

LAUNCESTON MUNICIPAL RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING,
MONDAY, 16th JULY, 2007 AT WEST LAUNCESTON BOWLS CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.00pm, John Henshaw, Senior Vice-President in the chair, and Janet Headlam as Minute Secretary.

Apologies were received from: Jeremy Ball, Michael Pinch, Alan Chugg

Attendance: 15 people signed the Attendance Book.

Minutes: were distributed to members and visitors.

Moved by Kelvin Jowett and seconded by Alvaro Ascui that the minutes be accepted.
Passed by show of hands.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: was presented by Max Plummer showing a credit Bank Balance as at 30th June, 2007 of \$373.52.

Moved by Pam Butler and seconded by Alvro Ascui that the minutes be accepted.
Passed by show of hands.

Members resolved to authorise the Treasurer to submit the records of the Association to the Auditor.

Correspondence: The following was distributed to the meeting:

Inwards: Letter from Department of Justice dated 28th May, 2007 regarding Financial Year reporting date discrepancy.

Letter from LCC dated 29th May, 2007 regarding our rates submission.

Letter from LCC dated 29th June, 2007 regarding our rates submission.

Outwards: Letter to LCC dated 11th June containing a submission regarding the likely effects of additional log-truck traffic regarding proposed pulp mill.

Letter to Examiner of 11th June regarding the effect of increases in AAV's to industrial, commercial and rural properties.

Letter to Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers of 19th June suggesting co-operation.

Letter to Examiner dated 22nd June regarding Brighton rates' initiative.

Letter to LCC dated 26th June with copies to all Aldermen regarding Brighton rates' initiative.

Letter to Voters' Block of 26th June regarding how such a voters' block is established and how one might apply to LCC aldermen standing for re-election this year.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

No response had been received from the TFGA or the Voters' Block. John Henshaw to phone Buck Emberg regarding the latter.

Lionel Morrell stated that it was disappointing that the LCC had replied to our submissions and follow-up letters with acknowledgment of their receipt but no follow up as to the contents.

Special Resolution proposed by Lionel Morrell and seconded by Alvro Ascui:

"That we note the information provided by the Department Of Justice and amend the Association's Financial Year to conclude on 30th June each year."

The motion passed on a show of hands.

General Business:

There was considerable discussion regarding the Submission made by the Association to the Australian Government's Productivity Commission on 6th July, and the issue of water charges and how LCC recovers its water costs.

Motion proposed by Kelvin Jowett and seconded by Ken Partridge:

"That the submission made by the Association to the Productivity Commission be endorsed by the meeting."

The motion passed on a show of hands.

Agreed that letters and a general media release be prepared advising of the above Submission and sent via email with a link to the Productivity Commission's web-page to:

State Parliamentarians
Federal Tasmanian Parliamentarians
LCC Aldermen
TFGA
Launceston Chamber of Commerce

Ratepayer's Associations at Georgetown & Devonport
Examiner, Mercury, Advocate and Bugle newspapers
Tasmanian Times
TV stations
ABC Radio

Further, more copies be made for circulation to those members without internet access and one sent to each of the Library and George Brookes. (action John Henshaw).

Notice of Motion proposed by Lionel Morrell and seconded by Pam Butler:

"That at the next Annual General Meeting, clause 10 [c] of the Association's constitution be amended to reduce the number of members required for a quorum to ten."

The motion passed on a show of hands.

Members noted with sympathy the death of Maxwell John Cox, a foundation member of the Association.

A vote of thanks was extended to Max Plummer for, again, letter-boxing properties in the West Launceston area.

Meeting closed: about 9.40pm and was followed by supper.

Next Meeting: Monday, 20th August at Heather Hall, Cnr. Penquite Road & Robin Street Newstead.