflation.

In respect of the Capital Budget, the estimated budget is estimated to decrease from \$7,677,081 to \$4,507,385. The main driver of this decrease is the amended project schedule for the 12ML Carcoar Treatment Plant Reservoir which is now anticipated to be completed in December 2023 rather than June 2023 as planned previously. It is notable that other capital projects are still in progress and may need to be included in the carryover works list that will be presented to Council at the August 2023 meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The overall result indicates that the financial position of Council is sound, however, as a water utility, Council's revenue has been impacted by the lower water sales due to wetter than expected climatic conditions. Whilst this is not a new phenomenon, as water utilities have experienced such conditions many times in the past, the length of the wet period has been longer than anticipated.

The adverse impact on water sales has now impacted across three financial years which makes it a very rare event in historical terms. As Council is required to maintain and renew a vast infrastructure network, this extended period of lower revenue has flow on effects with respect to funding for augmented infrastructure and renewal of existing infrastructure. This means that other funding sources such as grant funding and borrowings need to be factored increasingly into the long term financial plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

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Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Report by responsible accounting officer

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

31 March 2023

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Central Tablelands Water for the quarter ended 31/03/23 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/23 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: Peter McFarlane

date: 31/05/2023

Peter McFarlane
Responsible accounting officer

Budget Review Statement

as at 31 March 2022

Council's Revised Income and Expenditure for the year 2022/2023

Original Budget		Revised Budget	
1,738,608	<u>Operating Revenue</u>	1,738,608	
5,868,031	Availability Charges	4,970,901	
111,750	User Charges	231,750	
68,868	Interest	263,868	
263,740	Other Revenues	1,470,088	
-	Capital Grants and Contributions	0	
60,000	Operational Grants and Contributions	60,000	
<u>8,110,997</u>	Gains on Disposal of Assets		
	Total Operating Revenue		8,735,215
	<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
2,610,353	Employee Costs	2,734,353	
0	Borrowing Costs	0	
2,388,508	Materials & Contracts	2,415,208	
14,000	Legal Costs	29,000	
145,000	Consultants	215,000	
12,000	Other Expenses	54,000	
0	Loss on Sale of Assets	0	
2,538,950	Depreciation and Impairment	2,638,950	
<u>7,708,811</u>	Total Operating Expenses		8,086,511
402,186	<u>Operating Result for Period After Capital</u>		648,704
	Surplus/(Deficit)		
138,446	<u>Operating Result for Period Before Capital</u>		(821,384)
	Surplus/(Deficit)		
	<u>Less Non-Operating Expenditure</u>		
2,375,564	Acquisitions of Assets	4,507,385	
0	Repayment of Loans	0	
300,000	Transfer to Reserves - Plant	300,000	
1,500,000	Transfer to Reserves - Renewal Reserves	1,500,000	
200,000	Water Pricing Increase - Tfr to Infrastructure	200,000	
80,000	Transfer to Reserves - ELE	80,000	
50,000	Transfer to Reserves - Consultancy	50,000	
781,136	Transfer Estimated Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	172,914	
<u>5,286,700</u>			6,810,299
(4,884,514)			(6,161,595)
	<u>Add Non-Operating Revenue</u>		
232,412	Book Value of Assets Sold	232,412	
194,941	Transfer from Reserves - Plant	194,941	
-	Transfer from Consultancy Reserve	20,000	
30,000	Transfer from Reserves - ELE	80,000	
1,888,211	Transfer from Reserves - Infrastructure	2,995,292	
-	Transfer from External Restriction	-	
<u>2,345,564</u>			3,522,645
(2,538,950)			(2,638,950)
	<u>Add Expenses not Involving Flow of Funds</u>		
2,538,950	Depreciation		2,638,950
<u>\$ -</u>	Budget (Cash) Result Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ -</u>	

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Income & expenses budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Income & expenses - General Fund

(\$000's)	Original budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Income											
Rates and annual charges	1,738,608						1,738,608			1,738,608	1,285,310
User charges and fees	5,868,031				(369,000)		5,499,031	(528,130)	(a)	4,970,901	3,292,235
Other revenues	68,868			15,000	80,000		163,868	100,000	(b)	263,868	119,105
Other income	-						-			-	-
Grants and contributions - operating	-						-			-	-
Grants and contributions - capital	263,740	-	3,376,044	20,000	30,000		3,689,784	(2,219,696)	(c)	1,470,088	686,405
Interest and investment revenue	111,750			20,000	40,000		171,750	60,000	(d)	231,750	126,333
Net gain from disposal of assets	60,000				-		60,000	-		60,000	39,557
Total income from continuing operations	8,110,997	-	3,376,044	55,000	(219,000)	-	11,323,041	(2,587,826)		8,735,215	5,548,945
Expenses											
Employee benefits and on-costs	2,610,353			(2,000)	56,000		2,664,353	70,000	(e)	2,734,353	1,651,753
Borrowing costs	-						-	-		-	-
Materials and services	2,388,508			20,000	-		2,408,508	6,700	(f)	2,415,208	1,476,441
Depreciation and amortisation	2,538,950			100,000	-		2,638,950			2,638,950	1,979,213
Legal costs	14,000			15,000	-		29,000			29,000	19,019
Consultants	145,000			20,000	50,000		215,000			215,000	120,883
Other expenses	12,000				42,000		54,000			54,000	51,242
Total expenses from continuing operations	7,708,811	-	-	153,000	148,000	-	8,009,811	76,700		8,086,511	5,298,551
Net operating result from continuing operations	402,186	-	3,376,044	(98,000)	(367,000)	-	3,313,230	(2,664,526)		648,704	250,395
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	138,446	-	-	(118,000)	(397,000)	-	(376,554)	(444,830)		(821,384)	(436,011)

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Income & expenses budget review statement

Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
(a)	Estimated lower water sales following June Quarter billing run. This was due to the less than favourable weather conditions over the course of the year.
(b)	100K estimated additional Workers Compensation reimbursements due to resolution of an outstanding claim.
(c)	Estimated reduced capital grant proceeds due to delays with the new Carcoar Water Treatment Plan 12ML reservoir. These funds will be received in 23/24 as the project progresses.
(d)	60K estimated improved interest returns on investments due to rising interest rates.
(e)	100K additional payments related to Workers Compensation case as per Note (b) .30K in estimated savings in Filtration Plant salaries cost due to vacancy in operator position.
(f)	Increased estimated audit fees, consisting of Internal Audit \$3,500 and External Audit \$3,200.

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
 for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23
Capital budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Capital budget - General Fund

(\$000's)	Original budget 2022/23	Approved changes					Revised budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures	Notes
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs						
Capital expenditure												
New assets												
- Motor Vehicles	487,353						487,353			487,353	48,974	
- Other Plant and Equipment	25,000						25,000			25,000	9,547	
- Office Equipment	30,000						30,000			30,000	16,047	
- Telemetry Upgrades	20,000		22,723				42,723			42,723	4,967	
- Reticulation Mains (new)	-						-			-	-	
- Post Chlorinator - Gooloogong Bore					50,000		50,000			50,000	26,797	
- Post Chlorinator - Quandialla Reservoir					50,000		50,000			50,000	42,098	
- Post Chlorinator - Greys Hill			50,000				50,000			50,000	6,843	
- Post Chlorinator - Grenfell North			50,000				50,000			50,000	32,489	
- Renewable Energy Infrastructure	500,000						500,000	(140,000) (a)		360,000	145,094	
- Trunk Main I Relocation			19,000				19,000			19,000	-	
- Carcoar WTP 12MI Reservoir			3,985,436				3,985,436	(3,029,696) (b)		955,740	404,314	
- Woodstock Pump Station			200,608				200,608			200,608	20,550	
- New Metering - Gooloogong Bore				25,000	-		25,000			25,000	13,937	
- New Metering - Lake Rowlands				50,000	-		50,000			50,000	31,319	
- New Metering - Quandialla Bore				15,000	-		15,000			15,000	23,000	
- Reticulation Mains Extensions (Capital Contributions)	40,000			20,000	30,000		90,000			90,000	51,915	
Total New Assets	1,102,353	-	4,327,767	110,000	130,000	-	5,670,120	(3,169,696)	-	2,500,424	877,891	
Renewal assets (replacement)												
- Pump Station renewals	53,211		20,064				73,275			73,275	5,000	
- Depot Refurbishment / Upgrades	-		120,000				120,000			120,000	630	
- Cargo Pump Station			144,896				144,896			144,896	6,300	
- Canomodine Pump Station			178,050				178,050			178,050	125,500	
- Quandialla Pump Station			50,000				50,000			50,000	-	
- Moorbel Reservoir Refurbishment					30,000		30,000			30,000	25,870	
- Carcoar Town Reservoir Refurbishment	120,000			17,738			137,738			137,738	137,738	
- Gooloogong Bore - renew Switchboard	250,000						250,000			250,000	-	
- Reticulation Main renewals	700,000		91,392				791,392			791,392	121,876	
- Blayney Office refurbishments			35,699				35,699			35,699	-	
- Blayney Office Outdoor - refurbishments	20,000		10,000				30,000			30,000	12,127	
- Reticulation Mains - Rural Scheme	30,000						30,000			30,000	-	
- PLC Control Units			35,911				35,911			35,911	23,866	
- Carcoar WFP - Equipment Renewals	50,000						50,000			50,000	51,001	
- Blayney WFP - Equipment Renewals	50,000						50,000			50,000	4,509	
Total Renewed Assets	1,273,211	-	686,012	17,738	30,000	-	2,006,961	-	-	2,006,961	514,417	
Total capital expenditure	2,375,564	-	5,013,779	127,738	160,000	-	7,677,081	(3,169,696)	-	4,507,385	1,392,308	
Capital funding												
Rates & other untied funding							-			-		
Capital grants & contributions	194,941		3,194,436	20,000	30,000		3,439,377	(2,219,696) (c)		1,219,681	818,462	
Reserves:												
- External restrictions/reserves							-			-		
- Internal restrictions/reserves	1,888,211		1,819,343	107,738	130,000		3,945,292	(950,000) (d)		2,995,292	495,637	
New loans							-			-		
Receipts from sale of assets												
- Plant & equipment	292,412						292,412			292,412	78,209	
Total capital funding	2,375,564	-	5,013,779	127,738	160,000	-	7,677,081	(3,169,696)	-	4,507,385	1,392,308	
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Capital budget review statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
(a)	Renewal Energy project works of \$140K to be carried forward to 23/24. \$360K allocated for Carcoar Treatment Plant and Canomodine Pump Station projects, 140K remains for renewal energy Lake Rowlands.
(b)	Adjustment to budget due for Carcoar Water Treatment Plant 12 ML Reservoir due to delays in the project. Funding to be carried over to 23/24. Carryover funding will consist of \$810,000 from infrastructure restriction and \$2,219,696 from RESTART NSW Grant.
(c)	Estimated Grant income for Carcoar Water Treatment Plant 12 ML Reservoir not received in 22/23 due to delays with the project. Will be received in 23/24.
(d)	Funds not required from Infrastructure restriction in 22/23. Consisting of Carcoar WTP 12ML reservoir of \$810,000 and \$140,000 for Lake Rowlands Renewal Energy project. These funds will be expended in 23/24..
(e)	
(f)	

Central Tablelands Water**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/3/23**Leakage Allowances Granted - Financial Year to Date**

	<u>No of Applications Granted</u>	<u>Total Allowance Kls</u>	<u>Total Allowance Granted \$</u>
Sept Qtr.			
Residential	9	1,183.89	4,368.57
Total	9	1,183.89	4,368.57

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	<u>No of Applications Granted</u>	<u>Total Allowance Kls</u>	<u>Total Allowance Granted \$</u>
Dec Qtr.			
Residential	5	665.01	2,453.89
Total	5	665.01	2,453.89

	<u>No of Applications Granted</u>	<u>Total Allowance Kls</u>	<u>Total Allowance Granted \$</u>
Mar Qtr.			
Residential	1	167.00	616.23
Total	1	167.00	616.23

Note: Council's undetected water leaks policy provides for an allowance to be granted if strict eligibility criteria are met as per the policy. The granting of a leakage allowance is at the absolute discretion of Council based upon individual circumstances. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of private water infrastructure on their properties.

Central Tablelands Water

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Contracts budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Part A - Contracts listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor/Supplier	Contract detail & purpose	Contract value	Start date	Duration of contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
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Nil

Notes:

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

12.7) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (GO.PR.1)

Author: Director Finance & Corporate Services
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – 2.2.1: Review and update long term financial plan (LTFP).
– 2.2: Sound Financial management

RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 219 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, and following the statutory period of 28 days of public exhibition, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft plans:

- a) Operational Plan 2023-24
- b) Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033

REPORT

Council at its meeting held 26 April, 2023 resolved to place the following Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Documents on public display for a period of 28 days.

These documents consisted of the following:

- Operational Plan 2023-24
- Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033

Advertisements were placed in all regional and local newspapers advising that the draft plans were on public exhibition at the Council Office in Blayney and on Council's website. The exhibition period was from Friday 19 May to Friday 16 June 2023. The advertisements invited anyone to review the plans and to make written submissions by 5pm on Friday 16 June 2023.

No submissions were received by the public display closure time so Council can now proceed to adopt the draft IP&R plans.

In accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act, upon adoption of these plans, Council can then proceed to make its fees and charges for 2023/24.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As per the Operational Budget 23/24.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12.8) 2023/24 OPERATIONAL PLAN - MAKING OF FEES AND CHARGES (FM.PL.1)

Author: Director Finance & Corporate Services
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – 2.2: Sound Financial management – 2.2.1: Review and update long term financial plan (LTFP).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That in accordance with Sections 501, 502, 503, 539, 541, and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following water charges for the 12 months commencing 1 July, 2023:

Water User Charges

Residential/ Rural	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Non Residential	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Industrial	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Non Potable Water	\$2.95 per kilolitre
Standpipe Sales	\$10.00 per kilolitre
Temporary Access Standpipe	\$5.72 per kilolitre
Automatic Filling Stations	\$8.50 per kilolitre
Bulk Water	\$2.31 per kilolitre

Water Availability Charges – Per Annum

20mm	\$272.00
25mm	\$425.00
32mm	\$697.00
40mm	\$1,088.00
50mm	\$1,700.00
80mm	\$4,352.00
100mm	\$6,800.00
Fire Service (Fire Use only)	\$272.00
Unconnected Built upon Properties	\$136.00
Developer Charge (per ET)	\$6,890.00
Capital Contribution Charge (per ET)	\$6,890.00

2. That in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council charge interest on overdue water charges at a rate of 9.0% for the 12 month period commencing 1 July, 2023.
3. That all remaining fees and charges be made.

REPORT

As the 2023/24 Operational Plan has been adopted by Council the water charges can now be made in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA).

Pursuant to Section 377 (1) (d) of the LGA the making of the water charges requires a formal resolution of Council and cannot be completed until the Operational Plan has been adopted for the year in which the charges apply.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

In accord with the adopted 2023/24 Operational Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12.9) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)

Author: Director Finance & Corporate Services
IP&R Link: – 2.3: Continuous Improvement Whilst Managing Risk – 2.3.1: Manage the risk management framework including the risk register.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive and note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2023.
2. That Council await the finalisation of the draft internal Audit and Risk guidelines before developing an implementation plan for compliance.
3. That Council consult with Blayney Shire Council and Upper Macquarie County Council regarding the development of that implementation plan.
4. That Council await the issue of the final Audit and Risk guidelines before undertaking the payment of superannuation on behalf of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Members.

REPORT

The minutes of the ARIC meeting held on 18 May 2023 are attached for Council's consideration. This meeting was scheduled for the 24 May 2023, however, it was brought forward at the request of the ARIC Chairperson.

The major points arising from the meeting were:

- Delays in the appointment of a Governance and Executive Support Officer has impacted the progression of implementation of recommendations arising from the Fraud Health Check and the Project Management Audit.
- The external audit engagement plan (AEP) with respect to the 2022/23 Financial Statements was agreed with the NSW Audit Office.
- Council once again provided the ARIC with a draft formatted set of 2022/23 Financial Statements in accordance with the latest Code of Local of Accounting Practice. This allows the ARIC to concentrate on the numbers when the final draft financial statements are prepared. This practice is endorsed by the NSW Audit Office as being a very beneficial early closure measure.
- Discussion occurred around how the new Risk Management and Internal Audit Guidelines as outlined in Circular 22-41 will be applied by Council noting that the proposed guidelines are scheduled to come into effect from 1 July 2024.
- It was noted that the new guidelines require the payment of superannuation to independent ARIC members. Council has been advised that some Councils have commenced making superannuation payments to independent ARIC members.

It is noted that the new guidelines are yet to be finalised as indicated in Circular 22-41. The Office of Local Government had indicated that the final guidelines should be in place in the early part of 2023. As of the date of this report, no final guidelines have been issued.

As the draft guidelines propose a one size fits all approach across the local government sector, then all Councils will need to develop a transition plan, however, until the final guidelines are issued there is a risk that work on changes may be impacted by alterations made when the

final guidelines are issued by the OLG. For this reason, it is recommended that Council await the issue of the final guidelines before developing a transition plan.

In respect of the application of superannuation to independent ARIC members fees, there remains some uncertainty regarding the application of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992 to payments of this type.

When the draft guidelines are finalised, it is expected that there will be more clarity provided regarding superannuation as it applies to ARIC Members. Noting that superannuation can only be paid in respect of a natural person, it is unclear what happens when the membership is conducted through a partnership, trust or corporate entity. Not all entities providing ARIC membership services operate as individuals or sole traders, so this creates a point of difference when attempting to sort through this issue.

It is recommended that Council not pay superannuation at this time until the final guidelines are released and clarification is forthcoming as to how it will be applied to ARIC independent members fees.

The next meeting of ARIC is scheduled for Wednesday 30 August 2023 at the Blayney Shire Community Centre.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS



It is anticipated that the internal audit budget for 22/23 of \$22,360 will be exceeded by around \$3,200 for the 22/23 financial year.

A revote by Council for this amount has been included in the March 2023 Quarterly Budget Statement Review.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 428A of the Local Government Act 1993 outlines the requirements and duties of the ARIC. Full compliance with the new guidelines is required by 1 July 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1  OLG Circular 22-41 Risk Management and Internal Audit
- 2  ARIC Draft Minutes 18-5-2023



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 22-41 / 19 December 2022 / A843647
Previous Circular	22-21 Update on membership requirements for audit, risk and improvement committees
Who should read this	General Managers / Councillors / Council governance staff / Audit, risk and improvement committee members and internal audit personnel
Contact	Council Governance Team / (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Update on the *Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW*

What's new or changing

- The Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW (the Guidelines) have been approved. However, the Office of Local Government (OLG) has been advised that the amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 giving statutory force to elements of the Guidelines will not be made until early 2023.
- OLG has issued the approved Guidelines in draft form pending the supporting Regulation amendments being made so that councils can start to implement them.

What this will mean for your council

- The approved Guidelines are available on OLG's website - <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/governance/risk-management-audit-and-internal-controls/risk-management-and-internal-audit-framework-for-local-councils-in-nsw/>.
- The model terms of reference for audit risk and improvement committees, an example risk management policy, and the model internal audit charter have also been published on OLG's website in Word format for use by councils and joint organisations.
- Councils and joint organisations must comply with the Guidelines from **1 July 2024**. As of that date all councils and joint organisations will be required to ensure audit risk and improvement committee chairs and members meet the eligibility and independence requirements set out in the Guidelines and have a risk management framework and internal audit function in place that complies with the Guidelines.

Key points

- The final version of the Guidelines will be issued when the supporting Regulation amendments are made. While further minor amendments will be made to the Guidelines to align them with the supporting Regulations as drafted, OLG does not anticipate any significant changes.

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Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.
- If councils or joint organisations require assistance in establishing an ARIC or shared arrangements for an ARIC, they should contact their council engagement manager at OLG.

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Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at the Blayney Community Centre on Thursday 18 May 2023 commencing at 11:06am.

PRESENT:	Donna Rygate	(Chairperson – Independent Member – Voting)
	Ron Gillard	(Independent Member – Voting)
	Cr Marlene Nash	(Council Member – Voting)
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager – Observer)
	Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance and Corporate Services – Observer - Acting Secretariat)
	Noel Wellham	(Director Operations and Technical Services - Observer)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 11.06am.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson gave an acknowledgement of Country.

3. Declarations of any Conflicts of Interest

Ron Gillard made a standing declaration to the Committee that he has relationships with Weddin Shire Council, Cowra Council and Blayney Shire Council, via ARIC membership of those councils. It was noted that no items in the meeting agenda involved those councils. The Chairperson will forward a copy of her updated list of interests to Central Tablelands Water.

4. Declarations of any Unethical Behaviour reported to Council.

Nil.

5. Apologies for non- attendance

An apology was received from Monique Bartley of the NSW Audit Office. It was noted that Leanne Smith from Intentus was going to dial into the meeting later to discuss agenda item 8, but the Committee did not require her participation in that agenda item.

Moved: Cr Nash Seconded: Ron Gillard

Resolved: That the apology from Monique Bartley be accepted.

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6. Confirmation of Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – 16 February 2023.

Moved: Ron Gillard Seconded: Cr Nash

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2023 be adopted with the correction to resolution 8.2 with the duplicated wording “to address this matter” being deleted.

(Proceedings in brief, it was found that the minutes presented at the Council meeting held on 26 April, 2023 did not contain this duplicated wording)

7. Major Developments Since the Previous Meeting

Moved: Cr Nash Seconded: Ron Gillard

Resolved: That the Committee receive and note the report on recent developments since the 16 February 2023 meeting.

8. Financial Statements Update

Moved: Ron Gillard Seconded: Cr Nash

Resolved:

1. That the Committee receive and note the Audit Engagement Plan (AEP) for the 2023 Financial Statements.
2. That the Committee note the draft format of the Financial Statements which complies with the formatting required by the Local Government Accounting Code of Practice.
3. That the progress with respect to the revaluation of Operational Land and Buildings be noted.

(Proceedings in brief, Leanne Smith from Intentus was to join the meeting by phone at 12.30pm but the Committee agreed that her participation was not required. It was noted that the report reference to a 218% increase in audit fees since the NSW AO mandate had commenced in 2015/16 should have said 118%)

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9. Internal Audit Status Report and Action Plan

Moved: Cr Nash

Seconded: Ron Gillard

Resolved:

1. That the Committee note the update report regarding the Project Management Audit.
2. That the Committee note the update regarding the Fraud Health Risk assessment.
3. That the Committee receive and note the cyber security preventative actions undertaken during the last quarter.

10. JLT Public Sector Risk Report 2022-23

Moved: Ron Gillard

Seconded: Cr Nash

Resolved: That the Committee receive and note the JLT Public Sector Risk Report.

11. General Business

Ron Gillard requested that Council provide guidance to the Committee regarding how it intends to implement a new Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework noting that it may commence on 1 July 2024. A report will be prepared for the Council meeting to be held on 21 June 2023 to consider the matter.

Ron Gillard also noted that the distribution of business papers is still not within the agreed 3 day period. He asked if more effort can be made to distribute the agenda and business papers earlier to allow more consideration of the agenda items. The General Manager advised that efforts will be made to improve this and noted that CTW is recruiting for secretariat support at the moment. The Chairperson also noted that the ARIC meeting was brought forward a week at short notice at her request due to competing professional commitments.

The issue of the requirement for superannuation to be paid to independent ARIC members was raised by the Secretariat. It was noted that the latest Office of Local Government draft guidelines (page 26) state that superannuation is to be paid to independent ARIC members. It appears that where a fee is paid to a sole trader, that superannuation is payable on the GST exclusive amount of the fees paid. It was agreed to undertake discussions with Blayney Shire Council and Upper Macquarie County Council to come to a common position on the matter.

13. Next Meeting – Wednesday 30 August 2023

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Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 18 May 2023

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There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:30pm.

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12.10) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**Author:** Director Operations & Technical Services**IP&R Link:** Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – 1.1.2: Review, update and implement existing maintenance program. – 1.1.4: Undertake regular water meter replacement program. – 1.5: Efficient use of water**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council note the information in the General Report.

REPORT**GENERAL REPORT****a) Meter Reading**

The fourth meter read for the 2022-23 financial year was completed in accordance with CTW's meter reading schedule.

b) Meter Change Program

There have been twenty six (26) water meter changes since the previous reporting period.

c) Water Filtration Plants & associated Ancillary Plants

Blayney Water Treatment Plant (BWTP) and Carcoar Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) has maintained their full operational performance. BWTP and CWTP Fluoride package plants have maintained their full operational performance. BWTP and CWTP Chlorination package plants have maintained their full operational performance.

d) Pump Stations

Cleaning of pump stations listed under general maintenance has continued throughout the supply network over the past months.

e) Drinking Water Quality

There have been no reportable incidences of exceeding CTW's Critical Control Points for the delivery of drinking water from CTW's Water Treatment Plants.

f) Trunk Mains

Ongoing inspections continue to be hampered due to the impacts of weather conditions and restricted staff resources.

g) Hydrants

Ongoing inspections and maintenance requirements have continued throughout all towns on the CTW supply network during the previous three months.

h) Rural Scheme renewals

No renewals have been undertaken for this 2022-23 financial year.

i) Reticulation main renewals

Limited staffing numbers have hindered progress of the reticulation mains renewal program for Millthorpe.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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

Author: Director Operations & Technical Services
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – 2.1.3: Review and update levels of service and report on performance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the information.

REPORT

FROM 1/4/2023 to 31/5/2023

a) Main Breaks

Location		Date	Size / Type	Comment
Manildra	Mandagery St	19/04/2023	100mm	DNR
Manildra	Orange Rd	01/05/2023	100mm	DNR
Canowindra	Cowra/Milton St's	10/05/2023	100mm GIB	R&RP
Canowindra	Nyrang Creek	22/05/2023	100mm AC	DNR
Canowindra	Nyrang Creek	25/05/2023	80mm	DNR

**Notes**

1. CTW Mains (Trunk & Retic) Break score of 5/573km == 0.87/100km.
 Rolling Value across 12mths = 10.82/100km which is slightly higher than the 2017-18 NSW State Median benchmark of 9.0 breaks/100km.

b) Service Activities and Requests

ACTIVITIES	THIS PERIOD					Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
BLAYNEY	15	22	29	22	1.48%	1482
CHECK METER READING	0	1	2	0	0.00%	
CUSTOMER DAMAGED METER	0	1	0	0	0.00%	
DIRTY WATER COMPLAINT	1	0	1	0	0.00%	
HYDRANT LEAKING	0	0	3	0	0.00%	
LEAKING METER	6	9	13	9	0.61%	
LEAKING SERVICE	1	3	2	2	0.13%	
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	1	1	0.07%	
MAIN BREAK	5	1	1	0	0.00%	
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	0	4	6	2	0.13%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	3	0	7	0.47%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	2	0	0	1	0.07%	
QUALITY COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES	THIS PERIOD					Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
CANOWINDRA	15	27	13	21	1.42%	1144
CHECK METER READING	0	0	1	2	0.13%	
DIRTY WATER COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
HYDRANT LEAKING	1	0	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING METER	4	1	3	6	0.40%	
LEAKING SERVICE	6	4	1	5	0.34%	
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
MAIN BREAK	3	3	5	0	0.00%	
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	0	5	1	6	0.40%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	8	0	0	0.00%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1	1	0	1	0.07%	
METER SPECIAL METER READING	0	5	0	0	0.00%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	0	0	1	1	0.07%	
QUALITY COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
CARCOAR	3	2	0	1	0.00%	134
CHECK METER READING	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
LEAKING METER	0	2	0	0	0.00%	
MAIN BREAK	2	0	0	0	0.00%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	1	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
CARGO	3	3	1	0	0.61%	164
LEAKING METER	0	2	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	1	1	0	0	0.00%	
MAIN BREAK	2	0	1	0	0.61%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
CUDAL	1	6	3	2	1.29%	233
CHECK METER READING	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING METER	0	1	2	0	0.86%	
LEAKING SERVICE	0	0	0	2	0.00%	
MAIN BREAK	0	0	1	0	0.43%	
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	1	0	0	0	0.00%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	5	0	0	0.00%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
EUGOWRA	1	3	4	18	1.15%	387
BURST METER	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
CUSTOMER DAMAGED SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	1	1	2	0	0.00%	

LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
MAIN BREAK	0	0	1	1	0.07%	
MAINTENANCE – GENERAL	0	0	0	7	0.47%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	1	1	5	0.34%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	0	1	0	2	0.13%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
GRENFELL	15	10	15	19	1.28%	1349
BURST METER	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
CHECK METER READING	0	0	2	1	0.07%	
DIRTY WATER COMPLAINT	4	0	0	0	0.00%	
DISCONNECTION OF WATER SUPPLY	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
HYDRANT LEAKING	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
LEAKING METER	4	4	7	9	0.61%	
LEAKING SERVICE	3	2	0	1	0.07%	
MAIN BREAK	1	0	0	0	0.00%	
MAINTENANCE – GENERAL	1	2	2	0	0.00%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	2	2	6	0.40%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	1	0	0	1	0.07%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	1	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
LYNDHURST	1	1	1	0	0.00%	159
LEAKING METER	1	0	1	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
MAINTENANCE – GENERAL	0	1	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
MANDURAMA	1	3	3	1	0.00%	134
LEAKING METER	1	0	1	0	0.00%	

LEAKING SERVICE	0	2	0	1	0.07%	
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	1	1	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
MANILDRA	0	9	3	3	0.13%	281
CUSTOMER DAMAGED MAIN	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
HYDRANT LEAKING	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
LEAKING METER	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	0	3	0	0	0.00%	
MAIN BREAK	0	3	0	1	0.07%	
MAINTENANCE – GENERAL	0	0	2	0	0.00%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	3	1	0	0.00%	
NO WATER COMPLAINT	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
MILLTHORPE	3	2	7	4	0.13%	459
BURST METER	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
CHECK METER READING	0	0	0	2	0.13%	
LEAKING METER	1	0	1	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	1	0	2	1	0.07%	
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	0	0	0	1	0.07%	
MAIN BREAK	1	0	1	0	0.00%	
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	0	1	2	0	0.00%	
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
METER SPECIAL METER READING	0	1	0	0	0.00%	
PATHCOCK FAILURE	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 1						

ACTIVITIES			THIS PERIOD			Total Meters
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% of Total meters	
QUANDIALLA	0	1	2	0	0.00%	100
BURST METER	0	1	0	0	0.00%	
CHECK METER READING	0	0	1	0	0.00%	

LEAKING METER	0	1	0	0	0.00%	
LEAKING SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
METER NEW / REPLACEMENT	0	0	1	0	0.00%	
Total Complaints = 0						
TOTAL ACROSS CTW TOWNSHIPS	58	89	81	91	1.51%	6026

Notes:

1. Comparison values listed each year use data from the period covering the same months of the year i.e. April to June
2. Total Meters is the number of meters connected to properties.
3. CTW complaint rolling value score across 12mths == 7.30, which is slightly higher than the 2017/18 NSW State median of 5.0 complaints/1000 connections.
4. CTW Total Service Activities and Requests score == 1.51%, which is below CTW benchmark of 5% across all townships.

c) *Lake Rowlands*

The current level of Lake Rowlands Dam is 101% (15.6.23) with the Dam's scour valve fully shut.

d) *Water Services*

Since 1st April 2023, there have been an additional six (6) new domestic water services connected to, and zero (0) water meter disconnected from Council's mains.

e) *Water transfer through CTW ⇔ OCC pipeline*

No water has been transferred to, or from, Orange using this pipeline.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12.12) WATER SECURITY - DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)

Author: Director Operations & Technical Services
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – 1.1.1: Deliver capital works program based on asset management data.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the information in the report.

REPORT

In following with NSW State Government directions, CTW continues to develop its drought resilience opportunities through continuance of the below projects:

Woodstock Pump Station - “Wet” commissioning test results exceeded the reverse operation of Trunk Main H original design criteria of 41.5 Litres per second @ a delivery pressure of 1800kpa leaving the Pump Station. The testing provided a flow rate of 47 litres per second @ 1750kpa when both pumps were running at 50Hz on their respective Variable Speed Devices (VSDs). The testing also confirmed that both pump sets can be operated from only one of the two 125kVA Generator sets, thus proving a further opportunity for redundancy if one Genset was unavailable. Permanent transfer switches will need to be installed if this redundancy opportunity is to be realised. Installation of a retaining wall and tidy up landscaping remain outstanding due to a combination of wet weather and contractor/ CTW staff unavailability.

Centroc Water Grid Pipeline - CTW, in conjunction with Parkes and Forbes Shire Councils, continues to await feedback from DPE Water on the Centroc Water Grid Pipeline project’s draft final business case.

12 ML Clear Water Tank (CWT) – The major contractor Leed Construction (Leed) have removed the unsuitable ground material found during excavation of the CWT’s Overflow and Scour outlet piping and replaced with recommended fill material as per instructions from FSG Geotechnics and Foundations P/L. The variation costs for these works have been reflected in the Budget Implications below. Leed has advised further concrete batch shrinkage testing has been necessary, however they maintain this will not impact on their latest scheduled project completion date of December 2023. Although the latest variation has been absorbed within the contingency component of the current approved budget, any future increases deemed necessary to complete the project to the satisfaction of Council will be sought through future Quarterly Budget Reviews.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Project		Woodstock Pump Station		
Approved Budget		\$806,703 (includes \$63,886 contingency)		
Project End date		Sept 2023 (revised from June 2023)		
Revised Budget	Expenditure to date	Projected (*)	Total	Remaining Funds (**)
\$806k	\$686k	\$34k	\$720k	\$86k

Project		12ML CWT D&C contract		
Approved Budget		\$3,985k (includes \$353k contingency)		
Project End date		Dec 2023		
Revised Budget	Expenditure to date	Projected (**)	Total	Remaining Funds (****)
\$4,206k (****)	\$954k	\$3,117k	\$4,071k	\$135k

Note: (*) Projected costs to complete remaining works.

(**) Remaining funds will be available for CTW's 12ML CWT project.

(***) Projected costs include ancillary earthworks, Electrical/Instrumentation & Pre Chlorine injection.

(****) Revised budget includes \$221k Variation Claim for removal & replacement of unsuitable ground materials pending future QBRs approval by Council.

(*****) Remaining funds for roads and pathways around CWT site.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12.13) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE (ET.SP.2)

Author: Director Operations & Technical Services
IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 2: An efficient, sustainable and customer focused organisation – Strategic Priority 3: Regional leadership and collaboration – 3.1: Regional collaboration and partnerships – 3.1.2: Participate in CNSWJO opportunities for relevant joint procurement activities, knowledge and resource sharing, and advocacy for strategic regional priorities. – Strategic Priority 1: Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – 1.1: Service provision through fit for purpose infrastructure – 1.1.1: Deliver capital works program based on asset management data. – 1.4: Mitigate environmental impacts of service delivery – 1.4.2: Review and update Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) including solar and battery optimisation projects. – 1.4.3: Continue to review operational processes with the objective of further mitigating environmental impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the update report for the renewable energy projects.

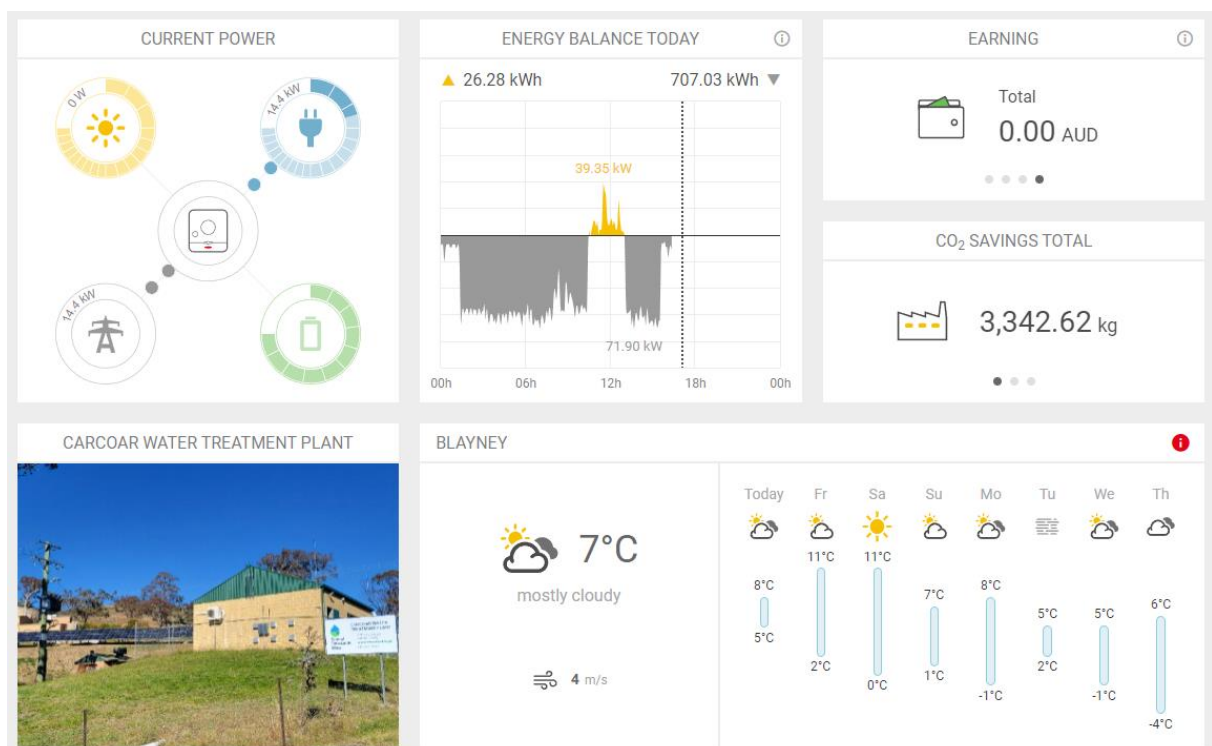
REPORT

The supply and installation contracts of Solar PV systems for Carcoar Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) and Canomodine Pump Station (CPS) sites have been completed to the satisfaction of our external project management renewable energy expert Charge Works P/L.

CARCOAR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

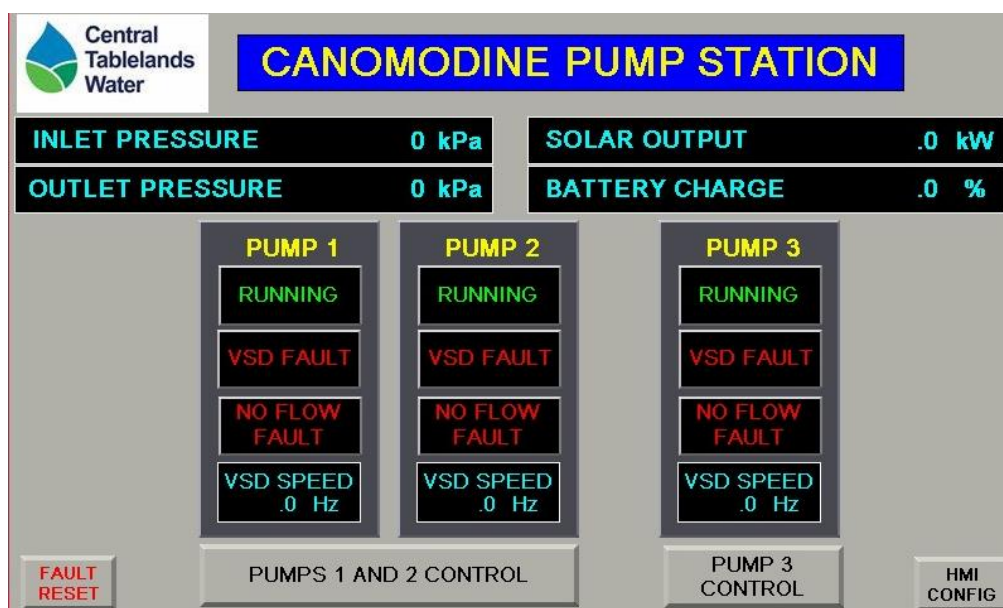
CTW continues to monitor the performance of a 99kW solar panel only system at our CWTP site before committing to change the majority of operational hours from an Off-Peak electricity time. There remains the installation of a permanent 4G modem before the CWTP works are considered complete.






CANOMODINE PUMP STATION

CTW is currently evaluating our customised Programmable Logic Control (PLC) program used for matching pump operations with the new 40kW Solar & 30kWh Battery system. The program allows the user to adjust the Start & Stop kW values of the Solar Panels and the Start and Stop Battery State of Charge (SoC) % values to control of the new 30kW Pump 3, to extract maximum Solar Panel kW during daylight hours.





Central
Tablelands
Water

PUMP 3

PUMP 3

RUNNING

VSD FAULT

NO FLOW FAULT

VSD SPEED
.0 Hz

START

CONTROL MODE

CONTROL MODE SELECTOR

SOLAR CONTROL

LOCALSPEED
SETPOINT (Hz)

Hz

TELEMETRY
MAXIMUM SPEED

.0 Hz

SOLAR PANEL OUTPUT

.0 kW

INH


BATTERY CHARGE

.0 %

INH

SOLAR SETTINGS

BACK



Central
Tablelands
Water

BATTERY CHARGE

.0 %

PUMP 3 SPEED REF.

.0 Hz

SOLAR OUTPUT

.0 kW

PUMP 3 POWER

.0 kW

SOLAR SETTINGS

ENABLE PUMP WHEN BATTERY IS ABOVE

%

FOR

mins

DISABLE PUMP WHEN BATTERY IS BELOW

%

FOR

mins

ENABLE PUMP WHEN SOLAR IS ABOVE

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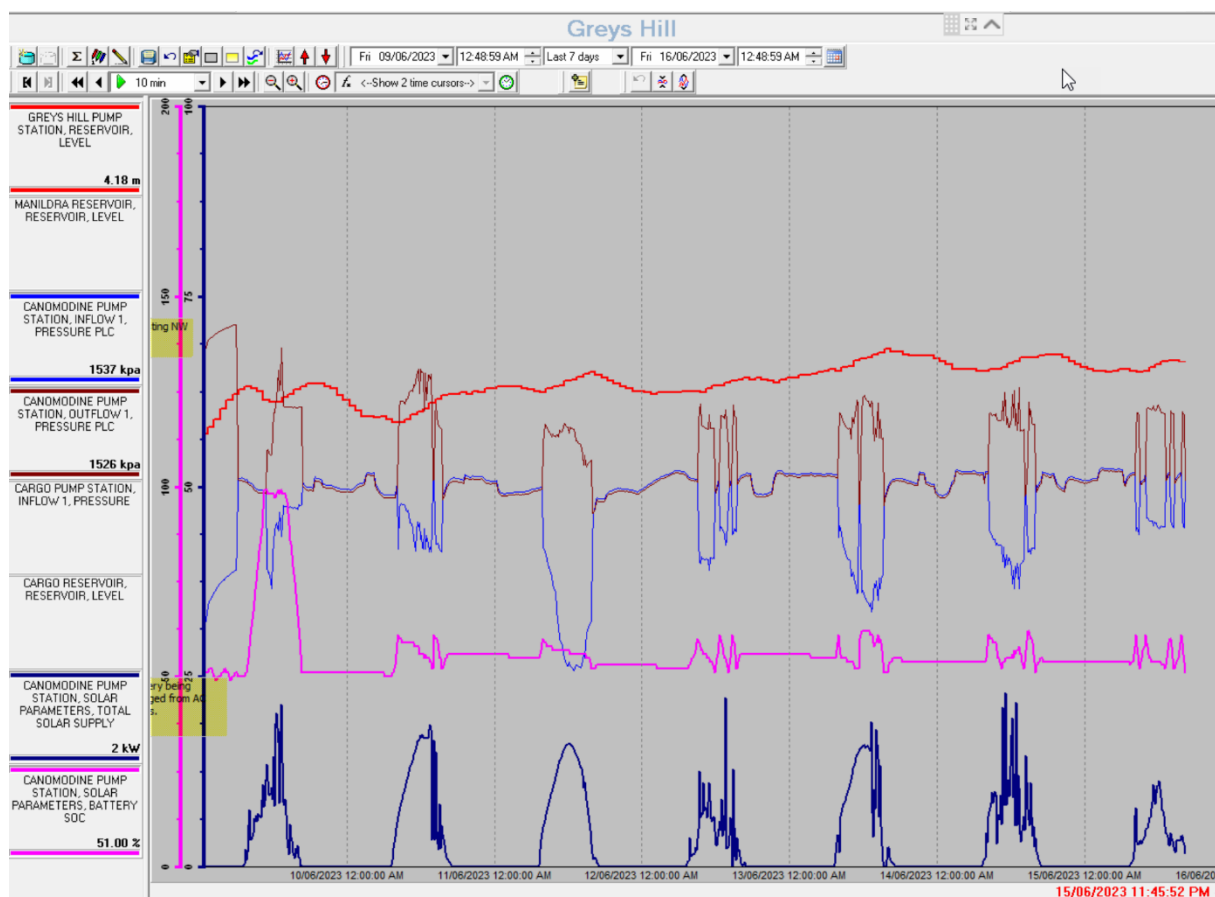
DISABLE PUMP WHEN SOLAR IS BELOW

kW

FOR

mins

BACK



CWTP Solar site is on track to meet a project end date of June 2023, however the CPS Solar and Battery site will need to be extended till September 2023 due to some small tidying up works relating to PLC program improvements, permanent labelling, and additional floor barriers.

CTW has provided a further list of potential battery sites to our CNSWJO representatives for inclusion in the NSW Joint Organisations Net Zero Acceleration (JONZA) grant program, where there is optimistic enthusiasm of funding support to help progress the technicalities required for the ARENA funding for batteries, EOI application due 30 June 2023.

The proposed CTW sites for battery installation to include:

- a) Carcoar WTP – min 500kwh battery to assist with an additional 100kW solar farm;
- b) Lake Rowlands Pump Station – min 300kwh battery to assist with proposed 100kW solar farm;
- c) Quandialla Bore Pump Station – min 200kwh battery to assist with 50kW proposed solar farm;
- d) Quandialla Town Pump Station – 50kwh battery to maintain water supply security during black out events;
- e) Gooloogong Bore Pump Station - min 1000kwh will be used to assist with known future growth demands and peak summer demand delivery.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Project		Stage 1 - CWTP and CPS Renewable Energy		
Approved Budget (Operational Plan 22/23)		\$360k from \$500k (includes \$30k contingency)		
Project End date		September 2023		
Revised Budget	Expenditure to date	Projected remaining costs	Total	Contingency Funds *
\$360k	\$306.8k	\$36.2k	\$343k	\$17k

Note: * Topsoil supplied & spread across CWTP solar site to assist with future maintenance of site.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil