

6.2.10 Henbury Golf Club – water rates

REPORT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER TO 7 MAY 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Henbury Golf Club - water rates

GOV400038, P1520511

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the General Manager on the Henbury Golf Club – water rates be received;**
2. **Council makes a grant of \$2,623.38 to the Henbury Golf Club to cover the lost water as a result of a water leak on their property and that staff include in the March Quarterly Budget Review an amount to cover this additional grant.**

Detailed report

Please find attached a self explanatory letter from the Henbury Golf Club. I also attach their latest water account. The focus of the letter is to ask Council to give consideration to funding or waiving an excess bill for water as a result of broken pipe inside of their property boundary.

The broken pipe used considerable water that went through water meter 11379 and that has read 1639 kilolitres of water at a cost of \$4,343.35. The Council policy generally comments that any water leak detected inside the property boundary is the responsibility of the property owner and not Council.

Henbury's overall consumption on their other 3 irrigation meters was on average 39.6% lower for the current period when compared to the same period last year (calculated on the daily average consumption to take into account the differing reading periods).

If we assume that the consumption on the meter that was subject to the leak would otherwise have also been 39.6% lower that would equate to 649 KL. The charge for this 649 KL would be \$1719.97.

This would seem a reasonable adjustment to account for the leak if Council were prepared to give a concession. This would mean that Council would be required to fund \$2,623.38

Council should note that we already give the Henbury Golf Club an annual grant of \$7,000 for water consumption per annum. This grant was arrived at because the Golf Club consider it unreasonable to pay the higher rate for treated water (\$2.65) and wanted a fee closer to the raw water charge (\$0.50). Council agreed with the request.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

If Council was to accept the recommendation in this report, the cost to the ratepayer would be \$2,623.38. This is additional to the \$7,000 already granted to Henbury Golf Club for subsidised water on this site. Staff could be including in the March Quarterly Budget Review a sum of money to cover this additional expense.

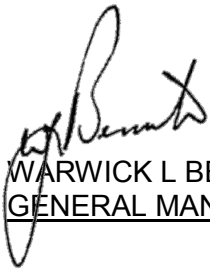
Community Plan implications

Not applicable.

23 April 2014

- Attachments:*
1. Letter dated 26 February 2014 from Henbury Sport & Recreation Club re water usage
 2. Copy of water charges invoice dated 10 April 2014

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



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26 February 2014

Mr. W. Bennett
General Manager
Mid-Western Regional Council
PO Box 156
MUDGEE NSW 2850

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing to seek your support in obtaining relief from the cost of water usage for the maintenance of the greens on the Kandos golf course operated by Henbury Sport & Recreation Club Ltd.

While Council will be well aware of our ongoing efforts to limit water usage, the situation has become critical following the rupture of a pipeline near a water meter on the 12th tee on Monday evening. Unfortunately, the water continued to flow through the night until reported by walkers on Tuesday morning. Recent drought conditions may have contributed to the failure of the pipeline, but there will have been a considerable loss of water during the night.

You will appreciate that this is a particularly difficult time for Henbury in a town which has suffered the closure of the Cement Australia plant and is facing the impending closure of the Centennial Coal mine at Charbon. Every effort is being made to retain Henbury Golf Course and tennis courts, both as a community asset and a source of local employment. While the communities of Kandos/Rylstone and surrounding villages do support for the Club, the increase in water rates to \$2.65 per Kilolitre is threatening the future of this organization. We have long sought access to a small share of grey water from the adjacent sewerage plant.

Henbury is a parkland of great natural beauty at the entrance to this rare 20th Century Town. As is the case with many country courses, this is a small not-for-profit organisation which survives with the support of volunteers who assist with the operation of the club and carry out day-to-day maintenance of the golf course.

I would ask that Council give serious consideration to the provision of some relief from the charges for the water lost as a consequence of the pipeline failure at Henbury. I look forward to your advice.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Mason
President

WATER

WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE

ABN 96 149 391 332
TAX INVOICE



Henbury Sport & Recreation Club Ltd
Henbury Golf Club
PO Box 22
KANDOS NSW 2848

PO BOX 156 MUDGEE NSW 2850
PH: (02) 6378 2850 1300 765 002
FAX: (02) 6378 2815
EMAIL: council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au
WEBSITE: www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Property Number
15205

Issue Date 10/04/2014
Interest Rate 9.0%

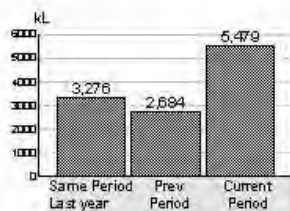
Due Date 01/05/2014

Property Location and Description

Henbury Golf Club 6 Henbury Avenue KANDOS NSW 2848
Lot 88 DP 755789 Lot 287 DP 724559 and 7 more

Meter No	Meter Type	SDF	Present Reading	Previous Reading	Consumption (kL)		
					Actual	Adjustments	Charged
11379	50MM	0.00	2,499 (31/03/2014)	860 (17/12/2013)	1,639	0	1,639
92W011740	25MM5DIAL	0.00	66,700 (31/03/2014)	65,352 (17/12/2013)	1,348	-174	1,174
0907273	50MM	0.00	7,274 (31/03/2014)	6,087 (17/12/2013)	1,187	0	1,187
M578734	20mm4Dial	0.95	3,250 (31/03/2014)	3,076 (17/12/2013)	174	0	174
0907255	50MM	0.00	8,974 (31/03/2014)	7,669 (17/12/2013)	1,305	0	1,305

Meter No	Charge Description	Charges \$
11379	Water Usage - Non-Residential: @\$2.65/kL	4,343.35
92W011740	Water Usage - Non-Residential: @\$2.65/kL	3,111.10
0907273	Water Usage - Non-Residential: @\$2.65/kL	3,145.55
M578734	Water Usage - Non-Residential: @\$2.65/kL	461.10
M578734	Sewer Usage - Sewer Discharge Factor (SDF): @\$2.08/kL	343.82
0907255	Water Usage - Non-Residential: @\$2.65/kL	3,458.25



Rebate: 0.00
Credit/Arrears: 0.00
GST: 0.00

Please deduct any payments since 7/04/2014	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: 14,863.17
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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Property Number: 15205

Total Due: \$ 14,863.17

WATER

Mudgee Administrative Services Centre
86 Market Street, Mudgee: 8.00am - 4.30pm

Gulgong Service Centre
109 Herbert Street, Gulgong: 8.00am - 7.00pm & 1.30 - 4.30pm

Rylstone Service Centre
77 Luke Street, Rylstone: 8.00am - 4.30pm

Send your payment to **PO Box 156, Mudgee NSW 2850**.
Payment can be made by cheque or money order.

Contact Council for an application form.

Visit www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to pay using Visa or MasterCard.

Call 1300 133 369 anytime to make payments using Visa or MasterCard.

Customer Ref: 2182 8390 4950 3

Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account.
More info: www.bpay.com.au * Registered to bPAY Pty Ltd, ABN 69 079 137 518

Billers Code: 485268
Customer Ref: 2182 8390 4950 3

Present this notice intact to make your payment by cash or cheque at any Australia Post Office.

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PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL BY POST OR OTHERWISE AFTER DUE DATE/S WILL NOT BE TREATED AS BEING PAID BY SUCH ONE DATE/S.