

AGENDA OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2014 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9:30 AM

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3 PRAYER

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

Amen

4 PRESENT

Crs A McLean, R Kingston, K Zanker, G Massey, L Woods, H Ballentine, T Grange, 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 – 23 July 2014

Closed Session of Council – 23 July 2014

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Action List from last meeting

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded by Cr T Grange that Council write a letter to Wimmera Mail Times Veteran, Keith Lockwood for his retirement in journalism after more than 45 years in the industry.

Letter sent 4 August 2014 – Ref Bs:176-14, P100/12

8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List

9 PETITIONS

10 REPORTS

Corporate Reports

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- 10.6 Community Services Report
- 10.7 Infrastructure Services Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

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- 11.2 Leadership Statement 'Prevention of Violence against Women'
- 11.3 SHARE Community Grants Program
- 11.4 Concrete Sill in Wimmera River
- 11.5 Regulator Levee Bank in Yarriambiack Creek

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Andrew McLean

- 31 July Attended the 'Leading Change' breakfast at Ararat. Put on by Act@Work to lead community change by challenging sexism, discrimination and violence against women. Guest speakers were Chief Commissioner, Ken Lay, Police Commissioner Victoria, Mary Wooldridge MP, Minister for Community Services and Darren Croker, North Melbourne Football Club
- 01 August Attended the Grampians Central Waste Management Group Forum at Ararat
- 05 August Officially opened the Country Women's Association Conference in Hopetoun
- 06 – 07 August Attended the Mallee Machinery Field Days at Speed
- 12 August Attended the launch of the new Rural Northwest Health Cancer Resource Nurse Initiative at the Hopetoun Campus
- 13 August Council Forum
- 13 August Conducted Citizenship Ceremony in Warracknabeal
- 14 August Attended the 100 years of Red Cross Birthday Celebrations at the Hopetoun Campus of Rural Northwest Health
- 19 August Attended the Community Consultation Evening at Lubeck
- 21 August Attended the Mayoral Gathering in Horsham
- 22 August Conducted Citizenship Ceremony in Warracknabeal
- 26 August Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria Insurance Risk Management Workshop in Warracknabeal

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

03 August	Supported the Hopetoun Patchwork Group by visiting their three day display
05 August	Supported the 'Ice' information evening in Hopetoun (good to up skill the naive)
06 August	Attended Speed Lions Mallee Machinery Field Days
10 August	Attended launch of book called Birds & Plants of Little Desert at Nhill
11 August	Attended Hopetoun Community Consultative Meeting
12 August	GWMWater Recreational Water Users Group Meeting in Horsham
13 August	Council Forum
25 August	Attended Yarriambiack Tourism Meeting at Woomelang

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Cr G Massey

- 28 July Attended Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Committee Meeting at Beulah
- 02 August Attended Yarrilinks Tree Plant at Rupanyup
- 04 August Attended the Warracknabeal Town Hall Committee Meeting with Sally Hirst
- 07 August Attended Speed Lions Mallee Machinery Field Days
- 08 August Attended the Wimmera Regional Library Committee Meeting in Horsham
- 11 August Attended Hopetoun Community Consultative Meeting at Hopetoun
- 12 August Attended Creek Development Committee Public Meeting in Warracknabeal re camping beside creek
- 13 August Council Forum
- 15 August Launch of Rural Northwest Health Cancer Resource Nurse Initiative in Warracknabeal
- 19 August Attended Lubeck Community Consultative Meeting at Lubeck

Cr K Zanker

- 27 July Attended the Wimmera 2030 Hypothetical
- 29 July Attended Mildura Rural Financial Counselling Service Strategic Planning Day with Steve Bowman
- 02 August Attended the Yarrilinks Dinner
- 08 August Met with CEO Volunteering Western Victoria – Various matters
- 11 August Attended the Volunteering Western Victoria Finance Committee Meeting
- 11 August Chaired the Racecourse Reserve Tri-annual Meeting
- 12 August Invited to attend and speak to the Warracknabeal Cubs regarding Local Government and the role of a Councillor
- 13 August Council Forum

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Cr L Woods

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| 23 July | Hosted Yarriambiack Urban Professionals Dinner |
| 24 July | Breakfast with Andrew Broad; Andrew Broad MP spoke at Warracknabeal Action Group's (WAG) Breakfast Meeting |
| 05 August | Hopetoun 'Ice' Forum |
| 06 August | Attended Warracknabeal Community Action Network Meeting |
| 12 August | Attended 'WORDS' Project Meeting in Warracknabeal |
| 12 August | Facilitated Yarriambiack Tourism Social Media Training |
| 13 August | Council Forum |
| 19 August | Chaired Wimmera Drug Action Taskforce Warracknabeal Meeting |
| 25 August | Yarriambiack Tourism Meeting |
| 26 August | Attended 'WORDS' Project Meeting in Warracknabeal |
| 26 August | Attended WAG Meeting |

Cr R Kingston

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| 30 July | Chaired Lighting the Regions Project Control Group Meeting at Donald |
| 02 August | Yarrilinks planting day and dinner as site leader |
| 03 August | Hosted Yarrilinks farm visit |
| 03 August | Attended opening of Cannum CFA shed by the Hon Hugh Delahunty |
| 11 August | Attended opening of North Wimmera CFA shed by the Hon Hugh Delahunty |
| 11 August | Chaired Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance Meeting at St Arnaud |
| 13 August | Council Forum |
| 14 – 15 August | Livestock Saleyard Association of Victoria Conference in Melbourne |
| 17 August | Lubeck Community Consultation |

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Cr T Grange

23 July	Formal Council Meeting
25 – 27 July	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Councillor Development Forum at Creswick
28 July	MAV Taskforce on Financial Assistance Grants Scheme (FAGS) freeze and rate capping in Melbourne
29 July	Met with constituents – various matters
06 – 07 August	Speed Mallee Machinery Field Days
08 August	Wimmera Regional Transport Group Committee Meeting in Horsham
11 August	Hopetoun Community Engagement Visitation at Hopetoun
12 August	U3A Open Day at Minyip
13 August	Wimmera Development Association Board Meeting in Horsham
13 August	Council Forum
14 August	U3A open day at Murtoa
19 August	Lubeck Community Engagement Visitation at Lubeck
20 August	Meeting with Council colleagues in Horsham – various matters
20 August	Attended A & P Society Meeting in Minyip
25 August	Yarriambiack Tourism Meeting at Woomelang
26 August	MAV Insurance Risk Management Workshop at Warracknabeal

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

- With Councillors attended meeting with Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Meeting in Horsham – expansion of 'Lets Read' program into Hindmarsh and West Wimmera
- Met with newly appointed Buloke Shire, CEO, John Hicks
- Met with Brad Ead – Council's Internal Auditor
- Met with Madeline Jones, Secretary Grampians Regional Management Committee – Future Projects
- Met with Grant Wiltshire, Regional Development Victoria – Local Government Infrastructure Program – Grant Applications
- Attended Wimmera Development Association (WDA) Internal Audit Meeting
- Met with Brad Ostermeyer, Executive Director, Infrastructure Development, Regional Development Victoria – funding Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Patchewollock aerodromes
- Attended Mallee Field Days at Speed on Thursday, 7 August 2014
- Met with Jo Bourke, WDA – various matters
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee Meeting in Melbourne – RCV Strategic Plan 2014 – 2016, RCV Forum and RCV Sustainability Project
- With Mayor Andrew McLean attended Leading Change Breakfast in Ararat
- With Councillors and staff, attended a very successful Community Engagement Visit at Hopetoun
- Met with BRACE, Education and Training Personnel – Staff and Councillor training
- With Cr Terry Grange attended WDA Meeting in Horsham
- Attended Victorian Grants Committee Meeting in Horsham
- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ararat
- Guest Speaker at Warracknabeal Rotary
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan Project Steering Committee Meeting in Horsham
- With Councillors and staff attended Lubeck Community Engagement Visit
- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ararat
- Attended Wimmera Council's Shared Services Session at Sylvania Park, Longerenong

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**Rail Upgrade to Murtoa Hopetoun Line**

After the last State budget, an announcement was made regarding another upgrade to the Hopetoun Murtoa rail spur. Significant amounts of red gum sleepers are arriving daily.

The works are projected to cost \$10 million with \$7.5 million on sleeper replacement. Level crossing works will be completed to the value of \$1.3 million.

Some rail replacement formation and drainage works will also be actioned. The majority of the project will be completed by the end of the year.

Murray Basin Rail Project**Murray Basin Freight Demand & Infrastructure Study**

A study released in July has identified options for increasing the versatility of Victorian's rail network. The options are listed below:

The four intrastate rail network change options considered were:-

- Option 1 - A new rail link Lascelles to Hopetoun (approx. 27km) plus gauge standardisation, Lascelles to Yelta (approx. 187km);
- Option 2 - A new rail link Litchfield to Minyip (approx. 35km) plus gauge standardisation, Donald to Yelta (approx. 294km);
- Option 3 - Gauge standardisation, Gheringhap to Yelta plus the Sea Lake and Manangatang, Branch Lines (approx. 936km); and
- Option 4 - Gauge standardisation, Maryborough to Yelta plus the Sea Lake and Manangatang Branch Lines (approx. 859km) and the refurbishment of the Maryborough to Ararat line.

Two of the options, option 1 & 2, are located within Yarriambiack Shire. They provide the most direct access to Portland from the northwest and are the cheapest options. Options 3 & 4 involve standardisation of the whole system and hence are considerably more expensive but provide greater flexibility and options overall.

Community Projects – Prepared by David Thompson

Abbreviations:	EOI	=	Expression of interest funding application to RDV
	RDV	=	Regional Development Victoria/Department of State Development, Business and Innovation
	DOT	=	Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure

Beulah Hall Kitchen Upgrade and Beulah Multi-purpose Centre Upgrade Joint Project

- Adequate local funding for the hall kitchen has been donated
- The final application was lodged on 7 May 2014
- RDV funding of \$37,000 for this \$50,850 project was announced on 17 July 2014
- A planning meeting for the implementation of the works was held on 22 July 2014

Brim Flagpole Rehabilitation

- Funding of \$3,135 was received from Veterans' Affairs
- \$500 was received from Horsham Sports and Community Club
- The works have been completed

Hopetoun RSL Building Upgrade

- This project has a high level of local support with Hopetoun Lionesses, Red Cross and Happy Helpers keen to use the upgraded building
- A wide range of local donations have been received
- A final funding application was submitted to RDV on 25 March 2014
- RDV funding of \$30,000 for this \$47,000 project was announced on 2 July 2014
- A planning meeting for the implementation of the works was held on 9 July 2014

Hopetoun Industrial Estate

- The approved estimated cost of this four Lot subdivision is \$194,000
- RDV funding of \$82,500 was approved in September 2013
- The remainder of funding is from Council
- The planning permit was issued in April 2014
- Purchase of the land by Council is complete
- Design of road works and highway works have been completed
- Electrical power works have been completed
- Water and sewerage have been completed
- Road and drainage works have commenced

Hopetoun Mallee Bush Retreat Stage 5

- Stage 5 is the construction of another accommodation unit
- RDV funding of \$60,000 was announced during October 2013
- A cultural heritage assessment has given approval for the project
- A planning permit for the development has been issued
- A staged building permit was issued on 29 May 2014
- A builder has been appointed and site preparation has been completed

Minyip Bushland Reserve Resurfacing Project

- DOT funding of \$4,000; Rupanyup Community Bank funding of \$1,000 and RDV funding of \$7,800 has been approved
- The works under the project including gravelling of the walking track, signs and brochures have been complete
- Minyip Lions Club (the auspice group for the project) and Council are completing the final reports and acquittals

Warracknabeal Town Hall Business Sustainability Plan

- RDV required the Hall Committee to prepare a long term sustainability plan for upgrading the building (supported by a business case) before they will consider any grants for capital works
- RDV approved \$7,500 in funding for the \$10,000 project on 19 March 2014
- The consultancy was awarded to Hirst Projects on 22 May 2014
- The first meeting with the consultant was held on 23 June 2014

Warracknabeal Historical Society Business and Marketing Plan

- RDV required the Museum to prepare a business and marketing plan before they will consider funding any capital works
- RDV approved \$7,500 in funding for the \$10,000 project on 19 March 2014
- The consultancy was awarded to Hirst Projects on 22 May 2014
- The first meeting with the consultant was held on 24 June 2014

Yarriambiack Creek Footbridge in Warracknabeal

- The project estimate is \$295,000
- RDV funding of \$220,000 was approved in October 2013
- DOT funding of \$20,000 has been approved
- Graincorp has committed \$10,000 to the project
- The Creek Committee is supplying cash and in-kind funding
- Council is providing in-kind project management and design support
- A planning permit and Works on Waterway permit have been issued
- Council awarded the design and construct contract to Andrew Cairns Nominees Pty Ltd trading as Cable Bridge Constructions for \$250,500 plus GST on 12 February 2014
- A boardwalk to connect the suspension bridge to the east side of the creek has been designed
- This will be constructed when the bridge is completed
- Construction of the boardwalk will be carried out by MW Cook assisted by the Creek Committee
- The creek level has been lowered to allow the works to proceed
- In-kind earthworks by the Committee and Council staff and Council plant to give pile driving equipment access to the site has been completed
- Construction commenced on 10 June 2014
- The foundations were completed on 15 June 2014
- The contractor commenced works on the superstructure on 28 July 2014
- The remainder of the bridge and boardwalk is expected to be completed in September

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Council Building Report – Prepared by Kathy Edwards

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Month of July 2014

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*
BP63-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/63	16/06/2014	10/07/2014	32 Dimboola Rd, Warracknabeal	Storage Shed	\$26,500
BP70-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/70	26/06/2014	10/07/2014	29 Georges Rd, Beulah	Garage	\$29,873
BP65-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/65	16/06/2014	10/07/2014	917 Antwerp Rd, Cannum	Extensions	\$102,481
BP64-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/64	16/06/2014	17/07/2014	9009 Stawell/W'Beal Rd, W'Beal	Extensions	\$75,000
BP30-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/30	17/03/2014	17/07/2014	166 Scott St, Warracknabeal	Alterations	\$22,565
BP68-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/68	26/06/2014	17/07/2014	4447 Stawell/W'Beal Rd, Rupanyup	Machinery Shed	\$19,837
BP76-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/76	16/07/2014	24/07/2014	30 Breen St, Murtoa	Demolition	\$3,800
BP73-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/73	14/07/2014	24/07/2014	W'Lang Rec Reserve Brook St Woomelang	Light Towers	\$3,000
BP79-14	W.Wilkie	Building	1164/2014/79	21/07/2014	24/07/2014	82 Lyle St, Warracknabeal	Workshop	\$11,592
Total								\$294,648

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

Planning Permit Activity Report for July 2014 (as tabled) – Prepared by David Young

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

A two man inspection team has been doing the yearly night inspection on all sealed roads and streets recording any defects (signage, guide post etc). We have also commenced our sealed roadside spraying program with a view towards the upcoming fire season.

In September we will start our construction works on the Temy-Patchewollock Road and either the Minyip-Dimboola or Glenorchy Roads. They are being designed at present.

Gravel Roads

In August a total of 12km of gravel re-sheeting has taken place on the following roads; Michaels, Desert, Watchupga West, Kinkora, Niewands, Woods and Kewell East. We have also started trials of products to help improve the quality of some of our sandstone re-sheets.

Gravel Pits

The Shire is currently in the final stages of obtaining four new gravel pits. We hope two will be operational by November 2014 and the others by April 2015.

10.6 Community Services Report – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

This month I attended a meeting with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), continuing on the reference group of Cluster Managers, MAV and DEECD reviewing the way kindergartens are managed.

Much of the review is looking at the regulation costs and the information that is provided to Kindergartens and communities.

The first meeting of the Transport Guidelines Reference Group is scheduled for 3 September 2014 in Horsham. We will put forward a number of recommendations from the Wimmera Transport Report at this meeting.

Mid year data collection for all Kindergartens has just occurred, numbers are marginally up since the beginning of the year across the Shire.

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

Food premises inspections have remained ongoing for the month of August, with no serious issues arising among our food businesses. One new business has commenced trading in Warracknabeal; from all reports the business is going well.

Two aged care facilities in the Shire were involved in Gastrointestinal outbreaks, which resulted in a number of both residents and staff experiencing gastro-like symptoms. Council's role is to provide advice on mandatory isolation measures and to supervise the required disinfection and clean-up activities that are required by the Department of Health. A large number of samples were submitted to the Medical Diagnostics Unit, Melbourne; however, a specific pathogen for the outbreaks was not confirmed. Both outbreaks have since subsided and the facilities have returned to regular activities.

Council assessed three onsite wastewater applications during August. Applications were in relation to two new residential dwellings and the new Ambulance Victoria site in Rupanyup.

Council received two complaints in relation to alleged inappropriate chemical use and disposal. Both complaints are currently being investigated, with the EPA likely to be involved at a later date.

The month of July was a mixed one; the Ranger was busy with cats, horses and a few dog issues. The horses that were living in Brim and seized by the RSPCA two weeks ago are currently being cared for by the RSPCA until the matter is heard in court (there has been no date set for the court case yet). A substantial amount of time was used during July to build a case against the owner.

Cats are still a big problem in the usual areas of Murtoa, Warracknabeal, Beulah and Hopetoun; more cat traps have been ordered to keep up with the demand.

There have been a few wandering dog issues with most being in Warracknabeal and Brim; all owners have been dealt with and the dogs being monitored to ensure compliance.

One dog in Murtoa is in the process of being declared menacing, this will be finalised by early next week as the owner has not decided to challenge the declaration. The dog in question is a terrier type dog that was constantly getting out and showing aggression towards the public. Several requests were made to the owner to confine the dog and do the right thing, without success. They were then issued with multiple fines and a letter informing the owner of Council's intention to declare the dog menacing.

Rubbish dumping issues we had around the Shire last month are still ongoing, as we have not yet been able to track down the offenders.

The draft Local Law has now been completed and should now progress to the next stage, to be advertised for public comment. The solicitors will confirm when Council can take this action.

Aged and Disability – Prepared by Lisa Dunkley

HACC

The month of August has been very busy for our internal and external staff, due to up skilling in the training sector. The Community Care Workers have been involved with the Dieticians and Medication update for the benefit of our clients.

We have attended the HACC Master Class for Assessment Officers which is held yearly in Ararat and the HACC Forum which is held for managers.

Council has been fortunate enough to secure Roland Naufal and his daughter, who are leading experts in 'Living Well' and 'Ageing Better'. Topics they cover: 'Ageing Well with a Holistic Perspective', 'Local Resources that keep you Connected' and 'Healthy Managing your Finances for the Long Term'.

Council will be holding this presentation at the Community Centre on Thursday, 2 October 2014 with more detail closer to the event.

Youth

The interviews for the Youth Engagement Officer have been completed and the new appointee will commence on Monday, 15 September 2014.

Volunteer Meals and Transport – Prepared by Michelle Hallam

Meals on Wheels

- National Meals on Wheels Day – 27 August 2014. Council will advertise a media release and advertisement thanking all volunteers involved with the 'Meals on Wheels' program
- Running smoothly across the Shire

Volunteer Transport

- Number of drives for August has declined, but the number of drives for the month of September has already increased

Centre Based Meals

- Still in the process of surveying and sampling the food in all centres. Hoping to have this completed by the end of August

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

We are using two relieving nurses at the moment to cover the southern nurse's sick leave.

The Wimmera Community Services Managers' Forum with the five Councils is looking at the MCH relief staff issue and just as we have with the EHO Agreement, will look at resource sharing opportunities.

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**Caravan Park Trees**

Tree works in the Hopetoun, Murtoa and Warracknabeal Caravan Parks are now complete. A tree replacement program will be initiated in the coming months.

Community Gardens

The Beulah and Warracknabeal Community Garden Groups have conducted initial site planning meetings. The Beulah and Hopetoun Community Garden Groups are currently applying for funding for the initial establishment of the gardens.

Murtoa Caravan Park Upgrade

Works to upgrade the Murtoa Caravan Park amenities are underway. Renovations include polished concrete floors, tiling and new fitting and fixtures. The external building will also be painted and footpath replaced.

Woomelang Planning Project

Working plans are currently being prepared for the proposed new building that will replace the old shops in Brook Street. It is envisaged, the Opportunity Shop and a Makers Gallery will utilise the new building and a business plan is currently in draft form.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

Wimmera Mallee Tourism is currently updating the website that will see the use of new information, images and will be responsive for mobile devices. Wimmera Mallee Tourism Facebook Page currently has 1,803 'Likes'.

Yarriambiack Creek Warracknabeal

Members of the public attended the Yarriambiack Creek Committee meeting on 12 August 2014 and discussed the proposal of free camping. The Committee will discuss the topic further at the next Yarriambiack Creek Committee meeting.

Yarriambiack Tourism

The Yarriambiack Tourism Facebook Page currently has 1,057 'Likes'. An Introduction to Facebook workshop was held in Warracknabeal to assist Yarriambiack Tourism committee members to increase skills and knowledge to assist with updating the Yarriambiack Tourism Facebook Page.

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Bituminous Sealing Contract

As Council would be aware tenders were called from suitably qualified contractors for the design and delivery of works to complete the bituminous resealing programs for the five participating Councils, being Northern Grampians, Hindmarsh, Horsham Rural City, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack.

The contract will be for three years from the date of acceptance of the tender with the option for two extensions of one year each.

Tenders closed on Wednesday, 19 June 2014 and have been evaluated by a committee consisting of representatives from each Council.

This will be presented to the closed session of Council.

Plant Replacement Contracts

Council has agreed to be involved in a joint tender for the replacement of plant for the 2014/2015 financial year.

The project involves development of a collaborative tender for heavy plant replacement program for eight municipalities comprising, Ararat Rural City Council, Buloke Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Horsham Rural City Council, Pyrenees Shire Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council.

This collaborative tendering process will result in individual contracts with each of the member Councils.

Council will be replacing the following items in this year's budget:-

- Grader (Hopetoun)
- Truck & Dog Trailer (Warracknabeal)
- Tractor (Hopetoun)

Restructure of Regional Waste Management Groups

The final meeting of the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group, consisting of four Councils being Horsham Rural City, Ararat Rural City, Northern Grampians and ourselves was held on Tuesday, 22 July 2014.

The new Grampians Central Waste Management Group Forum, with Representatives from the 12 Councils met in Ararat on Friday, 1 August 2014.

Each Council provided a snap shot to the forum on their waste services and operations.

To date, the new Board have not met.

Chemical Users Course

17 staff members have just successfully completed the AgVet Chemical Users Course.

It is extremely important for our staff to keep these skills up to date and to be aware of the type of chemicals they use as well as all safety aspects for both themselves and the community.

Contract C186/2014 – Synthetic Bowling Green

Tenders were advertised for the Supply and Installation of one Synthetic Bowling Green for the Murtoa Bowling Club.

These tenders closed on Friday, 4 August 2014 and three tenders were received.

The evaluation of this tender will be dealt with in the closed session of Council.

Technical Services Department

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- Developed Capital Works Program

Design – Prepared by Garrett Liston

- Implementation of the 2014/15 Capital Works Program

OHS/Risk Management – Prepared by Barry Sullivan

- Warracknabeal Council Offices Emergency Management Plan has been upgraded and waiting final proofing by the Risk / OHS Coordinator, where it will be presented to the next OHS Committee meeting
- Chemical audits have been conducted on 36 Council buildings throughout the Shire. Information has been entered into Council's Chemwatch database. Material Safety Data Sheets have been issued to the committees of the 36 buildings
- Safety ladders and railings (Stage1) have been installed on the Warracknabeal Leisure Centre roof in accordance with AS 1657 - 2013. Council is now compliant with OHS Regulations 2007

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Annual Report – Financial Statement 2013/2014 – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Local Government Act requires Council to pass a resolution;

- (i) giving approval in principle to the statements
- (ii) authorising two Councillors to certify the final statements prior to the Auditors signing the Audit Report

Recommendation

- (i) Council approves in principle the Financial Statements
- (ii) Council authorises Cr Zanker and Cr Massey to certify the Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made
- (iii) Council approves in principle the Standard Statements
- (iv) Council authorises Cr Zanker and Cr Massey to certify the Standard Statements in their final form after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made
- (v) Council approves in principle the Performance Statements
- (vi) Council authorises Cr Zanker and Cr Massey to certify the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to, by the auditor have been made

11.2 Leadership Statement 'Prevention of Violence against Women' – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Yarriambiack Shire Council have been working with Women's Health Grampians to develop a Leadership Statement for the Prevention of Violence against Women that was supportive of the MAV statement on the same issue put out in 2012.

Many Councils are now developing similar statements and promoting them in their communities.

We have an opportunity to work with our businesses and key community stakeholders to launch our own campaign to reduce the incidence of violence in our communities.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Leadership Statement (as tabled) and all Councillors and staff are encouraged to read and promote it in our communities.

11.3 SHARE Community Grants Program – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson

Council extensively advertised the SHARE Community Grants Program for a period of six weeks throughout the Shire with the evaluation and selection of the applications taking place on 13 August, 2014. The total funding available in this round was \$22,000 inc GST.

The evaluation panel consisted of the following representatives: Cr Terry Grange, Cr Kylie Zanker, Cr Helen Ballentine, Gavin Blinman (Manager Community Services & Development), Dennis Smith (Community Projects Coordinator) and Marianne Ferguson (Community Development Officer).

32 applications were assessed requesting a total of \$74,957.

19 applications were recommended for funding as detailed below.

NAME OF ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST	FUNDING ALLOCATED
Beulah Community Garden Group	Printer, stationary, fruit trees, fertilisers and irrigation infrastructure	\$1,100
Beulah Historic Learning & Progress Association	Commercial fridge	\$1,300
Hopetoun Community Garden	Initial setup costs – Seed funding for larger grant	\$1,100
Hopetoun Table Tennis	Purchase of tables, equipment and venue hire	\$1,500
Murtoa & District Neighbourhood House SLAAM Inc	Hat Making Workshop	\$1,400
Murtoa Cemetery Trust	Purchase blower, pressure washer and tipping trailer	\$1,400
Murtoa Country Women's Association	Sewing machine, craft and cooking equipment	\$ 500
Patchewollock Baring Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Repairs and maintenance to the Patchewollock Football Clubroom amenities	\$1,400
Rupanyup & District A & P Society	Upgrade show jumping equipment	\$ 500
Rupanyup & District Men's Shed	Electric panel saw	\$ 900
Rupanyup Memorial Hall	Water tank	\$ 900
Rupanyup/Minyip Cricket Club	Carpet pitch	\$1,000
Warracknabeal Bowling Club	Solar panels	\$1,000
Warracknabeal Brass Band	Trailer	\$1,500
Warracknabeal Cemetery Trust	Ride on lawn mower	\$2,500
Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre Inc	Security monitoring system, table and chair trolley	\$ 990
Warracknabeal Rotary Club	Australia Day Breakfast	\$ 600
Warracknabeas Wheat City Derby Angels	Uniforms, banner and safety equipment	\$1,500
Woomelang Craft Ladies	Manual quilting machine	\$1,000
		\$22,090 inc GST

Recommendation

That Council approve the above nominated projects under the 2014/2015 SHARE Community Grants Program.

11.4 Concrete Sill in Wimmera River – Prepared by James Magee

Council have been advised by the Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee that the concrete sill on the Wimmera River, just downstream of the Yarriambiack Creek off-take, is in a state of disrepair and reducing the amount of water distributed to Yarriambiack Creek at this junction.



In 1967 a sill was placed in both waterways to provide a water sharing arrangement.

GWMWater are the owners of the concrete sill.

It is essential for the sill to be maintained for Yarriambiack Creek to receive its fair share of natural flows into the future.

Recommendation

That Council write to GWMWater and request that the concrete sill across the Wimmera River be repaired as soon as possible.

11.5 Regulator Levee Bank in Yarriambiack Creek – Prepared by James Magee

A large levee bank was constructed in Yarriambiack Creek over 100 years ago and is located approximately 200m from the Wimmera River. The levee bank is known as the regulator. The regulator has 2 x 900mm culverts in it, through which the water must flow.

The regulator limits the natural flows up Yarriambiack Creek and many believe it should be removed to enhance the environmental sustainability of the creek. A flood study several years ago concluded the regulator provided little if any impact during large flood events.

GWMWater are the owner of the structure. GWMWater and the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (CMA) believe that an additional flood study is required to assess the removal of the regulator.



Recommendation

That the Wimmera CMA in conjunction with GWMWater, be requested to provide a specification for the flood study to examine the impacts of the removal of the regulator on the Yarriambiack Creek, that quotations for the study be obtained and that funding be sourced.

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, 24 September 2014 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		Postcode	Crown Description				Lot on Plan		Name	Address							
		Street Number	Name, Type		Locality	Allotment, Block, Section, and Parish/Township			Lot	Plan		Line One	Street Number, Name, Type	Locality				State	Country
TP15-14	New application	1465 Wimmera Highway	Murtoa	3390		A	PS337428F	180,000.00	Erection of Storage Shed	Mark Carter		PO Box 313	Kerang	Vic	Australia	3579	23/04/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	14/07/2014
TP16-14	New application	123 King Rd	Crymelon	3393		2	PS110620		Subdivision	Mark Bish		123 King Rd	Crymelon	Vic	Australia	3393	23/04/2014	In progress	
TP21-14	New application	8 Algerian St	Patchewollock	3491	CA 2011 Parish Patchewollock			8,000.00	Use and Development of Caravan	Greg Wallace		PO Box 7	Lascelles	Vic	Australia	3487	15/05/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	14/07/2014
TP28-14	New application	Cnr Wood St x Cromie St	Rupanyup	3388	Crown Land			10000	Development of a War Memorial	Sony Johns		12 Simpson St	Rupanyup	Vic	Australia	3388	28/05/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	09/07/2014
TP29-14	New application	1165 Warracknabeal-Birchip Rd	Warracknabeal	3393				149578	Erection of Machinery Shed	Joel Anderson		1165 warracknabeal-B	Warracknabeal	Vic	Australia	3393	02/06/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	09/07/2014
TP31-14	New application	Depot Road	Rupanyup	3388	CA 13 Parish Lallat			0	Subdivision	GWMWater		PO Box 481	Horsham	Vic	Australia	3402	11/06/2014	No permit required	01/07/2014
TP32-14	New application	32 Dimboola Rd	Warracknabeal	3393				26500	Construction of a Garage	Peter Russell		32 Dimboola Rd	Warracknabeal	Vic	Australia	3393	16/06/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	09/07/2014
TP33-14	New application	18 Station St	Tempy	3489				0	Change of Use to a shop	Tony Foster		18 Station St	Tempy	Vic	Australia	3489	25/06/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	14/07/2014
TP35-14	New application	425 Burrum North Rd	Rupanyup	3388	76C Parish Burrum Burrum			80000	Re-erection of 2nd Dwelling	Samantha Matthews		PO Box 94	Rupanyup	Vic	Australia	3388	30/06/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	28/07/2014
TP36-14	New application	586 Gaulkes Rd	Kellalac	3393	CA 64 Parish Werrigar			62000	Construction of a Hay Shed	Graeme Stewart		11 Heslop Crt	Horsham	Vic	Australia	3400	11/07/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	23/07/2014
TP37-14	New application	7 Asquith Ave	Warracknabeal	3393		4	LP23093	20942	Construction of Garage & Carport	Jo Anderson		49 Lynott St	Horsham	Vic	Australia	3393	15/07/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	23/07/2014
TP13-14/A	Amended permit a	9a Scott St	Warracknabeal	3393	CA 9 Sect 10 Parish Werrigar			0	Construction of a Storage Shed	Michael Schilling		38 Scott St	Warracknabeal	Vic	Australia	3393	16/07/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	23/07/2014
TP39-14	New application	Sunraysia Highway	Woomelang	3485		1	PS442517	400,000	Additional 2 Bunkers	Mark Carter		PO Box 313	Kerang	Vic	Australia	5379	24/07/2014	In progress	
TP40-14	New application	570 Hopetoun-Sea Lake Rd	Hopetoun	3396	CA 18 Parish Nyallo			200,000	Construction of Rural Shed	Matt Jackson		PO Box 2015	Mildura	Vic	Australia	3502	21/07/2014	Permit issued by a delegate of the Responsible Authority	30/07/2014



Leadership Statement

Prevention of Violence against Women

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to the prevention of violence against women. Our focus on this issue aligns with, and supports the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) in its commitment to work for the prevention of violence against women.

Our Vision

Our vision for the Yarriambiack Shire is safe, respectful and equitable communities where women and children live free from violence and abuse.

Our Commitment

Yarriambiack Shire Council encourages all community members to endorse Council's action and to say 'no' to violence against women in all forms including physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, discriminative, financial and psychological abuse.

Yarriambiack Shire Council also recognises the important and critical role that the everyday, equitable treatment of women plays in changing the culture that contributes to violence against women.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will take the following actions to provide leadership in our community to prevent the occurrence of violence and abuse against women and promote respectful relationships.

1. Advocate:

To all levels of government for resources and programs that promote a whole of community approach to the prevention of violence against women and promote healthy, equal and respectful relationships between men, women and children.

For resources and services within our Shire to support women and children who are experiencing violence.

For resources and services within our shire for men who use violence to address their behaviour and contribute to the safety of women and children.

2. Build Capacity:

Within the Yarriambiack Shire Council to ensure all staff understand the issue and contribute to prevent violence against women. We will promote positive role models for men and women and strive for gender equality in the workplace.

3. Promote the Role of Local Government:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will work with Local Government in North West Victoria to promote best practice in the prevention of violence against women at all levels.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will encourage Local Government in North West Victoria to champion the whole of community approach to raising awareness for promotion of respectful relationships and gender equity practices.

4. Supporting Local Business:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will encourage local business owners as leaders in our community to speak up and say no to violence against women.

Support workplaces to adopt best practice initiatives to ensure women and men are equally represented, valued and rewarded within the workplace.

5. Informing our Community:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will assist in educating the community about the importance of making a stand and not accepting violence against women in their community or town by challenging sexism, discrimination and violence.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will also encourage our community not to accept violence towards them and to speak out against violence with assistance from support agencies.

Mayor

Date / /

Chief Executive Officer