

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY
ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL, 2003 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Darryl Simkin, Bevan Langford, Ross Scarlett, Graham Maw, Brian Jones, Peter Langford, Barbara Bjerring, Geoff Volkman, Jocelyn Colville

IN ATTENDANCE

R. Lowe (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Sampson, K. Storer, J. Clayton, D. Griffin (BDC), G. Murphy (BDC), M. Fon

Moved: *"That the apologies be received".*

R. Scarlett / G. Maw - carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 11 April 2002 were a true and accurate record".*

D. Simpkin / R Scarlett - carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

R. Lowe indicated to the meeting that the Fenian Quarry site had been purchased by the West Coast Regional Council for the benefit of the Karamea community. He informed those present that the charges relating to the Fenian site would be passed on to the Rating District.

The erosion of the area upstream of the Sampson retard was raised with R. Lowe. He informed the meeting that he had written to the Buller District Council for confirmation to the funding of the proposed protection works.

2002 FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Lowe presented the financial report to the meeting and answered questions as required.

Moved: *"That the 2002 Financial Report be received."*

R. Scarlett / B.Langford-carried

PROPOSED WORKS 2003/ 2004

A separate report was presented to the meeting in respect to the proposed works for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.

It was discussed that the works on the left bank of the Karamea River immediately below the Karamea bridge should be considered for inclusion in the asset register of the Karamea Rating District.

Graham Maw indicated that topping up of the existing spur groyne on the right bank of the Oparara also needed to be included in the proposed works program.

Moved: ***“That the works report be approved.”***

D. Simpkin / B. Jones - carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That the committee, comprising of the following:***

Kevin Storer

Geoff Volkman

Graham Maw

Denise Tilling

Bevan Langford

Rosalie Sampson

be re- elected and that Kevin Storer be re-appointed as Spokesperson for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”

R. Scarlett / B. Bjerring - Carried

2003 / 2004 RATE STRIKE

Moved: ***“That the recommended rate strike for the 2003 / 2004 financial year be \$19,000.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)***

R. Scarlett / D. Simpkin–carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Geoff Volkman raised the issue of if there was a need to raise the bank at the overflow section of the Karamea River.

He informed the meeting, from information he had received, that he questioned whether the overflow channel behind the Karamea township was as effective as it used to be as a result of land reform and replacement bridge structures that may prevent the flow of water in large flood events.

D. Simpkin raised an issue regarding the supply of rock in the Karamea area.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.

R. Lowe
Operations Manager