

2. Constitution—(1) The districts of Rangiora Borough and Rangiora District shall be united into one district to be known as the Rangiora District (hereinafter referred to as "the united district");

(2) The Rangiora Borough Council and the Rangiora District Council (hereinafter referred to as "the uniting authorities") shall be dissolved;

(3) All ridings of the former Rangiora District shall be abolished;

(4) There shall be a council for the united district to be known as the "Rangiora District Council" (hereinafter referred to as "the district council") and

(5) The Woodend community and community council shall enure as if it had been constituted by the council of the united district.

3. Wards—There shall be constituted 3 wards for the united district to be known as:

Rangiora Urban Ward, comprising the area of the former district Rangiora Borough;

Rangiora Rural Ward, comprising the area of the former Rangiora Riding of the former Rangiora District;

Cust Ward, comprising the area of the former Cust Riding of the former Rangiora District.

4. Representation—(1) Until the date of the triennial general election of members of local authorities to be held on 11 October 1986:

(a) the Mayor of the former Rangiora Borough shall be the Mayor of the united district;

(b) the Chairman of the former Rangiora District shall be the Deputy Mayor of the united district; and

(c) the council of the united district shall comprise those members of the uniting authorities holding office immediately prior to dissolution.

(2) As from the date of the next triennial general election of members of local authorities to be held on 11 October 1986, for the purposes of representation, the council of the united district shall comprise a Mayor, to be elected by the electors of the united district as a whole, and 12 members elected by the electors of the 3 wards as follows:

Six members to be elected by the electors of the Rangiora Urban Ward;

Five members to be elected by the electors of the Rangiora Rural Ward; and

One member to be elected by the electors of the Cust Ward.

5. First Meeting of Council—The first meeting of the district council elected as the triennial general election of members of local authorities held on 11 October 1986 shall be convened by the person holding the office of the Town Clerk of the Rangiora Borough Council immediately before this order comes into effect.

6. Returning Officer—For the purposes of arranging the triennial general election of members of local authorities to be held on 11 October 1986, the Principal Administrative Officer and Returning Officer for the united district shall be the Principal Administrative Officer and Returning Officer of the former Rangiora Borough.

7. Canterbury United Council Membership—(1) For the purpose of membership of the Canterbury United Council, those members separately appointed by the former Rangiora Borough Council and the former Rangiora District Council shall continue in office until such time as new members are appointed by the district council following the triennial election of members of local authorities to be held on 11 October 1986;

(2) The district council shall appoint members of the Canterbury United Council;

(3) The district council shall be the successor to the uniting authorities for the purposes of membership of and financial contribution to the Canterbury United Council.

8. North Canterbury Electric Power Board Membership—(1) The united district shall be the successor to the districts of the uniting authorities for the purposes of representation on the North Canterbury Electric Power Board;

(2) The electors of the united district shall elect three members to the North Canterbury Electric Power Board, on a ward basis as follows:

two members to be elected from the Rangiora Urban Ward; and

one member to be elected jointly from the Rangiora Rural Ward and the Cust Ward.

9. Finance—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this order, for a period of 3 years or for such longer period as the district council may by special order determine, the united district shall for the purposes of finance be divided into 2 divisions as follows:

(i) The Rangiora Urban Division, which shall comprise the Rangiora Urban Ward; and

(ii) The Rangiora Rural Division, which shall comprise the Rangiora Rural Ward and the Cust Ward.

(2) Each division shall be independent of the other for the purposes of expenses and receipts, except that the general expenses (which shall include the loan liabilities on the former Rangiora Borough Council administration building) and the general receipts of the united district as a whole shall be shared proportionately between the divisions. The share apportioned to each division shall be determined annually by calculating the percentage ratio that each division's rates levied in the previous financial year represents of the sum total of rates levied by the Council of the united district. The initial percentage shall be 41 percent rural division, and 59 percent urban division.

All other loan liabilities existing at the date of union shall continue to be secured against the areas over which they were secured as at that date.

(3) The special funds of the uniting authorities shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were set aside and, after provision has been made for all liabilities, for the benefit of the division in which they originated, and money required to be paid into any other special fund to meet any deficiency shall be found from within the division in respect of which that special fund originated.

(4) For all accounting and other financial purposes the union shall be deemed to have taken place at the commencement of the financial year in which the provisions of this order come into force.

10. Rating—(1) The system of rating in the united district shall be the land value system.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 175 of the Local Government Act 1974, no special rate shall be consolidated over an area comprising part of any ward.

(3) Nothing in this order shall prevent the levying of any rate for catchment or land drainage purposes on a graduated or uniform scale.

11. Town and Country Planning—The district planning schemes and scheme statements and codes or ordinances in force in the former Rangiora Borough shall be deemed to be the district planning scheme, and scheme statement and code of ordinances of the united district and the district council shall not be required to prepare a new district planning scheme until the 1st day of April 1987.

12. Petroleum Tax—For the purposes of Part XI of the Local Government Act 1974, the district council shall be the successor of the uniting authorities.

13. Transfer of Responsibilities—Except as otherwise provided in this order, the district council, in respect of the districts of the uniting authorities:

(a) Shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all the powers, duties, acts of authority and functions which were previously exercised or which would have been so exercised by the uniting authorities;

(b) Shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all liabilities, obligations, engagements and contracts which previously were, or which would have been, the responsibility of the uniting authorities;

(c) Shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all actions, suits and proceedings pending by or against which previously were, or which would have been, the responsibility of the uniting authorities;

(d) Shall succeed to the bylaws which are in force in the districts of the uniting authorities and which are applicable to the united district's circumstances and, until revoked or altered by the district council, every such bylaw shall remain in force in the area in which it was in force immediately before the union; and every bylaw which cannot be restricted to the area in which it was in force immediately before the union or which is not applicable to the united district's circumstances shall be deemed inapplicable and revoked by the union;

(e) Shall succeed to all rates and levies, and other money payable to the uniting authorities;

(f) Shall succeed to the valuation rolls, electoral rolls, and rate records in force in the districts of the uniting authorities, and these shall remain in force in the united district until such rolls or records are made by the district council, and until that time Part IX of the Rating Act 1967 shall apply as if the united district was the district of a special purpose authority and the areas from which it was formed were constituent authorities.

14. Vesting of Property—All property, real and personal, vested in the corporations of the districts of the uniting authorities shall, subject to all existing encumbrances, vest in the corporation of the united district.