

Dear Elected Member,

I wish to advise that the next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 12 August 2003 commencing at 5.00pm.

Reminder that Council will undertake inspection of the Bush Inn, Visitor Information Centre and Lake Butler commencing at 3.00pm.

Yours faithfully,

RJ Kay
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2003 be taken as read and confirmed.

Minutes of the Adjourned Budget Meeting held on 9 July 2003 be taken as read and confirmed.

Minutes of the Adjourned Budget Meeting held on 17 July 2003 be taken as read and confirmed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Child Care on Wheels Committee – 24 July 2003.
2. Machinery Committee – 28 July 2003.
3. Council / Golf Club Working Committee – 30 July 2003.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED BODIES

1. Robe Youth Advisory Committee – 2 July 2003.
2. Robe Tourism & Traders Association – 3 July 2003.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. Development Officer's Report (blue)
2. Chief Executive Officer (green)
3. Works Manager (gold)
4. Economic Development Officer (lilac)
5. VIC and Cross Borders Conference Report
6. Environmental Health Officer's Report (yellow)

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment
2. Reconciliation Statement

CORRESPONDENCE

Section A

1. Robe Tourism & Traders Association – Tourism Matters (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that the letter be received and assistance supplied in removal of old Information Board.

2. TASLO Land Consultant – Road Opening & Closing Hundred of Ross (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that Council resolve the order to open the road and to close road as attached and authorize the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the documentation.

3. Lions Club of Robe & District – Development of Robe Cemetery (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that Council Officers enter into discussion with Lions Club representatives.

4. Wattle Range Council – Chairman of Limestone Coast Tourism (see attached).

Officers Comment – For consideration by Council.

5. Department of Transport & Urban Planning – State Black Spot Program (see attached).

Officers Comment – My understanding is that Council has no areas that meet the criteria.

6. South East Local Government Association nomination to Telecommunications Working Party and Sub Committee regarding Limestone Coast Tourism (see attached).

Officers Comment – Council should nominate Elected Members or staff to these two groups.

7. Department for Environment & Heritage – New Conservation Park adjacent Lake St Clair (see attached).

Officers Comment – Council can comment if it wishes.

8. Plain Central Services - Grant Allocations 2003/2004 (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that the letter be received.

9. Kingston District Council – Princes Highway Speed Limit Change (see attached).

Officers Comment – Council has already written to the Minister concerning this issue.

10. Herman Bersee – Bushland Cabins (see attached).

Officers Comment – Section 530 is crown land dedicated as a Recreation Reserve under the care control and management of the District Council of Robe and subject to the condition that no development be carried out without the prior consent of the Minister of Lands. Section 530 is also proclaimed as Community Land pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Act 1999 and therefore the provisions of Division 3 and 4 of Chapter 11 of the above Act apply. The effect of the above makes it impossible to formalize any arrangements by 25 September 2003 even if Council was supportive of the request.

11. Robe YAC – Contribution to cost of bus to Blue Light Disco (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

12. Minister for Industry Trade & Regional Development – Regional Impact Assessment Statements (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

13. Dog & Cat Management Board – Registration Fees Increase (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

14. Local Government Association of SA – Council Members Extension Program (see attached).

Officers Comment – For Elected Members information.

15. Local Government Association of SA – new LGA.net (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

16. Local Government Association of SA – Local Government Awareness Month (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that the letter be received.

17. Local Government Association of SA – New Council Members' Residential Seminar (see attached).

Officers Comment – For Elected Members information.

18. Local Government Association of SA – Fair Federal Funding for SA Local Roads Campaign (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that the letter be received.

19. Local Government Association of SA – Regional Development Conference (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

20. Local Government Association of SA – 2003/2004 LGA Membership Subscription (see attached).

Officers Comment - Recommend that the letter be received.

21. Local Government Association of SA – LGA Annual General Meeting (see attached).

Officers Comment – Recommend that Mayor Darr be appointed as Council's Delegate.

22. Minister for Regional Services – Sustaining Regions (see attached).

Officers Comment – The publication is available for Elected Members.

Section B

23. Environment Protection Authority – Information Kit Water Quality Policy 2003.

24. Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnership.
25. Minister for Health – First Steps Forward for South Australian Health Reform.
26. Final Report of the South Australian Health Review.
27. Annual Report – LGA Workers Compensation Scheme.
- 28.

OTHER BUSINESS

District Council of Robe

Machinery Committee

Minutes of the Machinery Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2003 commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT Mayor Peter Darr, Crs M Denton, F Boylan, Chief Executive Officer and Acting Works Manager.

BUSINESS Sedan Replacements (changeover prices)

Following quotations received:

Chief Executive Officer:

Mac Ford	BA Futura	(208.00)
OG Roberts & Co	Commodore Berlina	4460.75

Works Manager:

Mac Ford	Falcon BA XT	6867.00
OG Roberts & Co	Commodore Executive	7815.24

Development Officer:

Mac Ford	Falcon BA XT	5867.00
OG Roberts & Co	Commodore Executive	6815.24

Cr Denton moved **that the quotations submitted by Mac Ford for the replacement of 3 sedans be accepted.**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Utility (changeover price)

Following quotations received:

Mac Ford	Ford Courier Cab Cassis & Tray	18950.00
OG Roberts & Co	Rodeo Cab Chassis & Tray	16100.99

Cr Boylan moved **that the quotation submitted by OG Roberts & Co for the utility changeover be accepted.**

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Grader

Discussion on process and detail for Grader replacement.

Resolved that Tenders be called. Replacement option of both graders together with sale as a second hand unit.

Garbage Compactor

Discussion regarding replacement of garbage compactor. Works Manager to investigate availability of second hand garbage compactors.

Freeroll Roller

Works Manager to enquire whether Naracoorte Lucindale Council unit would fit the Champion and Komatsu Graders and the cost thereof.

Meeting closed at 9.30am.

District Council of Robe

Joint Council/Golf Club Working Committee

Minutes of the Joint Council/ Golf Club Working Committee held on 30 July 2003 commencing at 7.40pm.

PRESENT District Council of Robe Mayor P Darr, Cr P Wilkin and Chief Executive Officer
Robe Golf Club Inc J Burr, G Clements, P DeLaine and B Quinlan-Watson

PRESIDING MEMBER J Burr moved **that B Quinlan-Watson be nominated as Presiding Member.**

Seconded P DeLaine Carried

OBJECTIVE Robe needs an 18 hole Golf Course.

Resolved that all the investigations relate to expanding the course on the current site to 18 holes.

BUSINESS Use of Section 217 negotiable whether golf course or residential development.

Native vegetation issues on number of sites.

All Robe Golf Club documentation to be copied and given to Committee Members.

Road between Sections 285 and 133, 136, 228 and 227.

G Clements moved **that the Committee ascertain the status of Section 285 and how the land can be purchased:**

- **Asking price**
- **Availability for sale etc.**

Seconded P Wilkin Carried

MEETING Meetings be held on last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

District Council of Robe

Chief Executive Officer's Report

LTO Advices and Changes of Ownership

Cylmarco Pty Ltd to AJ Mutton & GB MacNeil-Gordon, Sections 164, 165 & 173 Hundred of Waterhouse.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to ME Sully & JJ Link Lots 64 & 65 (310) Lapwing Avenue Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to PG Hounslow & LB Honner Lot 57 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to CJ & NE Robertson Lot 27 (213) Thompson Road Robe.

MJ & ML Kindness to M & KJ Janosevic Lot 109 (310) Powell Avenue Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to RK Ford Lot 58 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to Koskat Pty Ltd Lot 68 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to KJ & DM Merrett Lot 54 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to DF Yard Lot 50 & 52 De Guichen Drive Robe.

KB & DG Sharam to Van Schaik Investments Pty Ltd Lot 2 & 3 Hundred of Waterhouse.

PD Green to MH Hender Lot 14 (218) Lord Syleham Street Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to PJ & JA Davies Lot 51 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to NB Clarke Lot 66 (310) Lapwing Avenue Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to DR & FM Bell Lot 53 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to DF Williams & KL Kelly Lot 61 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

Hills Sites Pty Ltd to JS Willils & DM Makings Lot 69 (310) De Guichen Drive Robe.

HJ Keaveney & ors to JH & MFE Keaveney Lot 2 (36) Hundred of Waterhouse.

Skearborst Pty Ltd & ors to Skearborst Pty Ltd Lots 91 & 92 Hundred of Waterhouse.

WW Purton & ors to GL Sangster Lots 37 & 91 (218) Davenport Street Robe.

S & H Piszczuk to H Piszczuk Lot 13 (216) Sargent Close Robe.

EA Bullen to AJ & JM Bermingham Lot 13 (216) Sargent Close Robe. \$185000.

AJ Pitt & ors to AC & PS Goldsworthy Lot 12 (212) Tobruk Avenue Robe. \$143000.

AC & GR Tebbutt to EC Keane Lot 5 (310) Esplanade Robe. \$360000.

FR Daniel & ors to FR Daniel Lot 68 (310) O'Byrne Avenue Robe.

AE Thompson to PM & AR Boerma Lot 27 (219) Lord Syleham Street Robe.

RG & KM Cook to Wirray Propertises Pty Ltd Lot 86 (310) Laurel Terrace.

BA & SK Moore to Blackford Merinos Pty Ltd Lot 71 Banks Road Robe.

Strategic Management Plan

The Local Government Act makes the following reference to Strategic Management Plans.

122. (1) A council must develop and adopt plans (which may take various forms) for the management of its area, to be called collectively the **“strategic management plans,”** which –
- (a) identify the council’s objectives for the area over a specified period (**“the relevant period”**), and provide a clear indication of –
 - (i) the extent to which the council has participated with other councils, and with State and national governments, in setting public policy objectives, and the extent to which the council’s objectives are related to regional, State and national objectives; and
 - (ii) the extent to which the council has given consideration to regional, State and national objectives and strategies which are relevant to the economic, social, physical and environmental development and management of its area; and
 - (iii) the extent to which the council intends to co-ordinate with State and national governments in the planning and delivery of services in which there is a common interest; and
 - (b) identify the principal activities that the council intends to undertake to achieve its objectives; and
 - (c) estimate the revenues and expenses of the council over the relevant period; and

- (d) state the measures (financial and non-financial) that are to be used to monitor and assess the performance of the council over the relevant period; and
- (e) describe the relationship between the council's objectives and activities, and its rating policy under this Act; and
- (f) identify the means by which its activities are to be carried out, with particular reference to its policies on contracts and tenders under this Act; and
- (g) address issues associated with arranging its affairs so as to separate its regulatory activities from its other activities, so far as this is reasonable to do so; and
- (h) make provision for the regular view of the charters, activities and plans of my subsidiary of the council.

(2) Strategic management plans –

- (a) should (as far as practicable) be consistent with the Planning Strategy and the Development Plan or Plans for the council's area, and with other relevant statutory policies and plans; and
 - (b) must comply with any requirement prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) The relevant period under subsection (1) is a period between three and five years, determined by council.
- (4) A council may review its strategic management plans under this section at any time but must undertake a comprehensive review at least once in every three years.
- (5) A council may amend its strategic management plans or adopt new plans.
- (6) A council must adopt a process or processes to ensure that members of the public are given a reasonable opportunity to be involved in the development and review of its strategic management plans.
- (7) A council must ensure that copies of its strategic management plans under this section are available for inspection (without charge) and purchase (on payment of a fee fixed by the council) by the public at the principal office of the council.

The Strategic Management plan gives directions to staff as to the direction and objectives the Council wants to achieve.

Although the Strategic Management Plan was only adopted in 2002 I think it is appropriate that this Council reviews the plan to ensure that the Objectives, Strategies and Actions are what this Council wants to achieve. It is suggested that Council sets a workshop to look at the current plan.

Customs House

I have ascertained that costs to repair the roof of the Customs House and applied to Heritage SA for a Conservation Grant. The total estimated cost is \$8200 which includes:

Quotation Plumber	6699
Contingency for roof and necessary wall repairs	<u>1501</u>
	<u>\$8200</u>

Public Accessibility of Documents

Council resolution 364/2003 that the full Agenda be made available to the public conflicts with the confidentiality and privacy requirements from the State and Federal Governments in respect to Child Care. What I propose is that the minutes of the Child Care Committee and the Child Care Manager's Report be removed from the Public Agenda. This will ensure that Elected Members receive all the information from the Committees and Manager but that the information remains confidential as required by the rules relating to Child Care.

Adopted Budget

Attached is a copy of the Adopted Budget.

Rates

Rates have been calculated and were posted on 24 July 2003.

RJ Kay
Chief Executive Officer

**WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT
TO COUNCIL**

12 AUGUST 2003

ACTING MANAGER, WORKS

1] Maintenance Grading

Maintenance grading of the district roads is continuing with the two graders. Grader Operator Clarrie Hunt has been away on annual leave for two weeks but this has not stopped or slowed down the maintenance-grading program. Council works employee Brett Murphy was appointed to assist with the grading while the conditions are favorable.

All unsealed gravel roads have been graded in the past 2 months, the grader is currently grading the town-unsealed roads and is working his way to the Mt Benson area.

To complete the grading program on formed, surfaced & natural surface formed roads throughout the Council area has allowed us to grade 342 kilometres of road length.

2] Boat Lifts

During the month of June the following boat lifts were undertaken for the following customers;

- Peter Harding "Nerissa J" Straddle Lift into storage
- Peter Harding "Sanderling" Straddle Lift into storage
- Bill Hurst "Namprey" Straddle Lift onto truck from trailer
- Craig Saltmarsh "Faye J" Straddle Lift & hang from storage to storage
- Stephen Gibbons Straddle Lift into storage
- Bryan Lawrie Straddle Lift into storage

Totalling 6 straddle lifts.

3] STEDS - [Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Scheme]

The five pumps sent to All Pumps for the necessary repairs have been re-installed and have been checked for operational needs. All pumps were tested and are now satisfactory to our requirements.

I have programmed in November 2003, prior to the busy holiday period in Robe that the STED system will be checked for operational effectiveness & efficiency.

4] Opening of Road Reserve

Mr Andrew Goldsworthy would like to gain access to his Property Sections 124 & 121 Hundred of Bray via an existing road reserve.

The existing road reserve is currently not being used as a road but forms part of the existing paddocks for stock grazing.

The distance of the road required is approximately 1,200 metres by 6 metres wide.

Mr. Goldsworthy has indicated that he will undertake the following activities to gain Council's approval to have access to Property Sections 124 & 121 Hundred of Bray.

Agreed by;

Land Owner ~ Mr. Goldsworthy

- Supply suitable rubble [has rubble located on his property nearby]
- Supply adequate quantity of rubble.
- Cart the rubble to the road site.
- Fence the road reserve boundaries [stock proof].
- Provide Property Boundary Identification Survey to locate actual road reserve area. Sawley Lock Pty Ltd from Mt Gambier provided an estimated cost of \$1550 to carry out the survey.

*Estimated Cost: \$5,000
Survey Included*

Council's Activities:

- Form and shape the new roadway to appropriate road geometry standards.
- Council is the owner [freehold] of the road reserve therefore is responsible for the future required works on the road eg: maintenance grading.
- Make provisions for drainage with the grader.
- Roller crush the delivered rubble on road site.
- Fence portion of road reserve.

Estimated Cost: \$5,000

The supplied estimated cost does not include future ongoing maintenance to the road or reserve.

At the April 2003, Council meeting it was decided that the Manager, Works provide costs to establish the road for Mr. Goldsworthy.

If this road is constructed and opened for Mr. Goldsworthy and the public then the road should be named accordingly.

Council may wish to consider a name for the new road. Past road names may have been considered from district pioneers surnames, land - owners [current & former] areas and or business of significance within the Council.

Recommendation

That Council support and agree to Mr. Andrew Goldsworthy’s request to gain access to Property Sections 121 & 124 Hundred of Bray. Subject to the following conditions being met by Mr. Goldsworthy.

- a) Supply and delivery of appropriate road making materials.
- b) Commission a licensed surveyor to carry out the road reserve property boundary identification survey prior to the commencement of any works undertaken.

5] Pines Adjacent to Cemetery Fence

Correspondence attached

On Wednesday 27 July 2003, Cr. Denning Wasson, Acting Manager, Works and representatives from the Golf Club, Netball Club, and Recreation Grounds Committee meet with Skyworks in reference to the removal of the pine trees adjacent to the netball courts.

All members at the meeting were pleased to know that the pines will be removed shortly.

Skyworks provided an updated quotation for the removal of the trees. *[please refer to attached quotation dated 29 July 2003]*

I have also attached a break down of the supplied costs excluding GST as Council claims this amount back from the taxation department. Three [3] options are placed to the Council for the pines removal. To lower Council’s costs council employees and machinery will be able to assist with the project, and these internal costs have been included.

[Please refer to the attached sheet proving Council options to consider]

Removal of 41 pines situated along the cemetery fence		Removal of 11 pines along the golf course fence		Removal of all 52 pines along the cemetery & golf course fences	
Option - 1	Cost'	Option - 2	Cost's	Option - 3	Costs
[1]	\$319.55	[1]	\$319.55	[1]	\$319.55
[2]	\$27.27	[2]	\$27.27	[2]	\$27.27
[5]	\$14,690.91	[3]	\$6,427.27	[3]	\$6,427.27
[6]	\$2,568.18	[4]	\$900.00	[4]	\$900.00
				[5]	\$14,690.91
				[6]	\$2,568.18

TOTAL	\$17,605.91	TOTAL	\$7,674.09	TOTAL	\$24,933.18

Budget allocation; \$13,500

Due to the amount to undertake the pine trees removal it may be more palatable to stage the pine trees removal, as a suggestion, over 2 financial years 2003-2005.

May I suggest to Council that the 41 pines along the cemetery fence be removed this financial year at a cost of \$17,606 and the remaining pine trees be removed next financial year.

To undertake the works this financial year a further \$4,106 will need to be allocated to the pine trees removal, this amount could be reallocated from the mowing & tree planting budget. In early September 2003 the pine trees will be removed.

Recommendation

That option one be accepted allowing for the removal of the pine trees located along the cemetery fence.

That the remainder 11 pine trees situated along the golf be considered for removal in financial year 2004 – 2005.

6] Bitumen Road Patching

Over the past three weeks patching of bitumen potholes have been carried out. The potholes have developed over the winter months, patching has been carried out at Greenways, Boatswain Point, and at Robe with the inclusion of the Nora Creina road.

7] Proposed Works Program

Proposed works program attached

With the adoption of the financial year budget I have placed together a 2003 ~ 2004 proposed works program for the Council, Communities, and for the staff to see what Council's objectives are.

This document is fluid and may change through out its 12-month life due to seasonal conditions, other priorities that may develop through Council and the community, and on-going financial constraints.

8] Policy – Key Holders to Dump

It has been brought to my attention that a large number of unauthorized people are utilizing the dump when it is not open to the community during normal operating times.

It has become impossible to manage the dumpsite as people are dumping all types of materials at the site and are not placing it in the appropriate marked locations.

It is costing the Council a significant amount of money to replace the dumped material by having an employee and a loader shifting the materials weekly.

I have developed a Policy for the Council to adopt, "Key Holders Operating Controls & Standards" having this policy in place will eliminate a lot of problems. This will enable Council to control who is using the dump and what is being dumped. Having these standards and measures in place will also appease the EPA by meeting their requirements.

The new lock and key system that is to be introduced will only allow authorized personnel access to the dumpsite.

Users will be responsible for their allocated key and payment to the Council for their appropriate usage.

I can only see positives for the Council and the Community by having this system in place, therefore I will make the following recommendation to Council.

Recommendation

That Council adopts and implements the Policy for the Dump Key Holders Operating Controls & Standards.

9] Lannum Park

The bridge footway at Lannum Park in recognition for the "Year of the Volunteer" has now been installed and completed.

New Lannum Park signs have been ordered and should be available for installation within the next week or two.

Vehicles traveling along the main road adjacent to Lannum Park cannot see the newly installed footway bridge and the water feature. Council may wish to investigate this matter further or provide direction to the Acting Manager, Works to trim and or remove the existing vegetation along the banks at Lannum Park.

Recommendation

That the CEO, Acting Manager, Works and Councilor[s]..... investigate the trimming and or removal of the vegetation at Lannum Park, and that a report be submitted to Council for consideration at the September 2003, meeting.

Recommendation: That the Acting Manager, Works report be noted and adopted.

Glenn Sanford

ACTING MANAGER, WORKS

ROBE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE QUARTERLY REPORT

I have attended two conferences since the last report:

1. Annual State Visitor Information Centre Conference.
This conference was held at the Port Adelaide Town Hall. It was sponsored by the Port Adelaide Enfield Council. It ran for two full days, and encompassed seminars, small group meeting, famils and information sessions about the new funding policy. Probably the most interesting speaker for the conference was Bindi Gove who is a senior Manager for Central Victorian Tourism. Her presentation was about the importance of a well positioned VIC to a town and the amount of revenue that can be brought into Councils coffers annually through the tourism dollar. One of her comments that she repeated was that "...the community and Local Government need to look at information facilities, town attractions and town entrances through the eyes of the visitor." Next conference will be held in Kadina on the Yorke Peninsula in July of 2004
2. The Cross Border Conference
This conference was held here in Robe on the 31st of July and the 1st of August.
Unfortunately, because of the rescheduling of the Victorian Tourism Conference attendance was not as high as had been expected. There where still 25 delegates from around 19 VIC based in the Fleurieu Peninsula, Limestone Coast Region and Victoria.

State Working Party

Robe is once again representing the region on the State Working Parties group. This group meets bi-monthly in Adelaide to act as a conduit into SATC for the states VIC. This is the second time that Robe was nominated for this position and next year a new delegate will be appointed.

New Funding Details

South Australian VIC funding through the South Australian Tourism Commission for the financial year 2003/04 has changed. No longer does the centre (because of being an accredited VIC) receive a set amount of funding, from now on the policy is that each centre manager applies for grants for money from SATC. There is a committee that will meet and evaluate each application and we will be informed in September what grants have been approved. This process will be in place for at least the next few years.

Regional Meetings

The last regional meeting of the Limestone Coast Visitors Providers was held in Millicent, only a small meeting because several managers where on holidays, but it went a head because the main topic of conversation was the grants process. Next meeting will be either in Meningie or Taillem Bend in September.

Limestone Coast Tourism Awards

I attended this event at Meningie at the newly renovated Cheese Factory. Robe was well represented and as always did well in the awards, with Robe Long Beach Holiday Park, Lakeside Tourist Park, Harbour View Motel, and Dolphin Court Apartments. Next year I would like to see the Centre itself enter the awards.

Visitor Numbers

Are up on the same time last year, with a trickle of Internationals starting to come through. We are heading towards the peak time for Internationals in this area, so the trickle will definitely increase.

New Information Sheets

The Centre has several new Information Sheets available for Visitors, Drainage system, Dining, History and Woakwine Cutting. The format of the information sheets is about to be changed, sometime back the CEO, Sharon and I had a discussion about the presentation, re the problem of their size. Men fold them down to put into their pockets and women fold them to put into their handbags. The new format is DL size and should alleviate this problem.

Accreditation Audit

The Robe VIC will definitely be audited in the next few months, the Auditing group has finally been appointed and while we probably will get some warning, I do not expect this to be very long. The audit will decide whether we will be designated a Level 1 centre or not. Only Level 1 centres get funding through SATC, so it is important that everything is organised for the audit.

Limestone Coast Information Packs

Limestone Coast VIC where asked to assist Limestone Coast Tourism with the sending out of information packages about the region. While the requests for information still go to Limestone Coast Tourism these requests are then email to the rostered VIC whose responsibility it is to send of the information package. This assist Limestone Coast Tourism but also gives the individual towns the opportunity to add in their own tourism brochure. Robes turn is not until next February and August.

CROSS BORDER CONFERENCE

This was held on the 31st of July and the 1st of August. It was attended by 25 delegates from around the Fleurieu and Limestone Coast regions and from Victoria.

Many hours of work went into the organisation of this conference and the initial feedback has been very positive. But I will know more about this when the evaluation forms are returned. The majority of the cost for the conference were covered by sponsorship, Robe Tourism & Traders Association, Robe Long Beach Holiday Park and Limestone Coast Tourism. Also several of the local wineries donated their time and wines for wine tasting and for the actual conference dinner (Cape Jaffa, Baudin Rocks, Wangolina and Governor Robe). Council's costs for the conference extended to hiring of the bus, staff time and emailing out the invitations.

Conference delegates arrived in time for lunch on Thursday and we began our meeting at 1.00pm. Jenni Ling Marketing Officer for Robe Tourism & Traders addressed the meeting on RTTA behalf. We had a successful and informative meeting with the main topics begin about funding and income streams. The exchange of information at this type of conference is highly important; we must try not to re-invent the wheel all the time. If someone else has tried it and succeeded or failed their experience is invaluable to the rest of us. The meeting broke up about 4.45pm and everyone left for their accommodation. All delegates and guests met up at the Robe Golf Club at 6.30pm for wine tasting, this was followed by an address by the Mayor of Robe, Peter Darr. Peter talked about the rich history of the town and the various industries that currently operate within Robe and its surrounding areas. Peter Wilkin in his position as the Chairman of Limestone Coast Tourism also spoke, mentioning how many visitors come through Robe and the Limestone Coast region each year. Dinner was enjoyed by all even our vegetarian delegate. Beth Brown of Auntie B's Café catered for the dinner (and both lunches), providing a range of food from platters, all the food for the dinner and then a BBQ on the final day. Many comments were received about the standard of the food and the quality of the service that she provided.

The next morning it was lovely to start the day by having breakfast at Robe Long Beach Holiday Park. After a wonderful breakfast of eggs and bacon we all hopped onto the bus for a tour around Robe. The bus tour took in many of the important sights of the town (even our first million dollar house), with the delegates begin very impressed with what they saw. After about an hour, several delegates were dropped back of at Longbeach to be taken on a 4 wheel drive tour of Little Dip Conservation Park by Peter Wilkin. The rest journeyed out to the Cape Jaffa Winery for a talk and tour by Derek Hooper. The day concluded with a BBQ back at the Longbeach Holiday Park. Conference delegates left for their homes from this point.

I would like to thank those Councillors who attended the conference dinner for their support of the event, it was very impressive that we had so many in attendance. I would also like to thank Library/VIC staff who assisted with the organisation of the conference.