



JUST REWARD: Goulburn's Glenn Turner tussles with Germany's goalkeeper before potting a goal in the Kookaburras semi-final. The Australians netted a bronze medal in the playoff against Britain on Sunday morning. Photo: Lars Baron.

Council lets off less gas: report

By LOUISE THROWER

GOULBURN Mulwaree Council has managed to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, but only marginally, an environmental report card shows.

But much more can be done across the board, some councillors and commentators say.

The report by Planet Footprint, delivered at the most council meeting, showed a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 9,203 tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2010/11 to 9,138 tonnes in 2011/12.

The largest emissions came from energy use. In the last financial year Council used a total of 21,183 Gigajoules, most of this (15,289Gj) from electricity and the rest from gas.

This emitted 4,931 tonnes of carbon and cost just over \$1.1 million in energy charges.

Strategic planner Jack Miller said the decrease could be due to fitting of more efficient pumps for water and sewer facilities.

Despite the consumption drop, electricity prices are biting. Council forked out nearly \$126,000 more for electricity and gas this financial year. Much of this comes from pumping water around the system and operation of water and sewer plants.

The council engaged Planet Footprint several years ago to track performance and suggest improvements.

Cr Geoff Peterson applauded the changes.

"Last year (in response to the report) I recorded that we could do better in just about every category," he told the meeting," he said.

"This year we have reduced our carbon footprint and energy consumption and it wouldn't have occurred if we hadn't decided to look at how we're travelling," he said.

Bold and bronzed

By LLOYD SCROOPE

Turner stars in medal campaign

THE Kookaburras fell short of their ultimate goal, but Goulburn's sole representative in the bronze medal winning outfit won new fans the world over.

Glenn Turner was a focal-point for the Australians throughout their Olympic campaign, which culminated with a bronze medal and a 3-1 victory over host Great Britain in the early hours of yesterday morning.

While the Kookaburras finished the Games

successfully, there remains an air of disappointment.

Ric Charlesworth's squad won every major trophy and medal between Beijing and London, yet missed the mark at the world's most prestigious hockey tournament.

They were denied a chance at gold by defending champion - and eventual gold medallist - Germany.

The Germans gave the Australians a repeat

of their Beijing semi-final performance, outclassing their rivals 4-2.

Australia's hunger for gold now grows, and Turner, who'll turn 32 by the time the Games of Rio rolls around, is inclined to regroup and plot a return to the Olympic arena.

Irrespective of what the future holds, Turner's already made a name for himself internationally.

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