

**AGENDA OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET
WARRACKNABEAL AT 9:30AM**

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

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 26 August 2015

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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- 10.7 Infrastructure Services Report
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- 11.5 Internal Audit Committee Community Representative
- 11.6 SHARE Community Grants
- 11.7 Sewerage of Towns Policy
- 11.8 General Local Law No 5

10.1 Mayor's Report – Prepared by Andrew McLean

26 August	Preformed Citizenship Ceremony. Participated in the interview panel for position of the Council Internal Audit Committee
31 August	Met with members of Western Victoria Vicroads Management
02 September	Chaired the meeting of the Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee at St Arnaud
04 September	Attended both Audit and Board meetings of the Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group in Ararat. Attended a meeting with the State Treasurer The Hon Tim Pallas in Horsham
09 September	Chaired Council Forum
14 September	Attended the Rupanyup Community Engagement Visit
17 September	Attended Reception in the Federation Room at Parliament House Melbourne in recognition of service to Local Government

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr H Ballentine**

19 August Beulah Community Consultative meeting at Beulah

31 August Chaired Yarriambiack Tourism meeting at Beulah

9 September Council Forum.

Have been working earnestly with our Committee to plan for the Hopetoun 'Women on Farms Gathering' to be held March 18-20, 2016. We have many sponsors and the new web page will be online in the near future

Cr G Massey

31 August Attended Vicroads meeting at Warracknabeal.

Attended Warracknabeal Senior Citizens AGM.

Attended Yarriambiack Tourism meeting at Beulah

09 September Council Forum.

Attended Yarrilinks AGM at Murtoa

10 September Attended Warracknabeal Action Group meeting at Warracknabeal

14 September Attended Rupanyup Community Engagement Visit

16 September Attended the Regional Recreation Water Users Group meeting with Mayor Andrew McLean in Horsham

18 September Attended the Wimmera Regional Library Board meeting in Horsham

22 September Attended meeting with Dennis Smith and the Rupanyup RSL.

Warracknabeal Senior Citizens re election results count

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Cr K Zanker

26 August	HUB General meeting
27 August	Linking Learning 'WORDS' meeting
28 August	Community Action Networks Meeting
30 August	Officially opened the 'WORDS' reading circle mushrooms at the Lions Park
02 September	Invited to attend the Youth Action Council meeting
03 September	Filming for the educational video for the progress of the Words project
04 September	Attended the Wimmera Grains Centre of Excellence
14 September	Rupanyup Community Engagement Visit
15 September	Internal Audit Committee meeting
17 September	Volunteering Western Victoria General meeting

Cr R Kingston

17 August	Chaired Lighting the Regions Project Steering Group meeting in Horsham
03-04 August	Attended Rail Freight Alliance Annual Conference in Melbourne
09 August	Council Forum
11 August	Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Company Directors Course in Melbourne
14 August	Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership (VASP) Project meeting in Horsham
16 August	Attended the Rupanyup Retail Precinct Steering Group meeting at Rupanyup
18 August	Attended the MAV Company Directors Course in Melbourne

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Cr L Woods

- 28 August Attended Warracknabeal CAN (Community Action Network) meeting
- 08 September Attended the Purple Clover Week Breakfast to recognise local man John Tonkin on 40+ years of exceptional service in the area of Child Protection in the Yarriambiack Shire
- 09 September Attended the Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House meeting
- Council Forum
- On panel for SHARE grant applicant distribution
- 15 September Attended Yarriambiack Shire Council Internal Audit meeting

Cr T Grange

- 26 August Council Forum
- 28 August Attended Minyip A & P meeting at Minyip.
- Attended SHARE meeting at Minyip.
- Attended Warracknabeal Herald 130 year celebration at Warracknabeal
- 31 August Attended Vicroads annual liaison meeting with Ewen Nevitt (Vicroads), Mayor Cr Andrew McLean and CEO Ray Campling at Warracknabeal
- 09 September Council Forum
- 10 September Attended SHARE Committee meeting at Warracknabeal
- 14 September Rupanyup Community Engagement Visitation
- 15 September Attended Murtoa Progress Association AGM at Murtoa
- 16 September Attended the Minyip A & P Show Committee Meeting at Minyip

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

- In association with Mayor McLean and Corporate Services Manager, Anita McFarlane interviewed four applicants for the vacant Internal Audit Committee Community representation position
- Attended Essential Services Commission Rate Capping Information session at the Horsham Golf Club
- Met with Michael Courtney – Director CT Management Group – Shared Services
- Attended and presented at a Obesity Awareness workshop at the Hopetoun Neighbourhood House
- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ballarat
- Attended Vicroads and Yarriambiack Shire Council annual liaison meeting with Mayor McLean, Deputy Mayor Massey, Councillor Grange, James Magee and Michael Evans
- Attended Wimmera Grains Cluster meeting in Horsham
- Attended Wimmera Regional CEO's meeting in Stawell
- With Mayor McLean and other regional Mayor's and CEO's met with the Minister for Finance Tim Pallas at Horsham Rural City Council
- Attended Wimmera Development Association monthly meeting in Horsham
- Attended Council's Internal Audit Committee meeting
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Crime Prevention Executive meeting in Ararat
- Attended Seasonal Conditions meeting in Horsham
- Attended Rupanyup Community Engagement Visit
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN meeting at Federation University
- Attended Rural Council's Victoria Executive Management meeting in Melbourne
- Met with Richard Bales, Regional Development Victoria – various matters
- Attended the Minister for Local Government Rate Capping Panel meeting in Melbourne

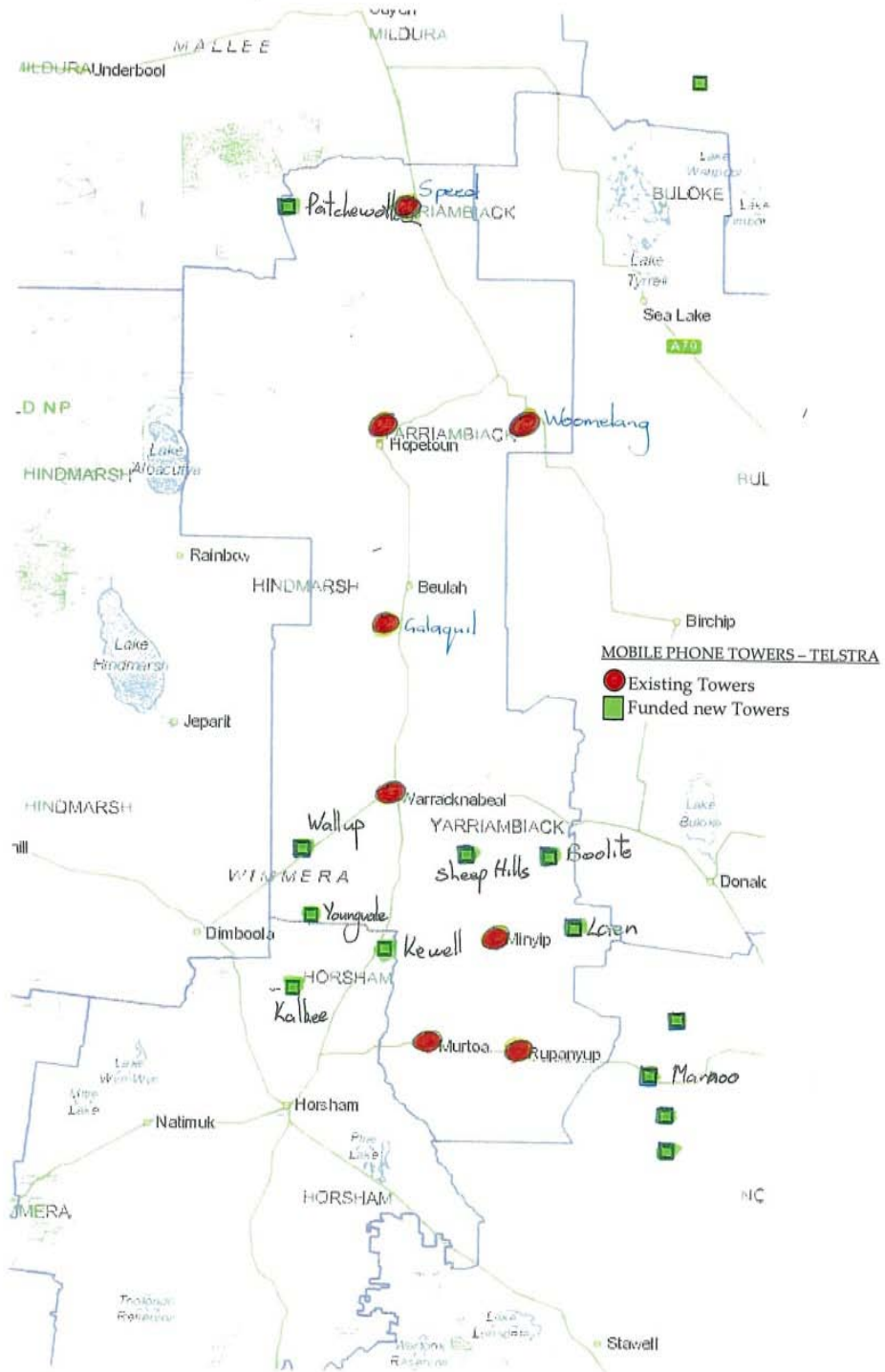
10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**Mobile Phone Coverage**

Yarriambiack Shire will make a submission to the Federal Government to obtain additional mobile phone towers when the second round of the Mobile Blackspot Program opens in coming months. Council is inviting nominations from the community for locations for Council to consider prior to making its submission.

Under the first round of the Federal Blackspot program (recently announced) several new mobile towers have been funded which should be constructed in the next year. The southern half of Yarriambiack Shire will benefit greatly with a new mobile phone tower at Wallup (near intersection of Borung Hwy and Blue Ribbon).

There are two further towers on the Blue Ribbon Road, one near the intersection of Minyip and Dimboola Road and the other at Kalkee; also a tower at Kewell on the Henty Highway to help fill the gap between Horsham and Warracknabeal. Sheep Hills will get a tower as well as Boolite. Another tower will be located at Laen to the east of Minyip. In the north of Yarriambiack Shire, the township of Patchewollock mobile coverage will become a reality under the first round of funding. The green squares on the map show the new towers that will be built.

Map



Of course there are still plenty of gaps so the feedback of the public is sought. Blackspots can be nominated on facebook by joining and commenting on the "Yarriambiack Alive" group, or email jmagee@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au or writing to "Blackspot Submission", PO Box 243, Warracknabeal, Vic. 3393

Dunmunkle Creek Flood Study

The Wimmera Catchment Management Authority and Water Technology have recently completed community meetings at Lubeck, Boolite and Rupanyup. The community wish to see further modelling highlighting full channel removal as an outcome of the project. We will work towards this. Information and mapping will soon be placed on the WCMA website for discussion and there will be an opportunity for people to highlight their concerns, as they can highlight areas and also write concerns or comments directly onto the maps.

10.5 Capital Works Program 2015/2016 – Prepared by Warren Perris

Roads & Streets – Urban Roads				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Brock Street Woomelang		March 2016		
Cemetery Road Warracknabeal		March 2016		
Cook Street Woomelang		April 2016		
Gould Street Warracknabeal		March 2016		
Long Street Warracknabeal		March 2016		
Market Street Minyip		April 2016		
Mill Street Minyip	100%	July 2015	August 2015	Willmores
Roberts Street Woomelang		April 2016		
Scott Street Warracknabeal		May 2016		
Smith Street Warracknabeal		April 2016		
Taylor Street Warracknabeal		April 2016		

Roads & Streets – Rural Roads				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Banyena Pimpinio Road		November 2015		Chapmans Pit
Brim West Road		December 2015		Murphys Pit
Dimboola Minyip Road		February 2016	June 2016	Horsham Rural City Council undertaking Construction
Gama Sea Lake Road		February 2016		Andersons Pit
Longerenong Road		March 2016		Chapmans Pit
Patchewollock Tempy Road		September 2015		Burns Pit
Sea Lake Lascelles Road		February 2016		Andersons Pit
Sheep Hills Bangerang Road		January 2016		Hewitts Pit
Watchem Warracknabeal Road		September 2015		Hewitts Pit

Gravel Shoulders				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Banyena Pimpinio Road		March 2016		Sandstone
Brim West Road		January 2016		Sandstone
Dimboola Minyip Road		February 2016		Sandstone
Hopetoun Yaapect Road		December 2015		Limestone
Minyip Dimboola Road		February 2016		Sandstone
Minyip Rich Avon Road		March 2016		Sandstone
Rosebery Rainbow Road		April 2016		Limestone
Rupanyup Road		November 2015		Sandstone
Sea Lake Lascelles Road		February 2016		Limestone
Sheep Hills Bangerang Road		May 2016		Limestone
Wyperfeld Park Road		January 2016		Limestone
Yaapect Kenmare Road		January 2016		Limestone

Gravel Re-Sheets				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3LK Road				Chapmans Pit Sandstone
A Matthews Road				Drums Pit Sandstone
Ailsa Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Ailsa Wheat Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Antwerp Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone

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Areegra Exchange	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Averys Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Bangerang Hall Road	100%	July 2015	July 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Boolite Donald Road				Tickners Pit Sandstone
Boundary Road 2				Hofmaiers Pit Limestone
C Readings Road				Drums Pit Sandstone
Cannum 5 Chain Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Clyne Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Dogwood Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Echunga Road				Eys/Websters Pit Limestone
Feerys Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Gama South Road				Andersons Pit Limestone
Goslings Road	100%	July 2015	July 2015	Eys Pit Limestone
Guleys Road				Hofmaiers Pit Limestone
Hoffmans Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Murphys Pit Sandstone
Hollands Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Holtkamps Road	100%	July 2015	July 2015	Chapmans Pit Sandstone
Jollys Road		December 2015		Andersons Pit Limestone
Lah Angle Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Lascelles North Road				Andersons Pit Limestone

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Lawler Carron Road				Tickners Pit Sandstone
McIntyres Road				Chapmans Pit Sandstone
Mellis Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Moloneys Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Murtoa Cemetery Road	100%	July 2015	July 2015	Chapmans Pit Sandstone
Niewands Road				Drums Pit Sandstone
Olnays Road				Drums Pit Sandstone
Patchewollock Tip Road		October 2015		Moles Pit Limestone
Pullens Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Ratray Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Rosebery Rainbow Road				Hofmaiers Pit Limestone
Thompsons Road	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Turriff West Road		September 2015		Burns/Moles Pit Limestone
Two Mile Road				Websters Pit Limestone
V Schultzs Road				Drums Pit Sandstone
Wallup Hall Road				Hewitts Pit Sandstone
Wardles Road West	100%	August 2015	August 2015	Murphys Pit Sandstone
Wathe Reserve Road		October 2015		Moles/Hallams Pit Limestone
Woods Road				Tickners Pit Sandstone
Woollards Road		October 2015		Moles Pit Limestone

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Yaapeet South Road				Eys/Websters Pit Limestone
Yarto Speed Road		November 2015		Burns/Moles Pit Limestone

Footpaths				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Beggs Street Warracknabeal				Contractors
Craig Avenue Warracknabeal				
Cromie Street Rupanyup				
Lascelles Street Hopetoun				
Lyle Street Warracknabeal				
Main Street Minyip				
O'Brien Street Warracknabeal				
Phillips Street Warracknabeal				
Strachan Street Hopetoun				
Hewitt/Bell Streets Warracknabeal				Pedestrian Crossing
Scott/Bell Streets Warracknabeal				Pedestrian Crossing
Scott/Milbourne Streets Warracknabeal				Pedestrian Crossing

Kerb & Channel				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Cromie Street Murtoa				
Dennys Street Hopetoun	80%	August 2015	September 2015	Willmores
Foundry Street Minyip				
McLeod Street Minyip				
Stewart Street Rupanyup	20%	September 2015		

Bridges & Culverts and Drainage				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Lloyd/Munro Streets Murtoa				Drainage – Install Pipe & Storm Water Pit
Gladstone Street Beulah				Renew Culverts
Lloyd/Munro Streets Murtoa				Upgrade Drainage System
Phillips Street Beulah				Renew Culverts

- Drainage Works – Pullen Road
- Line Marking – Warracknabeal
- Tree Trimming – Hopetoun & Warracknabeal
- Long Vehicle Parking – Minyip
- Test & Tag – Maternal Child Health Centres, Kindergartens & Caravan Parks (Southern Zone)

10.6 Community Services Report – Prepared by Gavin Blinman**Environmental Health / Local Laws – Prepared by Tim Rose and Greg Wilson**

Food premises inspections have been ongoing this month with proprietors displaying good levels of cooperation. A follow-up inspection conducted on a food premise in the north of the Shire also revealed satisfactory results, with no further action required. An inspection was also conducted on a home business that is commencing trading in the near future. Food samples relating to ready to eat deli salads were also obtained during this period, with all complying in respect to food safety.

Council received a complaint regarding pigeons roosting in the veranda of a closed hotel. The pigeons roosting resulted in excessive amounts of droppings being deposited on the footpath. Council provided the owner with approximately one month to remove the pigeons and undertake some degree of proofing. Council did not receive a response nor was any action taken by the proprietor to clean the footpath. A contractor was engaged to clean this area and the costs will be forwarded to the owner.

One complaint regarding wastewater was received and the matter is currently being investigated.

Council received notification from the Department of Health that a gastro outbreak was occurring in one aged care facility in the Shire. The matter has been investigated and all associated issues discussed with management as per the Guidelines. The outbreak is now over.

This month hasn't been bad, with only a few complaints about wandering dogs, cats, chooks, unsightly properties and a runaway horse (but nothing too serious).

Most of these have been dealt with by either speaking with owners who are unaware of the issue or notice to comply. In the case of unsightly land issues there have been two notices issued to owners to clean up their properties. Enforcement will proceed if owners fail to clean up properties once the notice has expired.

There have only been two dogs in the pound both of these were euthanized due to their aggressive nature.

Cat traps have been in high demand although very little trapping has occurred for some time.

Rubbish dumping is still occurring at times, mainly along the creek north of town and the odd back road. Council are still trying to track down offenders.

With summer not that far away and the onset of warmer weather, fire inspections may commence earlier this year, as there is talk of restrictions being brought in sooner. Once I have word that this will happen then a date will be set for the block inspections. This would normally commence mid October.

Aged and Disability – Prepared by Lisa Dunkley**Home & Community Care (HACC)**

- In August we held a quarterly meeting with our Community Care Workers
- This Quarter we focused on Fire Safety Prevention in the homes
- The Country Fire Authority is working to create community awareness and resilience by educating our HACC Workers on how to achieve this outcome

Seasons of Wellness

Yarriambiack Shire Council, Gateway BEET, Warracknabeal, Neighbourhood House, Hopetoun Neighbourhood House and Rural Northwest Health have been working together to give tips and tricks to help you maintain your independence and safety at home. We held the first session in Hopetoun which was presented by a physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and our Living at Home Assessor, Bronwen Clayton. Both Sessions were very welcomed by the public

Volunteer Transport – Prepared by Michelle Hallam**Transport**

For the month of August 2015 we have completed 13 drives and had one cancelled bookings. This month the elderly were mainly accessing services in Horsham and Ballarat. The table below is a comparison over the last three years.

August 2015	13 drives, 1 cancellation
August 2014	8 drives
August 2013	11 drives

Meals on Wheels

August 2015	996 Meals
August 2014	1,177 Meals

Volunteers

Surveys have been sent out and are now evaluated.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) – Prepared by Nanette Freckleton & Ros Barber

Birth Notifications YTD = 12
Enrolments YTD =17

New Child Development Information System training to commenced on 15 September 2015 for clinical staff, followed by clerical administration staff training on 16 September 2015.

Family Violence issues are being addressed in some sectors by MCH, Police and Family Violence workers.

September appears to be a busy month with 10 babies expected across the Shire, some have already arrived.

Youth Report – Prepared by Murray McKenzie

- Members of the Yarriambiack Youth Action Council met Wednesday, 2 September 2015. Valuable discussion ensued. Councillor Kylie Zanker sat through the meeting, and invited the Youth Action Council to attend a Council meeting in the near future
- Vigorous discussion about Youth Mental Health issues dominated the start of the meeting, with a decision made to highlight positive messages about Health and Well-being with every Yarriambiack Youth Action Council (YYAC) event. Other discussion was centred on Shirts for the YYAC members, Yarriambiack Has Talent Organising meeting set for 16 September 2015, event date set at 4 December 2015. Workshops to be planned using local people where possible. Grants funding for Short Film Festival and applications for FReeZA Funding and Youth inclusion grants all sought. Skids' for Kids' discussed with support for an event and contacts to be sourced for the event
- Mental Health Week 4-10 October 2015. There will be three Gaming Night Events to run to support this week with "Positive" messages delivered about Health and Well-being. Hopetoun Sunday, 4 October 2015, Murtoa Thursday, 8 October 2015 and Friday, 9 October 2015 at Warracknabeal
- Have organised with Murtoa College (specifically through Youth Action Councillor Karina Drum, Tony Goodwin and Rachael Littore) for the Film night to run at Murtoa. The showing of Big Hero 6 will commence at 7pm at the Murtoa Recreation Reserve, with a gold coin donation. All funds received will go towards the Rachael's Wish Fundraising Pool

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**Community Assistance Grants**

The Community Assistance Grants are currently open and will close on 30 October 2015. These grants are to assist with the maintenance and capital improvements of community assets and events and community groups can apply for a maximum of \$500.

Think Business Workshop

A Think Business Workshop was held in Minyip on Wednesday, 16 September 2015. Leading business performance specialist, Peter Fitzgerald, shared seven keys he believes will allow businesses to thrive, no matter where they are located.

Social Media Strategy Workshop

A Social Media Strategy Workshop will be held at the Beulah Business & Information Centre on 14 October at 6.30pm. The workshop will explore social media tools, creating a comprehensive social media strategy and implementation options.

Re-think the Art of Up-cycling Project

The Warracknabeal & District Neighbourhood House received funding from Regional Arts Victoria to deliver the 'Rethink the Art of Up-cycling' project.

The project will provide a series of creative skill development workshops in Warracknabeal that combine creative arts and working with recyclable materials to recreate, re-imagine and up-cycle items that may otherwise have ended up in landfill. The first workshop was held on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 creating textiles from up-cycled fabrics in Hopetoun.

Rupanyup 'A Town with Pulse'

Signage has been installed declaring Rupanyup 'A Town with Pulse' on the existing arch signs at the entrances of the township. 2016 has been declared as International Year of the Pulses by the United Nations and the campaign to raise awareness of locally grown produce is continuing to develop.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

Wimmera Mallee Tourism attended the Melbourne 4WD and Outdoor Expo in August 2015 and the event was thought to be successful with a large quantity of promotional material distributed.

Woomelang Caravan Park Upgrade

Paving and access to the caravan park amenities have been completed. Preparations for landscaping are underway.

Yarriambiack Art Salon

The Yarriambiack Art Salon was held at the Beulah Business and Information Centre on Tuesday, 8 September 2015. The Art Salon was well attended and local resident Barb Moore shared mosaic tiling skills with the group.

Yarriambiack Tourism

The Yarriambiack Tourism Facebook Page currently has 1,224 'Likes'. The Yarriambiack Tourism meeting was held in Beulah on 31 August 2015. The Warracknabeal Herald will work with Yarriambiack Tourism to develop a Wedding Guide to be released later in the year. The Minyip Heritage Walk has been printed.

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Garage Sale Trail – Saturday, 24 October 2015

On Behalf of Council I have registered Council's interest in participating in the Garage Sale Trail program for the next two years at a cost of \$1000.

- Yarriambiack Shire Council to be a part of the National Community and Sustainability Event, Garage Sale Trail
- Registration is now open to households, schools, community groups and anyone who is up for a day of fun

Yarriambiack Shire households, schools and community groups are for the first time set to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country on Saturday 24 October as a part of the fifth annual Garage Sale Trail.

An award-winning community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail is powered by over 150 local Councils and is expecting over 10,000 garage sales to be held across the country.

Council will also look at opening the 'Resale' sheds at the Hopetoun, Warracknabeal, Murtoa and Rupanyup Transfer Stations.

Infrastructure Works

Rupanyup Transfer Station – Works have been continuing on the construction of a Resale Centre Shed at the Rupanyup Transfer Station. When completed Council will have resale facilities at Hopetoun, Warracknabeal, Murtoa and Rupanyup. The Rupanyup site is being funded through the Local Government Infrastructure Program (LGIP). The other sites were funded by the previous Waste Management Group.

Murtoa Works Depot – Contractors have completed the replacement of the cladding on the Murtoa Works Depot main workshop, the existing cladding is in very poor condition and council have been able to fund the replacement through the LGIP funding program.

Mechanics Pits – Council has completed the upgrade and construction of new mechanics pits at Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. The new pits will now comply with all O H & S requirements for Diesel Operated Pits. The works include longer pits with lighting and hydraulic operated platforms. Part of this upgrade is funded through the LGIP funding program.

Contract C198/2015 – Hopetoun Community Centre Upgrade

Tenders for Contract C198/2015 – Hopetoun Community Centre Upgrade were called on 17 April, 2015 and closed 15 May 2015.

Council received 6 tenders in relation to this contract.

As all tenders were above the allocated budget we have been working with the Committee, Architect and Council's Building Surveyor to ascertain ways in which the scope of the project can be adjusted to fall within the allocated budget.

Council together with the Community Centre Committee and the architect have revised the specification and drawings and requested pricing from the two (2) lowest tenders.

This matter will be evaluated in the closed session of Council.

Re: 1906/0625 – Retail Electricity, Natural Gas, Public Lighting & Associated Services

Procurement Australia are tendering Retail Electricity and Public Lighting, this was previously two separate contracts.

I have advised Procurement Australia that the Yarriambiack Shire Council will participate in this tendering process.

The purpose of a request for tender event for the above named contract will rely on Committed Volume.

In particular, Procurement Australia is requested to:

1. Act as sole tendering agent for our organisation and invite tenders on our behalf in respect to the above contract
2. Obtain all required Site, Consumption and associated data (interval data) pertaining to our organisation's current energy retailer(s) via this authority letter. This information is to be used for tendering purposes only
3. Evaluate the tenders in accordance with the tender documents
4. Award the tender on merit to a retailer or retailers within the defined tender acceptance time period consistent with how the energy sector works
5. Prepare an evaluation report for our organisation
6. Provide ongoing contract support during the contract duration

Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey

- Inspected Lah east area in response to reports of rabbit infestation
- Contacted contractor and arranged ripping
- Attended meeting Donald re GMMWater, fire tanks etc
- Attended meeting with COACT re Green Army project
- Inspected Bangerang Road for rabbits
- Inspected street trees reported as dangerous
- Inspected Bachica west-Jeparit Road intersection re proposed alterations and native veg issues. Attended Yarrilinks annual meeting at Murtoa
- Inspected Rifle Range Reserve re weeds and rabbits. Contacted Parks Victoria
- Yarrilinks admin and accounts

OH&S Officer – Prepared by Robert Taylor

- Upgrading traffic management plans and evacuation plans for the childcare Centres
- Working on the OH&S Safety alerts
- Working on Traffic Management plans and 'Dial-Before-You-Dig' for the next three months of road works

Technical Services – Prepared by Nathan McLean

- Organised traffic counter installation and locations, download data and save report for future works
- I have been inspecting and been in contact with Brad Stewart(Project Manager) from Laser Electrical Horsham who are to provide 43 new solar LED lights in areas identified in discussion with local police and community groups. Only one remaining to complete
- Submitted funding application for the Bridges Renewal Programme where Council identified renewing and upgrading of major culverts on the Banyena Pimpinio Road at the Dunmunkle Creek
- Assisted the Design Engineer, Joel Turner in surveying the Watchem Warracknabeal Road
- Paint marked 2015/16 Capital Works Program footpaths locations for tender process and works to commence
- Validated footpath data on MapInfo and Asset Asyst so Tim Bryce and I can commence footpath inspections
- Assisted Asset Engineer, Mick Evans in validating data in preparation of culvert inspections by Bruce Mitchell

Technical Officer – Prepared by Tony Brennan

- Conducted final inspection of the re-cladding to the Murtoa Depot Workshop
- Approved as required Consent Requests for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Processed various stormwater discharge point applications
- Assigned/completed various Complaint Request Management tasks as required
- Attended Rupanyup Community meeting
- Carried out Aerodrome inspections twice weekly during September
- Met with David Young to discuss the Infrastructure Design Manual and Streamlined
- Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals

Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange

- Sale held 19 August 2015... 7,186 head
- Sale held 2 September 2015 ... 6,620 head
- Renewed Livestock Saleyards Association of Victoria Membership
- Software upgrades carried out on Saleyards laptops
- Annual National Saleyard Quality Assurance Program audit conducted Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Caravan Park Occupancy August 2015

State	Warracknabeal	Hopetoun	Murtoa
VIC	48	32	22
NSW	2	2	0
WA	0	0	0
QLD	3	0	1
SA	6	0	0
NT	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0
TAS	2	0	0
International	0	0	0
Permanents	(31 x 9) = 279	(31 x 0) = 0	(19 x 4) = 76 (12 x 3) = 36
Monthly Occupancy	340	34	135

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- Prepared information and submitted the yearly Valuation report for the finance auditors. This process involves inputting all finished Capital works into our Asset registers, updating Council's registers with the latest asset conditions stemming from inspection regimes and carrying out a revaluation of Council's asset replacement unit rates
- Updated & validated Council's major culverts register in readiness for the external consultant to conduct the level 2 culvert five yearly inspections
- Attended a GIS Shared services meeting in Horsham

OH&S and Risk Management

- Attended a Municipal Association of Victoria Insurance forum in Wedderburn

Emergency Management

- Attended an Emergency Management exercise in Nhill -"Slip Rail Exercise" by the SES
- Completed a computer software training course (Crisiworks) due to the upgrading of the software

10.8 Community Projects Report – Prepared by Dennis Smith

Country Football and Netball Program 2013/2014 and Putting Locals First Program

Drawings have been modified to hopefully bring the Hopetoun Community Centre project back into budget subsequent to the tenders being over the budgeted amount. Revised costing from the two lowest tenderers is currently underway.

Country Football and Netball Program 2014/2015

The design and construction of the toilets/showers facilities at the Minyip Recreation Reserve component of this project has been awarded to DJ & DL Delahunty. Drawings and specifications are currently being prepared for the Building Permit application.

Community Facility Funding Program 2015/16 – Planning

Town residents and Clubs survey questionnaires, schedule of community consultations, press release, newsletter fliers and shop window posters have all been prepared and distributed throughout the Shire. The closing date is 16th October for questionnaire return.

Community Facility Funding Program 2015/16 – Minors

The installation of lights at the Beulah Bowling and Croquet Club is anticipated to be completed by the end of September.

Local Facilities for Local Clubs Program

The construction of the cricket practice wickets at the Minyip Recreation Reserve has commenced with uprights in place and the concrete slab poured. The concrete now requires 4 – 6 weeks curing time prior to the synthetic surface installation.

Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund

Quotations have been received with a view to submitting an application under this fund for the construction of walking tracks across the Shire. These tracks are to be located at Yaapeet, Woomelang, Murtoa and two in Minyip. An Expression of Interest application will now be prepared and submitted to Regional Development Victoria.

Final designs have been received for the Minyip Streetscape Stage 1 and costing has been obtained. The community is now pursuing funds for the cash component required for the grant.

Community Sports Infrastructure Fund 2016/2017

Work on developing applications for the following projects has been undertaken: Anzac Park alternative water supply, Brim Recreation Reserve re-surfacing/sprinkler system and Brim Bowling Club lights and alternative water supply. The closing date for submissions is 29 October 2015.

Other Work Undertaken

I am assisting the Hopetoun RSL to implement projects/improvements from their allocated Local Government Infrastructure Program funding.

I have also assisted many community groups with grant application writing and information.

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at August 2015 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Finance Report as at August 2015 be received.

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at September 2015 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Revenue Report as at September 2015 be received.

11.3 Proposed Sale of Land-1 Corrong Court, Hopetoun – Prepared by James Magee

Council has created an industrial estate at Hopetoun with the intention to sell the blocks and provide an economic stimulus to the area and allow development.

The Corrong Development Co-operative wishes to purchase Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 725805N, Volume 11584 Folio 516 (Parent Title Volume 10672 Folio 393) for the establishment of a panel beating spray painting business. Section 189 of the Local Government Act requires public notice of Council land and hence the Chief Executive Officer authorized such advertising to occur with submissions closing 15 October 2015.

Recommendation

That Council ratify the actions of the Chief Executive Officer in advertising the proposed sale of land and inviting submissions under section 223 of the Local Government Act.

11.4 Review of the Victorian Local Government Act – Prepared by Ray Campling

The intention of this report is to provide Council with information in relation to the discussion paper on the review of the Victorian Local Government Act 1989, and the opportunity for all interested parties to provide submissions to the process.

As Councillors would be aware the present State Government announced that it would be undertaking a review of the Victorian Local Government Act 1989 during its current term of office. It has been identified that there has been significant economic, demographic and technology changes since the 1989 Victorian Local Act was introduced.

Local Government functions have evolved considerably to meet and address some of these particular changes.

Since the Victorian Local Government Act 1989 was created there has been in excess of ninety amending Acts which has resulted in hundreds of amendments, therefore causing the Act to become poorly structured and unclear and at times even quite contradictory.

The present Act also contains some historic and redundant clauses which obscure meaning and can be a hindrance to the efficient administration of a Local Government Authority.

The State Government also hopes that in the process of the review, the relationship between State and Local Government will be further enhanced and modernised to better reflect the roles and responsibilities of both tiers of Government.

The stated purpose of this review as per the terms of reference are:-..."to revise the current legislation governing Local Government in Victoria to create a more contemporary, accessible, plain English Act, that meets current needs of the community and Local Government sector."

On Wednesday, 9 September 2015 Council received notification from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP that a discussion paper has been released to "kick start the conversation" around the review of the Victorian Local Government Act 1989.

The discussion paper is arranged in such a way that each section can be read individually so that interested parties may focus on issues that are important to them. The Chapters are as follows:

1. The Review – provides an overview of the overall review and provides some general context and understanding
2. The Role of Councils
3. How Councils are elected
4. How Councils operate
5. Planning and reporting
6. Council rates and charges
7. Service delivery and financial decision making
8. Councillor conduct, offences and enforcement
9. Ministerial powers
10. Harmonisation of the Local Government Act – explores how the Act relates to other pieces of legislation

A website “Your Council, Your Community” has been established to encourage local residents, business, peak bodies and Councils to all have their say on the review. The website can be found at www.yourcouncilyourcommunity.vic.gov.au

The State Government is inviting all Victorians to get involved in the review by way of making submissions either through the “Your Council, Your Community” website or directly in writing to Local Government Victoria, P O Box 500, Melbourne Vic 3002 or via email to local.govenment@delwp.vic.gov.au

Submissions close Friday, 18 December 2015, and following on from that will be a “Direction paper” which is expected to be issued sometime in 2016. Further opportunities will be provided for members of the public and Councils to respond to the directions paper once it has been released.

Local Government Victoria also intends to hold a range of forums that will allow for direct consultation with the sector, stakeholders and the community.

Council will also on our website be posting a link to the website “Your Council, Your Community” to assist promote and encourage the Yarriambiack Shire community to engage in this crucial and critical process.

Recommendation

That this report be noted and acted on as proposed.

11.5 Internal Audit Committee Community Representative – Prepared by Ray Campling

The Internal Audit Committee is an independent advisory committee to Council. The primary objective of the Internal Audit Committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating the organizations ethical development.

As part of Council's governance obligations to the community, Council has constituted the Internal Audit Committee to facilitate the following:-

- the enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal an external financial reporting
- effective management of financial and other risks and the protection of Council assets
- compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of best practice guidelines
- the effectiveness of the internal audit function
- the provision of an effective means of communication between the external auditor, internal audit, management and the Council

The Internal Audit Committee is a formally appointed committee of the Council and is responsible to Council. The Audit Committee does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which management has responsibility and does not have any delegated financial responsibility. The Internal Audit Committee does not have any management functions and is therefore independent of management.

The Committee's role is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Charter in order to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.

Council's Internal Audit Committee comprises of three community members – James Gregson (Chair), Ms Jean Wise and a vacant position due to the resignation of Mr Michael Ryan, Councillor Kylie Zanker and Councillor Lisa Woods. Councils Corporate Services Manager Anita McFarlane and CEO Ray Campling also attend the Internal Audit Committee meetings but do not have any voting entitlements.

As a consequence of the resignation of Mr Michael Ryan due to relocating from the area Council in accordance with its Internal Audit Charter is required to have three community members on the committee.

Following a thorough and comprehensive advertising process seeking applications for the position of community representative Council received four (4) particularly impressive applications.

As a consequence of the calibre of the applications, it was determined that it was appropriate to interview all four applications. The interview panel comprised of the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Corporate Services Manager.

At the conclusion of the interviews the panel was unanimous that Mr Leo Casey was the most appropriate and best qualified to be appointed as the Yarriambiack Shire Council Internal Audit Committee Community representative.

Recommendation

That Mr Leo Casey be appointed as a community representative on Council's Internal Audit Committee for a period of three (3) years.

11.6 SHARE Community Grants – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson

Council extensively advertised the SHARE Community Grants Program for a period of six weeks throughout the Shire. The total funding available in this round is \$20,000 Inc GST. The evaluation panel consisted of the following representatives: Cr Terry Grange, Cr Helen Ballentine, Dennis Smith (Community Projects Coordinator) and Marianne Ferguson (Community Development Officer). 42 applications were assessed requesting a total of \$99,780.70

NAME OF ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST	FUNDING ALLOCATED
Beulah Progress Association	Upgrade wayside stop. New signage and plants	\$ 600
Brim Active Community Group	Mural painted on the old silos. Rejuvenation of silos work	\$ 500
Hopetoun Garden Club	Hire of levelling machine and synthetic lawn purchase	\$1,500
Hopetoun Tennis Club	Install wire fence between courts	\$1,500
Hopetoun Cricket Club	Turf mower purchase and purchase a first aid kit	\$1,000
Minyip A & P Society	Safety equipment for volunteers of the running of the show	\$ 700
Minyip & District Field & Game	Purchase mower	\$1,000
Minyip Progress Association	Purchase new floor coverings for Emma's Cafe	\$1,000
Murtoa & District Historical Society	Revitalise college Bell Tower, install wooden window frames, sand under pavers	\$1,000
Murtoa Angling Club	Purchase shelving and storage boxes	\$ 825
Rupanyup & Minyip Cricket Club	Purchase loose netting for the practice wicket	\$1,500
Rupanyup Historical Society	Purchase fireproof archive cabinet	\$1,000
Sheep Hills Mechanics Institute	Repair works on the front of Hall	\$3,000
Tempy Swimming Pool	Repairs to pool	\$1,500
Warracknabeal Girl Guides	Update honour boards with gold lettering	\$ 420
Warracknabeal Mens Shed	Improve toilets, purchase new saws and other equipment	\$1,000
Warracknabeal Table Tennis Association	Purchase of 3 new table tennis tables, nets, barrier and balls	\$1,000
Woomelang and District Development Association	Enhancement works on vacant block Landscaping and tree planting	\$1,000
		\$20,045 Inc GST

Recommendation

That Council approve the above nominated projects under the 2015/2016 SHARE Community Grant Program.

11.7 Sewerage of Towns Policy – Prepared by James Magee

With properties in Rupanyup now able to connect to the new sewerage scheme it is timely to review our connection policy. It is expected to connect all Council properties within the next two years.

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL**SEWERAGE OF TOWNS POLICY****OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this policy is to establish:

- The circumstances under which Council will contribute to cost of sewerage (including connection) community facilities in towns.
- The responsibility for payment of annual charges.

PREAMBLE

Ownership of community facilities varies between towns. When a scheme is proposed for sewerage in a town it is anticipated the owner of the property will be responsible for the contribution to the scheme and for connection costs. It is important for Council to contribute equitably towards the costs for sewerage to community facilities regardless of the 'ownership' of the facility.

POLICY

Council, as the landowner, will be required to pay for the provision of sewerage to all Council owned properties.

Some of the properties are managed and operated by community groups and will be considered separately from properties used for Council operations.

Council owned properties used for Council operations

Council will pay for the sewerage connection and the connection fee for the following properties:

Council Offices
 Council Depots
 SES Buildings
 Public Conveniences
 Pre School Centres
 M&CH Centres
 Senior Citizens Buildings
 Caravan Park where Council owned or Council is Committee of Management

Community Facilities

Council will contribute 100% to the cost of sewerage connection and the connection fee for the following community facilities:

- Memorial Hall (one per town)
- Recreation Reserve Public Toilet Blocks
- Recreation Reserve Function Centres and other buildings
- Swimming Pool

Community groups will be required to pay for the sewerage and connection for:

- Historical Buildings
- Tennis Clubs
- Bowling Clubs
- Guide/Scout Halls
- Other buildings

Annual Charges

Annual rates will be the responsibility of the respective community groups for all community facilities.

Ray Campling
Chief Executive Officer

Date Approved:	23 September 2015
Review Date:	23 September 2017

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Sewerage of Towns Policy.

11.8 Council's General Local Law No 5 – Prepared by Greg Wilson

At its forum meeting on 12 August 2015 Council reported, the draft Local Law No 5 was advertised for public comment with no submissions received.

Council's new general Local Law No 5 will replace the existing Local Law as required under the Local Government Act 1989.

This document covers all aspects of local laws needed to sustain a balance for all residents within the Yarriambiack Shire.

The new Local Law No 5 will be in force for a period of 10 years.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the new General Local Law No 5.

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, 28 October 2015 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

_____ **Mayor**