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**Dorset  
Community  
Economic  
Development  
Group Inc**

**2006–2007**



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# Chairperson's Report

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**I see this time as a pivotal one in Tasmania's North East and I am excited at the possibilities. Many of Dorset EDG's long-term goals are set to reach fruition in 2007–08, which will be exciting for all concerned.**

It has been my pleasure during 2006–07, as Chairperson of the Dorset Community Economic Development Group, to see some of the group's projects moving forward from concept to strategic planning. It has been a year of perseverance in the face of some difficulty, but I believe that EDG's hard work is poised to pay off.

The financial year has not been without its challenges as Dorset EDG moved further into its new strategic focus of industry-based projects, which requires long-term planning. Previously our goals were achieved more easily through the work EDG did with local businesses and the grants process.

The most significant project Dorset EDG has been driving during the year is the North Eastern Irrigation Project, which is part of the EDG Dairy Industry Sub-group. To date funding totalling \$120,000 has been secured from the Tasmanian government and a private proponent, which has enabled the completion of technical reports on the viability of major water storage infrastructure. Dorset EDG has set a clear vision in relation to this project, which will hopefully assist the region to grow as a major contributor to the North Tasmanian economy, thereby making it a major alternative investment and residential destination. EDG continues to liaise with its Australian and Tasmanian government stakeholders and private proponents, and it is hoped that the 2007–08 financial year will see a significant step forward in the realisation of the vision for this project.

The EDG Vegetable Growers Sub-group continues to move forward with its opportunities in the agricultural industry as it seeks to develop the ideas it has identified for new ventures, including those outlined in the original *Opportunities Study*. Liaison continues with a major fresh produce value-adding company, and it is hoped that this opportunity will come to fruition and will see a significant growing trial of vegetables in Dorset. This would be a major step in reversing the current downward trend of agricultural commodities produced and sold in the North East.

Dorset EDG was heavily involved in the Auspine Task Force in January 2007 when the community learnt that the Auspine sawmills had lost their long-term softwood supply. Dorset EDG responded immediately to this crisis by completing the *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment: Auspine Mills, Dorset* (the SEIA), which was released in mid February 2007. The SEIA sought to extend the broader Tasmanian community's focus beyond the immediacy of the potential crisis confronting Auspine and its employees, contractors and suppliers, to recognise that the situation was about real people and a community with real uncertainty and hardship.

## **Chairperson's Report continued**

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The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment presented a compelling case for political and/or commercial resolution of the circumstances that would deny Auspine access to its current wood supply resource beyond March 2007. Dorset EDG is proud of its achievements in this issue and although not the ideal solution, the Australian and Tasmanian governments responded by providing funding to assist Auspine to access timber from the west coast. Dorset EDG will continue to advocate for the needs of the broader Dorset community as these relate to the long-term security of the timber industry.

On behalf of the board I extend our thanks to Nic Van den Bosch for the extensive consultancy work he undertook for Dorset EDG and especially the dairy industry project during the year.

My fellow board members and I recognise and thank our previous Executive Officer Gary Thomas for his service to Dorset EDG in the first half of the financial year. We appreciated his goodwill in staying on to assist during a period of transition.

From January 2007 the Executive Officer position remained vacant and board members took over essential administrative tasks for the latter half of the financial year. I would like to make particular mention of Stephen Love, Robin Thompson and Judy Roberts who took on much of the ongoing EDG organisation, planning and day-to-day work while we were without an Executive Officer.

Dorset EDG has been successful in obtaining state government funding for the establishment of a full time Executive Officer, which will enable us to further progress many of our ongoing industry projects. I and my fellow board members are looking forward to seeing what the Executive Officer can bring to Dorset EDG.

I see this time as a pivotal one in Tasmania's North East and I am excited at the possibilities. Many of Dorset EDG's long-term goals are set to reach fruition this coming financial year, which will be exciting for all concerned.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their commitment, enthusiasm and ideas throughout the past year. We have persevered with our vision for Dorset EDG and it has been worth it.

I would also like to thank our local state and federal members of parliament, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Primary Industries and Water, and the Dorset Council for supporting Dorset EDG and thereby sharing in our vision for the on-going development of North East Tasmania.



**Tas Rainbow**  
Chairperson  
September 2007

# Executive Officer's Report

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This financial year has been a very challenging one for the Executive Officer role. For the first half of the reporting period Gary Thomas undertook the role in a part time capacity, working primarily on completing work within the North East Tasmania Assistance Program (NETAP) and attending to the monthly upkeep of Dorset EDG activities.

Half way through the reporting period Mr Thomas tendered his resignation and members of the Dorset EDG board took up much of the work needed to keep Dorset EDG on track. Robin Thompson, Stephen Love and Judy Roberts shared responsibility for the Executive Officer role for some five months. This was in addition to their Dorset EDG board duties and their own full time occupations.

The Executive Officer role involved many tasks over the course of the year, including:

- Dorset EDG secretariat
- Industry Group strategic papers
- discussions with investment groups
- finalising NETAP paperwork
- discussions with key stakeholders
- grant applications in support of the North East Irrigation Project, the Tin Mine Centre and the Derby History Group
- grant applications seeking to fund the Executive Officer role on a full time basis
- Auspine Task force work
- Vegetable Grower Group liaison
- compiling the 2005–06 Annual report.

Of particular value was work undertaken to secure grants to progress the North East Irrigation Project (NEIP) and to fund the Executive Officer role. Efforts were rewarded when significant funding was approved by the Tasmanian Government. This success has provided much needed financial support for the NEIP project, allowing Dorset EDG to move forward with its strategic planning, bringing us closer to the full realisation of the NEIP project.

The funding for a full time Executive Officer was allocated in April 2007 and a state-wide recruitment process conducted. In late June the successful candidate was selected, to begin work early in the new financial year. It is anticipated that with the support of a full time Executive Officer, Dorset EDG strategic projects will advance significantly over the next reporting period.

# **Dorset EDG Vision, Values, Mission and Objectives**

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## **Vision**

**Dorset constructed on its natural and people strengths enjoying diversified personal and community opportunity within a vibrant caring culture.**

## **Values**

The Dorset Community Economic Development Group values:

- high ethical standards in business
- working in partnerships
- open, honest communication
- inclusiveness
- diversity of opinion and thought

## **Mission**

The Dorset Community Economic Development Group Inc will facilitate and promote activities leading to sustainable economic development with the Dorset region.

The group will respond to community needs and strengthen the wider regional linkage for business exchange and growth, advancing the economic contribution to Tasmania.

Dorset EDG will work to foster 'change management' promoting community resilience and human capacity building, in order to meet the challenges of operating within a rapidly changing local, state and global environment.

Dorset EDG will facilitate outcomes that utilize the region's natural advantages for sustainable social, economic and environmental outcomes.

## **Objectives**

- To seek opportunities for economic development which fit with the region's key competitive advantages
- To assist in the growth and maintenance of existing Dorset businesses
- To lobby for infrastructure improvements necessary for industry and community development
- To promote and market the region's competitive advantages and development opportunities
- To encourage new business development through the provision of basic advocacy and support
- To work in partnership and cooperation with business, social and political stakeholders to advance well-being in Dorset
- To conduct Dorset EDG in a professional and ethical manner

## **Members of the Dorset EDG Executive Committee**

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**John Martin**  
Treasurer



**Tas Rainbow**  
Chairperson



**Robin Thompson**  
Public Officer



**Stephen Love**



**Judy Roberts**



**John Williams**



**Dr Tony McCall**



**Jeremy Carins**



**Peter Bird**



**Ian Farquhar**



**Leon Quillam**



**Roger Bignell**



2006–07  
Outcomes  
from the  
Strategic Plan



# 2006–07 Outcomes from the Strategic Plan

## Development Initiatives

### **Forest Industry**

Industry growth, new business, products and value adding

### **Dairy Industry**

Continue dairy industry assistance through the regional dairy group

### **Vegetable Industry**

Continue progression of the potato value adding project

Develop opportunities identified by the Vegetable Group and 'Opportunities Study'

### **Agriculture General**

Increase production and farm gate value returns

### **Small Business**

Facilitate creation of new and development of established local small businesses

## Specific Outputs

Dorset EDG was instrumental in compiling the *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment: Auspine Mills, Dorset* (the SEIA), following a request from the Tasmanian Department of Economic Development. The SEIA was completed within a limited timeframe and detailed the potential impact for the communities of Tasmania's North East if Auspine were to lose its long-term softwood supply. Dorset EDG was represented on the Auspine Task Force.

The dairy industry project progressed well throughout the review period. Application for grant funding from the Tasmanian Government for validation of concept work was successful. Assessments of potential land and water storage sites were completed.

Other significant achievements included:

- completion of project overview document
- stakeholder discussions and briefings
- formalisation of proponent interest
- commencement of a steering committee to advise on the project
- briefings to state and federal Government bodies.

Substantial progress has been made on this initiative during the reporting period.

Dorset EDG has been liaising with a major vegetable wholesaler about a new venture in Dorset. Some of our Vegetable Growers sub-group members are set to take part in a trial in late 2007.

This has been a difficult year for advancing this initiative because of the drought conditions affecting many parts of Dorset. Work on this initiative is expected to increase in the coming reporting period.

Dorset EDG provided support and aid to many businesses in completing grant applications and general mentoring. EDG also finalised much of its work with the North East Tasmania Assistance Program, which has been a major focus for the previous two reporting periods.

### Development Initiatives

#### **Infrastructure**

Lobby and review process options available for effective and enhanced regional infrastructure development that underpins positive economic and social outcomes

#### **Tourism**

Continue to work with the Dorset Tourism Board, individual operators and projects to develop and enhance tourism opportunities

#### **Community Programs**

Strengthen broad community and business education training, advisory, mentor and liaison services

#### **Dorset EDG Management**

Maintain membership with the Regional Science Association International for professional annual peer review, constructive exchange with economic practitioners and academia to maintain world best practice in regional economic planning, management and developments.

Professionally manage Dorset EDG maintaining formal recognition as the region's economic development agency and ensure it is adequately resourced for an identified agenda.

### Specific Outputs

Throughout the review period EDG continued to lobby the state and federal governments for increased infrastructure specifically in the areas of road funding and dam development in Dorset. Our focus on this initiative was heightened during the Auspine crisis.

Dorset EDG is committed to this initiative and remains a member of the Dorset Tourism Board. Communication pathways were further enhanced and linkages with the Trail of Tin Dragon were maintained.

Dorset EDG provided assistance to existing and potential operators who wished to expand or enter into the tourism market in the Dorset municipality.

Assistance in this area was limited throughout the reporting period, primarily due to EDG staffing limitations and the subsequent loss of the Executive Officer. It is anticipated that this initiative will receive increased attention in the upcoming financial year when the full time Executive Officer position is filled.

Dorset EDG continues to be recognised as a leader in regional development. The EDG Executive Committee continues to manage the organisation at a highly professional level. State Government grant funding has enabled the range of services offered to be extended. Constructive exchange continues with economic practitioners and academics, particularly in relation to our forestry, dairy and tourism projects. We have further developed our relationship with the Northern Tasmania Development Group (NTD) via the Dorset Tourism Board.

Funding from the Tasmanian Government and ongoing funding support from Dorset Council will afford Dorset EDG the opportunity to employ a full time executive officer and assistant in the coming reporting period.

The work of Dorset EDG has featured in many articles in both the *North-Eastern Advertiser*, the *Examiner* and radio.

# North East Irrigation Project

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This report summarises progress on the Dorset EDG dairy project which has been at concept stage for several years now.

## Background

The idea of harnessing water that falls in the high catchment areas of the NorthEast in winter and flows out to sea via a network of rivers is not new. It is an idea that many people have noted over a great many years, and a number of attempts have been made to bring such a project to fruition in the past.

A recent version of such a scheme has been actively promoted by Dorset EDG for some years, and a significant portion of our remaining financial reserves have been allocated to engage Nic Van Den Bosch to further the development of a concept that we believe has much merit. As our limited funding resources are progressively diminishing, it's fair to say that Dorset EDG made a decision 2 years ago to hang it's hat on this project.

## Summary

A very broad summary of the project is to build 10 or more dams in the upper catchment areas of Dorset on the rivers feeding through the coastal plains. The water made available would be enough to supply a Greenfield dairy Industry in Dorset, milking 52,000 cows after converting a minimum of 14,000 hectares of land to irrigated dairy pasture. This dairy production would in turn supply a new dairy processing facility in the region. On farm dairies would employ around 200 full time equivalents, and the processing facility a further 80. Industry standard multipliers suggest another 780 jobs in the supply chain, totalling more than 1,000 newly created jobs in Dorset.

The last year, and in particular the last 3 months of that year, have seen the project move from being a pipe dream to one having a more clearly defined pathway to completion.

This movement forward has not been due to any particular change in the concept, rather it has been due to the establishment of a formalised process established between Dorset EDG and the Tasmanian Government to confirm the Dorset EDG concept viability with independent and robust examination of the detail, and subject to such confirmation to then seek Commonwealth assistance for the capital works to establish the scheme.

Further substance has been given to the project by the enthusiastic participation of a publicly listed Victorian dairy processing company, which is keen to assist with the process of farm dairy conversion, and is indicating a willingness to establish a processing facility to value add dairy produce in the North East.

An emerging issue also helping our cause in the last year has been a change in the mindset in Government circles towards water development, brought on by the duration and severity of the current Australian drought. The plight of agricultural producers in the Murray Darling Basin (regarded as the food bowl of Australia) has made politicians and urban Australians realise what rural Australians have known for generations - we must make more efficient use of the water that falls in wet times, and store it for use in dry times. It's not rocket science, but it's taken a national disaster in Australia's agricultural sector to make many people understand it.

The importance of this is that the priorities have shifted. In the past any water development could be opposed and frustrated if dam sites inundated the habitats of particular species of flora and fauna. While there is no suggestion that important threatened species should be trashed for the benefit of water development, there is a realisation that sensible offsets can be implemented which can in fact bring about a net environmental benefit in addition to the agricultural advantages to be gained.

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New Tasmanian legislation passed this year has also assisted by simplifying the beurocratic process involved in gaining approval for the development of water storage, and Dorset EDG congratulates the State Government and particularly Minister Lewellyn on the passage of this legislation.

## **The move forward**

So specifically, how have we moved forward in the last year?

After many months of preliminary discussion, a meeting took place in Launceston on April 23<sup>rd</sup> involving senior officers of DPIW, DED, Dorset EDG, and a milk processing corporation.

This meeting agreed to form a steering committee to advance the project. The steering committee composition is 5 members, being 2 nominees of Dorset EDG (one being the Chair), and a nominee each of DED, DPIW and the processor.

Funding for the steering committee was agreed to be \$50,000 each from DED and DPIW, and \$20,000 from the milk processor. This company also agreed to contribute information and expertise in kind which would bring the value of their input up to match the contribution of each of the 2 Government agencies.

The steering committee has since met twice, on 26<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The early work of the SC has been to review all relevant work from a number of previous attempts to build dams in the North East, and to consider it's relevance and value to the current proposal. The committee is mindful of the need make good use of previous work and to avoid costly duplication wherever possible.

Good detail is available on land capability in the area, and two particular potential dam sites under review have substantial detail available on the public record from past development proposals. The Tasmanian Government under separate cover had also commissioned two consultancies to investigate a range of water development opportunities in Tasmania, and the North East catchments were part of those studies. These reports were made available to the steering committee in July, and included desktop analysis of 21 dam sites in Dorset. A number of these matched the 13 locations proposed for review by Dorset EDG.

Having reviewed the above work, the steering committee has now engaged 2 further consultancies to determine more detailed information on a range of key issues:

- More detailed costings on dam constructions by site.
- More detailed assessment of environmental issues.
- Confirmation of water availability and reliability.
- Land required for inundation and channelling.
- Comparative advantages/disadvantages of the range of potential dam sites.
- Review previous studies into land capability, salination and waterlogging, and more clearly identify and define those areas of land potentially available for dairy conversion.
- Update the existing dairy conversion model available from previous work with regard to recent changes to farm costs and dairy product prices.

Draft reports from these consultancies are due on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

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The committee is mindful that some of this current work is confirmation only while some is new detail. To minimise the time and cost for the next stage of reporting, consultants have been engaged who have already participated in previous work and have prior knowledge of the concepts. This does not mean that the same consultants will necessarily be engaged as the project moves to the more comprehensive “project ready” feasibility and socio-economic studies.

The current brief of the steering committee is thus to apply the funds allocated to confirm and further refine past work in view of current circumstances. The expectation is that the steering committee will then be able to report to stakeholders with a recommendation as to whether or not to proceed to the more detailed and expensive “project ready” feasibility study.

Funding for this “project ready” stage is the next hurdle we face, and we are confident that the current spirit of co-operation we are receiving from the Tasmanian Government will see them working with us to source that funding. This will be a critical stage, as the Commonwealth Government has given indicative support of an application to the Commonwealth Water Fund for dam construction costs, subject to a “project ready” proposal being put forward.

With the benefit of local knowledge and prior work, the board of Dorset EDG has total confidence in the viability and practicality of this project. As such we find some of the requirements to seek reports on reports extremely frustrating. However we acknowledge the necessity of working within the wheels of Government to satisfy the financial, economic and environmental benchmarks required within their own chains of responsibility. While there have been suggestions that this project is so obviously commercially sound that it should not need Government involvement to prove it up, the fact is that the Tasmanian Government owns almost all of the land we seek to build our dams on. They are a critical stakeholder, and we must accept the need to work within the requirements they are obliged to follow in the management of taxpayer owned assets and funds.

It is also obvious that any single water development application is complex, let alone a project of the scale we are undertaking. A spirit of support and co-operation within the departments overseeing the approval process is critical. In recent months Dorset EDG has worked hard to build an environment of mutual intent and respect with the State Government agencies critical to achieving development finance and approval. Maintaining this working relationship will be essential if the project is to reach fruition.

We cannot move forward without the support and assistance of State Government, and we need that support at both political and departmental level. In past attempts to progress similar schemes, it may well be that failure to secure that support was a greater show stopper than the stand of swamp gum touted as a fatal flaw.

Dorset EDG can be well satisfied at the progress made in the last year, and can look forward to further steps in this project in the near future. As we are a volunteer board, outside priorities may dictate changes in the personnel involved in furthering the project over time. Whatever those changes might be, we encourage the board to continue to support the current working relationship with the Tasmanian Government as being the only realistic way this project will ever see the light of day.

Tas Rainbow  
Stephen Love  
(Dorset EDG representatives on the water/dairy project steering committee)



# Audited Financial Report

# Audited Financial Report

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## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

### Scope

I have audited the Statement of Members Funds and Assets and the Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Dorset Community Economic Development Group for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The office bearers of the organisation are responsible for the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than members of the organisation and for any purpose other than that which they are prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the financial reporting framework identified in AUS 702.21, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the organisations financial position, the results of its operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Qualification:

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the organisation to maintain an effective system of internal control over income until the initial entry in to the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit opinion in relation to receipts was restricted to the amounts as recorded in the books of the organisation.

I have not audited the plant assets held in the name of the organisation and which have not been incorporated in the accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia (and, when appropriate, relevant statutory and other requirements) the financial position of Dorset Community Economic Development Group as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Name of Firm Gregory Reynolds Accounting

Name of Principal

  
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Lesley Gregory

Gregory Reynolds Accounting

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Dated: 1st August 2007

**Dorset Community Economic Development Group Inc.**

ABN 98 698 662 655

**STATEMENT OF MEMBERS FUNDS & ASSETS**

For the year ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Westpac Cheque Account	215,078 81	2,910 38
Westpac Maxi Account	66,488 78	95,345 03
	<u>281,567 59</u>	<u>98,255 41</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>281,567.59</u></b>	<b><u>98,255.41</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST - Prior years liabilities	258 57	
GST collected	21,100 00	63 64
GST paid	(3,879 00)	(4,488 07)
GST Payments / Refunds	320 00	3,962 00
Vegie Group Funds	3,096 11	3,096 11
Headquarters Rd Dam Funds	4,755 59	4,755 59
Executive Officer Support	96,000 00	
Dairy Development Funding	100,000 00	
Dorset Council	15,000 00	
	<u>236,651 27</u>	<u>7,389 27</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Net loss for the year	(48,424.10)	(71,883 86)
Member's Funds	93,340 42	162,750 00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY AND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>281,567.59</u></b>	<b><u>98,255.41</u></b>



## Audited Financial Report continued

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### Dorset Community Economic Development Group Inc.

ABN 98 698 662 655

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the year ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest received	4,353 46	5,542 74
Prior year funds on hand		(10,110 79)
Small Business Grant (Cancelled)		9,000 00
	<hr/> 4,353 46	<hr/> 4,431 95
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising	90 00	90 00
Audit Fees	350 00	537 55
Bank charges	247 90	15 52
Consultant services	8,437 50	22,065 00
Functions	141 09	75 82
Office & Computer Supplies	2,040 62	822 83
Project Development Consultancy	26,564 36	
Small Business Grants		35,000 00
Small Business Support	12,453 18	17,709 09
Travelling - Conferences	2,452 91	
	<hr/> 52,777 56	<hr/> 76,315 81
<b>LOSS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<hr/> <b>(48,424.10)</b>	<hr/> <b>(71,883.86)</b>



# AGM Minutes

11 September 2006

# **Annual General Meeting – 11 September 2006**

**Dorset Community Economic Development Group Inc**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 11 September 2006**

**Dorset Council Chambers, Ellenor Street, Scottsdale**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **Present:**

Judy Roberts (Chairperson), Robin Thompson, Peter Fish, John Williams, John Martin, Mayor Peter Partridge, Jeremy Carins, Stephen Love, Nic Van Den Bosch, Ian Farquhar, Tas Rainbow, Peter Bird, Gary Thomas (Executive Officer), Leon Quillian, Rod Martin

### **Apologies:**

Peter Gutwein, Kim Booth, Michelle O'Byrne, Roger Bignell, Sue Napier, Will Hodgman, Tony McCall, Tom Black, William Wright

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25 October 2005 as presented were confirmed. Moved 1) Tas Rainbow 2) Robin Thompson All in Favour.

### **Business Arising:**

None

### **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Judy presented the *Annual Report 2005-06* which included the following:

- Judy outlined Dorset EDG's third year of operation
- Progress of the organisation against Dorset EDG objectives
- Judy also outlined briefly the new Strategic Plan

The report was received and confirmed. Moved 1) Stephen Love 2) John Williams. All in Favour.

### **Executive Officer's Report:**

Executive Officer Gary Thomas presented operational details including:

- The Department of Economic Development's continuing support of the North Eastern Tasmanian Assistance Program, which continues to be an efficient well-defined business grants process.
- DED have taken over the direct payment of grants and issuing of grant deeds to reduce Dorset EDG administration burden with 12 month compliance and audit requirements.
- The adoption of the treasury role and web site maintenance role by the executive officer has strengthened administration and operational efficiencies.
- Continued efforts have been made to secure funding for the Potato Project and also the ongoing operational funding of Dorset EDG.

The report was received and confirmed. Moved 1) John Martin 2) Tas Rainbow.

## **Annual General Meeting – 11 September 2006 continued**

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### ***Election of Executive Committee:***

The meeting confirmed four (4) Executive Committee vacancies conformed to the Dorset EDG constitution and that position vacancies be:

- ✦ Three (3) sitting Executive Committee members declared vacant by ballot

The ballot and election was conducted in part by Judy Roberts and Mayor Peter Partridge and resulted in an Executive member draw out of 1) John Williams 2) Robin Thompson 3) Judy Roberts 4) Peter Bird 5) Tas Rainbow 6) Ian Farquhar 7) Jeremy Carins, who confirmed themselves available for continuation of their two (2) year term.

At this point Stephen Love moved and spoke to a motion to expand the number of Board members to 12 from the current 10. A show of hands indicated all in favour and the motion was passed.

A call for nominations to fill the five (5) vacant positions confirmed Tony McCall, John Martin, Stephen Love, Leon Quillian, and Roger Bignell as the only nominations and they were declared elected.

### ***Election of Office Bearers:***

Chairperson	Tas Rainbow
Vice Chairperson	Stephen Love
Public Officer/Secretary	Robin Thompson
Treasurer	John Martin

The Office Bearer positions were declared elected by the Mayor who then returned control of the meeting to the newly elected Chairperson Tas Rainbow. Mayor Peter also took the opportunity at this time to thank the Board of Dorset EDG on behalf of himself and the Dorset Council for their achievements over the last 12 months. Peter highlighted that there will be more opportunities presented to Dorset EDG with the tourism development at Musselroe Bay and the Trail of the Tin Dragon gaining momentum.

### ***Appointment of Auditor:***

It was moved by Judy Roberts that Lesley Gregory continue as the Dorset EDG auditor for 2006-07, seconded by John Martin. All in Favour.

No new general business

This completed the AGM business and the Chairperson thanked the attendees and declared the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

# **Dorset EDG Contact Details**

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