

District Council of Robe

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 10 January 2012, commencing at 6.00 pm at the District Council of Robe Chambers, Smillie Street Robe.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The District Council of Robe acknowledges and respects the traditional owners of the ancestral lands of the Robe district. We acknowledge elders past and present and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to this country.

**WELCOME**

Mayor Riseley welcomed the Elected Members, Staff and Gallery.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Peter Riseley; Crs Lawrence Polomka, Rino Dell'Antonio, Jenny Mathews, Kristina Alexander, John Enright and Harvey Nolan.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bill Hender, Works Operation Coordinator, Mr Trevor Hondow and Minute Taker, Miss Kellie Jordan

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Community Engagement Survey – Thank You Volunteers

Mayor Peter Riseley thanked the volunteers for their time and effort in compiling and collating the recent Community Engagement Survey.

Boatswains Point Beach Access

Robert Roach  
Gary Richards  
Chris Box  
Neville Jackson  
Neil Nolan

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 8.1 Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting Minutes 13 December 2011

Cr Mathews moved that **the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council meeting held on 13 December 2011 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.** (126/2012)

Seconded Cr Nolan

Carried

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### New Year's Eve

After the unacceptable behaviour of revellers on New Year's 2010, council engaged the community in a town hall meeting seeking their advice on the matter. The Police suggested extended use of Dry Zone provisions would assist with controlling the situation. The 2011 event has seen very positive results, there were no arrests in Robe with overall good behaviour, only minor vandalism and by far the easiest clean up on New Year's Day for many years. Security and effective management at licensed premises further assisted the positive outcome. A number of individuals and businesses have contacted me stating how it has been so busy this year with little trouble and a positive feel to it.

The one big negative is the fire. Two years in succession Robe CFS has had to contend with call outs resulting from the ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF A SIGNAL FLARE. Prompt action and deployment of many resources averted a possible major catastrophe.

### Thank You Thank You Thank You

As a result of the bushfire and the severity of the weather conditions many groups came to assist.

Listed below is a list of the many who took part on the day: AIRWING and REGION 5 HQ, ROBE SAPOL and SAAS.

The following units and crew:

ROBE 34, ROBE 24P, BRAY34, MT BENSON 24, GREENWAYS 24, ROBE BWC 7, MILLICENT 34, BEACHPORT /34, BWC 13, RENDLESHAM 34, FURNER/34, DENW BW5, FURNER /34, ARGYLE 34, KINGSTON 34, BISCUIT FLAT 34, KINGSTON BWC 7 and ROBE MOBILE.

Also on the day MARK BAKER and his DOZER, PAUL MORGAN and LOADER and BRUCE GIBBONS and GRADER made outstanding contributions.

All these volunteers required feeding at some stage during the day; thank you to the assistance of ROBE SEAFOOD AND TAKEAWAY, VIC STREET PIZZA and ROBE WATER.

It's important to note these many volunteers have families too, they were taken away from there celebrations or activities, instead of a nice swim in a pair of shorts it was sweating and sweltering in protective clothing.

On behalf of all the community thank you to you all, it is a vivid reminder of how dependant we all are of the many volunteers.

### Unlawful Use of Fireworks and Illegal Discharge of Marine Flares

Firework use in South Australia requires an exempt display permit and the appropriate pyro technician's license. Approvals from Safe Work SA and the owner or body in control of the land, including local council, must all be obtained in the case of skyrockets within 4.8 kilometers of an airfield. The Civil Aviation Authority must also be notified.

As can be seen from the above, the users of the fireworks are at risk of contravening a number of approvals as well as the risk of bushfire.

Marine flares upon reaching their expiry date should be handed into the Police station. It should be clearly understood that these devises do deteriorate and do become unstable over time. Disposal on expiry at your local Police station is the safest way.

### Lessons from the Incident

The fire does confirm community concerns it is essential Robe secures its alternate access way.

Ensuring the appropriate departments view first hand as soon as possible the sight of the incident will be a priority. Council members took part in the CFS debrief and there are a number of recommendations and actions to be considered.

These matters will be pursued and appropriate actions will be carried out.

## ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS

### Cr Rino Dell'Antonio

- 4/01/2012 CFS Robe Fire Debrief

### Cr Jenny Mathews

- 20/12/2012 Organisational Review
- 9/01/2012 SAPOL Robe New Year's Debrief
- 10/01/2012 Council Meeting

### Cr Harvey Nolan

- 9/01/2012 Robe Marina Committee Meeting
- Boat Show planning is in full swing, with only ten days to go. The organisers are busy finalising details for the weekend.

### Mayor Peter Riseley

- 14/12/2012 Marine Park Council
- 15/12/2012 Meeting with Trevor Lehman
- 16/12/2012 Meeting re: Robe Street Playground
- 18/12/2012 Mayoral Christmas Parade
- 19/12/2012 Council Staff Meeting
- 21/12/2012 Organisational Review
- 2/01/2012 Radio Interview – Alan Richardson
- 9/01/2012 Meeting with Trevor Lehman
- 9/01/2012 SAPOL Robe New Year's Debrief
- 9/01/2012 Robe Marina Committee Meeting

### Cr Kristina Alexander

Surf Lifesaving event held in December was a huge success. The group plans to come back to Robe around the same time this year. There is an opportunity for future involvement with Surf Lifesaving in Robe. Will be gauging interest from the community in the next month, as to whether there is a demand for Surf Lifesaving in Robe.

## SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

### 12.1 CDAP Minutes 13 December 2011

Cr Enright moved that **the minutes of the CDAP Committee meeting 13 December 2011 be received.**  
(127/2012)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

## OFFICER'S REPORTS – Chief Executive Officer

### 14.1.1 Awareness Raising and Updating the Australian Constitution

Cr Nolan moved that Council having endorsed the ALGA's objectives in seeking financial recognition in the Australian Constitution:

1. Endorses the LGA of SA's approach to funding awareness raising about Local Government, and an ALGA campaign for updating the Australian Constitution
2. Approves allocation of funds as proposed by the LGA in the 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years to the LGA for this purpose
3. Notes that should a referendum supported by the ALGA not proceed that any funding allocated to the ALGA campaign and not spent will be returned to the Council; and
4. Expects to be actively involved in both awareness raising and the referendum campaign with local activities.(128/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

### 14.1.2 Boatswain's Point Beach Access

Cr Dell'Antonio moved that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take the necessary action to improve the signage at the vehicle access tracks to the beach and to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the cliffs at Boatswain's Point. (129/2012)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

### 14.1.3 Request for Fire Break – McIntyre Street

Cr Nolan moved that Council remove vegetation from the coastal reserve adjacent to McIntyre Street to create a fire break, after consultation with the appropriate authorities. (130/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

## OFFICER'S REPORTS – Works Operation Coordinator

14.2.1 Works Report December 2011

14.2.2 CWMS Report

Cr Mathews moved **that Council receive the Works Report December 2011 and the CWMS Report.**  
(131/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

## OFFICER'S REPORTS – Finance Officer

14.3.1 Finance Report December 2011

14.3.2 Payment Listing December 2011

Cr Enright moved **that Council receive the Finance Report and Payment Listing December 2011.**  
(132/2012)

Seconded Cr Nolan

Carried

## OFFICER'S REPORTS – Director of Childcare Services

14.4.1 CCOWS Report December 2011

Cr Alexander moved **that Council receive the CCOWS Report December 2011.** (133/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

## URGENT BUSINESS

18.1 Lake Charra

Cr Nolan requested information on Lake Charra.

**CEO response:** A trial was undertaken two weeks ago. Another dose of the product will go on the Lake next week. The pump used to pump water into the Lake, which helps to keep the levels higher, broke down and was out of action for several weeks. This seems to have made a big difference, along with the warm weather, as the Lake has dried out significantly this summer. Higher water levels assist with managing the smell. Effectively, the cause is rotting vegetation in the Lake. If this product doesn't work, something else will be tried.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held: 6.00 pm Tuesday 14 February 2012.  
Meeting closed at 6.52 pm.

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Mayor Peter Riseley