

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2012 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 K Zanker, J Kempfert, A McLean, J Wise, H Ballentine, G Lovel, R Kingston, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer) & James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning).

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 December 2011

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr J Kempfert the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 December 2011 be confirmed.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr R Kingston declared a Conflict of Interest in regards to item 13.1 of Closed Session

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Action List from last meeting

8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List

9 PETITIONS

10 REPORTS

Corporate Reports

10.1 Mayor's Report

10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports

10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report

10.5 Works Report

10.6 Community Services Report

10.7 Economic & Community Development Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)

11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Kylie Zanker

15 December	Wimmera Volunteers Special General Meeting
16 December	Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Meeting
11 January	Executive Committee Meeting – Wimmera Volunteers
19-21 January	Victorian Local Governance Association Essential Mayors' Weekend
23 January	Contractual signing Wimmera Volunteers and various matters around research project, strategic plans, etc
26 January	Attended Australia Day Celebrations at Rupanyup to present the 'Citizen of the Year Award'
29 January	Anglican Church Luncheon and Opening of the 25 Year Old Time Capsule
30 January	Chaired the Public Meeting for the Sheep Hills Recreation Reserve
1 February	Meeting with CEO, Rural Northwest Health – Catherine Morley-Nelson to discuss various matters

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr R Kingston**

- 10 January Attended meeting with Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWM Water) re Rupanyup and Minyip water quality
- 19 January Attended Warracknabeal Town Hall funding announcement by Minister Matthew Guy
- 1 February Attended Minyip Progress Association Meeting
- 3 February Attended Saleyards Committee Meeting in Warracknabeal

Cr A McLean

- 20 December Attended Hopetoun Secondary College 'Awards' night
- 19 January Met with Minister Matthew Guy – planning matters
- 19 January Attended Warracknabeal Town Hall funding announcement by Minister Matthew Guy and Simon Ramsay
- 26 January Attended Australia Day Ceremony at Tempy
- 1 February Attended Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee Meeting at Jung

Cr J Wise

- 11 to 17 January Portsea Camp
- 26 January Australia Day Celebrations Warracknabeal. Around 180 attended the Breakfast and Celebrations hosted by the Rotary Club, being entertained by local artists and listening to former Warracknabeal resident Robert Pyers (School Principal of Dimboola) who spoke about his life journey before returning to the Wimmera. A special presentation was made to Doug McColl in recognition of his outstanding year. Presentations were also made to Chloe Bibby for 'Sportsperson of the Year', Brock Sturrock for 'Young Achiever of the Year' and Richard Wilken for 'Citizen of the Year'
- 30 January Y-Fest Meeting

Cr J Kempfert

- 19 January Visit to the Murtoa Stick Shed
- 26 January Attended Australia Day Celebration Ceremony at Murtoa
- 1 February Attended Murtoa Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Public Meeting

Cr H Ballentine

- 20 December Attended Hopetoun Secondary College Speech night, the last speech night as a separate school. As of 2012 the Hopetoun Secondary College and Hopetoun Primary School will operate as one school on two sites, until further funding becomes available
- 22 December Presented 'Rotary Award' to grade six student, Meg Wilson from the Hopetoun Primary School
- 17 January Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association tour of Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Shires. Tour commenced at print museum Dimboola and continued on with visits to the Jeparit Museum, Rainbow Homestead, Hopetoun, Pine Plains, Speed, Lascelles and Hopetoun where we toured the Mallee Retreat Complex.
- 19 January Attended funding announcement by Minister Matthew Guy & Simon Ramsay at the Warracknabeal Town Hall
- 24 January Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association Tour of Buloke and Yarriambiack Shires. Tour included visits to the Murtoa Stick Shed, Woods Museum at Rupanyup, Wooronook Lakes, Donald, Charlton, Mt Jeffcott, Lake Buloke, Wycheproof (and museum), Nullawil Museum, Sea Lake, Lake Tyrell and Green Lake, Birchip, Tchum Lake and Minyip, before returning to Murtoa
- 26 January Presented Yarriambiack Shire 'Community Event Award' to the Beulah Flood Recovery Committee at the Beulah Australia Day Ceremony
- 31 January Attended the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association Tour of West Wimmera Shire

Cr G Lovel

- 15 December Internal Audit Committee.
Two reports included a review of administration of trust monies and fringe benefits tax returns. The auditor found both reviews of a high standard. The auditor also conducted a review of all internal reports since 2005. Chairperson, Miss Janice Kelly submitted her resignation to the meeting
- 11/24 January Attended two special meetings of the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group, held specifically to do with the landfill surfacing in relation to Shire of Northern Grampians and Ararat Rural City Council
- 17 January Attended presentation at the ANZAC Memorial Park for grant announcement by Member for Swan Hill, Peter Walsh for works to repair tennis courts
- 19 January Attended presentation of grant announcement for the Warracknabeal Town Hall
- 26 January Attended Australia Day Ceremony at Wallup Hall

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

- Met with Jeff Rigby and Helen Friend, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water – Rupanyup and Minyip water matters
- Attended Council Internal Audit Committee Meeting
- Met with Danny Harris, Australian Services Union
- Met with Damian Drum, Member for Northern Victoria
- Met with David Brennan, CEO, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
- Met with Colin Morrison, Victorian Grants Commission
- Met with Jo Bourke, Wimmera Development Association – various matters
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Plan Steering Committee Meeting in Horsham
- Met with Karlie Tucker, Department of Planning and Community Development
- Met with the Rupanyup Consultative Committee with Helen Friend (GWM Water) – water quality related issues
- Delivered Meals on Wheels with Bernie Naylor
- Met with Peter Crisp, Local Member for Mildura – C17 Amendment
- Met with Peter Walsh, Local Member for Swan Hill – Anzac Park Tennis Courts funding
- Met with Terry Lewis, Department of Primary Industries – various matters
- Met with the Minyip Progress Association with Helen Friend, GWM Water – water quality related issues
- With Councillor Andrew McLean and David Young (Planning Officer), met with Minister Matthew Guy in relation to planning issues in particular C17 Amendment. I then accompanied the Minister to the Warracknabeal Town Hall where he announced funding of \$94,000 for Hall improvements and concluded with a visit to the Murtoa Stick Shed
- Met with David Young in Donald – crucial planning matters
- With Madam Mayor, Kylie Zanker and Cr Ray Kingston, attended the Rupanyup Australia Day Celebrations where the Mayor presented Ronald Cahill with the 2011 Yarriambiack Shire ‘Citizen of the Year Award’. Ronnie was also the recipient of the Rupanyup ‘Citizen of the Year Award’
- Hosted and Chaired Local Government Regional CEO’s Meeting in Warracknabeal
- Attended the Wimmera Southern Mallee Crime Prevention Reference Group Meeting

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee

Jack Emmett Billabong

Three culverts have been placed at the northern end of the billabong at Rupanyup to assist in stormwater drainage during high intensity rainfall events. The overflow capacity of the billabong will be greatly improved allowing the rest of the underground stormwater system within town to operate more efficiently.

Breen Street Culverts at Murtoa

New box culverts installed under Breen Street will allow greater capacity flows from Rabl Park into Marma. This will also be useful to help protect the township during wetter periods and also maximise the stormwater catchment for Lake Marma.

New Weir Gates for Beulah

A set of weir gates are currently being constructed for the eastern culverts on the northern weir at Beulah. Gates are to be installed March/April.

New Weir Gates for Warracknabeal

Three new gates have been manufactured and are ready for installation. This will be done in conjunction with the Beulah gates.

Iluka Update

Iluka completed a trial in November whereby noise modelling was done while trains were loaded. The results were used to design and build a sound wall which has been completed. Trains recommenced operations 23 January on the basis of three trains per week.

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- Updated Renewal Gap figures for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Report and the Department of Planning & Community Development Survey
- Develop a proposed Heavy Vehicle Route (General Freight) Map in consultation with Council officers in the Technical Services Department
- Researching and following protocol for new road names and road name changes as per Geographical Names Procedures
- Involved in the process of interviewing for a Technical Service Officer
- Attended a sealing process demonstration by a company called Sealcoat at the Ballarat Aerodrome

OH&S - Risk Management

- Help develop a Position Description for the new Safety & Risk Officer
- Develop a new Risk Management Register
- Develop Fire Hydrant maps and inspection sheets for high risk fire prone areas
- Continue to develop Job Safety Analysis (JSA) sheets based on feed back from outdoor workers
- Assist with the implementation of the OH&S Action Plan with OH&S Consultant, Collin Supple

Design – Prepared by John Boehm**Council Works Program**

Surveys, Design and Plans for Council's Capital Works Program 2011/12

- Church Street and Tip Road Woomelang: Pavement Reconstruction and Bitumen Seal for 1163 metres (Construction Works in progress)
- Dettman Lane Woomelang: Extend and complete the bitumen sealed pavement between Proctor Street and Brock Street
- Lascelles West Road: Pavement Repair and Bitumen Seal of several sections
- Haby Lane Murtoa: Pavement Construction and Bitumen Seal, including drainage issues (works completed)
- McDonald Street Murtoa: The west side concrete kerb has been replaced between Marma Street and Breen Street
- Clifford Street Warracknabeal: The concrete kerbing is proposed for replacement on both sides (extent of dwellings) and the road pavement reconstructed

Flood Works

- Warracknabeal flood overflow culverts (Jeparit / Rainbow Road): The east side and west side culverts are both installed and the main road was open for harvest traffic. Works are still in progress, with the following works programmed for construction – concreting to complete the east side rock beaching; construction of the west side weir pool overflow sill, outlet channel and associated rock beaching. A clean up of gravel heaps on the nearby storage site and a flood control bank is also proposed for the east side area
- Beulah outlet weir floodway on Luna Park Road – an overflow sill and a floodway on Luna Park Road is proposed as the major flood controls for Beulah. A Contractor is working through the major town flood works
- Brim flood control works: the outlet overflow sill and Brim West Road floodway are yet to be completed. The Contractor working on this project has these works programmed
- Murtoa south side bypass drain: Most of the major works here are completed. A procedure for controlling flood flows into the bypass channel will be updated over time
- The Warracknabeal Industrial Estate drain connection to the canning drain is listed with contractors for completion
- Investigations are still being carried out on properties flooded around the Stewart Street and Gibson Street areas in Rupanyup – the accumulation of rainfall runoff is still causing flood inundation in parts of Rupanyup

Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey

- Road Work Vegetation Inspections
- Attended Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance Meeting, Horsham
- Revegetation Planning, Yarrilinks
- Participated in the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Survey on Climate Change
- Inspected dangerous trees, Minyip
- Surveys and mapping of roadside pest plants and rabbits
- Inspected dangerous trees, Murtoa

Technical Services – Prepared by Tony Brennan

- Assist Design Engineer with surveys as required
- Process various Civic Requests as needed
- Produce reports for vehicle checklists and plant machinery inspections and email to relative Managers/Supervisors
- Cover for Bernie Naylor while he was on Annual Leave
- Carried out Traffic Counter Reports and updated all sites on Map Info as required
- Issued Road Opening Permits as needed for various minor works
- Attended Sealcote demonstration at Ballarat Aerodrome

Saleyards

- Continue with Livestock Standstill Plan
- Continue updates to National Saleyard Quality Assurance Program
- First sale held 25 January, 2012
- Organise for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) demonstration to be held prior to next sale 8 February, 2012. A discussion and power point presentation will be held at the conclusion of the sale for all parties involved at the meeting room in the Shire offices
- Upgrade of Maintenance Log for repairs carried out per Audit Regulations
- Meet with Aaron Zwar of Elders to organise next Committee of Management Meeting

Building & Planning Activity

In December & January the following permits were issued:

Building: 4 Building Permits were issued in **December 2011**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$395,340**

Warracknabeal – Storage Shed
Warracknabeal – Swimming Pool
Warracknabeal – Re-bound Wall
Warracknabeal – Dwelling

10 applications were submitted in **December 2011**

January 2012

3 Building Permits were issued in **January 2012**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$697,500**

Murtoa – Change Rooms
Hopetoun – Alterations & Extensions
Murtoa – Garage

5 applications were submitted in **January 2012**

Planning: 14 Planning Permits were issued in **December 2011**

App No: TP30-11
Applicant: SLAAM Murtoa – Bev Buckley
Address of Land: 40 McDonald Street, Murtoa
Proposal: The land to be used and developed for a Food and Drink Premises (community coffee shop) and Education Training Facility (cooking classes) and develop the land by the alterations to the existing building and associated earthworks
Date Issued: 20/12/2011

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App No:	TP46-11
Applicant:	Rural Northwest Health
Address of Land:	107-111 Lascelles Street Hopetoun
Proposal:	Subdivision
Date Issued:	06/12/2011
App No:	TP55-11
Applicant:	Vicgrain
Address of Land:	Audrey Street Hopetoun being Volume 10542 Folio 650
Proposal:	The land to be subdivided by the removal of an easement
Date Issued:	09/12/2011
App No:	TP62-11
Applicant:	Showyards Reserve Committee of Management – Brian Storey
Address of Land:	Murtoa Recreation Reserve - Lake Street Township of Murtoa
Proposal:	The land to be developed for Recreation (Construction of new Change Rooms) and associated earthworks
Date Issued:	06/12/2011
App No:	TP66-11
Applicant:	Shane Edelsten
Address of Land:	1914 Hopetoun-Yaaapeet Road, Hopetoun
Proposal:	The land to be subdivided
Date Issued:	06/12/2011
App No:	TP67-11
Applicant:	Evans Planning Pty Ltd – Matt Evans (Vodafone)
Address of Land:	67 Henty Highway Warracknabeal
Proposal:	Construction and operating a telecommunications (mobile) facility, comprising of 51.3 m high steel lattice tower and ancillary components enclosed within secure compound
Date Issued:	06/12/2011
App No:	TP69-11
Applicant:	Country Fire Authority
Address of Land:	23 Woods Street, Rupanyup
Proposal:	The land to be developed for Car Parking associated with an adjoining Emergency Service Facility (Fire Station)
Date Issued:	06/12/2011

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App No: TP70-11
Applicant: Alan & Lynette McLean
Address of Land: 41 Devereux Street, Warracknabeal
Proposal: The land to be developed by the construction of a dwelling and outbuildings and associated earthworks
Date Issued: 09/12/2011

App No: TP73-11
Applicant: Rohan Fry for Wheatlands Museum
Address of Land: 34 Henty Highway, Warracknabeal
Proposal: The land to be developed by an extension to a Museum Facility
Date Issued: 06/12/2011

App No: TP74-11
Applicant: Maryanne Conduit
Address of Land: 14-16 Craig Avenue, Warracknabeal
Proposal: The land to be re-subdivided
Date Issued: 06/12/2011

App No: TP75-11
Applicant: Wayne Huf
Address of Land: 63 Cambacanya Road, Hopetoun
Proposal: The land to be developed by extension to an existing dwelling and associated earthworks
Date Issued: 09/12/2011

App No: TP76-11
Applicant: Claire Morgan
Address of Land: 27a Cromie Street, Rupanyup
Proposal: The land to be used and developed for a Shop (selling of giftware)
Date Issued: 20/12/2011

App No: TP78-11
Applicant: Yaapeet Tennis Club
Address of Land: 16 Railway Street, Yaapeet
Proposal: The land to be developed for a Shelter Shed
Date Issued: 20/12/2011

4 applications were submitted in **December 2011**

Amendments:

App No: TP28-11A
Applicant: Evans Planning Pty Ltd – Matt Evans
Address of Land: 355 Nyallo Road, Hopetoun
Proposal: Construction and operating a telecommunications (mobile) facility, comprising of 80m high steel lattice tower and ancillary components enclosed within secure compound
Date Issued: 06/12/2011

January 2012

1 Planning Permit was issued in **January 2012**

App No: TP94-11
Applicant: Minyip Progress Association – Peter Haney
Address of Land: Minyip Wetlands, Petering Street, Minyip
Proposal: The land to be developed by the construction of a Storage Shed and associated earthworks
Date Issued: 24/01/2012

1 application was submitted in **January 2012**

10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton**Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2011-2012**

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$23,221)		February 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal
Campbell Street Hopetoun (\$146,296)	100%	July 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Hopetoun West Intersection Hopetoun (\$130,328)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Altered Intersection Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Lascelles Street – Henty Highway Intersection Hopetoun (\$149,176)	100%	August 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$10,048)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$14,067)		December 2011		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$5,024)		December 2011		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dettmann Lane Woomelang (\$12,727)		January 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Church Street Woomelang R2R (\$58,053)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire

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Haby Lane Murtoa (\$9,143)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup R2R (\$46,883)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction & Hotmix Intersection Shire
Hopetoun Reservoir Lane 7 (\$60,844)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$33,492)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$18,000)		February 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$12,560)		February 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	100%	October 2011	December 2011	Kerb & Channel Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$29,473)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	80%	October 2011		Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$19,650)		March 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$14,625)		March 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
South Street Minyip (\$11,850)		April 2012		Kerb & Channel
South Street Minyip (\$8,820)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire

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Breen Street Murtoa (\$74,927)	100%	July 2011	September 2011	Kerb & Channel Contractor
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,196)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$21,300)		February 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$50,000)		November 2011		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Brim West (\$11,000)	90%	September 2011		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$6,275)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$3,143)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$5,582)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$25,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$20,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Woomelang Tip R2R (\$72,566)	100%	February 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Dumbuoy Road Warracknabeal (\$40,000)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dimboola/Minyip Road R2Market (\$443,808)	100%	September 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Rainbow Yaapeet Road R2Market (\$487,417)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

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Rupanyup Road (\$17,851)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brim East Road (\$48,700)	100%	September 2011	September 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Burrum North Road R2R (\$247,913)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$264,615)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$64,579)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$43,052)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$21,526)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Watchem Warracknabeal Road R2R (\$115,507)	100%	August 2011	August 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Galaquil West Road (\$228,629)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Sheep Hills Minyip Road (\$113,492)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Ashens Jackson Road (\$155,409)		February 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

Footpath Program 2011/2012

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$5,828)		January 2012		Gravel Path Shire
Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$14,295)		February 2012		Premix Path Shire
Toole Street Hopetoun (\$714)		February 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Church Street Minyip (\$11,490)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Concrete Path Contractor
Market Street Minyip (\$5,065)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Mill Street Minyip (\$2,037)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$4,838)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,082)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,208)		December 2011		Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$6,728)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Lake Street Murtoa (\$7,512)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Miller Street Murtoa (\$2,541)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Cromie Street Rupanyup (\$2,493)		January 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Chamberlain Street Speed (\$8,368) + (7,322)		January 2012		Premix Path Shire

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Yarrick Lane Hopetoun (\$210)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Wychunga Lascelles (\$1,411) + (\$878)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$5,292) + (\$378)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$13,008)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$5,203)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,259)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$2,385)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,151)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$15,826)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$14,959)		February 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Milbourne Street Warracknabeal (\$14,091)		March 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$10,948)		March 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,605)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire

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Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,001)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Various (\$10,000)				
Various (\$10,000)				

Gravel Re-sheet Works

Total Re-sheet Program 65.820 km

Completed Re-sheets 27.620 km

***Roads Completed – Dec/Jan**

- *Burroin Road
- *Burrum Lawler Road
- *Burdett's Road
- *Hopetoun West Road
- *Donald Laen Road
- *Minyip – Coromby Road

***Global Contract – Works completed Dec/Jan**

- *Boolite – Donald
- *Chapman's
- *Kewell School Road
- *McLauchlan's
- *Moloney's
- *Yarriambiack Drive
- *Cannum Five Chain
- *Hewitt's
- *Boundry
- *Rattray's
- *Phillip's
- *Batchica West
- *Kewell Nth School Road
- *Bangerang
- *Brickle
- *Lewis
- *Baums
- *Wardles Road West
- *Brentwood West
- *Galaquil East
- *Golf Hill
- *Angle Road
- *Robins Lane
- *Goyura East SBR
- *J.Ballentine

Total estimate completed works – 22.0 km

***Porter Plant Contract – Urban Town stabilisation works**

- Completed works in -
- Hopetoun
 - Beulah
 - Brim
 - Minyip
 - Rupanyup
 - Murtoa

***Works in Warracknabeal continuing**

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

Early Years has been very busy during the holiday period following an unexpected resignation from our teacher at Minyip/ Rupanyup, we have been busy filling this position and informing parents about the change.

Our new teacher, Stephanie Grainger has just returned to the district after studying interstate. Council has been fortunate to be able to offer a local person the opportunity to start their career in Education & Early Childhood Development.

As Stephanie is a graduate, Council will put a mentoring scheme in place and Glenda Hewitt (Kindergarten Teacher at Warracknabeal) will fulfill this role along with Robyn Hallam from Hopetoun, as secondary support.

Woomelang has been inspected by the Department of Education & Childhood Development and we now wait on correspondence from them. Essentially we need to implement a number of policies and procedures.

The community has done a great job of fixing up the yard and building, we will draw up a user agreement between the Shire and the primary school as they control the building.

Aged and Disability

Meals on Wheels and centre based meals in Murtoa came to a halt during the break following closure of the Railway Hotel at short notice. We informed all clients and closed the service for two weeks while we sourced another temporary provider. As from 6 February Council will commence again with the Neighbourhood House assisting us until June.

Council will be advertising the tender for the meals services across the Shire in March.

We have employed three new Community Care Workers in Hopetoun. This brings our staff numbers to 26 and improves our capacity to support the increased referrals for Home & Community Care Program.

The Department of Human Services requires assessment staff to undertake more training to ensure they have the industry standard qualifications.

Council is currently drawing up final plans and getting quotes for the bathroom renovations at the Hopetoun Senior Citizens building. Work should commence shortly.

21 children and five adults attended the Portsea Camp, children from across the Shire attended, numbers were down this year.

Environmental Health / Local laws

Inspection of all food premises have been continuing this month, the reopening of the Commercial Hotel in Warracknabeal has added to the food services available.

No major issues of non compliance have been noted, annual food registrations have been paid by most business's.

Food related complaints in the south of the Shire have been investigated and no evidence found.

Weir pool testing has revealed Blue Green Algae Blooms in Lake Lascelles at Hopetoun and has now been declared closed until further notice.

Six onsite Waste Water Applications have been assessed this month. The majority of these have been for new Fire Stations.

Illegal rubbish dumping locally has been investigated and offenders fined.

Nearly 200 cats and kittens have been surrendered to the Yarriambiack Shire Council with owners no longer wanting them, this is time consuming and costly for Council. Owners seriously need to look at pets before they take them and consider if they can manage and afford them.

Issues with our Contractor temporarily held up fire prevention clean ups, this has now been rectified.

Dogs wandering continue to be an issue.

The new Municipal Fire Prevention Plan is nearly complete and will be presented and out for comment by February.

Youth

Commenced involvement with the interagency Youth Mental Health Working Group, this group will look at streamlining services for young people and making it easier to access support.

Agencies involved will set up a case management approach and get together with the young person rather than the person having to visit multiple services.

Facebook has been a good way of communicating with many young people and recently assisted the Youth Worker to alert Horsham services to a young person in need of immediate support from Psych services.

Homeless youth was an issue during the break with three youth needing assistance.

Council are advertising the next round of 'Celebrating Young People' grants in February and hope to receive more interest from the south of the Shire. Applications close 24 February 2012. Further information can be obtained through the Youth Worker.

Emergency Relief

During the period of June 2011 to December 2011 we assisted 44 people with emergency relief assistance, a total of 66 times. Of these clients, 19 were new to us and 25 existing.

25 people have been referred to Wimmera Uniting Care for financial assistance. This has been a contributing factor to less people accessing financial assistance through the Yarriambiack Shire, as they have learnt to support themselves. A number of clients still need some level of assistance and we will continue to work closely with Wimmera Uniting Care to support these people.

Volunteer Transport

Only five clients transported during this period due to specialists being closed for the holidays.

Distance clients transported was 1576 kilometers.

Maternal and Child Health

Council is reviewing services in the north, changes with the nurses starting two days per week as from March will be trialed until June.

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

Applications and associated documentation has been submitted to register the Hopetoun, Murtoa and Warracknabeal Caravan Parks.

Renovation work on the Hopetoun Caravan Park men's amenities is now complete.

\$59,600 has been secured from the Victorian Floods 2011 Program to upgrade the Warracknabeal Caravan Park amenities.

Initial preparation for the installation of six cabins and a laundry facility to be installed in the Hopetoun Caravan Park are now complete. This project is funded by private investment but the Caravan Park conditions of operation and management will continue as normal.

The cabins have been selected to complement the aesthetics of the precinct and it is envisaged the project will create economic benefits for the region.

Yaapeet Playground

A submission to the Flood Recovery for Community Infrastructure Fund (previously submitted by the Yaapeet Community Club) for a replacement playground at the Yaapeet Recreation Reserve was successful. Works are scheduled for February to install the relevant equipment.

Wimmera Mallee Regional Tourism Association

A logo for the Association has now been developed and will be included in the construction of the Wimmera Mallee Regional Tourism Association website that will be completed in late February.

Tours of each Municipality involved in the Association have been completed to highlight tourism operators and destinations in the region. The tours have assisted the Association members to understand possible tourism packaging and information for the upcoming Caravan and Camping Shows.

10.7 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

15/12/2011 – Regional Victoria Living Expo Committee – Wimmera Development Association
20/12/2011 – Emmetts, re Y-Fest Sponsorship
22/12/2011 – CEO, Horsham Rural City, re Wimmera Mallee Tourism
16/01/2012 – Jessica White, Regional Development Victoria, re Local Skills Partnership
19/01/2012 – Madeline Getson, Film Victoria, re Film North West Victoria Website
19/01/2012 – Townscape Committee, re Lyle Street Roundabout & TIC redevelopment
30/01/2012 – Y-Fest Committee

Economic Development

Regional Victoria Living Expo 27 – 29 April 2012

The Regional Victoria Living Expo is an added component to the “Living, Working, Investing in Regional Victoria” campaign and will be supported by an extensive media campaign to encourage Victorians, particularly Melbournians, looking for an alternative lifestyle, to visit the Expo and find out about housing affordability, job vacancies, investment prospects, education, sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities across regional Victoria.

The Expo will be held each year for the next four years and each participating regional Council will receive \$20,000 from Regional Development Victoria to cover the cost of display and collateral material.

The Wimmera Mallee Councils that include Buloke, Hindmarsh, Horsham, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack have decided to join forces to mount a combined display and meetings are currently being co-ordinated by the Wimmera Development Association to finalise the details. Marianne Ferguson (SHARE Program Coordinator) and I represent Council at these meetings.

Industrial Estates

David Young has provided a subdivision plan for Lot Three of the Warracknabeal Industrial Estate and we are currently working on costings for the provision of services to the additional three blocks created.

We are also working with the Hopetoun Co-op to finalise the costing details for the provision of services to the subdivided block, so as to prepare the funding submission to Regional Development Victoria.

Woomelang Travellers Rest

Negotiations continue.

Housing Development

Discussions continue with Department of Planning & Community Development in relation to the rezoning issues.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

The Steering Committee continues to meet to finalise details of the Caravan & Camping Show promotions in Adelaide and Melbourne and the development of the website. We have also met with Peter Brown, CEO Horsham Rural City Council to inform him of developments and examine the potential for Horsham's involvement.

Y-Fest 2012

The Y-Fest Promotions Committee met on 30 January to confirm details of the various activities that make up the Easter Weekend and to approve the marketing plan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**Community Facility Funding Program 2012/2013**

We are still waiting on the outcome of our three applications under this program.

Sustainable Sports Grounds Program 2011/2012

Our application for the Hopetoun Golf Club Synthetic Tees Conversion has been approved with a grant of \$26,640 for a total project cost of \$39 961. The Activity Schedule has been signed and, together with the required documentation, forwarded to Department of Planning & Community Development.

Country Football and Netball Program 2011/2012

An application to lay geo-fabric and re-sheet the Hopetoun netball courts, apply rebound synpave to the surface, re-mark court lines and install a root barrier along the West side of the courts has been prepared and submitted to Department of Planning & Community Development.

The application is requesting a grant of \$60,387 for a total project cost of \$90,581.

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010/2011

All projects are complete and all Final Reports have now been submitted to the Federal Government. An Event Invitation has also been prepared and submitted.

Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles Project

Works at the Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles, funded through the Sustainable Small Towns Development Fund, are progressing smoothly with approximately 90% of the works complete. The works undertaken have dramatically improved the facilities at each location.

Minyip 4th Tennis Court Project

The new court concrete base has been poured and the plexipave surface and line markings also completed. The remaining work required is to re-instate the fence adjacent to the new court.

Murtoa Football Change Rooms Project

The new concrete base has been poured and the Building Permit has been issued.

Woomelang Netball Court Extension

The concrete extensions have been poured and the rebound synpave surface application and court line marking are to be undertaken during the first and second week of February.

Warracknabeal Leisure Centre

Access for the disabled has been drastically improved with the completion of a new access ramp to the main entrance of the facility.

Warracknabeal Streetscape Project

Plans have been completed and costings prepared for the redevelopment of the area in front of the Tourist Information Centre and the Lyle Street roundabout. These two projects are to be submitted for funding under the Regional Development Victoria's 'Putting Locals First' program.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that standing orders be suspended at 10:40am.

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Kemfert that standing orders be resumed at 10:55am.

Carried

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at January 2012 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Report as at January 2012 be received.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr H Ballentine that Finance report as at January 2012 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at February 2012 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Revenue Report as at February 2012 be received.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr J Wise that Revenue report as at February 2012 be received.

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

Cr J Kemfert spoke on concerns in regards to Foreign Ownership of Australian Land.

Cr R Kingston gave reminder of upcoming Council Elections to be held 27 October 2012

Cr J Wise spoke on 2012 event 'National Year of Reading'.
Wimmera Regional Library holding launch for this event on 14 February.

13 CLOSED SESSION

Cr R Kingston left Council Chambers at 11:10am due to a Declaration of Conflict of Interest in regards to item 13.1 of Closed Session.

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council move into Closed Session.

Carried

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that Council move back into Open Session.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that Council adopt the Resolutions from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

Cr R Kingston returned to Council Chambers at 11:20am.

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

Rates Report – February 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council – Income Statement by Resources for January 2012

Income Statement by Department for January 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2012

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 14 March 2012 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE 12:30pm
