

**AGENDA OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 59 CROMIE STREET
RUPANYUP 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 – 27 May 2015

Closed Session of Council – 27 May 2015

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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- 10.7 Infrastructure Services Report
- 10.8 Community Projects Report

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- 11.5 Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy
- 11.6 Corporate Credit Card Policy
- 11.7 Declaring the Rate and Differential 2015/2016
- 11.8 Proposed One Way Street in Elizabeth Avenue / David Street, Warracknabeal
- 11.9 New Play Equipment proposed for Murtoa
- 11.10 Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) – Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) / Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Request for Support

10.1 Mayor's Report – Prepared by Andrew McLean

28 May	Attended the Federation University Graduation Ceremony in Horsham
29 May	Attended the North West Municipalities Association meeting in Stawell
30 May	Participated in the Yarrilinks tree planting at Brim
03 June	Attended the Changeover Dinner of the Hopetoun Lioness's. Attended a meeting in Horsham looking at the possibility of setting up a group to advocate for the Henty Highway
04 June	Met with the State Minister for Roads, the Hon Luke Donnellan in Ballarat as the Chair of the Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee
05 June	Attended the Audit and Board meetings of the Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group in Ararat
10 June	Chaired Council Forum
14 -17 June	Attended the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra
19 June	Attended the Regional Forum 'Agriculture Knowledge in the Wimmera Southern Mallee' presentation in Horsham
22 June	Attended the Warracknabeal Secondary College's Year 9 Poverty Presentations
23 June	Attended the Western Victorian Careers Expo at Longerenong College

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

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| 10 June | Council Forum |
| 16 June | Attended the Wimmera Mallee Tourism meeting at Kaniva |
| 22 June | Attended the Victorian Agriculture Sustainability Project meeting in Horsham |

Cr G Massey

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| 30 May | Attended Yarrilinks meeting at Brim |
| 09 June | Attended Warracknabeal Action Group (WAG) meeting |
| 10 June | Council Forum |
| 19 June | Attended Wimmera Regional Library meeting in Horsham |
| 22 June | Attended Sports & Recreation Steering Committee meeting at the Yarriambiack Shire Council |
| 23 June | WAG AGM |

Cr K Zanker

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| 29 May | Attended Northwest Municipalities Meeting and AGM in Stawell |
| 10 June | Council Forum |
| 18 June | Rural Financial Counselling Services Governance meeting.
Rural Financial Counselling Services General meeting |

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Cr L Woods

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| 30-31 May | Attended Shire's Open Weekend Celebrations |
| 01 June | Attended Roadsafe Wimmera meeting |
| 05 June | Participated in Youth Action Council interviews with Youth Engagement Officer, Murray McKenzie |
| 10 June | Council Forum |
| 22 June | Warracknabeal Secondary College Year 9 Poverty Presentation |

Cr T Grange

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| 27 May | Attended Council meeting in Warracknabeal |
| 02 June | Attended the Minyip A & P Society meeting in Minyip |
| 04 June | Attended the Municipal Emergency Management Executive meeting in Warracknabeal |
| 10 June | Council Form |

Cr R Kingston

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| 10 June | Council Forum and Finance meeting |
| 15 June | Rupanyup Consultative Committee meeting |
| 19 June | Attended Regional Forum in Horsham – Agriculture Knowledge |
| 22 June | Attended the Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership (VASP) meeting in Horsham |
| 23 June | Dunmunkle Creek Flood Study Steering Committee meeting at Rupanyup |

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

- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ararat
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN meeting at Federation University
- Attended Municipal Association of Victoria CEO Forum in Melbourne
- Attended North West Municipalities Association meeting in Stawell with Mayor Andrew McLean and Councillor Kylie Zanker
- Attended Regional Development Victoria meeting in Ballarat
- Panellist – Maddocks Lawyers Rate Capping Forum
- Attended Obesity Focus Group meeting at Rural Northwest Health
- Met with Colin Morrison, Grants Commission re Councils 2015 Financial Assistance Grants payment
- Met with Mark Crouch, CEO, West Wimmera Shire Council and North West Municipalities Association Secretary – various matters
- Met with Jo Bourke, Executive Officer, Wimmera Development Association – various matters
- Represented Rural Councils Victoria at the Local Government Minister's Fair Rating Panel meeting in Melbourne
- Participated in Youth Action Council Interviews with Councillor Lisa Woods and Youth Engagement Officer, Murray McKenzie
- Met with Wimmera Local Government CEO's in relation to our meeting with Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad in Canberra
- Attended Rural Councils Executive meeting in Melbourne
- With Mayor Andrew McLean attended the National General Assembly of Local Government Congress in Canberra
- Attended 2015 Western Victoria Careers Expo at Longerenong

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee

Patchewollock Railway Buildings

The State Government has allocated funding to repair the Patchewollock railway station and goods shed. Council has had a long term lease on the area so it can be utilised by the community. The works will be of a remedial nature replacing structural members and some roofing iron, replacement of guttering and improving drainage away from the building. The funding comes via Victrack for heritage buildings. Onley's Holdings of Donald are the main contractor for the works. Works to commence mid June.

Henty Highway Committee Proposal

The various Councils which utilise the Henty Highway have met to discuss whether there may be benefits in having representatives come together to discuss problems, opportunities and propose improvements. Vicroads were in attendance as well and similar groups are in place for the Western Highway, Sunraysia Highway and Calder Highway. Representatives were hopeful that there would be benefits from such a group and individual councils will provide a response on the proposal.

Design Engineer Position

The Design Engineer position has been advertised after the resignation of Garrett Liston who advised he will work for a private company in Horsham. Applications closed 19 June with interviews soon to be undertaken.

National Broadband Network (NBN) Update

It is exciting that NBN wireless towers at Warracknabeal and Brim are live now, so people can request a service. The Warracknabeal tower caters for those residents outside the township as a different service will be installed for Warracknabeal township residents at a later date. The Brim tower will cater for both town residents and those within a certain radius of the tower.

The speeds and reliability are said to be tremendous compared to what is currently available. With Beulah and Hopetoun coming online as well and with services already available at Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup, it gives Yarriambiack Shire residents access to the latest technology before the majority of the rest of the State.

Coverage maps are available on the website nbnco.com.au and residents can also check the availability of an NBN service at their home by putting their address into the website.

Public Lighting Project

The installation of 43 public area lights throughout our township commenced mid June. The majority of the lights are solar which will minimise ongoing costs. The project is funded through Community Safety and Infrastructure Fund which focuses on public safety and is coordinated by the Department of Justice

Council Building Report – Prepared by Kathy Edwards

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Municipal District: Yarriambiack Shire Council

Month of May 2015

Council register Number	Name of Relevant Building Surveyor	Type of permit, temporary approval or amendment	Permit temporary approval or amendment number*	Application Date	Permit, temporary approval or amendment date*	Building Address	Description of Building work or Use of Building	Cost of Building Work*
BP38-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/38/0	04/05/2015	14/05/2015	141 Boyd's Rd, Rupanyup	Storage Shed	\$13,828
BP124-13	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2013/124/0	09/10/2015	14/05/2015	Lot 1 Heath Rd, Sheep Hills	Garage	\$80,000
BP37-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/37/1	21/04/2015	14/05/2015	158 Lascelles St, Hopetoun	Workshop	\$74,880
BP32-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/32/0	02/04/2015	21/05/2015	14 Friend St, Murtoa	Storage Shed	\$12,969
BP39-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/39/0	12/05/2015	21/05/2015	109 Wimmera St, Rupanyup	Assembly Building	\$86,700
BP41-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/41/0	21/05/2015	28/05/2015	CA 1 Pyers St, Warracknabeal	Extensions	\$32,000
BP44-15	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2015/11/0	25/05/2015	28/05/2015	34 Campbell St, Warracknabeal	Alterations	\$4,800
Total								\$305,177

Name of Council Officer supplying this register: **Kathy Edwards**

Planning Permit Activity Report for *May 2015* (as tabled) – Prepared by David Young

10.5 Capital Works Program 2014/2015 – Prepared by Chris Lehmann

Roads & Streets – Urban Roads				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Craig Avenue Warracknabeal		June 2015	June 2015	Contractor
Degenhardt Street Murtoa	100%	April 2015	April 2015	Shire
Mill Street Minyip	80%	June 2015	June 2015	Willmores
Railway Street Warracknabeal	100%	April 2015	April 2015	Shire
Roads & Streets – Rural Roads				
Ashens Jackson Road	100%	April 2015	June 2015	Contractors
Glenorchy Road	100%	January 2015	February 2015	Drums Pit
Hopetoun Yaapeet Road	100%	December 2014	December 2014	Conway Pit
Hopetoun Yaapeet / Glenore School Road	100%	April 2015	June 2015	Websters Pit
Linklaters Road	100%	December 2014	January 2015	Burns Pit
Murtoa Settlement Road	100%	April 2015	June 2015	Chapmans Pit
Patchewollock Tempy Road	100%	September 2014	October 2014	Burns Pit

Roads & Streets – Rural Roads (continued)				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Rupanyup Road	100%	February 2015	April 2015	Hewitts Pit
Sea Lake Lascelles Road	100%	March 2015	June 2015	Andersons Pit
Sheep Hills Warracknabeal Road	100%	September 2014	October 2014	Hewitts Pit
Watchem Warracknabeal Road	100%	April 2015	June 2015	Hewitts Pit
Gravel Shoulders				
Blue Ribbon Road	100%	January 2015	May 2015	Murphys/Hewitts Pit
Rupanyup Road	100%	November 2014	February 2015	Hewitts Pit
Longerenong Road	100%	October 2014	October 2014	Chapmans Pit

Gravel Re-Sheets				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Adlers Road		June 2015		
Boundary Road	100%	March 2015	March 2015	Websters Pit
Cannum 5 Chain Road	100%	May 2015	June 2015	Hewitts Pit
Desert Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Hallams Pit
Dogwood Road	100%	June 2015	June 2015	Chapmans Pit
Dunlops Road	100%	September 2014	September 2014	Chapmans Pit
Echungga Road	100%	September 2014	September 2014	Hallams Pit
Georges Road	100%	October 2014	October 2014	Hallams Pit
Goyura East School Bus Route	100%	October 2014	October 2014	Andersons Pit
Greenhills Road		June 2015		
Jim Jollys Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Moles Pit
Jollys Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Andersons Pit

Gravel Re-Sheets <i>continued</i>				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Kellys Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Andersons Pit
Kelm Road	100%	November 2014	November 2014	Chapmans Pit
Kent Road	100%	November 2014	November 2014	Reeves Gravel
Kewell East Road	100%	September 2014	September 2014	Chapmans Pit
Kewell School Road	100%	August 2014	August 2014	Chapmans Pit
Kinkora Road	100%	August 2014	August 2014	Hallams Pit
Lawler Carron Road		June 2015		
Linghams Road	100%	April 2015	April 2015	McKays Pit
Longerenong Warracknabeal Road	100%	June 2015	June 2015	Drums Pit
McKays Road	100%	April 2015	April 2015	McKays Pit
McPhersons Road	100%	April 2015	April 2015	Hallams Pit
Michael Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Hallams Pit
Morcoms Road	100%	October 2014	October 2014	Chapmans Pit
Niewands Road	100%	September 2014	September 2014	Chapmans Pit

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Gravel Re-Sheets (continued)				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Phitzner Eys Road	100%	March 2015	April 2015	Eys Pit
Popes Road		June 2015		
Quicks Road	100%	April 2015	May 2015	Murphys Pit
Rickards Road	100%	June 2015	June 2015	Hallams Pit
Schultzs Road	100%	November 2014	November 2014	Hewitts Pit
Tregenza Road	100%	March 2015	April 2015	Websters Pit
Warranooke Road	100%	May 2015	May 2015	McKays Pit
Watchupga West Road	100%	July 2014	July 2014	Andersons Pit
Woods Road	100%	September 2014	September 2014	Chapmans Pit
Wrights Road	100%	April 2015	April 2015	Chapmans Pit

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Footpaths				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Campbell Street Warracknabeal	100%	February 2015	February 2015	Luke Wyllie
Craig Avenue Warracknabeal	100%	February 2015	March 2015	Luke Wyllie
Cromie Street Rupanyup		July 2015		Luke Wyllie
Lyle Street Warracknabeal		July 2015		Luke Wyllie
Main Street Minyip	70%	February 2015		Luke Wyllie
McLeod Street Minyip	100%	August 2014	April 2015	Council Staff undertaking works
Webb Street Murtoa	100%	January 2015	January 2015	Willmores

Kerb & Channel				
<i>Project</i>	<i>% Completed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Dennys Street Hopetoun		August 2015		Willmores
Foundry Street Minyip	100%	June 2015	June 2015	Willmores
Mill Street Minyip	100%	February 2015	June 2015	Willmores
South Street Minyip		August 2015		Willmores
Stewart Street Rupanyup		August 2015		Willmores
Webb Street Murtoa	100%	January 2015	January 2015	Willmores
Wimmera Street Minyip	100%	June 2015	June 2015	Willmores

Drainage Works: Warracknabeal & Rupanyup

Line Marking: Hopetoun Airport

Footpaths: Warracknabeal & Beulah

R2R: Signage

10.6 Community Services Report – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

As part of the follow-up from the bus incident, all staff attended a Department of Education & Training (DET) workshop on bus procedures. We have also amended our guidelines for bus procedures and Minyip/Rupanyup bus travel. All services will also use a common excursion form for families. Families will also be required to complete a common bus enrolment form so that Kindergarten staff has correct information and families are aware they need to inform staff if their child is not attending.

The new procedures will also ensure staff follow a common procedure and appoint a designated person to deal with bus travelers each day.

Our license has been amended by DET to cover the changes we have had to introduce. The only issue we need to address is town bus travel in Warracknabeal, where parents use the bus ad hoc (this is difficult to monitor).

Environmental Health / Local Laws – Prepared by Tim Rose and Greg Wilson

Routine food premises inspections have continued over June with no major non compliance issues identified. Level of cooperation shown by proprietors has been good. One complaint was received over the June long weekend regarding the sale of unsafe food. The premises has been investigated and an educational visit conducted. One business in the south of the Shire has also been sold and a transfer inspection completed to ensure a smooth transition for the new owners.

Onsite wastewater applications have continued this month, with slightly more received than expected on a monthly basis. Applications are currently being assessed and permits being issued where possible. One complaint was received regarding damaged sewerage pipes in Murtoa; however, following an investigation into this matter Council has been unable to substantiate these claims.

Currently in the process of recovering outstanding fire hazard clean up costs from property owners across the Shire. Many of these people have relied on Council to maintain their properties for up to four years without reimbursing Council for contractor costs that have been incurred. In accordance with the Country Fire Authority Act, Council has an obligation to remedy properties that are potential fire hazards. Council cannot simply absorb the costs as a result of a non-compliant property owner.

On 29 May 2015 I attended the Regional Environmental Health Officers meeting in Avoca. This quarterly meeting is an opportunity for EHOs to discuss the issues currently presented and seek feedback on Council processes to ensure they are best practice. We also received an update with respect to the significant onsite wastewater review that the Environment Protection Authority is undertaking.

Local Laws

During the past four weeks it has been busy with a variety of jobs, helping the RSPCA with cats overrunning a property in Lubeck and working with the Department of Environment and Primary Industries on a cruelty case involving many dead sheep at a farm in Bangerang.

Ongoing issues in Beulah where chooks have been killed and plenty of cats being brought in.

Had a few dog surrenders as well this month with Maryanne Conduit helping to re-house all of them.

Two separate issues of rubbish dumping are being investigated by police.

We have been carrying out door knocking in most of the towns chasing overdue animal registrations with mixed but overall good results.

Aged and Disability – Prepared by Lisa Dunkley

This month has been extremely busy with First Aid training with all community Care Workers attending.

We are also preparing for 'My Aged Care' which is an important component of the Federal Governments Aged Care Reform. It will provide a central identifiable point of entry to make it easier for older people, their families and carers to access information on ageing and aged care, have their needs assessed and be supported to locate and access available services.

We are currently at Stage 1 which involves setting up an Auskey to access the MAC Assessor portal. This should be ready to go by 1 July 2015 (we can then commence receiving referrals). Further information will be given in later reports.

We have met with The Department of Health and our funding has increased for assessments, as they now wish us to take over assessments in the southern area from Dunmunkle health. We are currently working on the transition of the service across to us.

We have also been given funding to set up satellite phones for emergencies through Home & Community Care funding, we will order sleeves for our phones so that we can use existing phones to set up relief services.

Volunteer Meals and Transport – Prepared by Michelle Hallam

For the month of May 2015 we have completed 13 drives with only 1 cancellation. The table below shows a clear comparison over the last three years of how our transport is increasing yearly.

May 2015	13 drives, 1 cancellation
May 2014	10 drives
May 2013	7 drives

For the month of May people were accessing specialist appointments mainly in Ballarat and Horsham.

Youth Report – Prepared by Murray McKenzie

Youth Summit Planning is continuing with around 150 confirmed for 25 June 2015 at the Town Hall.

Interviews with Councillor Lisa Woods and Yarriambiack Shire CEO Ray Campling completed the formation of the Yarriambiack Youth Action Council. This process saw 12 youth from our region apply and accepted onto our inaugural Yarriambiack Youth Action Council. The applications were of a very high standard with a variety of interests which augers well for giving a voice to our Shire's Youth.

Application for Heywire funding was submitted. Zali Brown from Hopetoun was involved in this process during 2014 and we are looking to have the Yarriambiack Youth Action Council support her idea. Zali helped form the idea and funding stream that you "Don't need drink to Dance". We are looking to hold Dance and Music events which support our local events in October at the Murtoa big Weekend, Warracknabeal Festival/Show and Hopetoun Show as well the 'Women on Farms Gathering' planned for Hopetoun in 2016. We received 15 letters of support for this application.

The 'Change it Up' program dates and information is starting to filter through. The 18 -19 August are dates for the workshops at Horsham College. Change It Up sparks young people's ideas for change in their local communities through a two-day workshop. Young people aged 14 to 19 build their confidence, skills and networks to make their ideas happen. The program supports young people to contribute to local decision making and have a voice in determining the future of their local community. Change It Up works in partnership with the local community to support young people to have a voice and act on issues that are important to them. At each Change It Up, young people can access up to \$1,000 of seed funding to bring projects to life.

A Healthy relationship between Nexus Horsham and our Shire is developing. Nexus came over to Warracknabeal Secondary College on Friday 12 June at lunchtime and ran a music workshop with the college students (and teachers). It was very well received. Nexus are looking to support events with our Shire youth, potentially at Murtoa P-12 College and Hopetoun in the future.

Yarriambiack Shire also organised a bus to attend the **Nexus FReeZA** event on 12 June at Horsham. This was well patronised with 11 young people taking the bus, other events on the night stopped it from being full.

We are looking to lock in dates for the holding of Gaming nights in July across the Shire Neighbourhood Houses. Dates will vary between Thursdays and Fridays to allow access to different young people.

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

Birth notifications 68
Enrolments 96

Comparison to 2012

Birth notifications 67 (at the END of the June quarter)
Enrolments 96 (this was our last big year before 2014-2015)

Last year – end of June, there were 55 birth notifications and 86 enrolments.

Shire immunisations continue to be well attended on a monthly basis

The Lets Read program with volunteer readers has commenced in Warracknabeal. There will be some editorial and photos in the Warracknabeal Herald.

Playgroups are continuing in Murtoa, Beulah, Patchy, Tempy and Woomelang.

Play gym in Minyip.

Emergency Relief

Yarriambiack Shire Council has advertised the ceasing of the Emergency Relief Funding. I have met with Wimmera Uniting Care (WUC) and they will try to work with health agencies to provide the support in future. In the interim we have care and bedding packs to give out along with a limited number of food vouchers. We will still work with WUC to assist people with No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS).

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**Wimmera Southern Mallee Identifying Supply Chains Study**

The project builds on the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Strategy 2014 and other work conducted by the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group, identifying the need for transport routes which are appropriate for the region's freight task. Consultation with relevant stakeholders for the Yarriambiack Shire is continuing.

Warracknabeal Open for Inspection

The Warracknabeal Open for Inspection weekend was held on May 30 and 31. The weekend included racing, football and netball match, Neighbour Hood House Monster Garage Sale, Food Fest, Yarrilinks Tree Planting, Burnout Competition at the Aerodrome and a Fishing Competition. One family attended from Point Cook as a result of the Regional Victoria Living Expo.

Re-invigorating Your Product Group Mentoring Sessions

A free group mentoring session will be held at the Yarriambiack Shire Council Office in Warracknabeal on Monday, 27 July and the Mallee Bush Retreat Stick Shed on Wednesday, 29 July. The mentoring session will focus on reinvigorate existing business products and services.

Victorian Government's Small Business Bus

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus was located in Warracknabeal on June 16 and Hopetoun on June 18. The free mentoring sessions presented participants with the opportunity to identify a clear direction for their business, discuss key issues and priorities, and develop an action plan to achieve relevant goals.

Woomelang Caravan Park Upgrade

Artist Phil Rigg is currently painting a mural that features the Shearing Shed constructed during World War II that is located on Cronomby Tanks Road on the amenities block. Due to wartime shortages, the shed exterior was lined with compacted kerosene tins and is a historic feature of Woomelang.

Yarriambiack Art Salon

The first Yarriambiack Art Salon was held at Emma's Cafe and Takeaway in Minyip on 15 June 2015. Regional Arts Victoria Creative Arts Recovery Facilitator, Carolynne Hamdorf presented funding opportunities and the upcoming Art Atlas Project. The Arts Atlas Project was initiated to provide an opportunity to promote networking opportunities for the regional arts community. Minyip's Shocking Art Collective showcased a Mini Exhibition and Rose Groves provided a painting techniques workshop.

Current projects in Yarriambiack Shire Council, future projects and skill workshop ideas were also discussed.

Yarriambiack Tourism

The Yarriambiack Tourism Facebook Page currently has 1,201 'Likes'.

The next Yarriambiack Tourism meeting will be held in Yaapeet on 29 June. A tour of Wyperfeld National Park is currently being organised to take place prior to the meeting.

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Public Safety Infrastructure Fund – Security Lighting

In March 2015 the Contract for the Lighting Upgrades for Public Safety (C191/2015) was awarded by Council to Laser Electrical of Horsham.

The project value is \$108,000 which will install 43 lights throughout the municipality.

Warracknabeal – 13,	Murtoa – 6,	Hopetoun – 5
Rupanyup - 4	Minyip – 4	Brim – 3
Beulah – 6	Woomelang – 2	

14 of these installations will be 240V and the rest will be solar powered lights.

Laser Electrical have now commenced the installation of the lights and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by mid July.

Minyip Transfer Station

Council has advertised in the local newsletter and put notices up at the Transfer Station and shops in the town regarding the proposed changes to the operating hours at the Minyip Transfer Station which will commence from 1 July 2015.

New Hours of Operation: Tuesday 2pm – 5pm and Sunday 8am – 11am

Contract C198/2015 – Hopetoun Community Centre Upgrade

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

Council received six 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.

Grampians Central Waste Management Group (GCWMG)

The GCWMG has approved a new staff structure for the organisation in keeping with the requirements of the legislation.

The new structure supports the change in direction for waste management groups and the areas to concentrate on:-

- Strategic planning for infrastructure within the region
- Working with Councils to reduce waste management costs through joint procurement
- Assisting Councils in educating communities about waste reduction and recycling.

Key Roles identified for the organisation are:

1. Executive Officer
2. Project Manager – Planning
3. Project Manager – Procurement
4. Regional Education and Projects Officer

In addition there will be a support Officer for procurement and planning and one administrative officer.

The principal office will be in Ballarat and a second office will be located in Horsham.

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- Ongoing development of the 2015-16 Capital Works Program
- Attended a shared service GIS sub committee meeting in Horsham
- Attended a National Heavy Vehicle information session in Horsham
- Attended Murtoa community meeting
- Organised the resealing of a segment of pavement at the Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- In conjunction with the Bureau, located position for the weather station at the Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- Attended training on road pavements in Horsham
- Attended a GIS Spatial Vision workshop in Ararat

OH&S and Risk Management

- Attended an in-house information session for Council project management officers

Emergency Management

- Attended an Emergency Management meeting with VicPol, Councillor Grange and Deputy Municipal Recovery Manager in which discussions were held on the review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan

Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey

- Attended Yarrilinks Tree Planting weekend planning day
- Met with Department, Environment, Land, Water & Planning staff on site re threatened species on roadsides, Brim
- Preparation for tree planting weekend and payment of accounts etc
- Attended OH&S training session
- Planet Footprint quarterly report
- Set up AGL Online for monitoring of Electricity accounts
- Organised erection of fencing for threatened species on roadside
- Respond to various customer requests/complaints

OH&S Officer – Prepared by Robert Taylor

- Upgrading traffic management plans
- carrying out inspections on contractors
 - Luke Wyle – mechanics depot, Warracknabeal
 - Bells – works depot, Warracknabeal
 - Wilmore's – footpaths, Minyip
- Check of outdoor staff licences [12 monthly] car licence, induction card red card white card, licence to perform high risk work

Technical Services – Prepared by Nathan McLean

- Footpath Capital Works Program for 2015/16
- Organised traffic counter installation and locations, download data and save report for future works
- Edging for Murtoa playground has been delivered, playground equipment will be delivered by 19 June 2015
- Updated the Plant List with names assigned to each vehicle
- From the floods in 2011 we identified a major problem of stormwater being able to backflow through our pipe system causing issues. From this we have purchased and installed one way valves to prevent backflow of stormwater. Gary Gordon from Flotech Controls Pty Ltd supplied these and scheduled a visit to discuss this infrastructure
- Bernie Naylor and I have taken over from David Thompson to coordinate the Safety Improvements Project with lighting upgrades for public safety within our Shire. Laser Electrical Horsham are to provide 43 new solar LED lights in areas identified in discussion with local police and community groups

OH&S/Risk Management – Prepared by Barry Sullivan

Community Project Officers have now completed training in incorporating Community Project Management and OHS as one. Project Officers will now factor in at the grant application stage, safety systems that need to be in place prior to a project commencing. This minimises the risks of safety breaches and incidents on site and will minimise costly project budget blow outs. This will ensure the Principal Contractor (Council) and Main Contractor are compliant under the OHS Act, OHS Regulations and Codes of Practice throughout the project and that all permits required for the project are in place prior to the project starting.

Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) completed their JMAPP 2014-16 Audit Report to Council. The audit covered property inspections, asset records, asset risk management practices and Councils business continuity plan. The audit is scored out of 100% on having the correct systems in place to minimise risk. Council increased its score from 46% to 74% this year.

Councils OHS Manual is currently being reviewed and upgraded to be called the Occupational Health Safety and Risk Management Manual. The manual will now include Councils risk management policy, strategy & framework and worded to include both risk and safety.

Council asset audits are continuing throughout each town. The information gathered looks at the state of each building and prioritise maintenance schedules required to keep council assets in a serviceable condition.

The WorkSafe Domestic Asbestos Removal Kit Program is continuing with eighty six kits now handed out to shire residence involved in cleaning up asbestos from around their home.

The new Preferred Contractor Database (on line) is now up and running and managed by The Axiom Group in Bendigo. Sixty eight businesses are now listed on the database. The database lists their current insurance policies as well as the licence to perform the work. Shire staff can access the list of businesses knowing that the business is fully insured and has the capacity to perform the work required by Council.

10.8 Community Projects Report – Prepared by Dennis Smith

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

The tender advertising for the Hopetoun Community Centre Upgrade is now complete and prospective contractors are being interviewed and evaluated.

Work is to commence immediately following this football season.

Country Football and Netball Program 2014/2015

The application, submitted under this program, for the facility upgrades at the Minyip Recreation Reserve has been approved with a grant of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$164,419. We are now awaiting the Activity Schedule.

Community Facility Funding Program 2015/16 – Planning

We have received two Expressions of Interest from consultants to implement the new Yarriambiack Shire Council Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2020. The Steering Committee will be evaluating these over the forthcoming weeks.

It is expected this project will commence in July this year.

Community Facility Funding Program 2015/16 – Minors

A Purchase Order will be raised for the installation of lights at the Beulah Bowling and Croquet Club later this month.

Work is to commence in July this year.

Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Program

The application for \$13,615 through the above program has been approved for restoration of the Anzac Park gates. The Activity Schedule has been received, signed and returned and Purchase Orders have been placed with the contractors.

Other Work Undertaken

Works at the Rupanyup Maternal & Child Health Centre are expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

The Warracknabeal RSL Anzac Centenary project is complete and grant acquittal documentation has been prepared.

I will also be undertaking the following projects: Warracknabeal Town Hall, Warracknabeal Historical Society Wheatlands Museum and various walking tracks across the Shire.

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at May 2015 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Finance Report as at May 2015 be received.

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at June 2015 will be tabled.

Recommendation

The Revenue Report as at June 2015 be received.

11.3 Planning Report TP 39-14 – Prepared by David Young

Applicant's Name: Price Merrett Consulting – Mark Carter

Land/Address: Lot 1, Sunraysia Highway Woomelang

Application: Use and development of land for Rural Store (Use of the bunker developments undertaken in 1994 or later, 2000 and 2011, Development of office amenities and car parking, removal of native vegetation done in 2011, earthworks associated with the construction of the bunker pads, access ways, drainage improvements, dams construction and landscaping.)

Introduction

Price Merrett Consulting on behalf of Graincorp Operations Limited have applied for approval for a planning permit to carry out additional developments at the existing bunker site at Woomelang. The majority of these works have already been constructed without planning approval.

The applicant has supplied Council with a number of reports and plans. Objections and other information have also been received. Councillors have received copies of all information submitted by the applicant including reports, plans as well as information submitted by the objectors.

Background

The site has been developed over a number of years and includes:

- a) The subject site was first used as a grain storage facility in 1983. The development included two bunkers, stacker pad and associated earthworks.
- b) The site was further developed in 1994 or later with the addition of two more bunkers. (This date is uncertain as the applicant was asked to provide information as to when the works were carried out but none was received.)
- c) In 2000 the site was subdivided to create an area for the expansion of additional bunkers.
- d) In early 2000 the pad was widened to create a fifth bunker.
- e) In early 2000 Council wrote to Graincorp advising them that works carried out on the site have been done without the required planning permits being obtained.
- f) In 2011 consultants SKM applied for a planning permit to construct an additional bunker, remove vegetation and carryout earthworks. Council asked the consultants to provide a detailed plan of the site to establish what had been approved and what had not. No information was received and Council did not issue any permits.
- g) In late 2011 Graincorp, not having obtained the relevant permits that they applied for carried out the work regardless by constructing an additional grain storage area, dam and removal of native vegetation.
- h) On the 15 December 2011 Council wrote to Graincorp regrading the above illegal works.
- i) Since 2011 Council has written to, met with and emailed Graincorp in relation to the illegal works and the need to apply for a planning permit.

Current Proposal

The planning application seeks to approve:

- The bunker development undertaken in 2000 and 2011. Council also needs to consider the development in 1994 or later as discussed later in the report.
- Removal of native saltbush which occurred in 2011
- New amenities and car park area.
- Drainage improvements including dam construction.
- Landscaping.

Subject Site

Location

The subject site is located to the north west of the Woomelang Township. It has access off the Sunraysia Highway and forms part of an overall complex used for grain handling. The second site is along the railway line some 300 metres to the south east of the bunker site comprising of silos.

The land has a fall from the north to the south, contains very little in the way of vegetation except for some scatter trees and bushes across the front of the complex and some half cut down trees in between two bunkers.

The site contains (6) six grain bunkers and an area between each bunker that is used for loading equipment. However, the area between the bunkers has been used for additional storage of grain in the past. A shipping container is located at the front of the property along with used materials. A sprinkler system has been installed, minus the sprinkler heads, across some parts of the frontage.

There are three dams one located on the southern boundary and two constructed to the west of the site. The southern dam is constructed hard up against the front boundary.

Surrounding land

Surrounding land consists of:

- To the north is vacant farm land
- To the east and south east is the township of Woomelang consisting of dwellings and commercial buildings
- To the south are dwellings and vacant farm land
- To the west is vacant farmland.

The nearest dwelling to the south is some 30 metres from the site on the southern side.

Planning Scheme Requirements, State and Local Planning Policy

Zones and Overlay

The subject land is Zoned Farming and features an Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (Highway Environs) over part of the land.

Purpose of Zone:

- To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- To provide for the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land. To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.
- To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.

Definition

The proposal is defined as a Rural Store under the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme. The applicant stores unprocessed agricultural produce at the site prior to it being moved to another grain handling facility.

A Rural store is defined as: "Land used to store unprocessed agricultural produce, or products used in agriculture."

Why is a permit required?

A Rural store is categorised as a section 1 use with the condition "Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture. Must be in a building, not a dwelling and have a gross floor area of less than 100 square metres. Must be the only rural store on the lot."

The proposal does not meet the requirements of the condition as such under clause 31.01 the following applies:

"Section 1 Uses: A use in Section 1 does not require a permit. Any condition opposite the use must be met. If the condition is not met, the use is in Section 2 and requires a permit unless the use is specifically included in Section 3 as a use that does not meet the Section 1 condition."

"A use in Section 2 requires a permit. Any condition opposite the use must be met. If the condition is not met, the use is prohibited."

Making decisions about section 2 uses because a use is in Section 2 does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The responsible authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the State Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Policy Framework, the purpose and decision guidelines of the zone and any of the other decision guidelines in Clause 65."

The use and development therefore is categorised as a Section 2 use and requires a permit to be issued for use and development.

What may be covered under existing use rights?

One area that is still unclear and has not been resolved is to what extent does the existing use rights extend to. Under clause 63.01 the planning scheme allows existing use rights to remain if it can be shown that the development has been in existence for more than 15 years and at no stage has Council made it clear the development and use are done in contradiction to the planning scheme.

63.01 Extent of existing use rights

An existing use right is established in relation to use of land under this scheme if any of the following apply:

*The use was lawfully carried out immediately before the approval date.
Proof of continuous use for 15 years is established under Clause 63.11.*

63.11

Proof of continuous use If, in relation to an application or proceeding under the Act or this scheme, including an application for a certificate of compliance under Section 97N of the Act, the extent of any existing use right for a period in excess of 15 years is in question, it is sufficient proof of the establishment of the existing use right if the use has been carried out continuously for 15 years prior to the date of the application or proceeding. An existing use right may be established under this clause even if the use did not comply with the scheme immediately prior to or during the 15 year period, unless either:

- At any time before or after commencement of the 15 year period the use has been held to be unlawful by a decision of a court or tribunal.*
- During the 15 year period, the responsible authority has clearly and unambiguously given a written direction for the use to cease by reason of its non-compliance with the scheme.*

In 2000 Council wrote to Graincorp stating that a number of works and buildings had been constructed without obtaining the relevant permits. Other documentation from 2001 related to construction of drainage works, signs and other matters that does not seem to have been carried out.

Council cannot be satisfied that it has been shown beyond a doubt the exact dates the bunker have been constructed to claim the exemption under the 15 year rule for the four of the so called original bunkers. The two bunkers built in 1983 are the only ones believed to be exempt for the application. The only information submitted by the applicant is an aerial photo with a date of 1999 showing the four bunkers in question.

There seems to be enough evidence that in 2000, 2001 Graincorp were made aware of the need to obtain planning permits which would make the exemption cut off date 1985/6. The cut off date from 2011 would be 1996. As the applicant has not provided any information in relation to this matter or dates of construction, which are beyond any reasonable doubt, Council should consider the two additional bunkers built in the late 1990's in their deliberation.

Graincorp have responded to this issue by stating:

GrainCorp believes that we have demonstrated in the Planning Permit application and in others documents prepared and issued to Shire from Price Merrett Consulting (as part of the consultation and Planning Permit process) that we were not advised nor specifically requested of the need to obtain permits for the previous bunkers as noted above. We disagree with the Shire including previous bunkers as part of this application.

As noted above In early 2000 Council wrote to Graincorp advising them that works carried out on the site have been done without the required planning permits being obtained. In 2012 consultants SKM applied for a planning permit to construct an additional bunker, remove vegetation and carryout earthworks. Council did not issue any permits as the application lapsed. In late 2011 Graincorp, not having obtained the relevant permits that they applied for carried out the work regardless by constructing an additional grain storage area, dam and removal of native vegetation occurred. On the 15 December 2011 Council wrote to Graincorp regarding the above illegal works.

State and Local Policy

The following clauses from the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme support the proposed development of the land.

SPPF

14.01-2 Sustainable agricultural land use

Objective To encourage sustainable agricultural land use.

Strategies Ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources.

Support effective agricultural production and processing infrastructure, rural industry and farm-related retailing and assist genuine farming enterprises to adjust flexibly to market changes.

21.04 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT VISION

- Protecting rural land for the purposes of agricultural production and value adding industries;*
- Supporting sustainable economic development including agriculture and new industries based on the Shire's built and natural assets and locational advantages;*
- Promoting preferred locations for industrial growth and development.*

22.02 RURAL 22.02-1 Rural Land

While rural areas in Yarriambiack Shire predominantly support broadacre agriculture, opportunities and requirements exist for the establishment of Rural Dependent Enterprises in these areas. These enterprises may include such uses and development as fertiliser processing facilities, transport depots and storage facilities.

Referral and Advertising

The application was advertised to the public through notices being placed in the local newsletter and newspaper, letters sent to potentially affected landowners and occupiers and a notice being placed on site.

The application was referred to Vicroads under Section 55 who made no objection and requested **no conditions** be placed on the permit.

The application was referred to the EPA under Section 52 who made a number of comments and suggestion. These include:

EPA would recommend the following conditions be included for any permits granted for the site:

- *Nuisance dust must not be discharged beyond the boundaries of the premises.*
- *Noise emitted from the premises must not exceed the recommended levels as set out in Noise from Industry in Regional Victoria (NIRV; EPA Publication 1411, 2011) or as amended.*
- *Speed limits on site must be restricted to 10 kilometres per hour; signage should be installed to display this requirement.*
- *Engineering controls such as sprinklers must be installed to mitigate dust impacts from the subject site.*

Development

Access

The access to the site is from the Sunraysia Highway to the south. This is a VicRoads managed road. There are two entranceways, one constructed and bitumen sealed and one constructed of rock. A Traffic Management Report has been prepared and submitted with the application. The report makes the following recommendation:

“4. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The additional bunker development/formalisation is to accommodate the demands placed by increased segregation of grain and is not deemed to be generating any additional traffic movements.

Reference to Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A identifies that the existing entrance arrangement that was constructed in 2000 as part of the subdivision approval is deemed to be adequate.”

Driscoll Engineering Services P/L, 19 August 2014 (Revision 1), Page 5

Vicroads have not requested any upgrade to the facility entranceway and have not requested any conditions be placed on the planning permit if issued by Council.

Vehicles

The site generates vehicle movements at specific times of the year. The first is at harvest time when grain is being deposited into the bunker site. This can vary between 6 to 12 weeks depending on the season and the demand for the site.

The second is when emptying the site occurs. This is subject to the requirements of Graincorp and can vary throughout the year.

The applicant has stated in the report that:

Traffic data obtained from Graincorp in 2011 indicates that the maximum number of trucks which entered the site over a 2 month period was 172 between 8am and 8pm. Traffic was relatively consistent through the harvest period. The average truck numbers over the harvest period was 50/day.

The traffic report provided by Driscoll Engineering highlights that the additional bunker development is to accommodate the need for improved segregation of different grain types. There is not expected to be any additional traffic movements associated with the increased bunker storage capacity.

The rate of vehicles accessing the site is generally consistent over the 13 hrs of operation. As indicated in 4.2 above, the site may be opened longer during harvest which would reduce the traffic intensity.

During harvest period the site is typically opened between the times of 7:00am and 8:00pm.

Operation outside these times may occur if there is demand from growers. Extending operating times would benefit growers through a reduction in traffic congestion. It is noted that the EPA guidelines for noise emission vary depending on the time period and operation must be compliant with these guidelines.

The applicant has also provided information in regards to vehicle movement between 8 am and 8 pm. But no information has been provided in regards to information for vehicles outside of these times considering normal operations are proposed from 7 am till 8 pm. Council has requested the data for trucks entering and exiting the site outside of 8 am and 8 pm but this has not been supplied.

Based on previous operations and complaints from neighbours the site has operated from 5.30 am till 11 pm and in one instance till 1 am. A main objection has been regrading vehicles entering and exiting the site causing noise issues early in the morning and late at night.

Noise

The generation and frequency of noise is linked to the use and hours of operation.

Noise is generated on site from a number of devices including:

- Heavy vehicles movements,
- Loader reversing beeper (tonal),
- Diesel Generators.

The applicant has provided the following comment regarding noise.

“EPA guideline 1411, Noise from Industry in Regional Victoria, provides recommended maximum noise levels for industry in regional Victoria. Table 1 of this guideline recommends noise levels for various planning zones. In the Drawing F6741-4013-4 reflects the allowable noise levels within certain buffer distances from existing residences to comply with EPA regulations.

This noise mitigation plan will be implemented as part of the development improvements.

Reversing beeper noise from equipment used on site has been highlighted as an issue from neighbouring residents. Graincorp propose to replace the existing reversing beepers with modern ‘broadband’ reversing alarms.

The use of an old generator on site has previously been an issue to neighbouring residents. This generator was recently replaced with a modern W&C low emitting unit which emits around 70 dB(A) at 1m. This would be within acceptable EPA daily noise levels within the zone 100m from neighbouring properties.”

The EPA has not disputed the information submitted by the applicant and sent to them from Council. If the site is managed and ran appropriately noise issues should be minimal.

Any permit that may be issued will need to include conditions in relation to the development of a noise mitigation plan and its implementation. The plan needs to be prepared by a qualified consultant and address any potential noise issues. Additional conditions will need to include noise reduction equipment on machines, placement of generators to the north of the site which would move them away from houses, sealing of the entranceway into the site and along the front of the bunkers and use of landscaping and earth barriers.

Dust

The generation of dust is from a number of sources. These include dust from the site itself, dust from vehicles moving around the site, dust from the grain being emptied into the pad, dust from emptying the bunkers and dust being deposited onto the road from vehicles entering the site and exiting the site. A main complaint is the dust that is deposited on to the road way then blows, on a mild windy day, into the dwellings on the southern side of the road.

In general, dust can usually be controlled to the extent that it does not become a problem by the use of multiple methods.

In relation to this site, Graincorp have made the following statement;

“The installation of a sprinkler system will reduce the dust generated on site due to gravel roadways. The sprinkler system covers the southern track of the bunker pad.

Graincorp have recently applied dust suppressants to the internal roadways. Dust suppressants still require wetting to remain effective and thus combined with the sprinkler system will provide a good dust control mechanism.”

The EPA has recommended the use of landscape and other dust suppression measures to control dust issues. They have also recommended that in the short term, and at time of use, hay bales be placed around the site to limit dust movement. Any permit that may be issued will need to include conditions in relation to this.

Vehicle movement

In relation to dust and dirt being deposited on the road from vehicles entering the site, there is very little Council can do about this, except to ask Graincorp to look at cleaning the road on a regular basis.

In relation to vehicles leaving the site and depositing dust on the road, measures can be put in place to reduce this occurrence. These could include making vehicles pass over a grid to shake off any dust collected on the vehicles, use of a low level sprinkler system the vehicles pass through to wash down vehicles, or as mentioned above, cleaning of the roadway on a regular basis by a street sweeper.

Sprinkler system

The sprinkler system has been installed for a number of years at the site and has never been connected to a water supply, or had the sprinkler heads installed. The system runs along the front of the site from the east to the west. It is unclear how this will work once it is commissioned and to what extent it will be effective. It will only reduce, dust generated from vehicles moving along the front of the site in an east west direction.

Dust suppressants

Dust suppression is usually used on an annual basis on gravel or dirt roads where communities or housing are affected from low level volumes of traffic. The dust suppressants generally remove most of the dust, however not all, with a light plume still airborne. There is always a residual amount of dust remaining on the surface of the roadway which cannot be stopped without the surface being sealed in some form.

In areas of high traffic, especially turning traffic, a dust suppressant would not resolve dust issues as fine material would still be broken away from the road pavement due to the volume of traffic and/or screwing action of the tyres. It also needs to be added that heavy rains may wash away the suppressants.

Generation of Dust from Filling and Emptying of Bunkers

One of the side effects from bunkers sites is that the distribution and control of dust is hard to achieve when they are being filled and/or emptied. There are only a limited number of mechanisms that can be put in place, these include reduced operation times on windy days, bunkers only being filled to a certain height, lowering of the augers down to that height and construction of barriers to prevent or reduce the movement of dust.

Visual Amenity

Grain receival sites are highly visible from a distance, due to the height of the bunkers and the equipment used. However, the sites can be adequately treated with a variety of landscaping methods to reduce the impact on the amenity of the area and the surrounding residents. This can be from the use of landscaped earth mounds that form not only a visual barrier around the site, but will also assist in the reduction of airborne dust on the site.

The applicant has stated that:

“Grain storage areas need to be kept free of debris including wind-blown leaves. It is proposed to screen the site from the road using indigenous species chosen for their low contamination properties. The earth berm to the south of the drain A – B will be incorporated into the landscaping arrangement.

The type of species will be discussed with catchment management authority; however it is expected this will consist of approximately 3 rows with varying shrub and tree species.”

Any landscaping of the site should include the entire frontage of the site using a mixture of earth mounds, colorbond fencing and species approved by Council. Any permit that may be issued should include the requirement to develop a detailed landscape plan that is required to be endorsed and approved by Council.

Odour and Fumigation

The applicant was asked to provide details on the fumigation process and what chemicals are used based on a number of questions asked. The applicant has provided the following:

Details of chemicals used and standards followed.

At Woomelang Phosphine and Profume (Sulfuryl Fluoride) is used for fumigation. Standards followed include compliance to AS2476:2008, (attached) these provide guidance on good fumigation practice and Graincorp meets or exceeds these. The controls are covered by personnel being licensed fumigators via appropriate SWMS (procedures) that detail how we conduct fumigation.

Setback and buffer distances, as required by standards, from residential properties.

There are no requirements that apply to residential buffers and this is covered via above standards. Our operating practices have 3m and 6m buffers, albeit these apply for workspace (hygienic, TLV) standard of 0.3ppm of Phosphine and 5ppm of Profume.

What id the tracer added to the chemical for? What is it used for?

Pure Phosphine is odourless, however Phosphine when derived from solid formulation (blankets or tablets) has an odour the breakdown smell is described as garlic or carbide like (it is quite distinctive and you will notice it around poorly sealed structures if you get close enough).

Residents will never be close enough as they would have to breach above buffer zones, which are well marked again in accordance with standards. If Phosphine is derived from cylinder formulations you are unlikely to get any odour. This principle also applies when using Profume.

What are sources of odour?

Waste Grain:

This can occur if waste grain gets wet and is left on site for too long. As stated this should be removed in a timely manner. What we do is cover up this waste to stop it getting wet and then dispose of this.

What do you do to prevent grain rotting? How and to what location is it disposed off?

The grain will only become really bad if left for too long and wet. Prevention is to cover the grain and remove it off site quickly. Usually within 2 weeks.

At this site we get a local farmer to pick this up to utilize as food for their stock

Fumigation is carried out and controlled by licensed workers. The practice is compliant with Australian Standards and within guidelines. There would seem to be no evidence that the site is in breach of these guidelines. Any permit issued by Council will need to include conditions in relation to removal of waste products and no impact on surrounding land and uses.

Drainage

The drainage at the Woomelang Graincorp site does not currently function correctly. This is due to a large impervious area which creates a considerable amount of runoff into the stormwater network along the road frontage.

Consulting engineers, Price Merrett, have developed a concept of a "closed system" on the site which would see no water leave the site. This is not possible to achieve, as at some stage during wet periods the dams would be full and would need to be pumped out, the designed system does not allow for this to occur.

The open drainage system is currently being impeded by a driveway downstream which would require removal or a culvert to be installed as part of the upgrade works, to allow the water to run to the Cronomby Tanks reserve. Any permit issued will need to include conditions in relation to construction works and ensuring the site does not cause flooding to surrounding properties.

Public Comment

The application was advertised to the public through notices being placed in the local newsletter and newspaper, letters being sent to potentially affected landowners and occupiers and a notice being placed on site.

Objections

Council received three objections to the application. Councillors have received a copy of the objections.

The objections are based on a number of issues and can be summarised as:

- Noise
- Dust
- Amenity
- Vehicle movement
- Hours of operation
- Odour
- Health concerns.

Graincorp has responded to the concerns of the objectors in submitting a response, date 27 February 2015 that according to Graincorp addresses the issues raised by the objectors and Council.

Over the past several years Graincorp, through constant discussions with Council and the objectors, have stated they have put a number of managements in place, some of which are listed above, to reduce the impact the development has had on surrounding residents. According to surrounding residents these have not worked and the issues caused by the facility continue.

Officer Comments

The Graincorp site has been in operation since 1983. Since then the owners of the land have carried out developments and expansions without getting the relevant approvals. It has taken Graincorp nearly four 4 years to apply for the relevant planning permits since discussion first took place in relation to the works done in 2011. It could be summarised as doing the works and then arguing approval should be granted because the works exist.

At all times Council have tried to work with Graincorp to get them to apply for a planning permit. On a number of occasions Graincorp has indicated they have been disappointed that consultation and what they have been doing on the site has not been passed on to concerned residents. It is hard to disseminate information when Graincorp have no approvals or instructions from Council to carry out the work in the first instance and Council cannot monitor operations on site.

The subject site was first used as a grain storage facility in 1983. The development included two bunkers, stacker pad and associated earthworks. The site was further developed in 1994 or later with the addition of two more bunkers and again in 2000, the site was subdivided to create an area for the expansion of additional bunkers. In early 2000, the pad was widened to create a fifth bunker. In 2011, consultants, SKM, applied for a planning permit to construct an additional bunker, remove vegetation and carry out earthworks. Council asked the consultants to provide a detailed plan of the site to establish what had been approved and what had not. No information was received and Council did not issue any permits as the application lapsed.

In early 2000, Council wrote to Graincorp advising them that works carried out on the site had been done without the required planning permits being obtained.

In late 2011, Graincorp not having obtained the relevant permits carried out the work regardless and constructed an additional grain storage area, dam and removed native vegetation.

The access to the site is from the Sunraysia Highway, a Vicroads managed road. A Traffic Management Report has been prepared and submitted with the application. Vicroads have not requested any upgrades to the facility entranceway and have not requested any conditions be placed on the planning permit if issued by Council.

Based on previous operations and complaints from neighbours, the site has operated from 5.30 am till 11 pm and in one instance till 1 am. One of the main objections has been on vehicles entering and exiting the site and the use of reversing beepers causing noise issues early in the morning and late at night.

Noise levels on the site are controlled under EPA guidelines. The generation and frequency of noise is linked to the use and hours of operation from a number of devices. Restrictions may need to be put in place in regards to hours of operation or types of reversing vehicle beepers that are used on the site at certain times of the day.

If the site is managed and ran appropriately, noise issues should be minimal. Any permit that may be issued will need to include conditions in relation to the noise plan and its implementation. The plan needs to be prepared by a suitable qualified consultant and provide for monitoring and reporting back to Council at the cost of the applicant.

If a permit is issued, other noise reduction methods need to be put in place, including the placement of generators to the north of the site, which would move them away from houses; sealing of the entranceway into the site and along the front of the bunkers would reduce truck noise and the use of landscaping and earth barriers.

The generation of dust is from a number of sources, in general dust can usually be controlled to the extent that it does not become a problem by the use of multiple methods. These include making vehicles pass over a grid to shake off any dust collected on the vehicles, use of a low level sprinkler system the vehicles pass through to wash down vehicles or cleaning of the roadway on a regular basis by a street sweeper. Proper use of the sprinkler system and use of dust suppressants.

One of the side effects from bunkers sites is that the distribution and control of dust is hard to achieve when they are being filled and/or emptied. However, dust control can still be achieved to include reduced operations at times on windy days, bunkers only being filled to a certain height and a lowering of the augers down to that height and construction of barriers to prevent or reduce the movement of dust.

Use of landscaping and large square bales of hay stacked two high (as a temporary measure only) as a means of mitigating dust during loading / unloading in harvesting periods as recommended by the EPA.

Grain receival sites are highly visible; the sites can be adequately treated with a variety of landscaping methods to reduce the impact on the amenity of the area and the surrounding residents. This can be from the use of landscaped earth mounds that form a visual barrier around the site; these will also assist in the reduction of airborne dust at the site.

Landscaping of the site should include the entire frontage of the site using a mixture of earth mounds, colorbond fencing and species approved by Council. Any permit that may be issued should include the requirement to develop a detailed landscape plan that is required to be endorsed and approved by Council.

Response to Objections

The submissions received on the proposal are based on what is occurring on the site at present. The objections are based on a number of issues including noise, dust, vehicle movement, hours of operation and odour.

If the site managers and owners abide by conditions set, is managed properly and maintained in good order at all times there is no reason why it cannot efficiently function in the manner needed without having any impact on surrounding properties. The majority of complaints received over past years are all in relation to management issues for the site.

Conclusion

In hindsight, the subject development should never have been established in the location it has been. Council in the late 90' should have taken action to prevent the site operating from the subject location. It has not helped the situation that Graincorp, knowing they needed approvals prior to works commencing, did the works and then asked for approval.

The EPA best summed up the situation and I quote: *"Primarily we note that the sitting of the grain storage directly across the road from residential properties is not ideal and we would caution major expansion works at this site; especially considering the volume of materials to be handled. However, it is also understood that the operators have a certain amount of existing use rights to operate the site. EPA has received complaints from adjacent properties regarding dust and noise impacts."*

Council needs to make a decision based on what they believe is a suitable outcome taking into account the proposed application, economic and social impacts, issues raised in submissions and information presented to them.

Over the past several years, Graincorp, through constant discussion with Council and the objectors have stated they have put a number of managements in place, some of which are listed above, to reduce the impact the development has had on surrounding residents. According to surrounding residents these have not worked and the issues caused by the facility continue.

If Council decides to support the application they will need to ensure sufficient conditions are in place to protect the amenity of the neighbouring properties and the township. Council will need to ensure that these conditions are enforced and monitored.

Recommendation

Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit

That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No.TP 39-14 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and having considered all the matters required decides to Grant a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in respect of the land known and described as Lot 1, Sunraysia Highway Woomelang, for the use and development of a Rural Store (Use of the bunker development undertaken in 1994, 2000 and 2011, Development of office amenities and car parking, removal of native vegetation, earthworks associates with the construction of the bunker pads, access ways, drainage improvements, dams construction and landscaping.) in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions:

Conditions

General

1. The development as generally shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the responsible authority.
2. The owner/applicant must submit to the responsible authority for approval and endorsement further plans. Once endorsed and approved these plans will then form part of the approved planning permit. The plans must be approved and endorsed prior to any works commencing on site. The plans must generally be in accordance with the plans submitted with the application but must show:
 - Detailed elevation drawings floor plan of the proposed amenities building.
 - Details and location of the proposed septic tank system.
 - A land capability assessment report associated with the septic tank system.
3. The development must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
 - transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land.
 - appearance of any building, works or materials.
 - emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil.
 - presence of vermin.
4. Any contaminated soils or products removed from the site must be disposed of in accordance with the relevant State Environmental Protection polices and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
5. Any fill proposed to be moved onto the site must be free from contamination and other matter. All fill is to be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
6. Odours offensive to the senses of human beings must not be discharged beyond the site boundary.
7. The operation must not result in visible dust beyond the site boundary.
8. Any earthworks associated with the development of the site including sediment control works, are undertaken in accordance with EPA Publication 275 Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control and guidance provided by EPA Publication 480 Environment Guidelines for Major Construction Sites.
9. Any waste products, plastics, general rubbish, must be disposed of at an official land fill facility to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

10. The hours of operation for the facility shall be limited to:
- Monday to Friday 7.00 am – 7.00 pm
 - Saturday 8.00 am – 6.30 pm
 - Sunday (Grain Harvest Season) 8.00 am – 6.30 pm
 - Sunday (Non Grain Harvest Season) 9.00 am – 6.00 pm
 - The grain harvest season is the months of November, December, January and February.
 - No operating on Christmas Day

Engineering

11. Access to and egress from the site for all vehicles must only be from the access points approved by the responsible authority and shown on the endorsed plan.
12. The internal road is to be constructed to a standard that allows all year round access to emergency service vehicles and is to be done to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
13. Dust-proofing to the satisfaction of the Council must be provided to ensure that dust generated from the storage and movement of grain does not cause nuisance or detriment to any persons beyond the site.
14. All internal roads within the site must be surfaced and maintained with approved granitic sand or other suitable material to the satisfaction of the responsible authority to ensure minimal dust from vehicular traffic. The entrance to the site off the Sunraysia Highway and the immediate access road which is parallel to the Sunraysia Highway shall be sealed with a bituminous chip seal or hot mix (asphalt).
15. All cross-over's to the site must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, and at no cost to the responsible authority, using and maintaining a sufficient covering of granitic sand and other materials to the satisfaction of the responsible authority to ensure minimal dust generation and to provide all weather access to the site.
16. The applicant/owner, with approval from Vicroads, is to ensure the front of the site, along Sunraysia Highway is kept free of dust deposited by vehicles entering or exiting the site at all times and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
17. Access to and from the site for all commercial vehicles, including waste collection, must only use Sunraysia Highway. Vehicles are not permitted to assemble outside of the property along any road.

Drainage

18. Before any of the development starts, a properly prepared drainage discharge plan with computations to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and a minimum of three copies (or as specified) must be provided. The information submitted must show the details listed in the council's Infrastructure Design Manual and be designed in accordance with the requirements of that manual.

The information and plan must include:

- details of how the works on the land are to be drained and/or retarded.
 - computations including total hydraulic grade line for the existing and proposed drainage as directed by responsible authority
 - independent drainage for each lot (for subdivisions only)
 - underground pipe drains conveying storm water to the legal point of discharge for each allotment
 - measures to enhance storm water discharge quality from the site and protect downstream waterways including the expected discharge quality emanating from the development (output from MUSIC or similar) and design calculation summaries of the treatment elements;
 - a maximum discharge rate from the site is to be determined by computation to the satisfaction of Council or (insert) lit/sec/ha.
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- documentation demonstrating approval from the relevant authority for the legal point of discharge.
 - the provision of gross pollutant and/or litter traps installed at the drainage outfall of the development to ensure that no effluent or polluted water of any type may be allowed to enter the Council's stormwater drainage system.
 - the details of the incorporation of water sensitive urban design designed in accordance either "Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines" 1999.
 - maintenance schedules for treatment elements.
 - upgrading of the drain along Sunraysia Highway heading east from the property entrance. This includes ensuring that the water can enter the drain under the rail line which crosses the Sunraysia Highway near the Hopetoun Woomelang – Sunraysia Highway Intersection. Installation of a drainage culvert at the paddock entrance opposite the Hopetoun Woomelang – Sunraysia Highway Intersection.
19. Before the use begins and the building are occupied all works constructed or carried out must be in accordance with those plans to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 20. The site must be graded to allow the effective runoff of stormwater into perimeter and then discharged into the dam to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 21. No polluted and/or sediment laden run-off is to be discharged directly or indirectly into drains or watercourses. To this end, pollution or litter traps must be provided on site to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 22. The dam is to be designed in accordance with sound engineering practice to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 23. All overflows from the dam are to be directed to a legal point of discharge and constructed and designed in a manner to ensure flooding of surrounding areas do not occur.
 24. The applicant is to ensure appropriate controls over mosquitoes, to ensure infestation of the water/waterways does not occur, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 25. The applicant must ensure measures to protect watercourses from contaminated stormwater (grain and grain dust) must be implemented.

Dust

26. The applicant/owner is to install a dust suppression system, sprinklers connected to a permanent water supply that shall be used to minimise dust particles from any part of the land, including but not limited to gravel access tracks and vehicles. The system must be maintained at all times and be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
27. In the event that the dust suppression system does not work satisfactorily, upon written request from the responsible authority, the applicant is to cover all stock piles with an appropriate method to prevent dust born particles. The system must be maintained at all times and be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
28. Nuisance dust must not be discharged beyond the boundaries of the premises.
29. Speed limits on site must be restricted to 10km per hour; signage must be installed to display this requirement at the front entranceway entering the site and at other suitable locations.
30. Vehicles exiting the site must not deposit grain, dust, soil, clay or stones on the abutting roads.
31. Appropriate measures must be implemented throughout the year to rectify and/or minimise mud, crushed rock or other debris being carried onto public roads or footpaths from the subject land, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
32. The applicant must ensure that dust suppression is undertaken in the form of constant water spraying or other natural based proprietary dust suppressant to ensure that dust caused by vehicles moving along the (access road) and/or within the site does not cause a nuisance to surrounding properties to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
33. All roads/storage areas/external stockpiles/vacant or grazed areas must be covered and/or maintained to avoid dust and grit nuisance to any residential area to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Noise

34. Prior to the operation of the facility commencing the applicant/owner/manager of the land is to provide to the responsible authority a report, prepared by a qualified Noise Consultant that sets out a detailed Noise Mitigation Plan. Once endorsed the applicant/owner of the land is to implement the plan and any associated works immediately.
35. In addition to the Noise Mitigation Plan the following noise control measures must be implemented to the satisfaction of the responsible authority comprising of:
 - the installation of a noise barriers, temporary, hay bales and permanent, earth mounds and landscaping; and
 - any vehicles operating on the site to be fitted with broadband reversing beepers.
36. Noise emitted from the premises must not exceed the recommended levels as set out in Noise from Industry in Regional Victoria (NIRV; EPA Publication 1411, 2011) or as amended.

Native Vegetation

37. Offsets required

In order to offset the native vegetation approved for removal as part of this permit, and as identified in the SKM report and plans dated 6 December 2011, the applicant must provide a biodiversity equivalence within the Mallee Catchment Management Authority area or Yarriambiack Shire Council municipal district for the area cleared.

Evidence of Offset

To provide the required offset, before the vegetation removal starts, the applicant must either:

- (a) Provide to the responsible authority, an Allocated Credit Extract issued by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Native Vegetation Credit Register that satisfies the required offset (Third Party Offset); and/or
- (b) Commence management of an offset site in accordance with an offset plan endorsed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (First Party Offset), to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The location of any native vegetation offset must not increase the bushfire risk to the proposed development or existing developments in the surrounding area. The offset plan must include:

- the amount of vegetation to be off set.
- a description of the site, including a map of where the offset will be provided;
- a schedule of the works required to achieve the offset over a 10-year period, detailing:
- management actions to be performed (e.g. fencing, weed control, pest control, revegetation);
- the person(s) responsible for implementing the specified management actions;
- the timeline for the implementation of the management actions;
- the method by which the management actions will be undertaken;
- the standard to which the management actions will be undertaken.

Every year, for ten (10) years, after the responsible authority has approved the offset management plan, the applicant must provide notification to the responsible authority of the management actions undertaken towards the implementation of the offset management plan. An offset site condition statement, including photographs must be included in this notification.

When endorsed, the plan will form part of this permit.

Landscape

38. Before the development starts, a landscape plan to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided.

The plan must show:

- the first 5 metres of the internal boundary commencing at the southern tip of the dam on the western boundary, continuing along Sunraysia Highway and terminating 30 metres along the eastern boundary of the site, being designated for landscaping.

- the landscaping is to include a landscaped earth mound, of at least 1.5 meters high in the same area as designated above.
 - a survey (including botanical names) of all existing vegetation to be retained and/or removed.
 - a planting schedule of all proposed trees, shrubs and ground covers, including botanical names, common names, pot sizes, sizes at maturity, and quantities of each plant. Preference is given for native species.
 - All species selected must be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The landscape plan must also indicate that an in-ground irrigation system is to be provided to all landscaped areas.
39. Before the use/occupation of the development starts or by such later date as is approved by the responsible authority in writing, the landscaping works shown on the endorsed plans must be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
40. The landscaping shown on the endorsed plans must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, including that any dead, diseased or damaged plants are to be replaced.
41. Until such time as the landscaping is established and is to the satisfaction of the responsible authority stacks of hay bales to a minimum height of 1.5m are to be erected as a temporary means to mitigate dust during loading / unloading of harvesting periods.
42. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
- the development is not started within two years of the date of this permit.
 - the development is not completed within two years of the date of this permit.

The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six months afterwards.

11.4 Budget 2015/2016 – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The 2015/2016 Budget is tabled.

At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 Council resolved to advertise (Section 127 Local Government Act 1989) that the 2015/2016 Budget had been prepared.

The 2015/2016 Budget has been advertised accordingly. No submissions were received.

Recommendation

That the 2015/2016 Budget as tabled be adopted.

11.5 Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy (as tabled) – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate Council's approach to the prevention, identification and control of fraudulent and/or corrupt activity and responsibilities with Yarriambiack Shire Council.

This policy applies to all Councillors, Employees, Contractors, Volunteers and anyone undertaking business with the Yarriambiack Shire Council.

Fraud is not restricted to monetary or material benefits. It includes order to obtain unjust advantage, the theft of funds, assets or information, or the unauthorised use of Council assets as personal gain.

The objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities for identifying the exposures to fraudulent activities and for establishing controls and procedures for when it occurs.
- To provide guidance to staff as to which action should be taken where they suspect any fraudulent activity. Ensure fairness of decision making, advice and review.
- Provide appropriate training to all employees to ensure awareness of responsibilities and expectations.
- To provide assurances that any and all suspected fraudulent activity will be fully investigated.
- Taking appropriate action to investigate reports of suspected fraud or corruption.
- To encourage employees to report matters that they suspect or are concerned about in regards to corrupt conduct, fraudulent activities or criminal involvement.

Recommendation

That Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy as tabled.

11.6 Corporate Credit Card Policy (as tabled) – prepared by Anita McFarlane

The purpose of this policy is to ensure effective controls, policies and procedures are in place with respect to the use of Corporate Credit Cards.

The Principles of this policy are:

- Ensure transparency in Council's operations concerning the use of Corporate Credit Cards
- Ensure Council's resources are managed with integrity and diligence.

The objectives of this policy are:

- Fulfil all statutory requirements of the Local Government Act with respect to the use of Corporate Credit Cards.
- To adopt best practice in developing a clear and comprehensive policy on the use of Corporate Credit Cards

Recommendation

That Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the Corporate Credit Card Policy as tabled.

11.7 Declaring the Rate and Differential 2015/2016 – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt**Amount Intended To Be Raised**

- (A) That an amount of \$11,324,351 be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by General Rates, Service Charges and Municipal Charge, which the amount is circulated as follows:

General Rate	\$9,968,879
Service Charge	\$1,009,018 (excluding GST)
Municipal Charge	\$ 346,454

General Rates

- (B) (1) A general rate be declared for the period commencing on 1 July 2015 and concluding on 30 June 2016.
- (2) It be further declared that subject to paragraph 5 of this part, the general rate be raised by the application of a uniform rate.
- (3) A percentage of .7421% be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate (which percentage may be alternatively expressed as .007421 cents in the \$)
- (4) It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable property by that percentage (so that the amount payable be .007421 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value)
- (5) (a) It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to maintaining the existing rate burden between farm land and other land.
- (b) A differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:

In accordance with:

- (i) The definition of Farm Land in Section 2 of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.
- (c) The differential rate be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land categorised in paragraph 5 (b) by the percentage indicated in the following table:

Category	%	cents in \$ of CIV
Farm Land	.5714	.005714

- (d) It be further recorded that the objectives of the differential rate are those objectives specified below:
- (i) To allocate a lower rate in the dollar for Farm Land on the basis of maintaining the existing rate burden between farm and other land.
- (6) In accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Cultural & Recreational Lands Act 1963, Council does not levy a rate on Cultural and Recreational Land within the Municipality.

Municipal Charge

- (C) (1) A Municipal Charge of \$68.70 per rateable assessment be declared for the period commencing 1 July 2015 and concluding on 30 June 2016.
- (2) A person may apply to a Council for an exemption from the payment of a municipal charge on rateable land in accordance with Section 159 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Service Charge

- (D) (1) An annual service charge be declared for the period commencing on 1 July 2015 and concluding on 30 June 2016.
- (2) The following annual service charges be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse in the Yarriambiack Shire:
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| Residential 80ltr service fee | \$127.11 |
| Residential 120ltr service fee | \$176.45 |
| Residential 240ltr service fee | \$343.42 |
| Commercial 120ltr service fee | \$194.10 (inclusive of GST) |
| Commercial 240ltr service fee | \$377.76 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 80ltr service fee | \$139.82 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 120ltr service fee | \$194.10 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 240ltr service fee | \$377.76 (inclusive of GST) |
| Residential Kerbside Recycling | \$114.00 |
| Commercial Kerbside Recycling | \$125.40 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural Recycling | \$125.40 (inclusive of GST) |

Rebates and Concessions

- (E) Subject to any further resolution of Council, the following rebates and concessions have been granted for the period commencing 1 July 2015 and concluding 30 June 2016:
- (i) Rate reduction for new housing developments, in accordance with the Yarriambiack Shire Council Rate Relief – New Houses Policy.
- (ii) Council employee payroll deductions, for the purpose of paying rates on properties within the Yarriambiack Shire Council, in accordance with the Yarriambiack Shire Council Enterprise Bargaining Agreement No 7. Interest will be waived for employees using payroll deductions for payment of rates.

Incentives

- (F) No incentives are declared for the payment of general rates (and annual service charge described earlier in this resolution) before dates fixed or specified for their payment under Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Interest

- (G) (1) The rate of 9.5% per annum be specified as the rate of interest for the purposes of Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- (2) The rate so set be effective until a new rate is fixed by the Attorney-General in accordance with Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983.

Consequential

The Revenue Officer be authorised to levy and recover General Rates, Service Charges, Municipal Charge and Fire Services Property Levy in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012.

Pensioner Rate

- (H) That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 and Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012, and with the consent of the minister, the Council in relation to recipients eligible for waivers in 2015/2016 as having made continuing application for waiver in respect of the same rateable land which a waiver was granted in 2014/2015, unless the person advises the Council that a waiver is no longer sought.

Recommendation

Yarriambiack Shire Council declare the rates and charges for 2015/2016 as presented.

11.8 Proposed One Way Street in Elizabeth Avenue / David Street, Warracknabeal – Prepared by James Magee

Through consultation with the Woodbine Special School it was requested to review the potential for Elizabeth Avenue and David Street, Warracknabeal to be changed to a one way street.

The proposed plan had objections. The objections were based around vehicular access to a residents home, the resident would then have to drive around the block to enter their property.

The implementation of a one way street would change traffic behaviour in the area.

Recommendation

That Council leaves the traffic conditions as they are, resulting from an investigation it was found that traffic volumes and congestion did not warrant a change to the area.

11.9 New Play Equipment proposed for Murtoa – Prepared by James Magee

Council has usually allocated \$20,000 each year for replacement of defective or outdated playground equipment on Council owned or controlled land. With respect to the Rabl Park playground equipment, it was identified to be somewhat unsuitable due to defects so its removal and replacement commenced in 2011.

The first photo is what was taken out in 2011 as it did not meet standards as deemed by a specialist playground consultant. It was a significant piece that was removed so Council always intended to add another module to what we replaced it with in that year, which is shown in the second photo. Our budget is normally \$20,000 per year so we needed to do so in two different budget years. Kinder playgrounds have been priority for last few years since 2011, so we are now back to Murtoa to finish the job at the site where it started. The play equipment that was installed caters for children aged 6 to 14. The equipment we aim to put in soon caters for children aged 3 to 6.

Rabl Park is Council controlled land next to public toilets, other playground equipment, BBQ area and skate park as well as car park. We believe it to be a good site for a playground.

With respect to other crown land or recreation reserves in particular, Council has a Grants Officer to utilise to source funding for these valuable projects. Upon initiative from various Committees of Management throughout the municipality, new playgrounds have been installed at recreation reserves at Lubeck, Brim, Warracknabeal, Rupanyup, Beulah, Hopetoun and Woomelang in the last decade and it has been supported by State Government Funding generally assisted by Council's Dennis Smith.

Council at the May Council meeting received a petition which is requesting the new equipment to be installed at the showgrounds or nearby at the Caravan Park, rather than at Rabl Park. The proponents of the petition believe the Rabl Park area is underutilised and the equipment would get greater usage at the showgrounds/recreation reserve

At an onsite inspection by Council with representatives of the Murtoa Showgrounds Reserve Committee it was agreed the caravan park was unsuitable. The Murtoa Showgrounds Reserve Committee propose to locate the playground in the north east corner of the recreation reserve, adjacent the caravan park. They propose to prepare the site including the importation of fill and replace a section of the boundary fence with pool style fence including a safety gate which allows vision and access from the playground. The committee would provide the ongoing maintenance of the equipment and surrounds. Council would provide and install the equipment and surround and infill with softfall.

The originally proposed site at Rabl Park is in a park environment with other playground equipment, grassed area, skate park, BBQ area and public toilets and is also on the Wimmera Highway.

The site at the recreation reserve will cater very well on match day for football/netball and is located beside the netball courts but with adequate clearance. The playground area and recreation reserve is also open to the public throughout the week so will be available to the general public. The playground if located as proposed will be available for use by users of the caravan park as well.

Council have the difficult choice of completing their earlier commitment of providing adequate replacement equipment at Rabl Park or agreeing to the request to relocate the equipment to the showgrounds/recreation reserve. Both sites have different advantages from a use point of view.

Recommendation

A: That Council install the playground equipment at Rabl Park

OR

B: That Council install the playground equipment at the Murtoa Showgrounds

This is what was removed in 2011



11.10 Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) – Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) / Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Request for Support – Prepared by Ray Campling

The intention of this report is to confirm support for the Australian Local Government Association and the Municipal Association in their advocacy role to restore indexation to the Commonwealth Government's Financial Assistance Grants.

As Councillors would undoubtedly appreciate in 2014/2015 Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth Government 'were frozen' with no further indexation for inflation for the three years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Both the Australian Local Government Association and the Municipal Association of Victoria have recently written to Council requesting our support in advocating for the return of indexation to this critical and imperative funding.

It was also highlighted to Council in a recent visit from the Victorian Grants Commission that Councils should be actively pursuing and advocating, not only for the return to indexation post 2016/2017 but also that there be an adjustment to compensate for the loss of funding over the three year so that the base is fully restored.

Cuts to this crucial source of funding in addition to the proposed introduction of rate capping in Victoria could potentially result in reduced services and infrastructure replacement throughout the municipality.

In 2014/2015 Council received an amount of \$4,807,946 from the Financial Assistance Grants Program.

Recommendation

That:-

- Council advise both the Australian Local Government Association and the Municipal Association of Victoria of its full support and appreciation in regard to its Federal Financial Assistance Grants Campaign
- Council write to our Local Member of Parliament Mr Andrew Broad, Member for Mallee seeking his support for the return to indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth Government and also for the instatement of the base funding post 2016/2017

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, 22 July 2015 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

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Application Identifier x (ppr v0.04)	Application type	Property Location					Estimated Cost of Works	Proposed Use or Development	Applicant Details				Date Application Received	Responsible Authority Outcome	Date of Responsible Authority Outcome
		Street Address		Crown Description	Lot on Plan				Name	Street Number, Name, Type	Locality	State			
		Street Number, Name, Type	Locality	Allotment, Block, Section, and Parish/Township	Lot	Plan									
1.1	1.2	1.3.1.1	1.3.1.2	1.3.4	1.3.5.1	1.3.5.2	1.7	1.8	1.9.1	1.9.1.1	1.9.1.2	1.9.1.3	2.1	4.1	4.2
TP39-14	New application	Sunraysia Highway	Woomelang		1	PS442517	400,000	Additional 2 Bunkers	Mark Carter	PO Box 313	Kerang	Vic	24/07/2014	In progress	
TP09-15	New application	Tarrant St	Warracknabeal				500,000	Development of land for Rural Store and subdivison of the land.	Price Merrett	PO Box 313	Kerang	Vic	13/03/2015	In progress	
TP19-15	New application	109 Wimmera Highway	Rupanyup	CA 1 & 2 Parish of Rupanyup			60,000	Re-Erection of Dwelling	Robin Barber	PO Box 669	Horsham	Vic	11/03/2015	In progress	
TP20-15	New application	Henty Highway	Brim	CA 59		PS613504D	1,000	Installation of Mast	GWMWater	11 McLachlan St	Horsham	Vic	13/03/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	13/05/2015
TP21-15	New application	Luna Park Rd	Beulah	CA 2, 3, & pt 4 Parish Galaquil		TP10840K	1,000	Installation of Mast	GWMWater	11 McLachlan St	Horsham	Vic	13/03/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	22/05/2015
TP22-15	New application	Woods Street	Yaapeet	CA17 Sec 1 Township of Yaapeet			1,000	Installation of Mast	GWMWater	11 McLachlan St	Horsham	Vic	18/05/2015	In progress	
TP23-15	New application	2961 Sea Lake-Lascalles Rd	Lascalles		1	TP673771	0.00	Subdivision	Price Merrett C	PO Box 1172	Swan Hill	Vic	11/03/2015	In progress	
TP24-15	New application	Strachan St	Hopetoun		1	PS429577A	1,000	Installation of Mast	GWMWater	11 McLachlan St	Horsham	Vic	13/03/2015	No permit required	22/05/2015
TP25-15	New application	158 Lascalles Street	Hopetoun				78,000	Use and Deveopment of land for an Industrial Shed Panel Beaters	Trevor Starbuc	4486 Henty Highway	Beulah	Vic	13/04/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	07/05/2015
TP28-15	New application	1898 Rupanyup Rd	Areegra		1	PS324311B	9,500	Amendities	James Golswo	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	16/04/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	22/05/2015
TP29-15	New application	2884 Banyena-Pimpinio Rd	Murtoa		1	TP173135U	9,500	Amendities	James Golswo	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	16/04/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	22/05/2015
TP30-15	New application	4 Boolite-Hall Rd	Boolite			CP161669	9,500	Amendities	James Golswo	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	16/04/2015	In progress	
TP31-15	New application	Rainbow Rd	Crymelon		1	TP217575Y	9,500	Amendities	James Golswo	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	17/04/2015	In progress	
TP32-15	New application	Bangerang Rd	Bangerang		1	TP900138P	9,500	Amendities	James Golswo	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	17/04/2015	In progress	
TP33-15	New application	Deakin St	Beulah	CA 2002 Parish Beulah			76,000	Installaton of floating pontoon	Beulah Public	PO Box 63	Beulah	Vic	21/04/2015	In progress	
TP34-15	New application	Roseberry Rainbow Rd	Roseberry		1 & 2	LP117465	100,000	Stone Extraction	Yarriambiack Shire Council	PO Box 243	Warracknabeal	Vic	08/05/2015	In progress	
TP35-15	New application	408 Sullivans Rd	Tempy	CA 12 Parish Dering			0	Subdivision	James Golswothy Consulting	PO Box 1650	Mildura	Vic	19/05/2015	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	28/05/2015
TP36-15	New application	145 Kellys Rd	Woomelang	CA32, 33(PT) Parish Cronomby			0	Subdivision	Price Merrett Consulting	PO Box 1172	Swan Hill	Vic	19/05/2015	In progress	
TP37-15	New application	38 Federation St	Patchewollock		10 & 1	TP010430	9,000	Construction of a Pergola	Greg Wallace	18 Wychunga St	Lascalles	Vic	28/05/2015	In progress	
TP38-15	New application	919 Echung Rd	Hopetoun	CA25 Parish Gaalanungah	25	TP772378B	0	Subdivision	Price Merrett Consulting	PO Box 1172	Swan Hill	Vic	28/05/2015	In progress	

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
INCOME STATEMENT BY RESOURCES
FOR MAY 2015

Posting Year	2015
Operating/Capital	O

	May Actual	Budget 2014/15	2014/15 Actual YTD	Budget Remains	% Budget Expended
Income					
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	-\$ 32,850	-\$ 400,000	-\$ 342,329	-\$ 57,671	85.58%
Contributions, Donations & Reimbursement	-\$ 17,019	-\$ 309,839	-\$ 265,142	-\$ 44,697	85.57%
Government Grants & Charges	-\$ 1,330,603	-\$ 9,225,566	-\$ 8,334,289	-\$ 891,277	90.34%
Interest Income	-\$ 2,867	-\$ 139,921	-\$ 44,550	-\$ 95,371	31.84%
Rates & Charges	\$ 1,027	-\$ 10,594,460	-\$ 10,854,310	\$ 259,850	102.45%
User Charges, Fees & Fines	-\$ 41,497	-\$ 1,051,752	-\$ 1,033,706	-\$ 18,046	98.28%
Income Total	-\$ 1,423,809	-\$ 21,721,538	-\$ 20,874,325	-\$ 847,213	96.10%
Expense					
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	\$ -	\$ 300,412	\$ -	\$ 300,412	0.00%
Contributions & Donations	\$ 608	\$ 892,342	\$ 829,661	\$ 62,681	92.98%
Depreciation Amortisation & Impairment	\$ -	\$ 6,251,313	\$ -	\$ 6,251,313	0.00%
Employee Costs	\$ 471,915	\$ 7,637,865	\$ 6,649,461	\$ 988,404	87.06%
Finance Costs	\$ 251	\$ 72,866	\$ 105,087	-\$ 32,221	144.22%
Materials	-\$ 4,232	\$ 5,215,260	\$ 3,980,174	\$ 1,235,086	76.32%
Other Expenses	\$ 44,996	\$ 1,357,868	\$ 1,195,856	\$ 162,012	88.07%
Expense Total	\$ 513,539	\$ 21,727,926	\$ 12,760,238	\$ 8,967,688	58.73%
Grand Total	-\$ 910,270	\$ 6,388	-\$ 8,114,087	\$ 8,120,475	

YARRIAMBIAK SHIRE COUNCIL
INCOME STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT
FOR MAY 2015

Operating/Capital	O
Posting Year	2015

	May Actual	Budget 2014/15	2014/15 Actual YTD	Budget Remains	% Budget Expended
Income					
Community Services	-\$ 130,995	-\$ 1,974,579	-\$ 1,948,890	\$ 25,689	98.70%
Corporate Services	-\$ 1,208,165	-\$ 14,552,348	-\$ 14,941,066	\$ 388,718	102.67%
Economic Development	-\$ 21,377	-\$ 988,531	-\$ 1,023,840	\$ 35,309	103.57%
Engineering	-\$ 34,741	-\$ 2,725,221	-\$ 1,389,173	-\$ 1,336,048	50.97%
Recreation, Culture & Leisure	-\$ 18,659	-\$ 264,361	-\$ 329,541	\$ 65,180	124.66%
Regulatory Services	-\$ 7,045	-\$ 157,739	-\$ 134,129	\$ 23,610	85.03%
Waste & Environment	-\$ 2,826	-\$ 1,058,759	-\$ 1,107,686	\$ 48,927	104.62%
Income Total	-\$ 1,423,809	-\$ 21,721,538	-\$ 20,874,325	-\$ 847,213	96.10%
Expense					
Community Services	\$ 165,732	\$ 2,750,681	\$ 2,225,017	\$ 525,664	80.89%
Corporate Services	\$ 38,471	\$ 1,928,109	\$ 1,206,848	\$ 721,261	62.59%
Economic Development	\$ 31,883	\$ 1,020,560	\$ 1,068,788	-\$ 48,228	104.73%
Engineering	\$ 98,729	\$ 11,069,421	\$ 4,199,082	\$ 6,870,339	37.93%
Governance	\$ 27,722	\$ 1,012,911	\$ 780,045	\$ 232,866	77.01%
Recreation, Culture & Leisure	\$ 15,637	\$ 1,377,604	\$ 1,016,265	\$ 361,339	73.77%
Regulatory Services	\$ 27,338	\$ 663,416	\$ 552,924	\$ 110,492	83.35%
Waste & Environment	\$ 108,027	\$ 1,905,224	\$ 1,711,268	\$ 193,956	89.82%
Expense Total	\$ 513,539	\$ 21,727,926	\$ 12,760,238	\$ 8,967,688	58.73%
Grand Total	-\$ 910,270	\$ 6,388	-\$ 8,114,087	\$ 8,120,475	

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR MAY 2015

Posting Year	2015
Account Type	Expense

	May Actual	Budget 2014/15	2014/15 Actual YTD	Budget Remains	% Budget Expended
Administration - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 14,522	-\$ 9,522	290.45%
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Aerodrome - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,542	-\$ 14,542	
Resheets	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	0.00%
Asset Management - Capital					
Computer / IT Capital Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,528	-\$ 6,528	
Bridge - Capital					
Bridge Construction	\$ -	\$ 32,726	\$ -	\$ 32,726	0.00%
Caravan Parks - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 76,000	\$ 55,275	\$ 20,725	72.73%
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Depot - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 136,437	\$ 113,563	54.57%
Drainage - Capital					
Drainage Construction	\$ -	\$ 33,297	\$ 50,478	-\$ 17,181	151.60%
Footpath - Capital					
Footpath Construction	\$ 19,510	\$ 201,337	\$ 108,418	\$ 92,919	53.85%
Gymnasium - Capital					
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	0.00%
HACC Administration - Capital					
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800	-\$ 2,800	
Hall - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ 46,942	\$ 1,058	97.80%
Industrial Estate - Capital					
Industrial Estate Capital Works	\$ 335	\$ 35,000	\$ 166,584	-\$ 131,584	475.96%
Information Technology - Capital					
Computer / IT Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,258	\$ 13,742	31.29%
Kerb & Channel - Capital					
Kerb & Channel Construction	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 81,993	\$ 218,007	27.33%
Livestock Exchange - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 10,300	\$ -	\$ 10,300	0.00%
Local Roads - Capital					
Reseals	\$ 684	\$ 229,911	\$ 67,315	\$ 162,596	29.28%
Resheets	\$ 94,630	\$ 1,178,760	\$ 1,074,969	\$ 103,791	91.19%
Rural Road Construction	\$ 188,884	\$ 2,363,544	\$ 1,982,584	\$ 380,960	83.88%
Shoulder Resheets	\$ 25,920	\$ 378,721	\$ 391,658	-\$ 12,937	103.42%
Urban Road Construction	\$ 23,829	\$ 186,000	\$ 52,492	\$ 133,508	28.22%
Maternal & Child Health - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ 1,992	\$ 20,000	\$ 42,544	-\$ 22,544	212.72%
Computer / IT Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	0.00%
MECC - Capital					
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 2,228	\$ 273	\$ 1,955	12.24%
Parks & Playgrounds - Capital					
Playground Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 21,630	\$ -	\$ 21,630	0.00%
Preschools - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 43,000	\$ 13,467	\$ 29,533	31.32%
Public Amenities - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	0.00%
Senior Citizens - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 288	\$ 79,713	0.36%
Sporting Complex - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 37,330	-\$ 32,330	746.59%
Furniture & Equipment Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	0.00%
Staff Vehicle Purchases					
Plant Purchases	\$ -	\$ 320,000	\$ 282,970	\$ 37,030	88.43%
Swimming Pool - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	0.00%
Tech Services - Capital					
Building Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 5,500	0.00%
Transfer Stations & Landfills - Capital					
Waste Site Capital Works	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,285	\$ 13,715	31.43%
Works Plant Purchases					
Plant Purchases	\$ 72,050	\$ 740,000	\$ 723,979	\$ 16,021	97.84%
	\$ 427,833	\$ 6,795,454	\$ 5,366,931	\$ 1,428,523	78.98%

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MAY 2015

	May Actual	Budget 2014/15	2014/15 Actual YTD	Budget Remains	% Budget Expended
Current Assets					
Cash & Cash Equivalents Investments	\$ 49,232	\$ 2,992,000	\$ 3,210,566	\$ (218,566)	107%
Rate Debtors	\$ (341,434)	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,497,592	\$ (597,592)	166%
Debtors	\$ (94,446)	\$ 511,000	\$ 275,943	\$ 235,057	54%
Other Current Accrued Assets	\$ 15,553	\$ 180,000	\$ 212,877	\$ (32,877)	118%
Inventory On Hand	\$ (3,349)	\$ 900,000	\$ 523,094	\$ 376,906	58%
Assets Held for Resale		\$ 84,000	\$ 85,320	\$ (1,320)	102%
Current Assets Total	\$ (374,444)	\$ 5,567,000	\$ 5,805,392	\$ (238,392)	
Non Current Assets					
Non Current Debtors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,923	\$ (24,923)	
Investments	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 445,464	\$ (95,464)	127%
Fixed Assets	\$ 427,833	\$ 149,645,000	\$ 163,032,730	\$ (13,387,730)	109%
Non Current Assets Total	\$ 427,833	\$ 149,995,000	\$ 163,503,117	\$ (13,508,117)	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53,389	\$ 155,562,000	\$ 169,308,509	\$ (13,746,509)	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	\$ 893,740	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ (657,671)	\$ (542,329)	55%
Current Loans	\$ -	\$ (151,000)	\$ (147,026)	\$ (3,974)	97%
Short Term Provisions	\$ (38,692)	\$ (2,619,000)	\$ (2,523,796)	\$ (95,204)	96%
Trust & Deposits	\$ (2,623)	\$ -	\$ (32,104)	\$ 32,104	
Current Liabilities Total	\$ 852,425	\$ (3,970,000)	\$ (3,360,597)	\$ (609,403)	
Non Current Liabilities					
Long Term Provisions	\$ -	\$ (404,000)	\$ (527,229)	\$ 123,229	131%
Non Current Loans	\$ 4,456	\$ (199,000)	\$ (232,290)	\$ 33,290	117%
Non Current Liabilities Total	\$ 4,456	\$ (603,000)	\$ (759,519)	\$ 156,519	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 856,881	\$ (4,573,000)	\$ (4,120,116)	\$ (452,884)	
NET ASSETS	\$ (910,270)	\$ (150,989,000)	\$ (165,188,394)	\$ 14,199,394	
Current Assets					
Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	\$ (910,270)	\$ (64,189,000)	\$ (61,358,187)	\$ (2,830,813)	96%
Asset Revaluation Reserve	\$ -	\$ (86,800,000)	\$ (103,830,207)	\$ 17,030,207	120%
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ (910,270)	\$ (150,989,000)	\$ (165,188,394)	\$ 14,199,394	

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

Investments

Bendigo Bank	\$ 316,971.14	2.85%	01/09/2015
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 125,627.06	3.00%	19/07/2015
AMP (oncall)	\$ 540.39		Oncall
	\$ 443,138.59		

Loans

		Term & Rate	Finish Date
National Australia Bank - Unfunded Superannuation	\$ 338,492	Fixed at 5.21%	30/06/2018
National Australia Bank - Roller	\$ 40,823	Fixed at 5.95%	22/02/2016
	\$ 379,315		

Rates Report - June 2015

Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

Rate Code	Ward Description	Total Income	Rebate Total	Receipts	Total
General Rates	Dunmunkle	\$ 2,959,865.38	\$ (44,819.08)	\$ (2,636,995.88)	\$ 278,050.42
	Hopetoun	\$ 3,343,327.51	\$ (37,560.86)	\$ (2,932,265.88)	\$ 373,500.77
	Warracknabeal	\$ 3,931,983.56	\$ (60,249.06)	\$ (3,501,528.03)	\$ 370,206.47
Total		\$ 10,235,176.45	\$ (142,629.00)	\$ (9,070,789.79)	\$ 1,021,757.66
120L Residential Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 131,161.29	\$ (8,742.93)	\$ (86,235.22)	\$ 36,183.14
	Hopetoun	\$ 107,791.14	\$ (7,330.81)	\$ (60,897.42)	\$ 39,562.91
	Warracknabeal	\$ 191,317.87	\$ (9,539.99)	\$ (133,745.21)	\$ 48,032.67
Total		\$ 430,270.30	\$ (25,613.73)	\$ (280,877.85)	\$ 123,778.72
120L Commercial Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 3,913.86	\$ -	\$ (3,280.91)	\$ 632.95
	Hopetoun	\$ 4,436.41	\$ -	\$ (3,235.30)	\$ 1,201.11
	Warracknabeal	\$ 3,977.66	\$ -	\$ (3,001.07)	\$ 976.59
Total		\$ 12,327.93	\$ -	\$ (9,517.28)	\$ 2,810.65
120L Rural Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 4,024.78	\$ (142.70)	\$ (3,503.20)	\$ 378.88
	Hopetoun	\$ 1,663.56	\$ -	\$ (1,293.88)	\$ 369.68
	Warracknabeal	\$ 5,730.04	\$ (54.45)	\$ (5,418.05)	\$ 257.54
Total		\$ 11,418.38	\$ (197.15)	\$ (10,215.13)	\$ 1,006.10
240L Residential Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 5,560.02	\$ (302.20)	\$ (4,585.99)	\$ 671.83
	Hopetoun	\$ 6,081.74	\$ (378.75)	\$ (3,435.74)	\$ 2,267.25
	Warracknabeal	\$ 21,909.62	\$ (688.43)	\$ (19,376.75)	\$ 1,844.44
Total		\$ 33,551.38	\$ (1,369.38)	\$ (27,398.48)	\$ 4,783.52
240L Commercial Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 36,928.29	\$ -	\$ (25,273.83)	\$ 11,654.46
	Hopetoun	\$ 28,710.52	\$ -	\$ (24,942.75)	\$ 3,767.77
	Warracknabeal	\$ 92,318.98	\$ -	\$ (85,083.39)	\$ 7,235.59
Total		\$ 157,957.79	\$ -	\$ (135,299.97)	\$ 22,657.82
240L Rural Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 14,706.80	\$ -	\$ (14,616.86)	\$ 89.94
	Hopetoun	\$ 8,634.48	\$ -	\$ (8,603.67)	\$ 30.81
	Warracknabeal	\$ 18,792.84	\$ -	\$ (17,957.42)	\$ 835.42
Total		\$ 42,134.12	\$ -	\$ (41,177.95)	\$ 956.17
80L Residential Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 27,369.08	\$ (1,978.55)	\$ (17,396.18)	\$ 7,994.35
	Hopetoun	\$ 28,787.38	\$ (2,320.03)	\$ (16,448.74)	\$ 10,018.61
	Warracknabeal	\$ 34,917.81	\$ (1,943.16)	\$ (25,946.31)	\$ 7,028.34
Total		\$ 91,074.27	\$ (6,241.74)	\$ (59,791.23)	\$ 25,041.30
80L Rural Garbage Service	Dunmunkle	\$ 1,065.36	\$ -	\$ (1,065.36)	\$ -
	Hopetoun	\$ 1,293.55	\$ (25.73)	\$ (1,267.82)	\$ -
	Warracknabeal	\$ 3,329.25	\$ (23.13)	\$ (3,306.12)	\$ -
Total		\$ 5,688.16	\$ (48.86)	\$ (5,639.30)	\$ -
Residential Kerbside Recycling	Dunmunkle	\$ 106,882.35	\$ (7,553.68)	\$ (73,417.63)	\$ 25,911.04
	Hopetoun	\$ 90,233.74	\$ (6,945.85)	\$ (56,480.47)	\$ 26,807.42
	Warracknabeal	\$ 157,332.47	\$ (8,126.87)	\$ (114,714.80)	\$ 34,490.80
Total		\$ 354,448.56	\$ (22,626.40)	\$ (244,612.90)	\$ 87,209.26
Commercial Kerbside Recycling	Dunmunkle	\$ 9,029.47	\$ -	\$ (6,628.36)	\$ 2,401.11
	Hopetoun	\$ 7,781.98	\$ -	\$ (7,513.26)	\$ 268.72
	Warracknabeal	\$ 12,580.81	\$ -	\$ (10,112.95)	\$ 2,467.86
Total		\$ 29,392.26	\$ -	\$ (24,254.57)	\$ 5,137.69
Rural Kerbside Recycling	Dunmunkle	\$ 1,883.95	\$ (26.82)	\$ (1,672.02)	\$ 185.11
	Hopetoun	\$ 1,672.02	\$ -	\$ (1,661.79)	\$ 10.23
	Warracknabeal	\$ 1,433.16	\$ (23.81)	\$ (1,404.19)	\$ 5.16
Total		\$ 4,989.13	\$ (50.63)	\$ (4,738.00)	\$ 200.50
Municipal Charge	Dunmunkle	\$ 108,426.70	\$ (4,853.69)	\$ (77,617.44)	\$ 25,955.57
	Hopetoun	\$ 127,615.60	\$ (4,555.03)	\$ (76,304.69)	\$ 46,755.88
	Warracknabeal	\$ 157,726.17	\$ (5,094.47)	\$ (113,789.75)	\$ 38,841.95
Total		\$ 393,768.47	\$ (14,503.19)	\$ (267,711.88)	\$ 111,553.40
SDL/Bins/Fire/Old Municipal Charge	Dunmunkle	\$ 6,414.81	\$ -	\$ (51.93)	\$ 6,362.88
	Hopetoun	\$ 4,566.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,566.64
	Warracknabeal	\$ 5,172.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,172.98
Total		\$ 16,154.43	\$ -	\$ (51.93)	\$ 16,102.50
Credits	Dunmunkle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,413.06)	\$ (15,413.06)
	Hopetoun	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (26,756.10)	\$ (26,756.10)
	Warracknabeal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (32,190.71)	\$ (32,190.71)
Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (74,359.87)	\$ (74,359.87)
Fire Services Fixed Charge	Dunmunkle	\$ 209,928.15	\$ (16,200.00)	\$ (164,152.50)	\$ 29,575.65
	Hopetoun	\$ 240,307.66	\$ (12,650.00)	\$ (178,836.67)	\$ 48,820.99
	Warracknabeal	\$ 307,746.74	\$ (19,900.00)	\$ (243,853.87)	\$ 43,992.87
Total		\$ 757,982.55	\$ (48,750.00)	\$ (586,843.04)	\$ 122,389.51
Fire Services Levy	Dunmunkle	\$ 118,240.80	\$ -	\$ (113,563.42)	\$ 4,677.38
	Hopetoun	\$ 144,093.21	\$ -	\$ (137,101.21)	\$ 6,992.00
	Warracknabeal	\$ 158,978.90	\$ -	\$ (152,009.96)	\$ 6,968.94
Total		\$ 421,312.91	\$ -	\$ (402,674.59)	\$ 18,638.32
Grand Total		\$ 12,997,647.09	\$ (262,030.08)	\$ (11,245,953.76)	\$ 1,489,663.25

% Outstanding of Current Rates & Charges

11.46%

% Outstanding 2014

9.72%

% Outstanding 2013

11.14%

% Outstanding 2012

10.99%

% Outstanding 2011

11.43%

Recommendation

That the report be received.

Breakdown of Rates Outstanding

