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Mayor's Report

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Council has experienced another month of fairly hectic activity with all Councillors and myself attending a wide variety of meetings.

The financial budget for 2003/2004 has now been finalized – my apologies (and ed's) for the summary not appearing in last month's newsletter. A brief rundown of the proposed Council activities will follow (see following page - ed).

Everyone has now received their Council rates notice for this financial year. If you believe you qualify for the discretionary rebate then please apply now. Applications for this rebate will close on 1 September 2003.

Meetings have been frequent – and enjoyable. Having now been to a few meetings involving other local Councils I am now getting to know how we operate and co-operate as a group. A brief summary of the meetings I have attended appears below. Please be assured that the individual councillors are also attending numerous other meetings during the month.

28.7.03 – Council Plant Meeting.

28.7.03 – Meeting with current business operator. This was referred to Limestone Coast Economic Development Board & Limestone Coast Tourism who are jointly following up a tourism related proposal.

29.7.03 – Attended a Natural Resource Management Meeting at Padthaway.

Discussion centred on a draft bill to amalgamate the Water Resources, Soil Conservation & Animal & Plant Pest Control boards into one new Board.

30.7.03 – Joint meeting with Robe Golf Club to discuss 18 hole golf course.

31.7.03 – Grants Commission meeting in Robe. I feel that as a Council we let our feelings be known very strongly in relation to our decreasing grants. I have followed up this meeting with a strong letter. However, the way the Grants Commission allocations are made is set in concrete.

31.7.03 – Met with Hugh Koch (Limestone Coast Tourism) regarding two tourism projects – Hugh to follow through.

31.7.03 – Attended a Visitor Information Centre operators dinner at the Robe Golf Club and was invited to speak about Robe and welcome the delegates (about 25) to a two-day seminar.

1.8.03 – Attended a SELGA meeting in Mt Gambier.

11.8.03 – A meeting was held in Robe for the Lake Butler Steering Committee to present to Council the final draft of the consultant's plans for the upgrade of Lake Butler.

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- 12.8.03—Monthly Council Meeting. It was good to see about 5-6 people in the public gallery. You are welcome to come and observe—even if only for an hour or so. The Meeting approved the removal of a large number of pines along the cemetery fence near the netball courts. A new policy for the key holders to the Rubbish Tip was also adopted and this policy will see a much tighter control of access to the tip and also the collection of fees for dumping.
- 13.8.03—Meeting with two applicants who expressed interest in the future use of the Bush Inn. This sub-committee will make a recommendation to the next Council meeting for a decision.
- 14.8.03—Radio interview with 5SE.
- 14.8.03—Meeting with Heritage Advisor Richard Woods.

As I mentioned earlier all the other Councillors also attended a large number of meetings during the month and this was evident in their comprehensive reports to Council on 12 August 2003.

Budget

The 2003/2004 Budget has been finalized and adopted with a reduction in the rate in the dollar, however valuations have increased in most areas of the district. Ratepayers can appeal to Valuation SA in respect to the valuation.

Major projects included in this year's budget are:

- New toilet block Long Beach
- Construction and seal Robe Cove Roads—Gruschen, Park and Jackson Streets
- Completion of construction to open surface Springs Road
- Resheet trial using Agrilime Boomeroo Park Road
- Sealing of Springs Road Main Road Junction
- Footway paving Union Street
- Realignment of the approaches to Sandy Lane Bridge after bridge replaced by the SE Water Conservation & Drainage Board
- Major Plant Replacement—Grader
- Youth Worker (one day per fortnight) to work with the Youth of the area
- Repairs to roof Robe Customs House

The Budget also includes a continuation of many programs, for example:

- Beach Patrol
- Sport & Recreation Assistance Program
- Assistance for the Robe Village Fair
- Contribution to Limestone Coast Tourism
- Contribution to Robe Brochure
- Contribution to Limestone Coast Regional Development Board

Rates

A general rate of 0.4334 cents in the dollar was declared on all property in the Council area for the year ending 30 June 2004. A minimum rate of \$400.00 was declared in the Town. The declared rates will raise approximately \$1,599,000.00.

Septic Tanks

Council has adopted a policy whereby all septic tanks of a capacity of 3000 litres or less are to be desludged in a 5 year cycle. The Town has been divided into 5 sectors with one sector being undertaken each year. This scheme will be administered by Council and built into the STEDS service charges. Properties, mainly businesses with greater capacity, will be required to desludge in accordance with SA Health Commission requirements annually or biannually dependant on size. These property owners (businesses) will be required to notify Council when this has occurred. Council has declared the following service charges for 2003/2004.

Occupied Unit with desludging program	\$195.70
Occupied Unit without desludging program	\$182.20
Unoccupied Unit (Vacant Land)	\$153.30
Sub-division—new with desludging	\$ 87.10
Sub-division—new without desludging	\$ 70.50



South East Water Catchment Levy

As required by the Water Resources Act, Council has declared a Water Catchment Levy of \$13.70 per property.

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Valuation

The valuation adopted by the Council is the Government valuation of Capital Value and is as follows:

Town Ward	209342500
Rural Ward	147380000
Non-rateable	<u>16194880</u>
	372917380

Summary of the budget is as follows:

By Function	Expenditure	Revenue
Administration	410600	104400
Public Order & Safety	14900	5500
Health Services	26300	9500
Social Security & Welfare	330900	336500
Housing & Community Amenities	250000	31000
Protection of the Environment NEC	43000	3300
Sport & Recreation	223400	25000
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	84800	33400
Transport & Communication	316700	156200
Economic Affairs NEC	253300	122400
Other Purposes NEC	886600	321900
Appropriations	0	
Depreciation	<u>478000</u>	
	<u>3318500</u>	<u>1149100</u>
Capital	571300	
New Loan Borrowings		<u>373700</u>
	<u>3889800</u>	<u>1522800</u>

Rates	\$1599000
STEDS	\$ 272200
Water Catchment Levy	\$ 22800

The Budget papers are available for inspection at the Council Office of Robe Public Library.

Mayor Peter Darr

District Council of ROBE

Dog registration is due NOW!!!

Payable by 31 August 2003...

Fees are:

New puppies must be registered at 3 months of age.

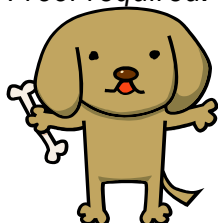
Pet	\$20.00
Working Dog	\$5.00
Pensioner	\$10.00
Greyhound	\$10.00
Guide Dog	FREE
Lost Disc	\$2.00

Desexed Dogs apply 50% discount!!! Proof required.

Fines include:

Unregistered Dog	\$75.00
Dog Wandering at Large	\$75.00

So if your dog is out & not registered that's \$150!!!



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Community Information



Robe Community Bus



The bus driver for September will be Jan Bermingham phone 0418 819129.

If you wish to go to Mount Gambier on Friday 26 September, please ring Jan on the above phone number. The bus will pick you up at 8.00am and return to Robe at 5.30pm. The return fare is \$15.00. The bus also runs every Thursday morning for local shopping, bank, post office, library, etc. You will be picked up at approximately 10.30am and returned to your home between 12.15 and 12.30pm. Please ring the bus driver on the above number so Peter knows who and where to pick up.

Nathalie Ling – Hon. Secretary 0408 308 559



Robe Beachport Recycle

July Hours: 8.00-11.30 am
Monday, Friday & Saturday

PLEASE REMOVE ALL CAPS FROM BOTTLES BEFORE YOU RECYCLE

- All soft drink, beer bottles & cans receive full refund.
- Glass jars & wine bottles accepted.
- All plastic bottles (PET) must be cleaned, crushed and caps removed, before entering the yard.

Please note:

There are now bins at the front gates of the Robe Recycling Bottle Yard for dumping all your recyclables and non-refundable glass bottles.

No need to wait for Jack!!!

Prevent dump fill—recycle and use these after hour facilities!!!



Recycle Yard
10 Flint Street, ROBE
8768 2171 home
0427 865 437 mobile

*We will take your milk bottles
BUT we need your help
to make it work...*

Robe Beachport Recycle & proprietor Jack Maughan & staff have decided to introduce an initiative to reduce land fill in our local dump.

It is NOT COST EFFECTIVE for Jack but he is willing to accept clear plastic milk & orange containers for recycling ONLY if they are CRUSHED!!

Although these containers have NO DEPOSIT you can help our environment by assisting Jack in his recycling efforts.

Contact Jack Maughan
on 0427 865 437
for further details.



Robe RSL Women's Auxiliary

Members will hold a General Meeting
on Tuesday 16th September at 2.00pm
in the RSL Hall.



Please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

Thank you
Ladies Auxiliary Robe RSL

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Where are our crutches??

If you have a set of our crutches at home please return them "No questions asked" as soon as you can.

We are desperate to get them back.

Thank you,
Dr David Senior
Robe Medical Centre



Phone: 08 8768 2465 Library Manager: Joann Rose

Robe Public Library

As I said in the last newsletter winter is well and truly here. The Library has still had a steady flow of customers through the doors. I am sure a nice warm house, a good cup of tea or coffee with a good book must be everyone's favourite pastime at this time of the year, so enjoy because they say spring is just around the corner.

Joann has become a victim of the Flu season and will hopefully be back in the Library by the time you read this newsletter. Get well soon Joann.

Robe Visitor Information Centre

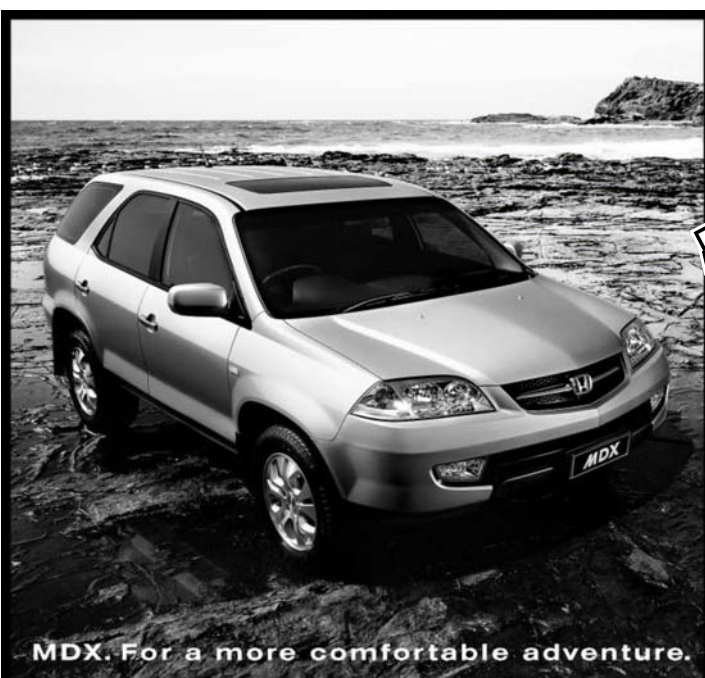
The Cross Borders Conference held in Robe on the 31st July and 1st August was very successful and attended by Visitor Information Centre personnel from the Limestone Coast Region and from the Mallee and Western Districts area of Victoria. We also had some guests for the Fleurieu Peninsula. Joann will have a more detailed report in the next Council Newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Robe District Councillors for attending the Dinner held on the night of the 31st July at the Robe Golf Club.

Visitor numbers have still be steady for this time of the year with over 20 people going through in a 2 hour period during last week.

We have had a mini face lift in the Visitor Information area of the building with the boards being painted and we have added of section on the South East Coast Shipwrecks. So please call in and have a look.

Wendy White
Robe Public Library & VIC assistant



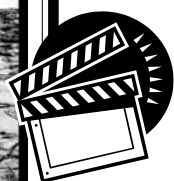
With its smooth leather interior, stylish woodgrain trim, heated front seats, 6 CD stacker, electric sunroof, 7 seat capacity and the world's first independent front/rear climate control system, the Honda MDX makes luxury a built-in feature of every journey. The MDX also boasts a powerful 3.5 litre VTEC V6 engine with automatic transmission, and features Variable Torque Management (VTM-4), which adapts to all road surfaces to improve driver control. But at just \$69,990; perhaps the MDX's most impressive feature is its price.

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AH George Haskas 0409 671 074

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The Mt Gambier RSL Women's Auxiliary
the President and members invite



Robe RSL Auxiliary Members
to their

65th Birthday Luncheon at
Mt Gambier Community RSL
16 Sturt Street, Mt Gambier
in Function Room

Wednesday 10th September 2003

11.30am for 12 noon

Theme for the day—1930's

*Please wear a hat and gloves, and also
provide a piece of information from that era,
eg: a song, a poem, a movie star,
a movie title, a news item.*

RSVP: before 31 August 2003
To Shirley Underwood, Hon Sec.
17 Umpherston Street, Mt Gambier
Ph: 87258716

