

AGENDA OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIAK SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2013 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 10:00 AM

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay our respect to both past and present elders.

3 PRAYER

Almighty God, without whom no Council can stand nor anything prosper we ask that you be present and guide us in our deliberations today. We pray that we will be fair in our judgements and wise in our actions and that decisions will be made with goodwill and a clear conscience for the betterment and welfare of the people of Yarriambiack Shire.

Amen

4 PRESENT

Crs K Zanker, H Ballentine, T Grange, A McLean, G Massey, L Woods, R Kingston, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer) & James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning).

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 April 2013

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Action List from last meeting

8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List

9 PETITIONS

10 REPORTS

Corporate Reports

- 10.1 Mayor's Report
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- 10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report
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- 10.5 Works Report
- 10.6 Community Services Report
- 10.7 Infrastructure Services Report
- 10.8 Community Development Projects Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Finance Report
- 11.2 Revenue Report
- 11.3 Mayoral and Councillor Allowance Review

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Kylie Zanker**Mayor Kylie Zanker**

12 April	Attended the Youth Day at Hopetoun
15 April	Internal Audit Committee
17 April	Met with CEO, Volunteering Western Victoria – various matters
17 April	Wimmera Development Association meeting
18 April	Regional Living Expo
19 April	Regional Living Expo
22 April	Officially opened Hopetoun Bowls Tournament
23 April	Attended Community Action Response meeting at Rural Northwest Health
24 April	Council Forum
24 April	Board Meeting – Volunteering Western Victoria
25 April	Attended Anzac Day Ceremony Services at Sheep Hills, Brim and Warracknabeal
26 April	Guest speaker at Beulah's High Tea for International Women's Day
30 April	Citizenship Ceremony at the Council Chambers
1 – 3 May	Attended Rural Council Summit at Lakes Entrance
6 May	Member of the judging panel for Volunteering Awards – Volunteering Western Victoria
7 May	Officially opened the Merry Melodies at Beulah
8 May	Council meeting

Councillor's Reports**Cr A McLean**

- 23 April Attended the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group Board meeting in Ararat
- 24 April Council Forum
- 24 April Attended Funding Announcements by Peter Crisp MP at Yaapeet and Beulah
- 1 May Attended Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee meeting at Warracknabeal

Cr G Massey

- 11 April Toured northern area of the Yarriambiack Shire with Cr L Woods and Cr T Grange
- 12 April Attended Wimmera Regional Library Corporation meeting in Horsham
- 24 April Council Forum
- 25 April Attended Sheep Hills Dawn Service and the Anzac Service at Brim and Warracknabeal

Cr R Kingston

- 16 April Murtoa Progress Association meeting
- 19 April Chaired Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Association Strategic Planning Session in Horsham
- 20 – 21 April Attended Regional Living Expo in Melbourne. Event was well attended, with many asking great questions and obviously seriously considering a move
- 25 April Attended Rupanyup Anzac Day Ceremony
- 1 May Minyip Progress Association
- 4 – 5 May Yarriambiack Shire Open Day

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Cr T Grange

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| 10 April | Council meeting |
| 11 April | Tour of the northern area of Shire with Geoff Lovel, Cr Woods and Cr G Massey. Very informative and educational. Geoff's knowledge of the Shire is amazing |
| 16 April | Attended Progress Association meeting in Murtoa. They were extremely pleased with the outcome for parking arrangements in McDonald Street, Murtoa |
| 18 April | Contacted by Mr Merv Tepper re drift in School Road, Kewell |
| 21 April | Attended Melbourne Expo with Cr R Kingston, Jaye Macumber (Business Economic & Community Development Manager) and CEO, Ray Campling |
| 24 April | Council Forum |
| 24 April | Council Website Committee meeting in Council Chambers |
| 25 April | Attended Anzac Ceremony at Murtoa and Minyip |
| 26 April | Attended SHARE meeting with Marianne Ferguson (SHARE Program Coordinator) in Minyip |
| 26 April | Met in Horsham with Mr Geoffrey Lord (Head of Western Campuses), University of Ballarat - various matters |
| 27 April | Accompanied by CEO, Ray Campling met at Council Chambers with Lydia Senior (Labor Candidate for Mallee) and her Campaign Manager, Melanie Johnson – various matters |
| 29 April | Met with Jaye Macumber re new business proposal for Minyip – various matters |
| 29 April | Attended the Yarriambiack Tourism Committee meeting at the Commercial Hotel in Warracknabeal |
| 2 May | Attended Rural Council Summit at Lakes Entrance - Gippsland East |
| 3 May | Attended Rural Council Summit at Lakes Entrance - Gippsland East |

Cr H Ballentine

- Early April The 'Now you are a Councillor' (www.nyac.org.au) website was launched as part of providing more support for women to continue with confidence in Council. I was invited to assist with the team work section of this web page
- 14 April Attended opening of Hopetoun West Country Fire Authority Shed
- 14 April Attended opening of Yaapeet Country Fire Authority Shed
- 19 – 20 April Promoted the Yarriambiack Shire at the Regional Living Expo in Melbourne
- 24 April Council Forum
- 24 April Met with Simone Meade of Women's Health Grampians regarding gender equity in our Shire and to discuss the 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics with a view of learning more about obvious health issues for women in our Shire and how our Shire could assist indirectly or culturally, considering we are such a gender balanced group of Councillors (three women and four men); plus we also have two White Ribbon Ambassadors. My interest in health and welfare has inspired my interest
- 25 April Attended the Hopetoun Anzac Ceremony
- 29 April Attended Hopetoun Senior Citizens 40th Birthday Celebration
- 29 April Attended funding announcement by Peter Crisp MP for Hopetoun Cricket Club
- 2 May Along with fellow Councillors, Pam Clarke – Horsham Rural City Council, Ellen Wise – Buloke Shire Council and Linda Bennett of Victorian Local Governance Association launched a new regional group for lady Councillors with a goal to encourage more women to join Council in the future
- 4 May Attended Yarriambiack Shire Open Day at Lake Lascelles

Cr L Woods

- 11 April Travelled around the central and north wards of the Yarriambiack Shire with Cr T Grange, Cr G Massey and former Councillor, Mr G Lovel (tour guide). A great day together learning about the history of the areas, visiting tourist spots, meeting some of the wonderful residents, hearing about new business ventures and enjoying good country hospitality
- 12 April Attended Hopetoun's Youth Week celebrations with Yarriambiack Shire Youth Worker, Ali Baker. A great day organised by two secondary college students with the assistance of Neighbourhood House coordinator, Sue Afford
- 19 April Attended the Warracknabeal combined schools music program finale at Warracknabeal Town Hall. A wonderful night with over 700 in attendance, great to see these four schools come together, especially in the area of the 'Arts'
- 20 April Attended the Victorian Regional Living Expo in Melbourne with four secondary students from our Shire. Great promotion for the Shire and learning experience for the students
- 23 April Attended the Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House board meeting
- 24 April Council Forum
- 25 April Attended and laid the Yarriambiack Shire Council wreath at the Brim Anzac Day Service and attended the Anzac Day Ceremony in Warracknabeal
- 29 April Attended the Yarriambiack Tourism meeting with Cr H Ballentine at the Commercial Hotel Warracknabeal
- 30 April Attended and cooked snags for the Murtoa 'Celebrity Sausage Sizzle' fundraiser for the 'Tour De Cure'. A great community event to raise vital funds for Childhood Cancer Research
- 2 May Attended the Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning & Employment Network annual general meeting at Horsham Sports and Community Club
- 3 May Guest speaker at the Warracknabeal Secondary College Year 9 Civics Class – topic 'Local Government'

10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report – Prepared by Ray Campling

- Attended Rural Council's Victoria Executive meeting in Melbourne
- Attended Vision Super Annual Review meeting
- Attended Council's Internal Audit Committee meeting
- Met with Sally Clyde, Saines Lucas Solicitors – Old Woomelang General Store
- Met with Dean Miller – North Western Municipality Association matters
- Met with Madeleine Jones – Grampians Regional Management matters
- Attended Victorian Regional Living Expo
- Met with Keith Jackson, Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) Regional Manager
- Met with Tim Shaw, Executive Officer, Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
- Attended the Alliance of Councils for Rail Freight Development
- Met with Helen Friend, GWMWater
- Met with Geoffrey Lord – University of Ballarat
- Met with Tim Westcott, DPCD – Wimmera Southern Mallee Growth Plan
- Met with Jo Bourke, Wimmera Development Association – various matters
- Attended Anzac Day Ceremony in Warracknabeal
- Met with Melissa Mitchell, Woomelang & District Development Association
- With Madam Mayor, Kylie Zanker, attended the launch of the Wimmera Waterway Strategy by Minister Peter Walsh
- Attended Grampians Regional Management meeting in Ararat
- With Madam Mayor, Kylie Zanker and Cr Terry Grange, attended the Rural Council's Victoria Summit in East Gippsland
- Attended the Department of Justice – Vulnerable Children and Women meeting in Ballarat

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee

Funding for Flood Studies

The Wimmera Catchment Management Authority with support of Council are applying for funds to undertake the following:

- Review and update the study for Warracknabeal township to take into account the improved weir structure and new culverts either side of the Rainbow Road Bridge
- Flood investigation for Dunmunkle Creek and in particular the township of Rupanyup

Previous applications for Rupanyup and Warracknabeal have been unsuccessful. Applications close on Wednesday, 22 May 2013.

Murray Basin Future Freight Demand and Infrastructure Study

A \$300,000 study is planned to be completed in second half of 2013.

The scope of the study is to assess the future freight demand and assess the existing infrastructure capacity in relation to the freight movements out of and through the Murray Basin, which includes southern New South Wales, north eastern South Australia and north west Victoria.

Councils are given the opportunity to provide input to the study via the Wimmera Regional Transport Group. A meeting occurred in late April with the Consultant undertaking the study.

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- With the assistance of CT Management, have completed Asset Management Plans based on the recently completed regional template
- Reviewed the Manager's Building Responsibilities Register
- Completed the Department of Planning and Community Development Asset Management Performance Measures Survey
- In conjunction with the Planning Department and the Design Engineer developed a Planning and Engineering process, along with a checklist, to conform to the Infrastructure Design Manual in relation to Planning Permits

OH&S

- Attended a Risk Management MAV/JMAPP insurance company forum in Horsham
- Assisted in the development of OH&S/Risk Management clauses for Position Descriptions and Roles & Responsibilities as per audit recommendations

Emergency Management

- In conjunction with Council and other emergency service agencies, reviewed and helped GrainCorp with their Emergency Management Plan and developed a Memorandum of Understanding highlighting GrainCorp's role with Council during emergency events

Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey

- Local Government Energy Efficiency Program, replacement of old hot water systems with new energy efficient units
- GMMWater, Anzac Park issues
- Planning with Contractor re tree planting
- Yarrilinks meeting and other issues
- Attended Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance meeting in Horsham
- Dealt with Hopetoun tree clearance issues
- Inspected street trees in Murtoa, Minyip and Warracknabeal
- Held discussions with Minyip Landcare re proposed roadside tree planting
- Meeting with Powercor re smart meter fitting to Council properties
- Planning with Contractor re roadside rabbit ripping
- Dealt with various requests from ratepayers

Technical Services – Prepared by Tony Brennan

- Process various Civic Requests as needed
- Update vehicle checklists and plant machinery checklists with vehicle changeovers as required
- Make up and email reports to Managers/Supervisors for the Plant and Vehicle checklists
- Issue Road Opening Permits as needed for various minor/major works
- Monitor all 'Dial Before You Dig' enquiries throughout the Shire to assess if a Road Opening Permit is required
- Made up new Reporting Officers roster for next financial year for the Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- Attended general meeting of the Municipal Works Officer's Association on 7 May in Horsham
- Put in place 'Notice To All Airmen' (NOTAM) closing the Warracknabeal Aerodrome for the Model Gliding competition held from 25 April to 28 April

Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange

- Provided relevant information for the Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange to Livestock Saleyards Association of Victoria (LSAV) for inclusion on their website. This website will be the centre point for all LSAV members to communicate, download or blog information that is needed to keep up-to-date with the ongoing requirements to run a saleyard complex
- This site will also provide web based information of our facility for any clients that would like to sell through the Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange

Risk & Safety Report – Prepared by Barry Sullivan

- Attended the Best Practice forum in Horsham
- Conducted a WorkSafe inspection of the Minyip Swimming Pool
- Developed Safety manuals for all of the graffiti kits including the industrial graffiti blaster
- Attend a planning workshop with Rural Northwest Health in relation to the Work Health grant funding
- Installed new safety signage at the Tempy Swimming Pool
- Attended a Council Plan meeting in relation to OHS and Risk Management
- Site meetings with local Contractor to discuss safety requirements at the new Hopetoun Depot

Technical Support – Prepared by Nathan McLean

- Traffic Counter Operation
- Assist Design Engineer with surveying
- Update Hopetoun Aerodrome Manual
- New Hopetoun Depot Information
- Asset Asyst Inspection Data
- Capital Works Program Data Report

Design – Prepared by John Boehm**Council Capital Works Program 2012/2013**

Surveys, Design and Set Out:

- Pavement construction and bitumen sealing to Lascelles / Sea Lake Road
- The design proposal for the Phillips Street, Beulah kerb will include a drainage pipe across Phillips Street to an existing side entry pit (part of main drain pipe system)
- Lloyd Street, Murtoa Kerb and Channel – East side kerb requires 50m of drainage pipe
- Rupanyup School Crossing at Wood Street / Cromie Street Intersection – Proposal sent to VicRoads for approval
- Concrete footpath continued along the west side of Scott Street, Warracknabeal stopping at Cemetery Road
- Proposals are completed for removing McDonald Street, Murtoa driveway crossing steel plates. Proposals yet to be confirmed with private owners

Flood Works Projects

- Murtoa South Side Bypass Drain – Investigations and surveys are ongoing to complete and improve the drainage of major flood water from residential areas

Other Projects

- Assessments and reports for Planning Permit Applications, specifically covering engineering issues

10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton**Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2012-2013**

URBAN ROAD PROJECTS	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
King Street Brim (\$119,715)	100%	November 2012	November 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Byrne Street Yaapeet (\$8,400)	100%	September 2012	September 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Strachan Street Hopetoun (\$34,500)	100%	November 2012	December 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Mandeville Street Hopetoun (\$11,025)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$7,700)	%	May 2013		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Hope Road Hopetoun (\$8,610)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Conran Street Hopetoun (\$8,750)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$8,820)	%	May 2013		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Bell Street Beulah (\$1,680)	%	May 2013		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire

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Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$9,775)	50%	May 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Friend Street Murtoa (\$32,775)	50%	January 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Munro Street Murtoa (\$13,110)	50%	May 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
McDonald Street Murtoa (\$22,724)	100%	August 2012	September 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Rabi Park Car Park Murtoa (\$15,000)	50%	May 2012		Signage & Resurfacing
Cemetery Road Warracknabeal (\$117,300)	100%	November 2012	December 2012	Road & Shoulder Reconstruction - Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$51,117)	100%	November 2012	January 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Pyers Street Warracknabeal (\$18,802)	100%	January 2013	February 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Rose Street Warracknabeal (\$16,388)	100%	November 2012	November 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire

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RURAL PROJECTS	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Bell Street Beulah (\$10,005)	20%	March 2013		Re-align & Construct Gravel Road shire
Galaquil West Road (\$29,932)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Slurry Seal Contractor
Patchewollock – Tempy Road (\$250,793)	100%	September 2012	November 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Sea Lake - Lascelles (\$185,557)	20%	April 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire
Brim West Road (\$126,274)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Cold Mix Seal Contractor
Galaquil East Road (\$323,050)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Cold Mix Seal Contractor
Galaquil East Road (\$276,983)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Cold Mix Seal Contractor
Lascelles West Road (\$86,521)	100%	April 2013	April 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire
Harts Road Beulah (\$187,072)	100%	February 2013	March 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire
Thomas Road Murtoa (\$276,400)	100%	February 2013	April 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire
Ashen Jacksons Road (\$44,210)	100%	April 2013	May 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire
Dimboola – Minyip Road (\$153,208)	100%	February 2013	March 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal – Shire

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Glenorchy Road (\$214,782)	100%	January 2013	February 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Minyip Rich Avon Road (\$66,396)	100%	October 2012	November 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Minyip Rich Avon Road (\$33,527)	100%	October 2013	November 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Mount Pleasant Road (\$50,276)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Cold Mix Seal Contractor
Mount Pleasant Road (\$12,277)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Cold Mix Seal Contractor
Cemetery Road Murtoa (\$168,365)	100%	November 2012	February 2013	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Lah Angle Road (\$389,344)	100%	September 2012	October 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire

Footpath Program 2011/2012

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Foundry Street Minyip (\$14,582)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Quarry Dust Maintenance
Wimmera Street Minyip (\$4,815)	100%	January 2013	February 2013	Quarry Dust Maintenance
McLeod Street Murtoa (\$6,007)	100%	February 2013	February 2013	Quarry Dust
Breen Street Murtoa (\$2,153)	%	April 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Bowman Street Warracknabeal (\$2,770)	100%	April 2013	April 2013	Reseal Shire Maintenance
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$2,093)	100%	April 2013	April 2013	Concrete Maintenance
Miller Street Murtoa (\$7,383)	%	April 2013		Quarry Dust
Beggs Street Warracknabeal (\$10,047)	%	June 2013		Concrete
Coral Avenue Warracknabeal (\$11,861)	%	May 2013		Concrete
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$14,652)	100%	February 2013	April 2013	Concrete
Phillips Street Warracknabeal (\$15,000)	50%	May 2013		Concrete
Scott Street Warracknabeal (\$61,260)	100%	November 2012	May 2013	Concrete
Werrigar Street Warracknabeal (\$16,885)	100%	April 2013	April 2013	Concrete

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PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Cumming Street Hopetoun (\$9,070)	100%	November 2012	November 2012	Concrete
Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$50,097)	100%	September 2012	November 2012	Concrete
Garrard Street – Cumming Street Hopetoun (\$8,254)	100%	November 2012	November 2012	Quarry Dust

Total Gravel Re-Sheet Works 62.490km

Completed Works – April 2013

- * Yarriambiack Drive
- * Minyip Coromby Road
- * Longerenong – Warracknabeal Road
- * Sullivans Road

Completed Gravel Re-sheet Works 51.640km

Stabilising works commenced on local roads

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

The Annual Kindergarten Dinner saw 39 committee members from across the Shire meet. The night was used to gain family input to the new Municipal Early Years Plan, with Consultant Robyn Clark as the guest speaker.

Enrolments for all kindergartens sits at 84, a few more than anticipated, but down on the 96 from last year.

Of our seven kindergartens, Minyip and Rupanyup share 15 hours per week; Beulah, Hopetoun and Woomelang share 15 hours per week; with Warracknabeal and Murtoa offering 15 hours individually.

At a recent MAV meeting with Dr Sonia Sharp (Deputy Secretary, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development), a number of issues were discussed in relation to the Maternal and Child Health review. Funding small Council's (not just on births) was put forward so that Councils in rural areas can still offer a service to young families.

I am waiting on a call from Dr Sharp as a result of this meeting to discuss our transport report and feedback from the Department.

Aged and Disability

Council have now ordered the new Home and Community Care (HACC) update system to replace our ageing Dealibs loggers and electronic timesheet system.

Lisa Dunkley (Aged and Disability Services Coordinator) and Michelle Hallam (Aged and Disability Services Officer) travelled to the Moorabool Shire to see the new system in operation and are now excited that our investment will support our HACC services into the future. We have had funding from Department of Human Services to purchase the new system.

At a recent team meeting for all HACC staff 'Infection Control' training and 'Medication Update' training took place. As a result of the training it has been identified the HACC staff need appropriate protective equipment; and this has now been ordered.

National Volunteer's Week commencing on 13 May 2013 will see a BBQ held by Volunteering Western Victoria at the Post Office in the afternoon.

Dementia Specific Memory Lane Café recommenced in Hopetoun on 30 April 2013 to support carers, as well as sufferers of dementia.

Warracknabeal Seniors are having meals at the Royal Mail Hotel this week while the renovations are carried out on the kitchen of the Senior Citizens building.

Environmental Health / Local Laws

Food premises inspections were conducted in a variety of areas across the Shire. No major non-conformances have been identified and generally, proprietors are working well. One complaint was received for April, however upon further investigation no evidence was found which supported the complaint. The owners have been advised and they will take extra steps to abate any customer concerns. A meeting has also been organised with a proprietor who is looking at expanding their business.

Onsite wastewater inspections have continued with two new homes being built in the south of the Shire. Both systems installed are conventional septic tank and trench configurations.

Preparation is nearly completed for the second round of school immunisations that will be conducted early May.

Council has recently experienced problems with sharps containers in public toilets filling prior to the routine collection time that occurs each month. We would like to emphasise that Council provides a free sharps container and collection service to all residents. Containers can either be collected or dropped off at the Warracknabeal Shire Office or at any other location in the municipality, with prior arrangement.

A good month, with only a few dogs in the pound, but cats remain an issue. Many cats have been trapped in Murtoa and the Ranger has visited a few problem areas in the town. Work has been done at the pound to improve weather protection for animals and reduce risks for the Rangers, with dog feeders installed specifically with aggressive dogs in mind. Rangers do not have to enter the pens to feed an animal.

Updates for the General Local Laws No. 5 are now with a solicitor for his opinion before we present it to Council for decision.

Youth

The southern area Youth Worker, Alistar Baker attended training this month on 'Responding to Family Violence'.

The Murtoa Skate Park painting project has been completed with support from youth and the community.

'Yarriambiack Has Talent' is continuing on with Alistar Baker (Youth Worker) working with schools to look at developing the program to be run by the schools and youth each year.

The Facebook responses from youth are being reviewed to look at the viability of the page into the future.

The Youth Survey sent to all schools is being collated and results will be sent out shortly. The surveys will help us to form our Youth Plan.

Emergency Relief

A slight increase in clients needing support this month, with a number of new clients presenting from Warracknabeal.

A few clients were referred by other agencies for support with bills. We have referred clients to the new Home Energy Support Scheme (HESS). This scheme assists people with energy bills or those at risk of having their power cut off.

Council will look at ways to better support emergency relief clients in the new financial year and will discuss this with social workers from the health agencies shortly.

Volunteer Transport

A slow month with only seven clients being transported 1,466 kilometres, main destination – Horsham.

Issues relating to the new community transport bus service have been sent to the Consultant for the Health Alliance.

Maternal and Child Health

Immunizations continue to be at 100% across the age groups and birth notices are at 60 for the financial year.

A supported playgroup is starting in Warracknabeal shortly; this will be a joint venture with Playgroup Victoria, Rural Northwest Health “Community Health Department” and our Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Dooen Landfill Charges

Council has been provided with interim advice on the costs for waste disposal at the Dooen Landfill Facility for 2013-2014.

It is proposed that the cost to Yarriambiack Shire Council will be \$99.00 per tonne including GST.

Costs relate to the ongoing development of the site, generally with smaller cells with a shorter life, leading to a rolling program of construction and rehabilitation with a short cycle time.

Costs are typically \$600,000 for construction and \$300,000 for rehabilitation per cell on a three year cycle.

The Environment Protection Authority have also advised that the landfill levy will increase from \$24.20 to \$26.20 for 2013/2014.

Hypo Fill Point Upgrades – Swimming pools

Council has had an issue with the shut-off valve on the Hypo tank at Minyip Swimming Pool and static electricity.

We will now convert the Hopetoun, Beulah, Woomelang, Warracknabeal and Murtoa pools to a 24V shut-off valve.

The cost of these conversions is \$9,675 which will be undertaken in this financial year.

Channel Decommissioning Reference Group

The abovementioned group conducted its last meeting on Monday, 29 April 2013. This group has been in operation since 2010 as part of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline.

The group has provided a great forum for all agencies to have input into the Channel Decommissioning Program with at times, robust discussions had over many issues surrounding the decommissioning project.

The main issues left in the Yarriambiack Shire are those relating to the Dunmunkle Creek (Glenorchy to Boolite).

- Issue paper to be developed
- Mapping of flow of water under different rainfall events has been completed
- Communities committed to investigating a resolution
- Applied for funding for Flood Study

There will be further discussions with agencies and landholders regarding the issues of Dunmunkle Creek.

Some facts regarding the Decommissioning Program:-

- 1,415 km's of large channels decommissioned
- 2,870 structures removed
- 25,000 tonne of concrete recycled
- 150 tonne of steel recycled
- 230 channels transferred to other owners
- 1,250 structures remain

Amount expended to date is \$14.9 million

Wimmera Irrigation System Decommissioning Reference Group

The first meeting of this group was held on Thursday, 18 April 2013 and looked at the following items:-

- Project Funding
- Project Management
- Communications Strategy

The Coromby area which is in the Yarriambiack Shire is approximately 60% completed.

These works commenced in March 2013.

The major area of concern for this project is the Riverside / Drung area.

Whole project is to be completed by December, 2013.

Total value of the project is \$4,751,500

10.8 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Jaye Macumber

Meetings Attended

03/04/2013	Terry Tyler – Tyler’s Hardware and Rural Supplies, Murtoa
03/04/2013	Kelly Woods – Warracknabeal Country Women’s Association
04/04/2013	Phil Pitt-Nynde – Club Hotel, Minyip
08/04/2013	Lisa Inkster – Warracknabeal Racing Club
08/04/2013	Joe McClelland – Department of State Development, Business and Innovation
08/04/2013	Rupanyup Progress Association
09/04/2013	Julia Hill-Smith – re Murtoa Caravan Park
11/04/2013	Pauline Fay – Regional Development Victoria
16/04/2013	Joanne Schorback – MIXX FM
16/04/2013	Prashant Kewlani – Pacific Global Sprouts Corporation P/L
16/04/2013	Murtoa Progress Association
17/04/2013	Peter Lenard – Club Hotel, Hopetoun
17/04/2013	Joe Putrino – Marma Gully Hotel, Murtoa
23/04/2013	Alison Butler – Wimmera Uniting Care
26/04/2013	Paddy Field – INPAX (packaging services) * outline below
30/04/2013	Y/Fest, Warracknabeal
01/05/2013	Minyip Progress Association
06/05/2013	Warracknabeal Action Group

Community Development

- JR Aerotow 2013 Event (Anzac Day weekend) held at Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- Murray Conservatorium of Music event held at Warracknabeal Secondary College and Warracknabeal Town Hall
- Planning for Lisa Curry’s visit to Murtoa and Warracknabeal this month
- Planning for International Glider Tournament in October 2016 at Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- Grant Application enquiries received and Shire assistance provided to Community Groups from: Patchewollock, Lascelles, Murtoa, Woomelang, Minyip, Beulah, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Brim

Business & Economic Development

- Hopetoun Co-op subdivision and progress follow-up with Damien Harberger
- Regional Living Expo, Exhibition Centre Melbourne
- Yarriambiack Shire Open Day, Lake Lascelles

* INPAX packaging services is a family operated business that was formed to service the innovative skills of large and small business serving as a low cost alternative. The company supplies a quality packaging option at a competitive price so success can be shared by all, which will encourage producers to value add to existing products and possibly provide many benefits for local businesses in the Shire.

Community Projects – Prepared by Dennis Smith**Country Football and Netball Program 2011/2012**

The Hopetoun Netball Courts Upgrade project has been completed and grant acquittal documentation will now be prepared.

Putting Locals First Program

The full application for funding to upgrade the heating and cooling systems at the Brim Sports and Social Club has been submitted under this program and we are awaiting the outcome of this application.

Country Football and Netball Program 2012/2013

I am currently working with the Minyip Murtoa Football Netball Club to develop an application, under this round of funding, to upgrade the existing lighting to meet the minimum training illumination standard at the Murtoa Recreation Reserve.

Community Facilities Funding Program 2013/2014

The two projects submitted under the grant program have now been approved. The Beulah Bowling Club Synthetic Surface project grant is \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$152,300 and the Hopetoun Cricket Club Practice Facilities grant is \$22,400 for a total project cost of \$33,600.

Community Facilities Funding Program 2014/2015

I am in initial discussions with the Murtoa Bowling Club regarding the possibility of submitting an application under this program for the installation of a synthetic bowling green.

Beulah Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade

This project is now complete and grant acquittal documentation will be prepared over the forthcoming weeks.

Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse

Internal works, tank installation, veranda and paving are completed with only the fishing platform upgrade and pathway to be constructed. Anticipated completion of the remaining work is the end of June.

Hopetoun Golf Club Synthetic Tees

This project is now complete and grant acquittal documentation will be prepared over the forthcoming weeks.

Warracknabeal Streetscape Stage Three

The front of the Tourist Information Centre works have been completed, site preparation at the roundabout has also been completed. The installation of the sculptures and landscaping is anticipated to commence towards the end of May.

Warracknabeal Golf Club Clubhouse Redevelopment

Work on the construction of the disabled toilet facility and the upgrade to the ladies locker room have commenced and will be ongoing over the next two months, with the construction of the disabled access and men's locker room upgrades expected to be completed late August/early September.

Community Assistance Grants

The second round for 2012/13 will be advertised early May with a closing date for applications towards the end of May.

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**Marketing for Growth Workshop**

The Marketing for Growth Workshop was held Monday, 15 April 2013 at the Yarriambiack Shire meeting room in Warracknabeal. The workshop was attended by businesses from Warracknabeal and Woomelang.

SHARE Community Grants

The 5th round of SHARE Community Grants has now closed.

Regional Victoria Living Expo

The Expo was held 19 to 21 April 2013 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Expo was well patronised and organisers reported an increase in attendance, numbers up from 8,000 in 2012 to 9,500 in 2013.

At the time of this report, an Open Day is scheduled to be held on 4 May 2013 to encourage potential new residents to visit the Yarriambiack Shire. The heart of the Open Day is based at the Mallee Bush Retreat on the foreshore of Lake Lascelles in Hopetoun. The Open Day will provide an opportunity for participants to tour townships with local champions and explore the Yarriambiack Shire.

The Yarriambiack Alive! Facebook Group was established for the Regional Victoria Living Expo to connect attendees with local residents, businesses, community organisations and the Yarriambiack Shire Council Business Community and Economic Development Unit. The group now has 266 members who are sharing stories regarding their tree change journey to the Yarriambiack Shire.

Yarriambiack Tourism Association

The Yarriambiack Tourism meeting was held on Monday, 29 April 2013 at the Commercial Hotel in Warracknabeal.

The Murtoa town brochure is currently in draft form.

The Yarriambiack Tourism Facebook Page continues to grow and currently has 92 'Likes'.

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at April 2013 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Finance Report as at April 2013 be received.

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at May 2013 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Revenue Report as at May 2013 be received.

11.3 Mayoral and Councillor Allowance Review – Prepared by Ray Campling

Summary

This report provides information of the current Councillor and Mayoral Allowance and details the process for review of both allowances.

Rationale

As per Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) Council must review and determine the level of the Councillor Allowance and the Mayoral Allowance within six months of the General Election.

Councillors receive an allowance that is fixed by an order of Council. There are three category ranges which are based on the revenue and population base of each Council. Yarriambiack Shire Council is within Category One. A majority of Councils in Category One have set the Councillor Allowance at the top end of the range specified by the Minister. Yarriambiack Shire Council has also in the past set its allowances at the top end of the range.

Under Section 73B of the Act the Minister must at least once every year, review the limits and ranges of Councillor and Mayoral Allowances. As at 27 October 2012 the adjusted limits and ranges for Category One approved by the Minister for Local Government are:

Councillor Allowance: \$7,542 - \$17,969 per annum
Mayoral Allowance: \$53,684 per annum

Legislation, Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

Local Government Act 1989

Options

1. That Council in accordance with notification published under Section 73B of the Act in the Government Gazette on 26 October 2012 adopt the Councillor Allowance of \$17,969 and the Mayoral Allowance of \$53,684.
2. That Council authorise the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.
3. Following public exhibition, Council considers any submissions received and adopt the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances.
4. That Council seek additional information or set another allowance in accordance with Section 74 of the Act.

Consultation

As per Section 74(4) of the Act, Council is required to call for submissions as per Section 223 of the Act. This entails publishing a public notice outlining the decision of Council and allowing at least 28 days for submissions to be received. A submitter may request to be heard at a meeting of Council where their submission is considered.

Reference Documents

- Victorian Government Gazette - No. S 360 Friday 26 October 2012.

Recommendation

Council resolves to:

1. In accordance with notification published under Section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989 in the Victorian Government Gazette on 26 October 2012 adopt the Councillor Allowance of \$17,969 and the Mayoral Allowance of \$53,684
2. Authorise the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
3. Following public exhibition, receive a report to Council to consider any submissions received and adopt Councillor and Mayoral Allowances.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

13 CLOSED SESSION

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE
