

District Council of Robe
Extraordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the adjourned extra-ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 July 2004 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT Mayor P Darr, Crs P Wilkin, M Denning-Wasson, F Boylan, J Mathews, M Denton and D Loxton, Chief Executive Officer and Manager of Works.

**2004/2005
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**

Capital

Cr Denton moved **that loans be increased by \$113000 to accommodate Public Toilets, Morphett Street Drainage and Tideflex Valve (1/2005).**

Seconded Cr Wilkin Carried

Cr Loxton moved **that Morphett Street Footway construction be deleted (2/2005).**

Seconded Cr Denning-Wasson Carried

Cr Denton moved **that the Apex Playground upgrade be deleted (3/2005).**

Seconded Cr Wilkin Carried

Cr Denning-Wasson moved **that Lake Road and Dawson Drive be deleted (4/2005).**

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Cr Denton moved **that \$18000 be added to income as the return on the sale of surplus Ford AU Sedan (5/2005).**

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

Cr Mathews moved **that the mulching be deleted from the budget (6/2005).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Cr Denton moved **that \$25000 be allocated to a Resource Officer, specific details to be investigated further (7/2005).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried
Casting Vote of Mayor

Division was requested:

<i>For the Motion</i>	<i>Against the Motion</i>
Cr Boylan	Cr Dening-Wasson
Cr Denton	Cr Mathews
Cr Wilkin	Cr Loxton
Mayor Darr	

Cr Denton moved **that the automatic irrigation system at Long Beach be a staged project with \$10000 being allocated for 2004/05 (8/2005).**

Seconded Cr Dening-Wasson Carried

Cr Boylan moved **that the Road Maintenance labour be reduced by \$12500 (9/2005).**

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Cr Denton moved **that the infrastructure loan be increased by a further \$12000 (10/2005).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Cr Loxton moved **that material for Victoria Street repairs be reduced by \$5000 (11/2005).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

BUDGET & ANNUAL STATEMENT

Cr Denton moved **that Council adopts the budget as submitted by the Chief Executive Officer with such amendments as effected above and resulting in:**

1. Estimated Expenditure being \$3,201,000.

2. Estimated Income other than Rates being \$1,278,000 with Septic Tank Effluent Drainage operational expenditure of \$156,000 contributed from STEDS Service Charge and SE Catchment Water Levy being \$22,000.
3. Amount required to be raised by rates being \$1745000 (12/2005).

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

BUDGET APPENDICES

Cr Loxton moved that the following budget appendices be received:

- 7.1 Loan details as at 1 July 2004
- 7.2 Estimated Loan Repayment Schedules
- 7.3 Required Statements
 - 7.3.1 Budgeted Operating Statements
 - 7.3.2 Budget Statement of Financial Position
 - 7.3.3 Budget Statement of Changes in Equity
 - 7.3.4 Budget Statement of Cash Flows
- 7.4 Assessment and Rating Details
- 7.5 Draft Rating Policy (13/2005).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

ADOPTION OF VALUATION

Cr Denton moved that the District Council of Robe in accordance with Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1999 adopts for the year ending 30 June 2005 the government valuation of Capital Values in relation to the area of Council, totalling \$529998600 and hereby specifies that 1st July 2004 as the day as from which from such valuation shall become and be the valuation of the Council (14/2005).

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

DECLARATION OF RATES

Cr Denton moved that the District Council of Robe pursuant to Section 152 of the Local Government Act 1999, declare a general rate of 0.3402 cents in the dollar on the assessed capital value of all rateable property in the District Council of Robe for the financial year ending 30 June 2005.

Pursuant to Section 158 of the said act, Council fixes that the minimum amount which shall be payable by way of rates on any one assessment in the Township of Robe shall be \$426.00 for the financial year ending 30 June 2005 (15/2005).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

**STEDS
SERVICE CHARGE**

Cr Loxton moved that pursuant to Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council declares that the service charge for the year ending 30 June 2005 for all properties serviced by the Robe Septic Tank Drainage Scheme be:

Occupied with desludging	185.70
Occupied without desludging	172.20
Unoccupied	143.30

Unit is as defined by Local Government Bulletin No.144 (16/2005).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

Cr Mathews moved that the STEDS connection levy be increased from \$1500 to \$2000 for each newly created allotment or unit that accesses the existing STEDS system (17/2005).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

**SOUTH EAST WATER
CATCHMENT LEVY**

Cr Loxton moved that in exercise of the powers contained in Section 138 of the Water Resources Act 1997 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999 in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the South East Water Catchment Board, a separate rates of \$13.70 be declared on all rateable land in the Council's area in the catchment area of the Board based on a fixed levy of the same amount on all rateable land (18/2005).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

DISCRETIONARY
REBATE

Cr Denning-Wasson moved that the policy for 2004/05 in respect to discretionary rebates be:

Discretionary Rebate on Council Rates for Residential Property caused by dramatic increase in Capital Values.

A discretionary rebate of general rates for the 2004/05 financial year will be granted to the principal owner/ratepayer of an assessment under Section 166(1)(l) of the Local Government Act 1999 on application to the Council where the amount of any increase in rates in respect of that assessment in monetary terms between the amount of general rates imposed for the 2004/05 financial year and the amount of general rates payable for the SAME property in the 2002/03 financial year is greater than 50%. The amount of the rebate will be the difference between the amount of general rates (less any concessions) in monetary terms that will be imposed for the 2004/05 financial year and the amount of general rates (less any concessions) in monetary terms payable for the 2002/03 financial year plus 50%.

The Rebate WILL NOT APPLY where:

1. The increase is due in whole or part to an increase in valuation because of improvements made to it; or
2. The increase is due in full or part because of any rezoning; or
3. The increase is due in full or part to the change of the use of the land; or
4. The ownership of the ratable property has changed since 1 July 2001, ie the residential property has changed ownership and the new owners have purchased the residential property at the new current market value; or
5. The subject property boundaries have been altered eg sub-division; or
6. Other factors considered by the Chief Executive Officer that do not warrant the granting of the discretionary rate rebate.

The Rebate WILL only apply to:

1. An Owner in respect of their principal place of residence subsequent properties and all place of residence properties (same as SA Water Concessions for Council and Water Rates).
only excluding second and other non principal criteria

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2. Application form to be completed and received by Chief Executive Officer by 1 September
3. The 2004/05 financial year only then subject to for any subsequent years (19/2005).

Seconded Cr Wilkin
Carried

POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

Cr Mathews moved that:

Under Sections 182(1)(a) and (2) of the said Act a postponement of rates may be granted if Council is satisfied that the payment of rates would cause hardship. Council may on application and subject to the ratepayer substantiating the hardship, consider granting a postponement of payments of rates in respect of an Assessment on the condition that the ratepayer agree to pay interest on the amount affected by the postponement at the Cash Advance Debenture rate and if the ratepayers satisfies the following criteria:

1. The property is the principal resident of the ratepayer and is the only property owned by the ratepayer, and
2. the property has been owned by the ratepayer and has been their principal residence for a minimum 15 years, and
3. the ratepayer is able to produce one of the following identification cards:
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Centrelink
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Veterans Affairs
 - TPI Card – Veterans Affairs

The amount postponed will not exceed 30% of the rates payable for the assessment prior to deducting pensioner concessions and shall accrue interest at the Cash Advance Debenture rate published by the LGFA for 1 July each year (20/2005).

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

RATING POLICY

Cr Wilkin moved that the Rating Policy as detailed in the Preliminary Budget documents be adopted with additional detail concerning the creation of a Reserve to finance future

**upgrades of the Robe Septic Tank Effluent Drainage System
(21/2005).**

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Confirmed 13 July 2004

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Mayor