

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street, Leederville, on Tuesday, 9 July 2002 commencing at 5.35pm.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member, Deputy Mayor David Drewett, JP declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(a) Apologies/Absent:**

Mayor Nick Catania, JP                      Presiding Member - Due to the recent bereavement of his mother.

**(b) Present:**

Cr Simon Chester	Mt Hawthorn Ward
Cr Caroline Cohen	North Perth Ward
Cr Helen Doran-Wu	Mt Hawthorn Ward (from 5.50pm)
Cr David Drewett, JP	Mt Hawthorn Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Kate Hall	North Perth Ward
Cr Basil Franchina	Mt Hawthorn Ward
Cr Ian Ker	North Perth Ward
Cr Marilyn Piper, JP	North Perth Ward
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Executive Manager, Environmental and Development Services
Rick Lotznicher	Executive Manager, Technical Services
Mike Rootsey	Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Jenny D'Anger	Journalist – Voice News
Bronwyn Peace	Journalist - West Australian Newspaper
Ryan Sturman	Journalist – Guardian Express

2 Members of the Public

**(c) Members on Leave of Absence:**

Nil.

### **3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND RECEIVING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

1. Mr Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate – spoke on Item 6.1. Stated that he believes there is an error in calculating the minimum rate and this should actually be \$490 not \$435 as shown. Objected to the Deputy Mayor's Allowance and stated that the Deputy Mayor's role is no greater than that of Councillors and therefore the increase in allowance is not justified. He does not believe in the Councillors allowance being set at the amount and believes this should be \$500. Does not support the \$100,000 carried forward for the Ranger/Security Service. Requested Council to consider his views in this regard.
2. John Little of 7/11 Newcastle Street, Leederville - spoke on Item 6.1. He requested that Council amend the Deputy Mayor's allowance to be the same as that for Councillors as that consideration be given to sharing the Deputy Mayor's role.

There being no further questions from the public, the Presiding Member, Deputy Mayor Drewett, closed Public Question Time at 5.38pm.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

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#### **MAYOR'S 2002-03 BUDGET MESSAGE**

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I am very pleased to present to you the Town of Vincent's Annual Budget for 2002-03.

This year's budget will see the start of some significant building and public open space initiatives in the Town, as well as the continuation of our strong ongoing infrastructure programmes.

The Town will start on the major projects associated with our partnership with State Government in the State's Sporting Facility Plan. These include the Upgrade of Leederville Oval, preliminary works at Perth Oval on the Public Open Space, and the construction of an office building at Leederville Oval, together with the initial planning phase of the State Indoor Multi-Purpose Sport Centre at the Loftus site.

This budget includes a significant increase in the Right of Way Upgrade programme, which continues to reduce the period of the whole programme. Funding for the Footpath programme has also been increased, while the Playground Upgrade programme is now in its second year.

Improvements to streetscape are well catered for this year, with funds allocated to improvements in Angove and Oxford Streets.

The continued improvements to our parks are met in this year's budget, with funding approved for improvements to Beatty Park and the Oxford Street Reserve, and the finalisation of work at Axford Park and the Multicultural Community Garden in North Perth.

The Community Development area will continue with its successful range of programmes, and the budget supports the Oxford Street Festival and Hyde Park Rotary Fair, together with a Cultural Plan for the Town.

For the users of Beatty Park Leisure Centre, they will be pleased to know that the sauna is to be re-wooded and the spa is to be retro-fitted. In addition a significant amount of gymnasium equipment will be upgraded. This will ensure that Beatty Park Leisure Centre remains as one of the leading leisure centres in the State.

Several community sporting groups have been successful in obtaining grant funds from the State, with equivalent funding made available by the Town for their projects. These include Leederville Tennis Club, Veterans Tennis Association of WA and the West Australian Croquet Association.

The Town's total budget comprises \$20.9 million operating expenditure, with \$8.4 million of capital expenditure. The Town is required to raise \$12.4 million from its rates income to supplement the revenue it receives from its fees and charges and grant income. This year this requires an increase in rateable income of 5.7%.

As I mentioned at the beginning this is the start of a very exciting era for the Town. I, together with the Mayor, Councillors and Staff, are committed to providing a high quality service and programmes, and I believe this budget is to be commended for the wide range of projects. As you may be aware, this budget was prepared and debated at Special Council meetings. This allowed the community to have the opportunity to listen to the budget discussion. Further, the draft budget was available for public comment.

The Town's budget is available for inspection during office hours at the Town's Administration and Civic Centre and Vincent Library. It is also available from the Town's web site at [www.vincent.wa.gov.au](http://www.vincent.wa.gov.au)

## **5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

At 6.00pm Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that Cr Helen Doran-Wu had declared an interest in affecting impartiality in the Item 6.1 - her interest being that she works in close proximity to Richmond Street and Pier Street. where parking ticket machines are proposed and the State Indoor Centre item. As a consequence there may be a perception that her impartiality in the matter may be affected, she declared that she would consider the matter on its merits and would vote accordingly.

6. REPORTS

**6.1 Adoption of 2002/2003 Annual Budget**

<b>Ward:</b>	Both	<b>Date:</b>	26 June 2002
<b>Precinct:</b>	All	<b>File Ref:</b>	FIN0025
<b>Reporting Officer(s):</b>	Mike Rootsey		
<b>Checked/Endorsed by:</b>	John Giorgi		
<b>Amended by:</b>			

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Council APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY the adoption of:*

- (i) the Annual Budget for the year ending 30 June 2003 as distributed with this Agenda and "Laid on the Table";*
- (ii) the surplus to be transferred to the Capital Reserve to fund future capital works;*
- (iii) a general rate of 7.68 cents to be applied to all rateable property in the Town of Vincent for the year ending 30 June 2003;*
- (iv) a minimum rate of \$435 for the year ending 30 June 2003, notwithstanding the general rate set out in (iii) above;*
- (v) the following payment dates for payment of rates by instalments:*
  - (a) Due Date/first instalment 16<sup>th</sup> September 2002;*
  - (b) second instalment 18<sup>th</sup> November 2002;*
  - (c) third instalment 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003; and*
  - (d) fourth instalment 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003.*
- (vi) a charge of \$4.00 per instalment for payment of rates by instalments, to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment in accordance with Section 6.45(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;*
- (vii) an interest rate of 5.5% to be imposed on instalments, to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment in accordance with Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;*
- (viii) an interest rate of 11% to be imposed on overdue rates in accordance with Section 6.51(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;*
- (ix) an interest rate of 11% to be imposed on overdue amounts due to the Town in accordance with Section 6.13 of the Local Government Act 1995;*
- (x) the gross rental valuations as supplied by the Valuer General totalling \$154,879,548 to be recorded in the Rate Book for use in the 2002/03 financial year;*
- (xi) the Budget Schedules as shown in Section A (pages A.1 to A.29) of the Annual Budget and the various capital works shown in those schedules;*

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- (xii) *the detailed Operating Budgets as shown in Section B (pages B.1 to B.105) of the Annual Budget;*
- (xiii) *the Reserve Fund Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2003 as set out on page A.27 of the Annual Budget;*
- (xiv) *the adoption of a rubbish charge of \$200 per 240 litre bin per annum for a weekly service for all non rateable property receiving the service; and*
- (xv) *the Hire Fees and Charges as set out in Section C (pages C.1 to C.17) of the Annual Budget for the financial year ending 30 June, 2003.*
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**Moved by Cr Franchina, Seconded by Cr Chester**

*That the Council meeting be adjourned to further consider the budget on Tuesday 16th July at a Special Council meeting.*

**LOST (2-5)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Chester	Cr Drewett
Cr Franchina	Cr Cohen
	Cr Hall
	Cr Ker
	Cr Piper

(Mayor Catania and Cr Doran-Wu absent)

**Moved by Cr Piper , Seconded by Cr Cohen**

*That the recommendation be adopted.*

Debate ensued.

Cr Franchina departed the Chamber at 5.45pm  
Cr Franchina returned to the Chamber at 5.48pm

**Moved by Cr Chester, Seconded by Cr Hall**

*That the following motion be made:*

*That the Budget 2002-2003 be APPROVED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, as shown on the Notice Paper, subject to the following Motion being adopted;*

*"(1) the Council, at its Special Meeting held on 7 May 2002 (Item No. 7.1) decided inter alia;*

*"That ...*

*(i) the Deputy Mayor's allowance be the maximum as prescribed under the Local Government Act;..."*

*(2) Councillor Basil Franchina MOVES a motion to change the Council Decision of 7th May 2002 Item 7.1, by deleting clause (i) as follows;*

*"(i) the Deputy Mayor's allowance be the maximum as prescribed under the Local Government Act; ..."*

(3) *in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 as referred to in Section 5.25(e) of the Local Government Act 1995, three Elected Members, namely Councillor Basil Franchina, Councillor Kate Hall and Councillor Chester being one third of the number of offices of members of the Council, support this Motion; and*

(4) *the Council RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY to change the Council Decision 7 May 2002, Item 7.1, by deleting clause (i) as follows;*

*"(i) the Deputy Mayor's allowance be the maximum as prescribed under the Local Government Act;" and*

*(ii) APPROVING the Deputy Mayor's allowance to be \$4,500 (as shown on Page B.3 of the Budget 2002-2003).*

Presiding Member, Deputy Mayor David Drewett ruled that he would not accept this motion as he did not believe that it was not a permissible motion.

**Moved by Cr Chester, Seconded by Cr Hall**

*That the Presiding Members' ruling be disagreed with.*

**LOST (3-4)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Chester	Cr Drewett
Cr Franchina	Cr Cohen
Cr Hall	Cr Ker
	Cr Piper

**(Mayor Catania and Cr Doran-Wu absent)**

**MOTION TO CHANGE A COUNCIL DECISION WAS PUT**

**LOST (3-4)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Chester	Cr Drewett
Cr Franchina	Cr Cohen
Cr Hall	Cr Ker
	Cr Piper

**(Mayor Catania and Cr Doran-Wu absent)**

**Cr Helen Doran-Wu entered the Chamber at 5.50pm**

At 6.00pm Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that Cr Helen Doran-Wu had declared an interest in affecting impartiality in this item. Her interest being that she works in close proximity to Richmond Street and Pier Street and also to the proposed State Indoor Centre item.

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved by Cr Ker, Seconded by Cr Piper**

*That the following changes be made to the budget:*

- (i) The amount for reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses to Councillors be reduced from \$17,500 to \$10,500 (therefore an amount of \$1,500 per Councillor to remain, other than the Deputy Mayor);*
- (ii) To delete the \$100,000 for the proposed Parking Ticket Machines;*
- (iii) To reduce the Right of Way upgrade program from \$300,000 to \$275,000; and*
- (iv) To reduce the carried forward amount for the "Ranger/Security Service" from \$100,000 to \$60,000.*

Debate ensued.

Presiding Member ruled that he would separate the amendment and these be voted separately.

**VOTE**

*Clause (i)*

**PUT AND CARRIED (5-3)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Chester	Cr Drewett
Cr Cohen	Cr Franchina
Cr Doran-Wu	Cr Hall
Cr Ker	
Cr Piper	

(Mayor Catania absent)

*Clause (ii)*

**PUT AND LOST (2-6)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Chester	Cr Drewett
Cr Ker	Cr Cohen
	Cr Doran-Wu
	Cr Franchina
	Cr Hall
	Cr Piper

(Mayor Catania absent)

*Clause (iii)*

**PUT AND LOST (1-7)**

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr Ker	Cr Drewett
	Cr Chester
	Cr Cohen
	Cr Doran-Wu
	Cr Franchina
	Cr Hall
	Cr Piper

(Mayor Catania absent)

*Clause (iv)*

**PUT AND LOST ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR (4-5)**

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr Drewett	Cr Drewett (casting vote)
Cr Chester	Cr Cohen
Cr Ker	Cr Doran-Wu
Cr Piper	Cr Franchina
	Cr Hall

(Mayor Catania absent)

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania absent)

**COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 6.1**

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- (xvi) *the amount for reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses to Councillors be reduced from \$17,500 to \$10,500 - an amount of \$1,500 per Councillor (except the Deputy Mayor).*

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**BACKGROUND:**

Over recent months the Town's administration in conjunction with Elected Members of Council have been preparing the Budget for 2002/2003.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

The Draft budget was advertised for public comment. At the close of the advertising period closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, two (2) submissions had been received.

**Shirley Benton, Chairperson - On behalf of The Forrest Precinct Group Inc.**

**Law and Order** - Parking Ticket Machines for Pier, Brewer, Edward, Stirling Streets:  
\$100,000

Are curious as to how this item appeared in the budget when there was no mention anywhere in the Draft Town of Vincent Car Parking Strategy. Comments from that strategy indicate the local residents are not in favour of parking ticket machines outside their houses, and reads:

“Part Six - Car Parking Restrictions  
6.1.2 On-Street Parking

Acknowledges that the introduction of Ticket Machines would benefit the Town, for the reasons stated in the draft strategy. Residents have shown some hesitation in having a ticket machine in their residential streets however, deeming them an 'unfriendly' presence in a residential locale."

There has been no public consultation on this item and would anticipate there would normally be some form of long-time plan developed for parking in this area prior to embarking on a \$100,000 expenditure.

Please note that the 3 hour parking restrictions which have recently been implemented (and policed) in this area, have been very successful with the 'all-day CBD' users causing less of a problem.

Whilst noting that parking ticket machines would be of benefit at the new angle parking in the centre of Stirling St, they cannot see the advantages in Pier, Brewer & Edward Streets. Most certainly residents and commercial proprietors should be given the opportunity to comment.

Also, there are 2 public carparks within walking distance of this area, those being the Brisbane Street Carpark and another at the corner of Stirling & Parry Streets. Both these carparks are under-utilised and energies and funds would be better spent in educating people in using them (see submission, again on the Car Parking Strategy on the Brisbane St Carpark).

Therefore would support a budget item for a greatly reduced (and planned) number of parking ticket machines, but consider the figure of \$100,000 excessive.

**Comment**

The introduction of ticket machines in these locations is as a result of ongoing complaints regarding cars parking free in these areas and walking into the city. The need for ticket machines to be installed in the proposed angle parking in Richmond Street, Leederville (outside the TAFE) has been identified. It is recommended the monies for ticket machines remain on the budget. This matter will be the subject of a Council report at the next Council meeting.

**Rights of Way** - The Programme Year 4 total appears to have increased \$100,000 from last year's budget to approximately \$400,000. Questions whether this is not an excessive increase in budget.

**Comment**

The increase in funding for the Right of Way programme will considerably reduce the length of the programme, which is a source of residents concerns in the Town. The Town receives numerous requests for the upgrade of Right of Ways.

**Dudley Maier, 51 Chatsworth Rd, Highgate**

Page 4 Parking – Ticket Machines - The listing of \$100,000 for ticket machines in Pier, Brewer, Edward and Stirling Streets does not seem to be in accordance with the Car Parking Strategy that was accepted unanimously on 12 February 2002. It is disappointing to see the Council accept a comprehensive strategy document at one meeting then ignore its recommendations a few meetings later. It is even more concerning to see the lack of justification for the specific amount which has been allocated.

This lack of consistency and proper process is of concern. It leads to a waste of officers' time, must be confusing and demoralising for the staff, and ultimately is a waste of ratepayers' money. Council should be implementing the recommendations of the original study or making amendments to the strategy, and have those amendments flow into the budget. The current action is basically saying that the strategy was a waste of time and money.

This is an observation rather than a request to alter funding.

**Page 11 Elected Members' Allowance** – the allowance is proposed to be restricted to clothing, apparel, dry cleaning and personal presentation. \$500 per councillor should be sufficient therefore this amount should be reduced to \$4,000. Has no objection to Councillors seeking greater remuneration but it should be done in an appropriate manner (ie lobby the Government).

Feels that the \$9,000 for the Deputy Mayor's Allowance is not justified. There has been no justification why the deputy should be paid \$9,000 more than any other Councillor. Council records show that the deputy acted on behalf of the mayor for less than 4 hours since the last election.

Feels that the \$13,500 saved from the members' allowance should be added to the \$9,000 from the deputy's allowance to provide \$22,500 to fund notebook computers for elected members if they require them for Council work.

Suggestion:

Elected members' Allowance be dropped to \$4,000;

Deputy Mayor's allowance be dropped to zero;

New amount of \$22,500 from savings above be allocated to computers for councillors.

**Comment**

The Deputy Mayor is permitted under Local Government Act regulations to have an allowance that is up to 25% of the Mayoral allowance.

The Elected Members allowance is also acceptable under the Local Government Act provided the expenditure is specified and restricted.

Both these items were Council resolutions and have accordingly been included in the 2002/03 budget.

**Carry Forward - \$100,000 Extended Ranger / Security Service.** Believes that this should be dropped completely. This is an excellent example of how poor planning has unnecessarily cost ratepayers money. This was put on the budget last year without any proper analysis – purely because it was considered to be politically popular – who could argue with 'safety'? When the analysis was done it was shown to be a poor idea – more concerned with managing perceptions than actually improving safety.

Suggestion:

Drop the \$100,000 for the extended ranger service.

**Comment**

This matter is awaiting a response from the WA Police Service and subject to a further report to Council.

**Format of the budget:** Asks that in future the 'Opening Funds' in the 'Rate Setting Statement' be split up into 'Surplus from previous year' and 'Carry over from previous years'. This will give greater clarity to the true situation.

**Comment**

This will be introduced for next years budget, although for the budget the "Surplus from the previous year" will be an estimate as the actual surplus is finalised when the year-end financial statements are prepared, which is after the budget is prepared.

**COMMENT:**

The final details of the opening funds are not available at the time of the preparation of the budget document and therefore have to be estimated.

A copy of the final document to be adopted by Council is attached to this Agenda. The following report is a verbatim extract from the Budget report contained in the Budget document.

**DETAILS:**

**Budget Overview**

The 2002/03 Budget is the ninth Budget adopted by the Town of Vincent since its formation on 1 July 1994.

In the preparation of this Budget the Council was mindful of the requirements:

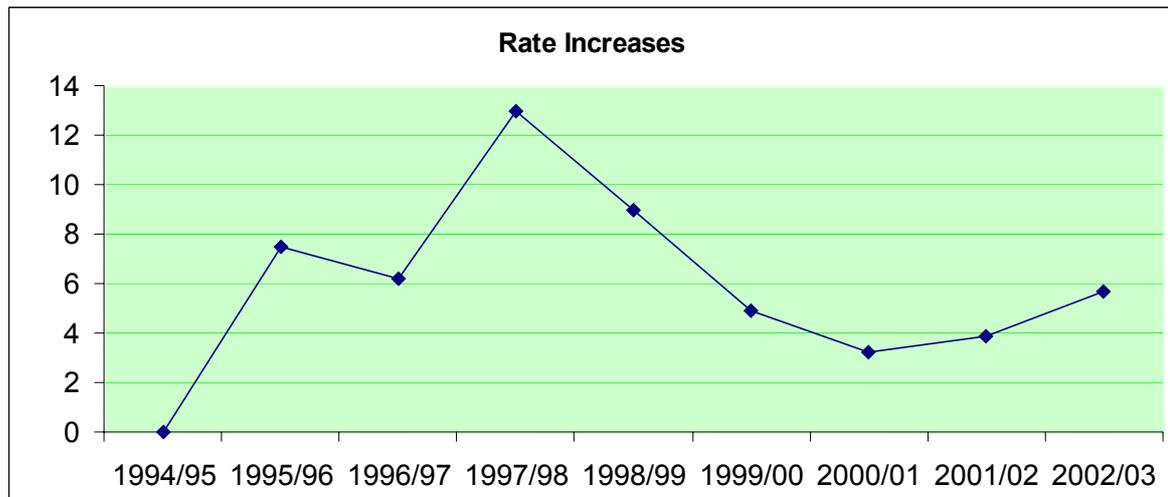
- ◆ to maintain the existing high level of service and improve on that service currently delivered; and
- ◆ to provide a variety of quality programmes and initiatives to the community.

The Council's fees and charges that are raised under Legislation are in the main exempt from the Goods and Service Tax (GST), however charges for the use of Council facilities and where Council operates in commercial areas will attract the GST.

**The main features of this Budget include:**

1. A 5.71% increase in income yields from rates. The rate in the dollar however has been reduced to account for the impact of the revaluation of properties in the Town which is carried out every three (3) years by the Valuer General's Office.
2. The Minimum Rate decreased from \$470 per property to \$435.

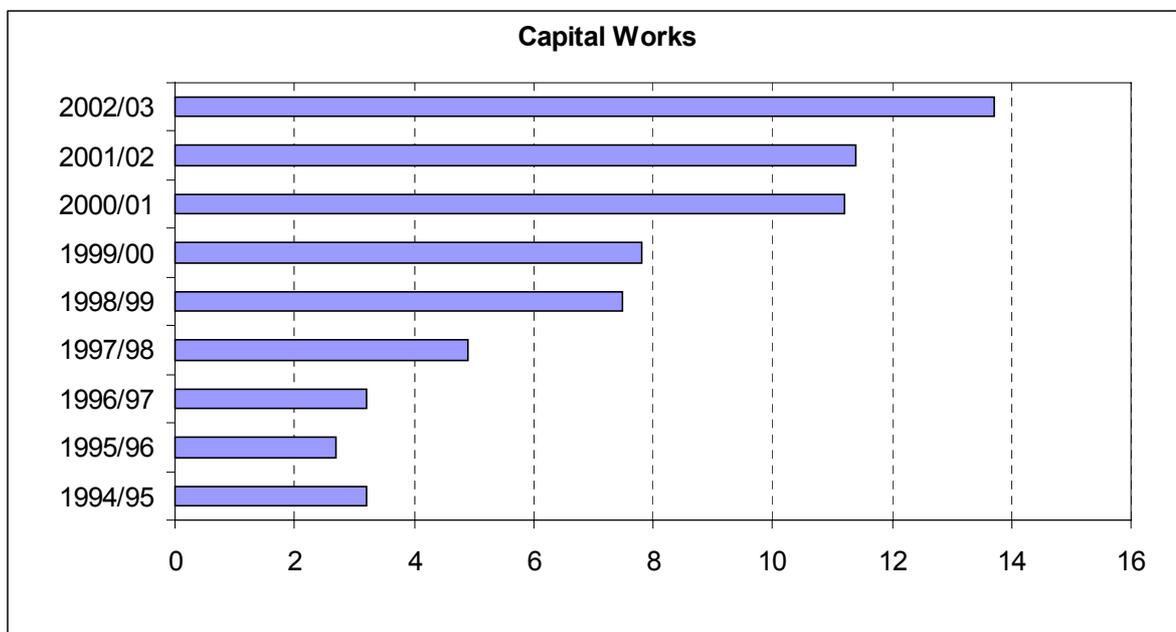
The graph shows the percentage Rate increases in the Town since it's inception.



3. New Capital Works including:

- Land and Buildings	\$3,466,322
- Infrastructure	\$3,831,640
- Plant and Equipment	\$993,361
- Furniture and Equipment	\$194,325
 New Operating Items	 \$813,200

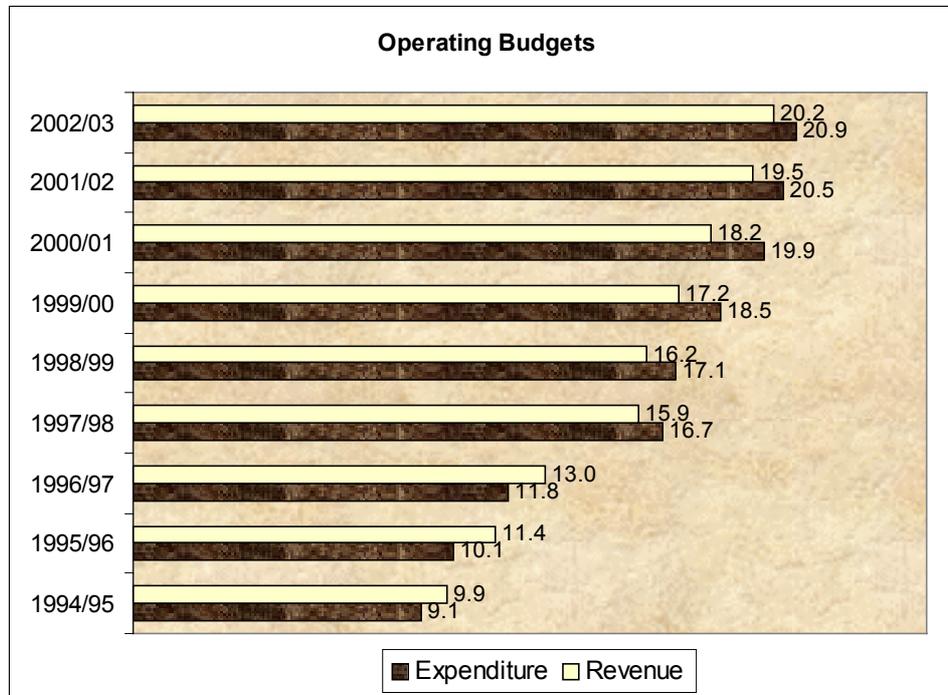
The graph shows the budgeted value of Capital Works.



4. Operating Budget estimates are as follows:

Operating expenditure	20,943,634
Operating revenue	20,273,517

The graph below indicates the history of Operating budgets



5. The transfer of \$1,202,100 to cash reserves to provide for new capital financial commitments and a further \$1,100,000 from proceeds of land sales to undertake new capital and infrastructure works.

6. Significant projects in the Budget outlined as follows:

**Capital Items**

Land & Buildings

- Community Sports & Recreation Facility funded projects:
  - Leederville Tennis Club - new courts
  - Veterans Tennis Association of WA - club house extension
  - West Australian Croquet Association - weather shelters
- Preliminary works:
  - Perth Oval - Rectangular Stadium
  - State Indoor Multi-Purpose Sporting Centre
  - Leederville Oval - State government office building
- Lee Hops Cottage - restoration
- Beatty Park:
  - Re-wood sauna
  - Retro fit spa

#### Plant

- Parking ticket machines:
  - Pier, Brewer, Edward and Stirling Streets

#### **Infrastructure**

##### Traffic Management

- Scarborough Beach Road - Oxford Street to the Boulevard
- Farmer Street - remove traffic islands

##### Black Spot Submissions

- William and Lincoln Street intersection
- Scarborough Beach Road and Matlock Street
- Anzac Road and Egina Street

##### Main Roads Funded Projects

- Carr Street - Charles Street to Fitzgerald Street
- Walcott Street - William Street to York Street
- Oxford Street - Scarborough Beach Road to Anzac Road

##### Right of Ways

- 20% increase in Right of Way program funding

##### Parks

- Perth Oval- public open space
- Floodlighting upgrade - Beatty Park Reserve
- Wetlands project - directional signage

##### Footpaths

- 13% increase in footpath program funding

##### Streetscape Improvements

- Angove Street
- Oxford Street (stage 1) full paving

##### Car Parking

- Avenue Car Park - upgrade
- Beatty Park - lighting improvements
- Woodville Street improvements- angle parking

#### **Operating Items**

##### Town Planning Projects

- Town Planning Scheme Amendments and Review
- Cities for Climate Protection Strategy Implementation
- Trees of Significance Inventory Review

##### Executive Management

- Independent Organisational Review

Underground Power

- Lindsay Street
- Money Street

Community Development

- Cultural Plan
- Oxford Street Festival

Specified Maintenance Program

- Continuation of program to maintain Council owned properties

Other factors that have been taken into consideration in the preparation of this document include:

- An allowance of 3% has been made to cover cost increases in line with anticipated Consumer Price Increases (CPI).
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- A 3% increase in salaries and wages has been budgeted to cover safety net increases and movements in salaries as a result of satisfactory performance.

**Comparative Rates**

The following table list similar or nearby municipalities and compares residential rates adopted by the Town of Vincent in 2001/02 with rates adopted by other Councils in that year.

Municipality	Residential Rate (Cents)	General Minimum	Residential Rubbish	Total Account on GRV \$8320	Variation
<i>Fremantle</i>	7.3184	486	0	602	-13.1%
<i>Cambridge</i>	7.3580	486	0	606	-12.6%
<i>Claremont</i>	7.5031	543	0	618	-10.9%
<i>East Fremantle</i>	7.7118	498	0	635	-8.4%
<i>Canning</i>	6.0000	365	145	639	-7.8%
<i>Melville</i>	5.8800	389	157	641	-7.5%
<i>Perth</i>	5.8810	300	160	644	-7.1%
<i>Victoria Park</i>	8.1866	461	0	674	-2.8%
<i>Cockburn</i>	6.4320	408	150	679	-2.0%
<b><i>Vincent</i></b>	<b>8.4200</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Stirling</i>	6.7720	437	142	699	0.9%
<i>Joondalup</i>	7.1000	435	119	703	1.5%
<i>Wanneroo</i>	7.3920	427	119	727	5.0%
<i>Nedlands</i>	7.1460	700	148	736	6.2%
<i>Peppermint Grove</i>	6.9990	520	165	741	6.9%
<i>Rockingham</i>	7.6036	450	140	766	10.5%
<i>Gosnells</i>	7.8124	460	123	766	10.5%
<i>Subiaco</i>	7.3759	380	163	770	11.1%
<i>South Perth</i>	7.5500	525	150	771	11.3%
<i>Kalamunda</i>	7.4810	390	160	776	11.9%
<i>Mosman Park</i>	7.8400	543	165	810	16.9%
<i>Kwinana</i>	8.6806	422	114	828	19.5%
<i>Bayswater</i>	8.3393	444	169	855	23.4%
<i>Bassendean</i>	10.4070	556	0	856	23.6%
<i>Belmont</i>	8.4775	475	160	858	23.8%
<i>Swan</i>	9.0000	450	130	871	25.6%
<i>Mundaring</i>	9.4830	476	133	913	31.8%
<i>Armadale</i>	9.8200	470	130	938	35.4%

The table above shows that based on a property with a GRV of \$8,320 and after separate rubbish charges levied by some Councils are taken into consideration, 2001/02 rates for the Town of Vincent were among the lowest for all municipalities listed, for the previous 2001/02 year.

### 2002/03 Rates

For 2002/03 the Town of Vincent has adopted a single **general rate of 7.68 cents** in the dollar of Gross Rental Value of the property. A **minimum rate of \$435** will apply.

The **objective** of the minimum rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make at least a reasonable contribution towards the cost of services provided to ratepayers and properties within the Town. Without the minimum rate there would be wide range in rate relativities with some properties with lower gross rental values only paying a fraction of the rates paid on higher valued properties, while receiving the same level of services.

The **objective** of the rate in the dollar of 7.68 cents of gross rental value is to raise the balance of funding necessary to cover the Budget deficit after adjustment for the yield from the minimum rate.

### **Payment of Rates**

The Local Government Act 1995 provides for ratepayers to pay rates by four instalments. The due dates for each instalment are:

<b>First Instalment</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2002</b>
<b>Second Instalment</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2002</b>
<b>Third Instalment</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2003</b>
<b>Fourth Instalment</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2003</b>

To cover the costs involved in providing the instalment programme the following charge and interest rates apply:

<b>Instalment Administration Charge</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>(to apply to second, third and fourth instalment)</b>	
<b>Instalment Interest Rate</b>	<b>5.5% per annum</b>
<b>Late Payment Penalty Interest</b>	<b>11% per annum.</b>

Pensioners registered with the Town for rate concessions do not incur the above interest or charge.

### **Rates Incentive Prize**

The Town will again provide a service of rates incentive prizes to encourage payment of rates in full in the 35 day period.

### **Interest on General Debtors**

In 2002/03 the Town of Vincent will impose late payment interest of 11% per annum on overdue accounts.

### **Carried Forward Surplus**

The estimated carried forward surplus from 2001/02 shows a closing surplus at 30 June 2002 of **\$1,394,090**. The exact amount of the surplus will not be known until accounts for 2001/02 are finalised.

### **Budget Form and Content**

The Budget is in a prescribed format which comprises several statutory schedules as well as a number of supporting schedules and notes and other information to assist users to interpret the budgets. Budgets are compared with those adopted for 2001/02 and estimated results for that year.

General Administration costs are initially captured in a supporting schedule (pages B.99 to B.104) and then distributed across all other programmes and activities using Activity Based Costing (ABC) techniques to determine the real cost of providing these services (page B.105). The ABC process and cost drivers used will be reviewed during 2002/03 (where necessary).

### **BUDGET NOTES:**

The notes which follow and the details contained in Sections A, B and C are to assist users to understand the Budget document.

### **Statutory Budget Schedules**

The schedules which follow in Section A comprise several statutory schedules required by the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Comments are made on these schedules:

#### ***Operating Statement for the Year Ending 30 June 2003 (page A.1)***

This statutory schedule summarises operating revenues and operating expenses by programme to arrive at a net operating result. Operating revenues for 2002/03 are estimated at **\$20,273,517** and operating expenses at **\$20,943,634**. After contributions and gains on disposal of assets a gain in net assets from operations of **\$4,806,004** results.

#### ***Statement of Cash Flows (page A.2)***

This statutory schedule is a requirement of Australian Accounting Standard AAS 28 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. The statement shows the various cash receipts from operating, investing and government sources less cash out-flows on operations and investments in assets.

#### ***Rate Setting Budget (page A.4)***

The rate setting statement is the document that consolidates all the financial transactions to show the overall status of the Budget. It demonstrates to the community the full impact of the Budget.

#### ***Statement of Rates (page A.5)***

After sums available from the surplus carried forward from 2001/02, other operating revenue, grants and contributions and reserve funds to be used are brought to account this results in **\$12,462,264** required to be raised through rates.

#### ***Net Current Assets Carried Forward at 1 July 2002 (page A.6)***

This schedule details net current assets available to be brought forward into the 2002/03 Budget. The exact carried forward surplus from 2001/02 will not be known until accounts for 2001/02 are finalised.

#### ***Expenditure for Development of Land and Building Assets (pages A.7)***

This records estimated expenditure of **\$3,466,322** on buildings which will increase the value of respective assets recorded in the financial accounts.

#### ***Expenditure for Purchase of Plant and Equipment (page A.9)***

This records estimated purchase of plant and equipment totalling **\$993,361**.

#### ***Expenditure for Development of Infrastructure Assets (pages A.11 to A.14)***

This records expenditure of **\$3,831,640** on road, footpath, drainage, parks, carpark and rights-of-way infrastructure which will be recorded as assets in the financial statements.

***Expenditure for Purchase of Furniture and Equipment (pages A.15 to A.16)***

This records estimated purchase of furniture and equipment totalling **\$194,325**.

**Operating and Capital Budgets Carried Forward from 2001/02**

Operating funds required to be carried forward are detailed in this schedule. The exact carried forward works will not be known until accounts for 2001/02 are finalised. When this amount is known a schedule of carried forward works will be submitted to Council and the budget amended accordingly.

***New Operating and Specific Maintenance Item (pages A.17 to A.19)***

This schedule details streetlighting upgrades, street furniture replacement, special building maintenance, community development programmes and town planning studies.

***Contributions for the Development of Assets (pages A.20 to A.21)***

Schedules grants and contributions anticipated to be received for the development of assets.

***Disposal of Assets (Gains/Losses) (pages A.22)***

Summarises assets proposed to be sold/disposed of, reporting estimated book gains or losses on disposal as well as estimated proceeds of sale.

***Members Fees and Allowances Adopted for 2002/03 (page A.23)***

This is a statutory schedule which details the Mayoral Allowance, Deputy Mayors Allowance, annual meeting allowance and extent of expenses to be reimbursed to Members during 2002/03 under Sections 5.98 and 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995. Estimates of costs involved are also provided.

***Major Land Transaction (page A.25)***

The Town of Vincent has budgeted to undertake one major land transactions in 2002/03.

***Depreciation Estimates by Programme (page A.26)***

This schedule summarises depreciation expense included in the Budget by Programme.

***Reserve Fund Budgets (page A.27)***

Details of cash transfers to reserves and funds to be used from reserves are reported here. Comparisons with 2001/02 are also to be included.

***Fees and Charges Revenue by Programme (page A.28)***

Schedules of various fees and charges applied by the Town for 2002/03 are included in Section C. Fees include statutory fees raised under regulation or Local Laws as well as fees determined by Council. A summary of income expected to be raised through fees is provided by fee type by Programme.

***Trust Fund (page A.29)***

Details of the Trust Fund are reported in this schedule. Trust transactions are excluded from the Budget.

**Summary**

The Council is committed to improving service delivery to the community and the Budget adopted for 2002/03 is a responsible budget which provides for a significant range of services to ratepayers.

**SUMMARY:**

The Council is committed to providing a quality service to the community. The Budget recommended for adoption for 2002/03 is a responsible budget, which provides for a significant range of services to ratepayers.

**7. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**8. CLOSURE**

Presiding Member, Deputy Mayor David Drewett JP, declared the Meeting closed at 6.10pm with Councillors Chester, Cohen, Doran-Wu, Franchina, Hall, Ker and Piper JP, Chief Executive Officer, John Giorgi JP, Executive Manager Corporate Services, Mike Rootsey, Executive Manager Environmental and Development Services, Rob Boardman, and Executive Manager Technical Services, Rick Lotznicher, Ryan Sturman, Journalist – Guardian Express, Jenny D’Anger, Journalist – Voice News, Bronwyn Peace, Journalist - West Australian Newspaper and 19 Members of the Public in attendance.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2002.

Signed: .....Presiding Member  
Mayor Nick Catania, JP

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2002