

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
OKURU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE OKURU HALL
ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 1.07PM.

PRESENT

D. Gordon, A. Gordon, L. McNabb, C. Hahn, G. Anderson, S. Johnston, D. Beynon, C. Anderson, B. Cannell, S. Sadler, D. Sadler

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor)
D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, D. Davidson (West Coast Regional Council)

G.Anderson / D. Gordon - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 29 March 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

G. Anderson / B. Cannell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised those present that the minutes of the previous meeting had been sent out on 21 May 2004 to all ratepayers. And that the 2004 / 2005 works had been carried out at a cost of \$33,990, which was within the restriction of the \$34,000 imposed by resolution at the March 2004 Annual General Meeting.

He also advised that Helen Rasmussen had contacted him earlier in the week, with concerns regarding the liability of the new proposed subdivision in conjunction with the ongoing maintenance of the seawall.

She had felt that as the previous owners had paid for the capital component of the wall, new subdivisions should pay for the ongoing maintenance.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$7,109.

Moved: ***“That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted”.***

C. Hahn / A. Gordon – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that with the additional \$7,500 credited to the end of June 2005, the rating district account balance would be approximately \$15,600 less any additional maintenance expenditure.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$33,990) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$12,000 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved.”***
D.Beynont / G. Anderson - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That the present committee, namely:
G. Anderson
D. Beynon
P. McDonald
B. Cannell
C. Anderson
be retained as the committee for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”***
D. Beynon / C. Hahn - Carried

Moved: ***“That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”***
D. Beynon / C. Hahn – Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.
Speakers included: D. Sadler, D.Horn.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$9,000 + G.S.T.”***
*D. Beynon /G. Anderson
(D. Sadler – Against)*

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Sadler sought clarification on costs associated with rock quarrying. W. Moen explained that a quarry fee of \$6.00 / tonne was in place at present, however this would probably be up for review in the next Annual Plan round.

D. Horn briefly described the cross subsidisation of all Council quarries region – wide and suggested that in the future it was likely that each quarry would have to fully accountable for the actual individual quarrying costs associated with each particular quarry.

W. Moen answered a question from A. Gordon regarding the total cost of rock placement, pointing out the overall figure of \$11.33 / tonne included the \$6.00 / tonne quarry fee and the balance of \$5.33 / tonne was for the loading, carting and placing of the rock by the contractor.

D. Gordon asked how staff monitored rock quantities. D. Horn explained that extra costs were involved when each load was tallied and this would be a direct charge to the job and hence the ratepayers.

It was pointed out that it would not be economical for ratepayers to employ a full-time tally person.

D. Gordon requested a hard copy of the Okuru Asset Management Plan.

W. Moen agreed to supply one.

A. Gordon sort clarification on the LAPP premium. D. Horn explained the perceived regional benefit and the general ratepayers' responsibility in insuring the assets against major damage.

D. Horn also emphasized the importance of the role of the Rating District Chairperson, outlining the necessary communication between both Council and ratepayers.

B. Chinn also emphasized the critical importance of an active committee and spokesperson. He also explained the Council's role in borrowing monies to carry out major works.

G. Anderson felt that a groyne at the northern end of the works was needed, but said that he would monitor the area and report back to staff if he had any concerns in the future.

D. Beynon pointed out that he had carried out spraying of vegetation growth on the rockwork at his cost. Moen explained that the spraying was an ongoing responsibility of the community and felt that it was unfair to expect any individual to carry the cost of this.

Moved: ***“That D. Beynon be empowered to carry out hand spraying of the rockwork, that the spray be purchased locally and the account sent to the Council for payment.”***

*G. Anderson / D. Sadler
(B. Cannel – Against) – Carried*

A. Gordon queried the capital valuation of the individual properties. D. Horn outlined the tri-annual revaluation system and explained that newly added properties would be included in the Rating District and would reduce the overall maintenance cost sharing to the original ratepayers.

D. Horn also explained the apparent anomalies between lump sum payments and loan repayments, pointing out that lump sum options are no longer possible under the Rating Powers Act.

D. Sadler sought clarification on interest monies. D. Horn explained that during the initial period of the financial period, the credit balance in the account had been effectively “wiped out” by the works commitment and had remained empty until the next rate installment was due.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.05pm.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
17 November 2005**