

**Subject: ALLEGATIONS OF MISREPRESENTATION**  
Sunday, October 07, 2007

Fellow Ratepayers,

You will recall that on 7th September we sent a letter (see Letters pages) to Launceston City Council asking four very relevant questions as to expenditure.

We have, finally, received a reply. (see attachment) It attached information that, while clearly now in the public domain, has not previously been made available to us and took almost four weeks to reach us.

I would draw your attention to the end of the second paragraph of Mr. Dixon's letter, where he states **that the Association has misrepresented his information.**

**This is a serious accusation to make and one which your Association strongly denies. Please read our reply, also below.**

Can I ask this question of you: are you aware of any such instance, whether it be verbal or in written form?

If such misrepresentation has been verbal, then it has been reported back to Mr. Dixon as hearsay.

If such representation has been in written form - in the Examiner, various letters to him - then Mr. Dixon has had many opportunities to repudiate such misrepresentation. He has never chosen to do this.

I am sure that what is at the base of this allegation is our difference of opinion - and that is all it is, a difference of opinion - as to the true annual operating costs of the Regional Aquatic Centre. The Association's executive, and its advisers, simply do not agree with the rather blinkered version of costing adopted by the Council. Time will tell, of course. One fundamental cost factor totally disregarded by Council is an sinking fund. That is, an annual amount, set aside and bearing interest that, after tax, will provide a 'kitty' to pay for the replacement of the by then worn out/obsolete facility. Imagine, for instance, how much less of a financial burden, the RAC would have been had such a fund been established when the now partly-demolished facility was new?

Now, a **REMINDER ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING!**

As you will know, we have sent out invitations to ALL candidates (except one who has no contact details) standing for positions as aldermen to have three minutes to address the meeting as to policies. Responses have indicated that we will have 11 of the 13 present. Alderman Dean may have contrary diary engagements and thinks it unfair that we have not asked the same 20 questions of those candidates standing for Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

**This forum will provide an unparalleled opportunity to hear and compare, ask questions and then place your vote as fully informed as possible.**

Please, be there: **Heather Hall, Penquite Road, Newstead at 7.30pm, Monday, 15th October.**

John Henshaw - Senior Vice-President