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Mayor's Report

Ambulance Volunteers: Our Ambulance service is in urgent need of volunteers. To keep this vital service going I urge everyone to consider whether they can help their community in this very unique way.

Marina: We have now received specific information regarding the administrative side of this project and Council has now asked its solicitors to prepare the necessary charter to enable Council to proceed.

Rates: The review of rates turned out to be a highly emotive issue on the part of the Rural community with 3 "standard" letters of objection to a differential rate, signed by many ratepayers. Unfortunately all 3 letters contained some inaccurate information or incorrect assumptions. A dozen or so individual responses were also received by Council on this matter. However, Council at its meeting held on 13 April decided to leave the rates as is ie. no differential rate.

During the past month I have attended the following meetings:
LGA Adelaide – Some of the topics covered included Rates, Road to Recovery funding and Development Bill proposals (25&26.3.04).
Joint meeting with Golf Club regarding 18 hole course (30.3.04).
Presented FoodSafe Certificates to 4 local businesses for the successful completion of this course. Congratulations go to The Gallerie, Wild Mulberry, ImaJ Café and Guichen Bay Motel. Well done! (1 April).
SELGA Meeting at Millicent. Topics covered included Valuations. The Valuer General indicated (within reason) that coastal towns values will increase by about 40% for Houses, 20% for Commercial/Industrial, 15-25% for Rural with little or no change in Vineyards. However, there are bound to be peaks and troughs as in past year (2 April).
I also opened Mahalia and Paul Layzell's new production house for "Mahalia Coffee." Congratulations go to them on the successful establishment of another business for Robe.
Monthly Council Meeting (13 April).
Attended a review session of the Development Amendment Bill in Mt Gambier. Some of the amendments contained in this Bill have grave ramifications for all Councils (16 April).
Machinery Committee Meeting (19 April).
Council held a meeting with CEO of Kingston (& Millicent) Hospital Mr David Walshaw to discuss Aged Care issues on a general basis.

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