

Rebate approved

ROBE'S RSL has been granted a rebate on its rates totalling \$1275.

Robe District Council granted the rebate at its March meeting monthly meeting.

As a request for the rebate arose, Cr Peter Riseley declared he had a conflict of interest and left the chamber.

Chief executive officer Bill Hender said council had previously granted such a rebate.

He said in 2006-2007, a full rebate was granted, however, the service charges still applied.

"Council has the authority under Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1999 to grant rebates at its discretion for community organisations," Mr Hender said.

CLEARING SALE

Friday 28th March 2008 at 10.30am

Account Peter & Kathy Ewer (property sold)

On the property "STOCKDALE" which is located on the West Avenue Extension Road, 34km South East of Kingston and 28km West South West of Lucindale. (signs erected)

Farming Plant Machinery & Sundries: John Deere 6420 Tractor with FEL (under 500 hours), International A414 Tractor, Duncan MK 3 Renovator Drill (near New), 1998 Nissan DX 4.2TD Tray Top 4WD (WCX-921), Stock crate for Nissan, Suzuki 4 wheel ATV, ATV Trailer, Kawasaki 250cc motorbike, 11' Fibreglass boat (Yabbi), Irish Rakemaster 10 Wheel Hay Rake, Grasslands 8' TPL Hay mower, TPL Slasher, Folding harrows, 5 tonne grain cart, grain feeding trailer, 2 x 4 wheel trailers, Hay trailer, Grizzly 36 plate offset disc, Chisel plough, Tip Trailer, Maxi-cut 13' Slasher, Grain Auger, Posthole Digger, Cyclone Portable Sheep Yards, Magnus Portable Sheep Yards (2yo), Quick-Trip lamb marking cradle, Jaeschke Field Bin, 50 bag seed silo, Elect Pencil Auger, Horwood Bagshaw Super Spreader, Sick Rake, TPL Round Bale Feeder, TPL Nufarm Mister, Hardi Boom/Spot Sprayer, Honda fire fighting unit with 600lt tank, Snail Bait Layer, Large Gantry & Endless Chain, 1,000 Poly Tank, TPW Hydraulic Self Pinning Woolpress, Ajax Woolpress, 2 x Round Wool Tables, Wool Partitions, 240V Portable Crutcher, Lamb Weighing Cradle With True-Test Scales, Shearing Harness & Host of Handpieces and Shearing Gear, Calf Feeder, Pipe Bender, Cyclone Wire Spinner, Dolmar Chain Saw, WIA 230 & AEM 130 Welders, Lincoln 250BT TPL Welder, Oxy Set, Drill Press, Grinder, Peerless Compressor, Stationary Motors, Meat Saw, CU Weighing Platform, Workbenches, 3' Aluminium Flaming, Host of workshop Tools & Equipment, Fencing Sundries, Iron & Bags, 60 Large Square Bales of Lucerne Hay.

Household: Leather Lounge Suite, Kitchen Table & Chairs, Bar Stools, King Size Single Bed, Chest of Drawers, Sundries Desk, Microwave Oven, Chest Freezer, Samsung Twin Tub Washing Machine (2yo), NEC Colour TV, CD/Cassette/Record Player, Electric Organ, Filing Cabinet, Sundry other Household Items, 4 Burner BBQ, Johnsaed Lawn Edger, Viking Lawn Mower, Rotary Hoe, Host of Garden Tools & Equipment, Hoses etc, Bird Aviary.

A/c RM & JM Emery: Class Dominator 106 Header with 25' comb.

A/c AK & TM Pilmore: 3 tonne Daihatsu Diesel Tipper (not reg), 1983 Suzuki Sierra LWB Ute (not reg).

Further entries invited.

Terms:

Cash on the day of sale, number system applies, ID required,

GST will apply to all Farming Equipment.

Light luncheon & drinks available.

Vendor: Peter Ewer (08) 8768 9060 or Agent: Earl Longstaff 0419 620 070

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Strong retail hope



By NIKKI MOTT
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EASTER weekend is here yet again and retailers across the city are bracing themselves for one of the biggest trading periods of the year.

With Mount Gambier playing host to a large number of events this weekend, an influx of tourists will increase customer numbers for many local businesses.

Chamber of Commerce president Lynette Martin said the arrival of tourists to the region should significantly add to the already huge amount of shopping undertaken over the holiday period.

"Easter trading got off to a slow start due to it being so early in the year and the hot weather really kept shoppers away," she said.

"Since the cool change on Tuesday though, trade has been quite brisk and we're looking forward to a surge of visitors from all the events happening throughout the region over Easter."

In the past, Easter has provided some contention between retail outlets regarding opening hours, but Mrs Martin said she thought most stores were following similar operating times.

"To my knowledge there has been more uniformity with the trading hours this year, which is a good thing for both consumers and traders," she said.

Sanity manager Carly Watson said she was expecting Saturday to be one of their biggest trading days of the year due to the recent trend of non-traditional gifts.

"We've noticed people have been buying other gifts to celebrate Easter, not just chocolate, especially in the last couple of



Sanity manager Carly Watson said Easter Saturday was one of their biggest trading days of the year. Picture: NIKKI MOTT.

years," she said. "We get a lot of people saying they're buying CDs as an Easter present."

Ms Watson has spent the past week wearing bunny ears, helping customers to get into the spirit of the occasion.

"It makes not only the customers feel happy, but also me and my team," she said.

Centro Mount Gambier centre manager John Cooper said while he expected a lot of visitors to the centre, not all the shops would be open to enjoy it.

"I know last year was pretty quiet over Easter and while I don't think things will be huge,

the shops that are open should do quite well," he said.

"Obviously a lot of visitors will be coming to the centre and it's unfortunate a lot of the smaller shops will be closed because it could be quite lucrative for them."

Despite a slow start to the week Mr Cooper said the centre had been busy and should be flat out on Saturday morning.

"Easter has really caught everyone on the, excuse the pun, hop this year because it's so early," he said.

"It feels like Christmas is only just over and Easter is here already."

Trading times

Supermarkets

•Andami IGA (Swallow Dr, Jubilee Hwy, Montebello Dr): Fri 8am-8pm Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 8am-8pm, Mon 8am-8pm.

•Coles: Fri Closed, Sat 7am-9pm, Sun 8am-8pm, Mon 6am-10pm.

•Woolworths: Fri Closed, Sat 6am-10pm, Sun 9am-8pm, Mon 8am-8pm.

•Fishers IGA: Fri Closed, Sat 7am-9pm, Sun 9am-6pm, Mon 9am-6pm.

•Fidler and Webb: Fri Closed, Sat 9am-12pm (Liquor 9am-6pm), Sun Closed (Liquor 11am-4pm), Mon Closed (Liquor 11am-4pm).

Major Retailers

•Centro Shopping Centre: Fri Closed, Sat 9am-5.30pm (participating stores only), Sun 9am-4pm (participating stores only), Mon 9am-5.30pm.

•Target: Fri Closed, Sat 8am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm.

•Bunnings: Fri Closed, Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 8am-6pm, Mon 7am-6pm.

Chemists

•Gambier City Pharmacies (Whel St and Sturt St): Sat only 9am-11.45am.

•Gambier City Pharmacies (Centro): Fri Closed, Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 11am-9pm, Mon 1pm-9pm.

•Murray T Martin: Sat only 8.30am-12.30pm.

•UFS Chemist: Sat only 9am-12pm.

Medical Centres

•Ferries Medical Clinic: Fri Closed, Sat 8am-11.30am, Sun 9.30am-12pm (emergency only); Mon 9.30am-12.30pm. A/H 0417 863 508.

•Hawkins Medical Centre: Friday Closed, Sat 8.30am-11.30am, Sun 11am-7pm (emergency only), Mon 11am-7pm (emergency only). A/H 0418 838 466.

These times are to be used as a guide only. To avoid disappointment it is best to call retailers directly for times and information.

Government emergency care funding shortfall

From front page

ACC marketing manager Anne Hinkly-Tyler said the agency had been pushing for government funding from SA Housing for their Safe as Houses project for the past four years.

"The project seeks to address the lack of service in our community for children under 18 who are not under the care of the Minister, but who are still homeless or living in at risk situations," Ms Hinkly-Tyler said.

"State Senator Anne McEwen visited Mount Gambier in December to investigate the situation and said she would present the project to Federal Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek."

About \$500,000 is needed annually to run a fully staffed safe house on a 24 hour basis in Mount Gambier but until the funding is approved, children in immediate crisis can only turn to the city's police station for help.

South East operations manager Senior Sergeant Steve Hill said when children in

crisis came to the police station, they called Crisis Care who in turn called Families SA to investigate.

Snr Sgt Hill said most children in crisis would, however not turn to the police for help because of fear of the police.

"Many parents tell their children if they are naughty they will call the police to take them away, so when the child needs help from the police one day, they are too scared to come to us," he said.

You are invited to the Launch of the NEW Adelaide Central Bus Station

The City of Adelaide welcomes all regional communities to this FREE event on Saturday 29 March 2008 at Franklin Street from 10.30 am.

Explore our State's tourism delights by visiting the regional expo.

Enjoy the FREE festivities including a guest performance by Talia Wittmann, and her band "Overdrive" roving entertainers, kid's entertainment and an opportunity to see Tindo, the world's First Solar Powered Electric Bus.



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