

District Council of Robe

Minutes of the Adjourned Budget Meeting held on 3 July 2003 commencing at 4.00pm.

PRESENT

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

REBATE ON COUNCIL RATES

Cr Denton moved that Council policy in respect to extra-ordinary rebate be:

Rebate on Council Rates – extra-ordinary rebate for Residential Property caused by sudden and dramatic increases in Capital Values:

A discretionary rebate of general rates for the 2003/04 financial year will be granted to the principal ratepayers 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 2003/04 financial year and the amount of general rates payable for the same property in the 2002/03 financial year is greater than the gross overall percentage increase in Council general rates for the 2003/04 financial year (as compared to 2002/03) plus a further 20 per cent. The amount of the rebate will be the difference between the amount of general rates in monetary terms that will be imposed for the 2003/04 financial year and the amount of general rates in monetary terms payable for the 2002/03 financial year (before deducting any pensioner or other concessions) plus the gross overall percentage increase in Council general rates for the 2003/04 financial year (as compared to 2002/03) plus a further 20 per cent.

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

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
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. A ratepayer in respect of their principal place of residence only excluding second and subsequent properties and all other non principle place of residence properties
2. The 2003/04 financial year only then subject to an annual review (2/2004).

Seconded Cr Wilkin

Carried

POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

Cr Wilkin moved that Council policy in respect to postponement of rates be:

Postponement of Rates

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 (3/2004).

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

2003/04
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET

Wrights Bay

Cr Mathews moved that Wrights Bay be nominated as priority one for the reconstruction and seal of rural roads but be deleted from the preliminary budget for 2003/04 and that Council commence negotiations with Transport SA seeking funds for the upgrade of the Wrights Bay/Southern Ports Highway intersection so that reconstruction of this road can commence in the 2004/05 financial year (4/2004).

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

Boomeroo Park Road

Cr Denton moved that the Works Manager cost undertaking a trial using Agrilime on half kilometre of Boomeroo Park Road and that this cost be included in the budget (5/2004).

Seconded Cr Wilkin

Carried

Elizabeth Street

Cr Loxton moved that the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street be deleted from the preliminary budget (6/2004).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

Plant

Cr Loxton moved that small plant capital be reduced to \$6000 (7/2004).

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

Cr Dening-Wasson moved **that Council replace only 3 sedans excluding the Red Cross Car with the allocation be reduced to \$18000 (8/2004).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Cr Boylan moved **that Council explore options for purchase of new or secondhand free roll Roller (9/2004).**

Seconded Cr Mathews Carried

Cr Wilkin moved **that the allocation for the replacement of the Nissan Navara Utility be deleted from the preliminary budget (10/2004).**

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Cr Denton moved **that Council borrow for the purchase of the Grader, Free Roll Roller and Garbage Compactor.**

Seconded Cr Wilkin Lost

Cr Dening-Wasson moved **that Council borrow for the purchase of the Grader and Garbage Compactor (11/2004).**

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

STEDS

Cr Denton moved **that the review of the STEDS Scheme be funded from the STEDS Reserve (12/2004).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Cr Denton moved **at 6.25pm that the Budget Meeting be adjourned to 9 July 2003 commencing at 4.00pm (13/2004).**

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6.25pm.

Confirmed 8 July 2003

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Mayor