

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SCHOOL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2002, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Murray Stewart, Andrew Robb, Noel Robb

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Dennis Shannahan (West Coast Regional Council)  
W. Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

J. Clayton, R. Lowe, P. Ewen, (West Coast Regional Council)  
J. Stewart, I. Robb,

**BUSINESS**

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**Moved:**                ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on  
3 April 2001, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***  
*A.Robb / M. Stewart - Carried.*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen spoke on several outstanding issues from the previous A.G.M.  
He outlined the concerns that the Taramakau Rating District had with the LAPP insurance and that they had requested alternative insurance cover be investigated.  
He explained that the Council had approached its insurance brokers, Jardine Risk Insurance brokers seeking the possibility of such an alternative cover.  
He read out the response from that company, that further to their enquiries, no other insurance group offering the same cover had been found to be competitive.  
Wayne outlined the comparative rates, which showed enormous differences.  
M. Stewart again expressed concern at the apparent vague nature of the LAPP Fund and asked what the ground rules were for a claim.  
He also was still most concerned at the lack of interest shown for rural areas.  
It was suggested by those present, that perhaps the LAPP trustees be invited to the West Coast to discuss options and hear, first-hand, the concerns that rating districts, generally have with the LAPP Scheme.  
W. Moen was to discuss this with Management to see what could be arranged.

M Stewart raised several works issues, namely:

- i)            Replacing Langridge’s stockpile with 500 tonnes
- ii)           Bridge approaches (Stewart’s) to be accessible to trucks during flooding
- iii)          100 tonnes required in front of M. Stewart’s property
- iv)          100 tonnes required in front of Hellier’s property

W. Moen added that these works required an inspection before commencement.

In response to a question raised last year regarding the annual costs of the Taramakau Rock Deposit W. Moen outlined the approximate annual costs of retaining the licence area.  
He suggested that costs could be in the order of \$2,000 - \$3,000 per annum.  
M. Stewart again pointed out the importance of retaining the area as a rock source.

**Moved:** ***“That the West Coast Regional Council retain the area and that the Taramakau Rating District meets all associated operational costs in retaining and maintaining the licence.”***

*M. Stewart / N. Robb - Unanimous*

## **FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001.

**Moved:** ***“That the financial report for the 2001 calendar year, be adopted.”***

*N. Robb / A. Robb – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** ***“That the composition of the committee remain the same and that M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the Taramakau Rating District for the 2002 / 2003 financial year.”***

*A. Robb / N. Robb - Carried*

## **RATES 2002 / 2003**

The level of rates required to maintain the works for the coming year was discussed. It was generally felt that given the current balance of approximately \$47,500 (including the 2<sup>nd</sup> rate installment of \$20,000), the usual rate strike would be acceptable.

**Moved:** ***“That a rate of \$40,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2002 / 2003 financial year.”***

*M. Stewart / A. Robb - Carried.*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

D. Shannahan introduced discussion on the future of Council quarries.

He explained that some councilors were concerned that the Council quarries had been run at a loss over the past 2 years and that it was unsatisfactory that the general ratepayer should cover any losses.

He also pointed out that some quarries cost more to operate than others and that there was concern at possible cross-subsidization of uneconomic quarries

A Robb felt that cross-subsidization of quarries was not acceptable and felt that individual rating districts should pay their own way.

W. Moen explained that the stopbank needed to be cleared to allow vehicle access.

M. Stewart advised that he would contact the respective landowners to carry out the necessary work.

A. Robb enquired about the possibility of cleaning out the rear drains behind the stopbank on his property.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

Wayne Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer  
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