

CEO THOUGHTS

Cats to beat Saints by 23.



IN THE POUND

Corgi X
Male



LUCKY
4yr old Male Brown Kelpie



Also available but not pictured:

- Boxer Female 4yr old
- Fox terrier Female 1yr old

Kelpie X
Male

6 month old
Female Kelpie



Yarriambiack Shire Council, Chief Executive Officer Ray Campling said that Council in determining a 5% general rate increase for the 2009/2010 financial year had deliberated long and hard in what was an extremely extensive and exhaustive budgetary process. In addition to the 5% Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 Section 159 has also decided to implement a \$30 Municipal Charge on all properties. Mr Campling believed that the Municipal Charge rate proposed by Council was possibly the lowest in the state.

Mr Campling added that it was unquestionably the most difficult budget that he had presided over during his time as CEO of Yarriambiack Shire Council. Mr Campling said that it was initially intended to increase the 2009/2010 rates by 7.5% in accordance with Council's rating strategy which was formally adopted in June 2006. In revising its proposed rate increase to 5% for 2009/2010 Council has taken a number of critical factors into consideration including several non Council related matters, but areas that were substantially impacting on the community including ramifications associated with the ongoing unseasonable weather conditions, the global economic situation, escalating general costs and in particular the feedback and presentations Council had received from its various community engagement and consultation processes.

Mr Campling said that Council had definitely listened to the Community in formulating the 2009/2010 budget and commended the Councillors for responding positively to the community. Mr Campling also said that 2009/2010 budget had been developed as a consequence of a rigorous process between Councillors and the Executive Management Team. It is the opinion of Council that the 2009/2010 budget is financially responsible and endeavours to address the objectives and strategies identified in Councils Strategic Plan. Mr Campling said that Councils total operating budget for the 2009/2010 financial year will be \$16.372 million will be generated from rates and charges with the remainder predominantly being derived from State and Federal Government grants totalling a projected \$6.651 million. with user charges, fees and contributions representing in the vicinity of \$1.736 million.



Annual Funding Program Australia Post/ FRRR "Stretching the Envelope" An Australia Post Small Grants Program for Regional Victoria

Australia Post has formed a partnership with FRRR and contracted FRRR to work on its behalf to fund worthwhile projects in regional centres in Victoria and to address the area of significant need in the following areas:

- Youth
- Education - especially literacy,
- Arts and Culture

A small grants program for regional Victorian communities will offer grants of between \$500-\$1,000 in grants to benefit people in the regional communities of Victoria.

Small, well targeted grants can be useful to regional communities and offer communities the opportunity to find their own ways of benefiting young people.

Stretching the Envelope Guidelines

A small grants program for regional Victorian communities will offer grants of up to \$1,000 to benefit people in regional areas who implement community development projects that address issues for young people especially in the areas of education, literacy and arts and culture at the local level.

Australia Post has formed a partnership with FRRR and contracted FRRR to administer its program and work on its behalf to fund worthwhile projects in regional Victoria to address the areas of priority as determined by Australia Post.

The program aims to be simple, making the application process for a grant as straight forward as possible.

What can be funded?

- Projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, that contribute to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas, and are for a charitable purpose.
- Organisations with a youth focus in regional Victoria.
- Grants will be made in amounts of up to \$1,000.
- Priority will be given to projects that address Youth, Education, Arts and Culture
- Organisations should have an ABN.

How to Apply:

Applications can be made to FRRR by post only and need to be posted by 5pm Monday 27 July 2009.

Please forward your application to; FRRR, PO Box 41, BENDIGO, VIC, 3552.

Grant seeker enquiries can be made on freecall 1800 170 020 or email info@frrr.org.au